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## Foreword

I am pleased to present to you my Annual Report for 2021-22.

I was delighted when Cheshire residents put their faith in me to return to the role of Police and Crime Commissioner following my first term of office between 2012-2016. An effective Commissioner listens to and represents your views and I would like to thank you for your constant feedback since I returned to office. This has enabled me to work with the Chief Constable to deliver a police service that meets the needs of communities across Cheshire.

I have listened to what you have said at numerous roadshows and engagement events and through my 2021 autumn survey, which returned nearly 19,000 responses from residents.

My first Police and Crime Plan was published in November 2021. The Plan sets the strategic direction for the Constabulary, and alongside the national policing priorities gives the Chief Constable, Mark Roberts, the areas of focus in which success is crucial to delivering an outstanding police service.

The nature of policing is continually changing, which is why I committed to refreshing my Police and Crime Plan which will be published in December 2022.

One of the most important functions of the Commissioner is the setting of the Constabulary budget and the police precept – the amount which local taxpayers contribute.

Earlier this year I consulted with the public who, in the largest ever response to a police precept consultation, supported an increase of £10 per year for the average household.\* If you are in any doubt that this makes a difference to policing, extra funding has already been invested in the Force Control Centre which has brought call waiting times down significantly, and we have more than quadrupled the size of our Online Child Abuse Investigation Team, amongst other things.

Consequently, with the support of the Police Uplift Programme the Constabulary is on track to have the highest number of Police Officers since Cheshire's current boundaries were set in the 1970s.

Cheshire Constabulary was deemed 'Good' by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) 'Preventing crime and anti-social behaviour', which was largely attributed to a strong neighbourhood policing model. Cheshire residents told me in my autumn survey that a named Police Officer and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) was important to them, and we have a dedicated officer and PCSO assigned to each of Cheshire's 122 communities. These officers are known and seen in communities and provide a targeted, visible police presence.

There are undoubtedly difficult times ahead and the rising cost of living will affect us all. I will ensure that resources are allocated where you need them most and will continue to work with the Chief Constable in making Cheshire a hostile place for criminals.

The Constabulary is equipped with a dedicated family of Police Officers, PCSOs, police staff, Special Constables and volunteers who continually show their versatility and resilience through testing times. They give me confidence that the Constabulary is in a strong position to serve our great county and I want you to share that confidence.

John Dwyer

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CHESHIRE

\*Based on 'Band D' council tax



# Your priorities for policing and crime

The Police and Crime Plan is developed to reflect the views of local people, and also deliver a police service aligned with national priorities.

The **six key priorities** in my Police & Crime Plan are:



Prevent and tackle crime



Make Cheshire's roads safer



Deliver justice for victims of crime



Protect vulnerable and at-risk people



Improve public confidence in policing



Modernise our police service

Cheshire is one of the safest places to live in the country and everyone deserves to feel safe on the streets and in their homes. However, I appreciate that there is always more that can be done to prevent and tackle crime across the county with an outstanding police service that listens to its communities and works well with partners.

Cheshire is unique in having a dedicated Police Officer and PCSO in each of its 122 communities as outlined in our community policing model.

Our Police Officers and PCSOs are dedicated to and known by their communities and provide targeted, problem-solving policing. I made neighbourhood policing a key part of my plan to effectively tackle anti-social behaviour, burglary, robbery, and vehicle crime.

This report covers a timeframe when there were periods of restrictions because of the pandemic and these types of crimes were suppressed. I will be watching closely to understand how the Constabulary responds as society returns to normal and I will keep a focus on improving outcomes.

With around two thirds of Cheshire being classed as rural I have ensured these communities have benefited from a strong

Rural Crime Team made up of specialist officers, and with fraud offences on the rise local businesses will continue to see cyber crime and fraud being met head on.

In my autumn survey, many of you told me that speeding and road safety were an issue for you, and this is reflected in my commitment to make Cheshire's roads safer. To this end I have worked with the Constabulary on developing a Roads Policing Strategy which reflects the needs of Cheshire residents.

