



Stakeholder Update

4 June 2020



Welcome to another special edition of the stakeholder bulletin, providing you with an update on the role of Cheshire Constabulary and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner in helping with the ongoing national emergency of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This week has seen further easing of restrictions after months of strict social distancing measures and, as time passes, the police role continues to change as public health regulations change.

As many are now able to spend more time outside of the home, undertake more activities and meet up with more people than before, we each need to take responsibility for doing that within the regulations – and to continue closely following the guidance, which will help to reduce the spread of the virus and save lives.

The guidance has changed to give people more flexibility and there are understandably some questions about this as people get to grips with what it means for them.

The people of Cheshire are being reminded to stay alert and stay safe and to keep playing their part in tackling the crisis.

The best way for everyone to keep informed on the latest advice and guidance is to visit the government website.

As a police service, we are confident people will continue to act responsibly and are pleased to see that the majority of local residents have been following the advice during the lockdown.

Our overall aim is to continue to encourage and support local people to follow the regulations and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We will continue to use our '4E's approach' of engaging, explaining, encouraging and only enforcing as a last resort.

Officers will use common sense and discretion to determine what is reasonable. Officers do not want to have to use enforcement powers but it is right that they are still able to take action against those who disregard the rules and, in doing so, are potentially putting people at risk.

It is important for the public to remember that, as a police service, we are relying on the good nature of those who live and work in the county to remember to follow the guidance of keeping two metres apart – this is vital for everyone's health and safety.

Neighbourhood policing remains a key part of policing in Cheshire and our officers, PCSOs and members of the Special Constabulary continue to provide a highly visible presence in our local communities.

Officers across Cheshire are working hard to keep everyone safe in what remain challenging circumstances and we all need to continue to work together to get through this.

We want to reassure all residents that we are here to serve and protect and maintain the best service to the public and we will continue to work as hard as we can, alongside our partners, to keep everyone safe, protect our officers and staff, and support the nationwide response.

This bulletin provides you with a snapshot of key updates from the Constabulary and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner over recent weeks. You are a valued stakeholder and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

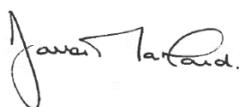
We would also like to remind you of the ways you can get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary. In an emergency, where a crime is taking place or there is a danger to life, always dial 999.

For general enquiries, please visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/> or, if it is not an emergency, you can call 101.

Police station helpdesks remain open across Cheshire. You can access further information on the issues they can help with here <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/news/cheshire/news/articles/2020/5/public-reminded-of-the-helpdesk-services-available-at-police-stations-across-cheshire/>

The latest government advice and information on the Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak is available via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

David Keane – Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire
Chief Constable Darren Martland – Cheshire Constabulary





Coronavirus reassurance Q&A sessions continue

PCC David Keane and Chief Constable Darren Martland have continued to meet on a weekly basis to hold virtual reassurance Q&A sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity for members of the public to send in questions about how Cheshire Police is policing the pandemic.

A summary of the topics covered so far can be found on the link below. If you would like to send in a question for a future session please send it to pcc@cheshire.pnn.police.uk with the subject title 'Reassurance Q&A' by midnight on Sunday to be answered the following week. Alternatively, questions can also be taken by phone during regular office hours by calling 01606 364000.

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Specials dedicate thousands of hours to protect Cheshire during pandemic

The Special Constabulary dedicated thousands of hours to protect the communities of Cheshire last month after enhancing the force's continued work during the coronavirus pandemic. Since the launch of the force-

wide 'Operation Business', led by the Specials, a total of 968 business premises have been visited and more than 3,750 advice leaflets have been delivered.

Since Friday 17 April, the specially trained volunteer police officers have worked a total of 5,123 hours and made 30 arrests.

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Police volunteers praised

Cheshire's police and crime commissioner is saying a huge thank you to all the volunteers that have continued to support the work of Cheshire police and his office during the Covid-19 outbreak and throughout the last year.

PCC David Keane is recognising and celebrating the work of the dedicated volunteers during Volunteers Week (1-7 June 2020).

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Surge in fraud offences across Cheshire

Cheshire Constabulary is warning residents to be vigilant following a significant increase in fraud offences. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic the force has seen a 22 per cent increase in the number of reports of fraud across the county.

The wide variety of fraud offences reported include online shopping scams, fraudulent emails, hoax text messages, cold callers and even fraudulent pet sales. Many of the offenders target the most vulnerable members of the community.

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Community safeguarding guidance

The current lockdown restrictions mean that right now, vulnerable children and adults may be particularly isolated. This means that the family, community and professional networks they usually rely on may be unavailable or hard to access.

The Home Office, in collaboration with a number of other Government departments, has produced information and guidance for those who are still operating in communities and may not be trained to recognise the signs of abuse or neglect. The guidance covers signs to spot and what to do if there is a concern.

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David Keane
Police & Crime
Commissioner
for Cheshire

**Safer
Communities
Fund**

£38,000 now awarded to help communities respond to Coronavirus

PCC David Keane's Safer Communities Fund has now benefitted 41 different non-for-profit organisations in Cheshire who are helping their communities through the current pandemic. More than £38,000 has been awarded using money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act which has been reinvested back into the local community.

[Read more about each individual projects...](#)

You can find out how to apply for the Safer Communities Fund Express Grant here: <https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-i-do/making-cheshire-safer/safer-communities-fund/>



Useful contacts for victims of crime

In this time of uncertainty, local victim support services continue to offer support virtually via telephone and online. This includes services which are commissioned by the Commissioner including the flagship service, Cheshire CARES, which offers support to all victims of crime across Cheshire and a number of other specialised services. Contact details are provided below:

PCC commissioned services:

- Cheshire CARES (support for all victims of crime in Cheshire) – 01606 366336 or cheshire.cares@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
- RASASC (specialist support for victims of rape and sexual abuse) – 0330 363 0063

- Got Your Back (support for victims under-18 in Halton) – halton@gyb.org.uk
- Remedi (restorative justice and mediation services) – 0800 640 6466

Local domestic abuse support services:

- Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub – 0300 123 5101
- Cheshire West and Chester – 0300 123 7047, option 2
- Halton Domestic Abuse Forum – 0300 111 1247
- Warrington Refuge – 01925 243359

Stay in touch

To receive regular updates on the work we are doing during the coronavirus crisis, please register for updates on Cheshire Police and PCC Alert or follow our social media channels. Further details below:

Cheshire PCC

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @CheshirePCC

Website: www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk

Register for updates: [Cheshire PCC Alert](#)

Cheshire Constabulary

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