



## Stakeholder Bulletin

April 2019



**Welcome to the latest stakeholder bulletin. This will now be sent out on a bi-monthly basis and is a round-up of highlights for the Police & Crime Commissioner and Cheshire Constabulary.**

It has been a busy few months since Darren Martland took the reigns as the new Chief Constable. We have been working together to ensure we are delivering a police service which is focused on providing real neighbourhood policing which includes an increased police presence in your communities.

This edition contains an update on neighbourhood policing, national recognition for the force for LGBT equality and partnership working highlighting the dangers of illegal money lending.

It also features a national week of focus on knife crime, a day of awareness raising for child sexual exploitation and a local focus on roads policing.

You are receiving this newsletter as a valued stakeholder and we would welcome any feedback you have on the content and what you would like to see in any future editions.

Thank you for your continued support.

**David Keane – Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire**

**Chief Constable Darren Martland – Cheshire Constabulary**



## [50 additional police officers and PCSOs for Cheshire](#)

Cheshire's police and crime commissioner has reaffirmed his commitment to invest in neighbourhood policing by funding an additional 43 frontline police officers and seven PCSOs over the next year. It's part of Cheshire Constabulary's budget for 2019/20, where extra funding from the council tax precept will be used to reinvest in neighbourhood policing and tackle serious and complex crime.



## Constabulary top police service for LGBT equality

Cheshire Constabulary has been named as the top performing police service in the country for equality amongst lesbian, gay, bi and transgender staff for the second year running. The Stonewall Top 100 Employers highlights the best performing employers across the country on Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index (WEI) 2019.



## Commissioner calls for safer driving after rise in fatal collisions

David Keane is urging road users to drive safely as the number of those dying on the county's roads continues to rise. More than twice the number of people died on Cheshire's roads in 2018 in comparison to the previous year – and the majority of those deaths could have been avoided. Already this year, a number of people have died on our roads as a result of a preventable collision.



## Educating future generations about the dangers of illegal money lending

Runcorn officers and the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) have launched a new initiative to help educate future generations about the dangers of loan sharks. The scheme has been developed in partnership with Sandymoor High School and Widnes-based animation company Mako and, as part of a week-long project, pupils created imaginative Lego animations focusing on the dangers of illegal money lending and loan sharks.



## Members of the public urged to know and see the signs of child exploitation

Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner are urging members of the public to know and see the signs of child exploitation ahead of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Awareness Day. CSE Awareness Day is a national campaign held annually on 18 March which aims to

highlight the issues surrounding CSE - encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse.



## Officers praised after tackling knife crime during week of action

Officers across Cheshire have been praised for their work on a week-long operation tackling knife crime. The constabulary took part in a national campaign, Op Sceptre, to tackle knife crime in communities in Cheshire. Officers used stop and search powers and visited the homes of those who are known to be involved in knife crime as well as working with partner agencies and visiting local schools.