Working with partners, I will pilot an Average Speed Camera scheme and am looking to see how we can use 'Speed on Green' cameras and noise monitoring devices too. Prevention is key in making roads safer and I have

supported a programme of education along with initiatives like the Constabulary's 'share the road' campaign, and have been working with the Institute of Advanced Motorists who understand best practice and can improve driver behaviour.

Serious collisions leave behind devastating consequences, and I have commissioned Brake to provide support to those who have been affected. Along with this, enforcement for the Fatal Five remains strong.



**CARELESS DRIVING KILLS**  
**IT'S NOT WORTH DYING FOR**  
**#FATAL5**



Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) must become a thing of the past and was one of the first matters I addressed with the Chief Constable. We undertook a 'deep dive' to understand in detail how the Constabulary was performing and for me to be satisfied with the plans and ambitions to prevent harm and improve outcomes.

I have funded Cheshire's Harm Reduction Unit which works with both victims and offenders and provides community-based support for victims of domestic

abuse and sexual violence with Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs).

There is also a Domestic Abuse Workplace Scheme which helps employers understand the needs of victims and support them in the workplace.

When it comes to vulnerable children, Cheshire Constabulary was inspected in January by HMICFRS regarding how effective they are in protecting children. The recommendations arising from this report are being implemented at pace, and alongside this I have invested to more than quadruple the size of the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team.

I have committed to not only protecting children and young people but actively listening to their views. In Cheshire we have a group of vibrant young people, the Cheshire Youth Commission, who inform me of what matters to them. Through the charity Remedi, I have also commissioned a service to support young people who are victims of crime called 'Got your Back'.







**Hate crime victims benefit from support services I have commissioned through Remedi which will help with their recovery, as well as assisting them to navigate through the criminal justice system.**

Hate crime reporting centres are well-placed in communities throughout the county to make reporting hate crime easier and we have seen more people speaking up than in previous years.

Cheshire generally has one of the lowest homicide rates in England and Wales and I want to keep it that way. Often, a victim of homicide and serious violence is known to their perpetrator, which is why Domestic Abuse and VAWG are areas I heavily scrutinise. Ensuring the Major Investigation Team receives increased investment, and educating young people of the consequences of carrying knives, are key to reducing harm and will help keep homicide rates low.

Alongside this, the Constabulary is significantly increasing its use of stop and search which can uncover hidden weapons and drugs. Use of stop and search can be contentious, and along with other aspects of policing is open to ethical debate. To offer transparency and independent scrutiny I have set up an Independent Ethics Panel that I attend along with the Chief Constable and other lay members. This gives me the opportunity to seek the perspective of individuals outside of policing.

Whilst focused on preventing and tackling crime and making Cheshire a hostile environment for criminals, I have committed to improving support and outcomes for victims too. The Chief Constable understands that I want to see more action taken when a crime is committed, and I am pleased that solved rates and action taken rates are on a positive trajectory.

**Cheshire CARES (Cope and Recovery Enhanced Service) has been commissioned to support victims of crime and help them recover, dealing with 70,219 referrals in 2021/22.**

I am watching closely how the Victim Needs Assessment and Victim Code of Practice are being implemented and am pleased with the commitment from the Constabulary with the appointment of a dedicated Chief Superintendent to oversee this.

**Not all crimes end up with a judicial outcome and are better dealt with by other means such as Restorative Justice which I have provided through Remedi.**

RASASC (Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre) provides support services for survivors of rape and sexual assault, and these are jointly commissioned with an alliance of funding partners including my office, Cheshire's four local authorities and NHS England. RASASC supported more than 1,645 people in 2021/22. This service is available to victims of recent and non-recent offences and provides services to those under 13.

Throughout 2021/22 I have sought to modernise and improve the service you receive from Cheshire Constabulary. One of the public's main concerns they fed back to me was delays in having 101 calls answered. Not only is it unacceptable to keep the public waiting, especially when they are calling in a state of distress, but I recognise that high abandonment rates mean we are not hearing about all crimes and potentially leaving vulnerable people unprotected.

