



Stakeholder Update

10 July 2020



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

Over the past week we have seen some significant changes as restrictions have been further eased. This has attracted much attention as shops, pubs and restaurants have opened their doors for the first time in months.

Throughout the weekend there was a dedicated policing operation with an increased police presence at a number of key locations across the county.

We are pleased to report that the reopening of many business premises in Cheshire passed relatively peacefully, although with 10 arrests linked to the night-time economy throughout Cheshire.

These included arrests for a serious assault, for drink driving and for drunk and disorderly behaviour outside licensed premises.

Officers also advised two pubs to close as they were not adhering to the COVID-19 restrictions. Both premises have been reported to the local authority.

While there were a small number of isolated incidents linked to the night-time economy, it was encouraging to see the overwhelming majority of people behaving responsibly and adhering to the restrictions that remain in place.

We would like to thank everyone who continues to play their part in keeping the people of Cheshire safe – and, in particular, Cheshire licensees who put measures in place to keep their customers as safe as possible.

As coronavirus restrictions evolve over the coming weeks and months it is important for us all to remember that the threat has not gone away and while many businesses are re-opening things will not simply go back to normal straight away.

It is important that Cheshire residents continue to stay alert to the threat of the virus and continue to follow social distancing measures put in place to protect us all.

Following the operation over the weekend and, as the situation evolves, we will continue to monitor what is going on nationally and what this means on a local level here in Cheshire.

Community policing remains the backbone of policing across the county and our officers, PCSOs and members of the Special Constabulary continue to provide a visible presence in the local community with patrols in and around key locations.

We police by consent and our aim is to continue to encourage and support our local communities to comply fully with the remaining restrictions that are in place.

Our officers have been using common sense and discretion when dealing with the public to determine what is reasonable, with officers engaging, explaining, encouraging and, only as a last resort, enforcing, and this will continue to be the policing approach.

The community spirit shown by residents across the county during the lockdown has been remarkable and we want to thank every single person who has played their part in helping to support the nationwide response and protect our NHS.

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

In the meantime, we would like to remind you of the ways you can get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary.

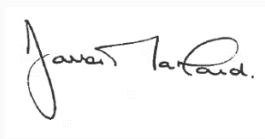
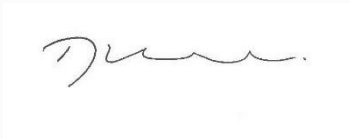
In an emergency, where a crime is taking place or there is a danger to life, always dial 999.

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

A number of police station helpdesks are open across Cheshire for residents who have no other means of reporting crime during the coronavirus outbreak. Further details can be accessed 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



Cheshire residents urged not to drink and drug drive as restrictions eased

Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service are urging motorists not to get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol or taking drugs as government restrictions are further eased. Many restaurants, pubs and bars have now reopened after months of closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

With many members of the public looking forward to meeting up with family and friends for a social drink or two, Cheshire's emergency services are reminding residents of the tragic consequences of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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PCC secures £300K for victims' services

PCC David Keane has secured grants for a number of organisations across the county who have been supporting survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding will help our local organisations meet the additional costs they have incurred to adapt their services during the pandemic and to meet the additional demand which a number of local support services have seen.

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Warnings issued after spate of fraud offences and hoax calls during pandemic

Detectives are urging residents across Cheshire to be on their guard following a spate of hoax calls from scammers claiming to be police officers acting on behalf of HMRC. Since Tuesday 2 June, officers have received 12 reports of people receiving calls from someone purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

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Residents of Cheshire are being urged to remain vigilant when buying pets online following an emerging trend of animal related scams during the coronavirus pandemic. Recently, there have been several reports of scammers using websites to advertise a pet and demand payment in advance. Many are using the coronavirus pandemic as a reason why victims cannot see the animal before purchasing.

[Find out more here...](#)



More than £60K awarded to support coronavirus effort in our communities

PCC David Keane has now awarded in excess of £60,000 pounds to 53 community organisations in Cheshire who have been supporting local residents through the coronavirus pandemic. The funding has come from the Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund, which takes money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act and reinvests it back into the local community.

The type of projects that have benefited from the fund include those delivering food parcels to people shielding or offering a telephone befriending service to isolated residents.

[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

Victims' support services are continuing to offer support virtually via telephone and online, with some organisations now extending their support to face-to-face appointments using social distancing, where appropriate. This includes services which are commissioned by the Commissioner including our 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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