



RESPONSE OF CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY TO THE ETHICS PANEL'S REPORT ON THE CASEY REVIEW

Thank you the opportunity to review and consider the views of The Ethics Panel into the Casey Review of the MPS.

The Ethics Panel appear to have made strenuous efforts to recognise that The Casey Review is MPS specific, however recognise some of the issues reported upon have wider implications across policing. There are obvious risks and difficulties associated with using a review of one organisation to assess another, especially when they bear little resemblance to one another in terms of scale, complexity, culture and history, however we acknowledge that there are issues of wider public concern contained within The Casey Review and The Ethics Panel appear to have achieved an objective balance in their findings.

Some specific observation

1. I would like to include this report as part of our continuous inspection process with HMIC. It demonstrates our efforts to be transparent and contains meaningful independent evaluation of work being undertaken by this force.
2. The desire of The Ethics Panel to better understand issues around Stop & Search and how the Constabulary interacts with young people are understood and we will work with the OPCC to ensure they receive the information they need going forward.
3. Might I suggest that The Ethics Panel are made aware of the work and commitment of the OPCC and force to support and engage with the Cheshire Youth Commission, which has added so much value to young people in Cheshire over the last two years.
4. As Appropriate Authority I would have no personal concerns with The Ethics Panel having access to the anonymised PSD report we provide to the OPCC (with appropriate handling instructions).
5. We welcome the observations of The Ethics Panel regarding our enduring commitment to protecting women and girls, along with the recognition of the support provided by PSD to their work.
6. The Constabulary is fully committed to protecting all communities within Cheshire, whilst also ensuring that wrong doing or poor behaviour by employees of Cheshire Police are robustly and swiftly dealt with.

Deputy Chief Constable Chris Armitt
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