Improving the service is a priority and I have made a significant investment to achieve this. We now have more call operators, and the service is improving. It will take time for the benefits to embed into a sleeker service whilst recruitment and training take place, however I anticipate seeing real improvements in the near future.

Moreover, it is not just about how quickly your 101 calls are answered. Emergency calls are being answered quicker, and the Constabulary is deploying patrols to incidents much more quickly.

**After securing £300,000 through the Safety of Women at Night (SWaN) fund I have been able to provide the Constabulary with GoodSAM live video streaming technology for the Force Control Centre.**

If the operator decides that GoodSAM should be used during a call, they will send a text message containing a link to the caller's mobile phone. Once the camera has opened, the live streaming will begin automatically, and the operator will be able to view the stream. Crucially, it can also provide police with the caller's location, which leads to a quicker response time.

One of my key aims is to make the Constabulary carbon neutral by 2040. I have signed off a ten-year Estates Strategy as well as an Environmental Strategy to ensure the Constabulary has the infrastructure it needs to modernise, but in a way that does not have a negative impact on the environment.

**2021/22 has been a productive year. I am proud that we have secured £4 million of additional funding through innovative bids, set an effective budget which puts investment where we need it most and commissioned services to support victims and prevent crime.**

Along with the Chief Constable and his newly appointed leadership team, we are making inroads already in improving your police service. I anticipate seeing the hard work we have done in laying the foundations of good practice and developing strong partnerships resulting in improvements moving forward.





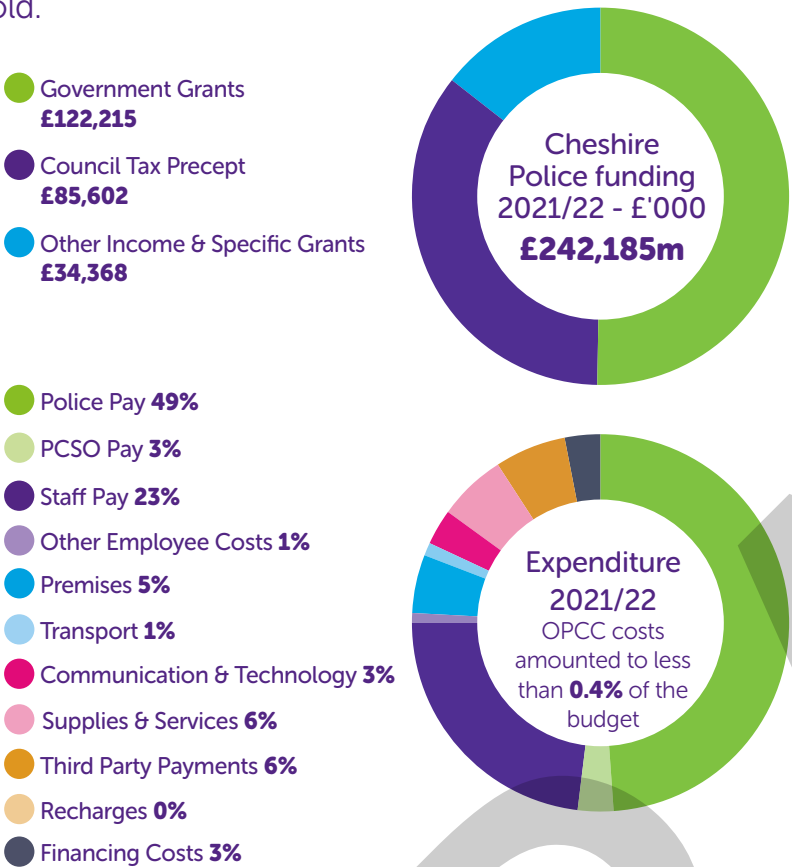
# Funding your police service

Funding for police services increased in 2021/22 with Cheshire benefiting from an additional £11.99m compared to the previous year – mainly comprising of an increase in central government grants and the local council tax precept which rose by an average of £10 per annum per household.

