

### **Commissioner's Review** January - June 2023



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Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

Welcome to my new Commissioner's Review. This first edition looks back at the first half of 2023, and each guarterly edition going forward will offer an insight into the work being carried out by the Office of the Police and Crime **Commissioner (OPCC) to make Cheshire** even safer.

2023 so far has seen Cheshire become even safer. with the police answering the phones and getting to incidents guicker. The OPCC has also continued to bring in significant extra funding to support the Constabulary's preventative work through Safer Streets campaigns, and to tackle domestic abuse.

I hope you find the Commissioner's Review informative. There is always more to do, but I am looking forward to continuing the momentum and working together for the benefit of Cheshire's communities.



Working together for even safer streets in Cheshire

#### **Personal Safety App**

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Thousands of licences purchased for the enhanced version of Hollie Guard.

#### **Guardianship**



Training scheme on spotting unacceptable behaviour and how to safely intervene.

#### **Police and Crime Plan Priorities**



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

Scan the OR code overleaf to read the full Police and Crime Plan



£1.5 millio to tackle violence against women and girls

#### **Safety Buses**



To provide a safe space and assistance for those out in the night-time economy.

#### **Education Programme**



Behaviour change programme, bystander training and a Sexual Safety Officer offered to schools.

## Commissioning

#### 'Honour'-based abuse support



#### Charity Savera UK will deliver a service to raise awareness of HBA and education on spotting the signs and supporting survivors.

#### **Engage and Reset**



Working with charity My CWA and local authorities to support victims and intervene with young people displaying signs of concerning behaviour.



Did you know? Every £1 spent on the OPCC budget has generated around £7.60 for policing, crime and victim support.

#### Largest ever Precept survey



More people than ever had their say on the police budget.

#### **Cyber Helpline Volunteer**



Funded an extra post at a national charity that will work with the Harm Reduction Unit to support victim of cyber-stalking.

#### **Cheshire Constabulary Scrutiny Meeting**

Held a special scrutiny meeting to discuss the Constabulary's response to Violence against Women and Girls, and to seek reassurances that issues highlighted in Baroness Casey's recent review of the Metropolitan Police are not prevalent in Cheshire.

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**£3.2 million** recently secured to tackle **Domestic Abuse in Cheshire** 

### **Project CARA**



Custody suite intervention for domestic abuse perpetrators to reduce reoffending.

#### **Harm Reduction Unit**



Extra funding for stalking prosecutors to work with the unit. **A first-of-its-kind approach in the UK.** 

# Making Cheshire even safer

#### Police Uplift Programme



Cheshire Constabulary has hired an **additional 322 officers**, meaning the county now has more officers than it has ever had.

#### Young Drivers Event

Funded a driving skills event for 17-29 year olds working alongside Cheshire Police, Cheshire Fire and Rescue, North West Ambulance Service, IAM RoadSmart and Youth Fed.





Community Action Fund Open for applications from 1 April - 30 June and 1 September - 30 November 2023.

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