



CHESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Advance notice questions to the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner

September 2022

CLlr Norman Plumpton Walsh:

Could the Commissioner give the Panel his thoughts on use of fingerprint identification software on police mobiles. I am aware that such devices are being used in my native Suffolk.

CLlr Mick Warren:

Given his commitment to make Cheshire's roads safer, could the Commissioner tell the Panel his thoughts about enforcement by Cheshire Constabulary around designated 20mph zones.

Evan Morris:

In May 2022 the Home Secretary announced that she was sanctioning (giving the same powers as full time officers) the training of special constables on the use of Tasers. I would like to know the Cheshire Police position on this issue.

Given the dramatic increase in energy cost which have been well publicised, what is the likely impact on the Constabulary budget and policing? What steps have been put in place to mitigate the financial impact and ensure finance continues to be directed at frontline policing?

CLlr Lynn Riley:

Will the Commissioner please update the Panel on the number of killed and seriously injured (KSI) on Cheshire roads and provide an update on the work of the integrated road safety partnership?

With the cost of living crisis being reported widely, will the Commissioner outline the Constabulary's preparedness to respond to changing patterns of crime and disorder. Specifically for acquisitive crime, domestic abuse, county lines and violent crime. What measures are in place to ensure that serving officers are supported through the difficult winter months to come?

Yasmin Somani:

Could the Commissioner tell the Panel what has been the take up of the Good SAM app and how has Cheshire Constabulary communicated the availability of this app to local communities?

Could the Commissioner provide an update on the take up of his Hate Crime Survey, and outline what the next steps will be in leveraging the survey to improve responses to such crimes and to improve outcomes/experiences of the victims?

Cllr Jane Whalen:

Could the Commissioner outline the percentage of crime reported to the Constabulary which ends up going to court, and the subsequent conviction rates? Is he content with these rates, and does he have any observations about conviction rates by area across the county?

Cllr Keith Millar / Cllr Laura Jeuda:

Is the Commissioner satisfied with the current level of stop and search data published by Cheshire Constabulary for public scrutiny to ensure the highest level of trust and confidence in the constabulary's use of stop and search? It was monthly but is now yearly. The last published yearly report fails to identify the number of strip searches carried out, which was previously published. In light of the national concern over the "Child Q" incident in London, how many children under the age of 18 years of age were strip searched by Cheshire Constabulary from April 2021 to March 2022. Of those, how many had an appropriate adult (non police) with them at the time of the search?

NB: Councillor Keith Millar and Councillor Laura Jeuda submitted very similar questions, the question above is composite of their two questions.