This increase included funding provided to Cheshire Police as part of the government's Police Uplift programme to recruit an additional 90 police officers during 2021/22, alongside the usual annual recruitment programme. Police Officer numbers in Cheshire are now on track to reach the highest level in modern times.

The police budget for 2021/22 also allowed for investment in priorities including visible community-based policing, improved road safety, supporting the vulnerable, enhancing public contact, crime prevention and providing a modern police service.

The charts provide details of funding for policing in Cheshire and an overview of expenditure for 2021/22.



# Community events

It is impossible to effectively carry out the role of Police and Crime Commissioner without input from the public. It is essential for me to hear a diverse range of experiences and opinions and in 2021-22 I hit the ground running on a constant programme of engagement with the people of Cheshire.

The result has been levels of engagement between the public and the Commissioner that had not been seen before.

In my first consultation on my Police and Crime Plan, I sought people's views so that I could ensure the priorities and direction I set for the Constabulary matched what the public expect from their police service.

After launching my Plan at the start of November, I then carried out the largest ever survey on policing and crime in Cheshire. A copy of the survey was sent to every household in the county and asked people about their experience with the police, crime in their community, the police budget and how they want the Constabulary to serve them.

With nearly 19,000 responses, this survey has given me and my office a wide-ranging set of experiences and views on which to hold the police to account, and means we are better able to target future commissioning work and other grants. It also allowed me to get a clear picture of people's priorities ahead of setting the budget for 2022-23.

As 2022 began, I took my budget and precept proposal to people across Cheshire and asked for their support. Despite the challenge of COVID-19 restrictions, I held more consultation roadshow events than had ever been held before, and my budget survey received the highest

ever number of responses. 70% of residents supported my precept proposal and I look forward to reporting back on how their support has ensured improved policing in Cheshire.

Throughout the year I have attended events such as Disability Awareness Day and forged partnerships with groups like the Deafness Support Network, which have allowed me to get the views of under-represented communities and ensure their needs are better reflected in policing.

I have also hosted public meetings to engage with residents on issues where there are significant local concerns. These meetings mean I can communicate directly with residents and work with them to address long-running issues.

To ensure consistent communication directly with the public, I have established my 'Commissioner's Newsletter', through which I update people on my work, and I regularly engage with local press and media outlets so that people across the county know what is happening in their area.

Overall, 2021-22 has seen a welcome increase in the level of engagement with the public. I want to ensure this continues into 2022-23 and that more people can have their say on how our county is policed.

## Celebrating our dedicated volunteers

The roles include: Independent custody visitors | Front desk auditors | Police dog welfare visitors | Call management auditors | Independent observers of protests and demonstrations

I am supported by many volunteers who work with me to help ensure Cheshire residents receive an outstanding police service. All volunteer roles are independent from Cheshire Constabulary and are there to ensure the Constabulary treats people, and animals, in the right way.

In 2021/22 custody visitors made 155 visits to custody suites, and every month call management auditors listened to 999 and 101 calls to give me an independent point of view of how we are doing. Thanks to the work of police dog welfare visitors, I am reassured our police dogs are well cared for and are happy and healthy.

These volunteers act as 'critical friends' providing me with invaluable feedback on how Cheshire Constabulary is performing from an independent, impartial and non-discriminatory point of view in the above functions.

I am incredibly proud of the work my volunteers have carried out over the last year, selflessly giving up their time to support my role to scrutinise the constabulary. Volunteers are valued members of the police family and play an extremely important role, reassuring me that the Constabulary is upholding high standards.

## Cheshire Volunteer's Charter

In October 2021, along with the Constabulary I made a commitment to volunteers by signing up to a 'Volunteer Charter' which outlines how, together we will support our volunteers.

I am extremely grateful for their dedication, and their valuable contributions help me to fulfil my role as Commissioner.





# Commissioning and extra funding

## Overview of Funding and Income Generation achieved in 2021/22

I have explored all opportunities to secure further funding to make Cheshire even safer and support victims. In 2021/22 an additional £4 million has been secured since I was elected.

<b>£30,000</b>	<b>Negotiated partner contributions from the National Probation Service for Restorative Justice</b>
<b>£888,367</b>	<b>Successful bid to Ministry of Justice for extra Independent Sexual Violence Advisors and Independent Domestic Violence Advisor resources across the County for two years.</b>
<b>£211,560</b>	<b>Successful bid for Ministry of Justice COVID-19 funding to support a range of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse frontline services.</b>
<b>£542,000</b>	<b>Safer Streets 2 bid</b>
<b>£518,000</b>	<b>Perpetrator Fund 2</b>
<b>£30,000</b>	<b>Critical Need Fund – Innovating Minds</b>
<b>£309,000</b>	<b>Extension of Perpetrator Fund 1</b>
<b>£550,000</b>	<b>Safer Streets 3 primary bid</b>
<b>£550,000</b>	<b>Safer Streets 3 secondary bid</b>
<b>£330,000</b>	<b>Safety of Women at Night (SWaN) Fund</b>
<b>£24,574</b>	<b>Critical Need COVID Funding</b>



I am responsible for commissioning services to support victims and witnesses to cope and recover from the impact of crime. I am also responsible for commissioning activities which will contribute to community safety and crime reduction. The Ministry of Justice allocates an annual grant of around £1.2m to my office that allows us to invest in victims' services. This funding has been utilised to deliver a wide range of services for victims including:

### Cheshire CARES

Cheshire CARES (Cope and Recovery Enhanced Service) is the victim care service commissioned to provide support to victims of crime in Cheshire, to assist them to cope and recover as best they can. The service is provided to meet the needs of each individual and is offered seven days a week to anyone who has been victim of crime, regardless of whether or not they have reported the offence to the police. The service dealt with 70,219 referrals in 2021/22.



office, Cheshire Constabulary and the four local authorities in Cheshire, where all agencies have joined forces to provide information for residents around what help and support is available to them locally. The county-wide resource promotes self-help and early intervention, aiming to equip people with the tools to feel safe and confident in having a conversation about domestic abuse – whether it is their situation or someone else they are worried about.

More information can be found at [www.openthedoorcheshire.org.uk](http://www.openthedoorcheshire.org.uk)

### Provision of information for victims

A Victim Information Pack is in place which outlines a victim's entitlements under the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime and provides information on the services available in Cheshire. You can access this at

[www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/supporting-victims/victim-information-pack/](http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/supporting-victims/victim-information-pack/)

A Victims' Service hub, which is part of my website, also provides an online directory of the support and advice agencies able to provide support in Cheshire. You can access this at [www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/victimshub/a-z/](http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/victimshub/a-z/)

### Restorative justice

Working with the National Probation service, the charity Remedi has been commissioned to provide a Restorative Justice service across Cheshire. Restorative Justice can help the recovery process for the victim by providing an element of closure to the case as they are able to hear first-hand the motives behind the offender's actions. It also helps offenders to understand the effect their crime has on the victim, deterring them from further offences. The service has improved the consistency and quality of restorative justice and increased the uptake of this service by victims of the most serious crimes. Remedi also provides support via the 'Got your Back' programme to young victims of crime.

### Tackling domestic abuse

Cheshire's four domestic abuse partnerships are supported to deliver a range of services to support those who suffer domestic abuse and to tackle perpetrators, including funding for Independent Domestic Violence Advocates. A Cheshire-wide initiative, 'Open the Door', has also been developed. This is a collaboration between my



### Survivors of rape and sexual assault

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commissioned with an alliance of funding partners, including my office, Cheshire's four local authorities and NHS England. The service, RASASC (Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre), supported more than 1,645 people in 2021/22. It is available to victims of recent and non-recent offences and provides services to those under 13.

### Victims bereaved or seriously injured in road traffic collisions

Brake is a national charity delivering specialist services to victims who are bereaved or seriously injured in a road crash and supports victims directly. Brake has been delivering services to Cheshire victims for a number of years. Funding is provided to support the National Road Victim Service providing a caseworker (paid specialists) to road victims wherever they live, via police and self-referrals. The service looks to triage needs, provide safe end-to end care from day one and is trauma-informed. In addition, Brake provides victim information via their bereavement packs which are distributed by police to all bereaved families in Cheshire. This process is a long-established approved Police practice and last year 150 of these were provided to family liaison officers in Cheshire.

### Victims of Hate crime

Since October 2021, Remedi has been commissioned to deliver a Hate crime service to victims across Cheshire and from October 2021 to the end of June 2022 it received 1,081 referrals for support. The support victims receive is trauma-informed and bespoke to individual needs. Trained specialist practitioners provide emotional and practical support to help victims cope and recover and reduce their fear.



# SAFETY OF WOMEN AT NIGHT FUND

Following a successful bid for £300,000 from the SWaN Fund, GoodSAM live video streaming technology was introduced to the Force Control Centre to enhance the current call-handling capability, providing an instant visible and reassuring presence for vulnerable people, especially females at night. The technology continues to be used to support vulnerable people across Cheshire and has been successfully used in a number of cases beyond the VAWG agenda. Enhanced police presence, refreshed training for front line officers and the placement of expert Sexual abuse resources into the county were also delivered as part of this project.

## SAFER STREETS 2

I secured £432,000 to deliver interventions in Chester from the Home Office as part of their Safer Streets investment. The project looked to undertake a number of interventions to improve feelings of safety in and around the City centre.

CCTV, renovation of subways and improved and upgraded street lighting were amongst the many things which received investment. In addition, policing teams worked alongside residents to improve their home security through the installation of new door locks, ring doorbells, property marking kits and safety lighting at properties around the City.

## SAFER STREETS 3

### PRIMARY (WARRINGTON)

Under Safer Streets 3, £550,000 was secured for my primary bid. The bid focused on Warrington and delivered a number of initiatives through situational crime prevention such as CCTV, improved street lighting, environmental clean-ups and tree trimming. Educational inputs were designed and delivered to all secondary school pupils in Warrington to raise awareness of the dangers associated with the night-time economy, recognising inappropriate behaviours and how to seek support. Coupled with bystander education packages for schools and night-time economy workers, a safer travel scheme was also established.

## SAFER STREETS 3

### SECONDARY (UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER & REASEHEATH COLLEGE)

A further £550,000 was secured to deliver training for students at the University of Chester and Reaseheath College regarding appropriate behaviour, keeping safe and bystander work. A hard-hitting marketing campaign saw a full takeover of the city with Safer Streets marketing and messaging to ensure student safety. University staff received training on how to deal with disclosures from students around sexual violence, equipping them with the skill and confidence to get the right support for victims. The University of Chester now has the most Sexual Violence Liaison Officers of any university across the country. Improved CCTV, street lighting and security systems were installed and a safety app for students to use on their way home was also implemented.



## Community Action Fund

My Community Action Fund commits to investing money into local projects which prevent crime and anti-social behaviour in the communities of Cheshire. Up to £5,000 is available for new projects or initiatives which will deliver community safety or crime prevention activities.

In 2021/22 I support community projects across the county through **£103,790** in grants.

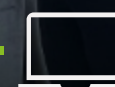


To see how the Community Action Fund has made a difference, visit [www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/commissioning-and-funding/community-funding/community-action-fund/](http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/commissioning-and-funding/community-funding/community-action-fund/)

## Police Innovation Fund

The Police Innovation fund enables staff and volunteers from Cheshire Constabulary to apply for funding to launch new projects and innovative ideas which will have a positive impact on policing. The fund encourages staff and volunteers to think differently and develop solutions to problems either within their local Community or to help internal processes.

Since its launch in November 2021, the fund has allocated **£80,985**.



See how the Police Innovation Fund has changed policing in Cheshire at [www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/commissioning-and-funding/community-funding/police-innovation-fund/](http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/commissioning-and-funding/community-funding/police-innovation-fund/)





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## 'Got your Back' service

Two siblings were referred to the 'Got your Back' service after witnessing Domestic Violence. They met with a practitioner fortnightly in a children's centre to discuss feelings, with specific work around anxiety and anger.

Both children had been significantly impacted by witnessing violence in the family home. The sessions in the children centre have been a great way for the children to talk about how the situation has left them feeling. It has allowed them to open up and look into techniques to help improve their anxieties and anger.

The feedback from one child was *"The sessions have helped me a lot through this tough time. I have learnt some brilliant techniques for anxiety. I feel so comfortable and open talking to you. You have helped me when things aren't so good. But most importantly you have listened when others haven't".*

Her brother said *"You have helped me with when I am annoyed. I now know it's okay to be angry sometimes, but I can control it now. Thank you for helping me when I've needed it".*

GOT  
YOUR  
BACK.

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Mum's feedback was  
*Thank you for all  
you have done.  
You have made a  
huge difference.*

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## Restorative Justice

A prolific burglar entered the victim's home through the window, steals car key and takes car from the drive. Once sold on, the car is damaged and no longer usable despite being seized.

The Remedi Practitioner attended the prison to complete assessments and preparation work with the offender over a few months. Alongside, supportive work with the victim was taking place in order to prepare them for the face-to-face meeting they had requested with the offender.

Once both parties were ready, the face-to-face meeting was held at the prison, with the support of the Prison Offender Manager.

The offender was a prolific burglar, but said that this is the first time he had actually considered the effects on the victim due to it being discussed with him by Remedi. He was wanting to be confronted with the truth as he felt it would be a big catalyst in his change.

The victim had said that before the process commenced, he had experienced some anxiety around sleeping and was willing to see if Restorative Justice would help close the chapter. He also wanted the offender to know why the car was special to him and how it could not just be replaced.

The victim and offender both got what they needed from the meeting, motivating the offender to change and providing closure for the victim.

## Performance

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS)



Soon after I was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire in May 2021, HMICFRS commenced their 2021/22 PEEL (Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy) inspection. The concluding report was published in July 2022 and the Constabulary was judged against ten areas of policing.

I share the vision of the Constabulary's senior leadership team of delivering an 'outstanding' police service. Since the inspection the Constabulary has been driving improvements in areas identified, which has achieved momentum in improving performance.

The Constabulary was judged as 'good' in preventing crime, treatment of the public and developing a positive workforce. Areas where the Constabulary was deemed as 'requiring improvements' included responding to the public and managing offenders,

however performance had already seen improvements in these areas prior to the publication of the report.

With strong leadership, our people are key to delivering an 'outstanding' police service. I am on track to deliver on my commitment to having more police officers than ever before in Cheshire and with these extra officers, as well as targeted investment, I believe we have the foundations now firmly in place to improve and consolidate our performance to achieve our ambition of being 'outstanding'.

- Responding to the public
- Managing offenders

- Investigating crime
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Good use of resources
- Recording data about crime



- Preventing crime
- Treatment of the public
- Developing a positive workplace

## National Child Protection Inspection

HMICFRS inspected child protection services in Cheshire during January 2022. The report noted the Constabulary's leadership team is clearly committed to providing better outcomes for children and was working to improve its current structures and performance to provide the level of response and quality of service that children in Cheshire require.

There were areas identified for improvement, but HMICFRS was encouraged by how quickly the Constabulary responded to areas of concern identified in the inspection and saw that the governance and scrutiny arrangements were in place to monitor the impact of its responses.



### Solved Crime

In the 6 months to end of March 2022, Solved crime is **up by 2.8%** compared to the same six months in the previous year.

### Arrests

In the 6 months to end of March 2022, arrests are **up by 42%** compared to the same six months in the previous year.

### DA Arrests

In the 6 months to end of March 2022, arrests for Domestic Abuse are **up by 92%** compared to the same six months in the previous year.





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## When should I call 101?

**CALL THE  
POLICE  
ON**

**101**

IN AN EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS CALL 999

To report less urgent crime or disorder, to contact the police with general inquiries or to speak to a local officer.

**For example:**

- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- reporting a minor traffic incident
- where you suspect drug use or dealing
- giving police information about crime in your area.

**Always  
call 999**  
in an emergency,  
where there is a  
threat to life or  
a crime in  
progress.