

Cheshire  
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**Roads Policing  
Strategy**  
**2022-2025**



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# Foreword

**Effective Policing of the Roads is pivotal to our overall policing strategy in terms of responding to residents' concerns, reducing road casualties, and disrupting criminal activity.**

Cheshire Constabulary is responsible for policing one of the longest stretches of motorway in Britain, with more than 200 miles of carriageway and some of the busiest routes. The M6 motorway at Thelwall Viaduct carries some 140,000 vehicles each day. This network of arterial routes together with Cheshire's location between major metropolitan areas of the North West and the Midlands, presents challenges in terms of keeping the roads safe for the millions of people who travel on them, whilst denying their use to transiting and resident criminals.

By working with partner agencies, we continue to make our roads safer, through a combination of enforcement, education and partnership working.

Effective roads policing also impacts on all areas of criminality, countering anti-social driving, organised crime and terrorism whilst patrolling our roads provides reassurance to the public through a visible presence.

This strategy sets out a framework for how effective, visible roads policing will help to create a safe and secure environment for all road users.

Progress against this strategy will be tracked through the quarterly performance meeting framework for Uniform Operations/Roads and Crime Unit.

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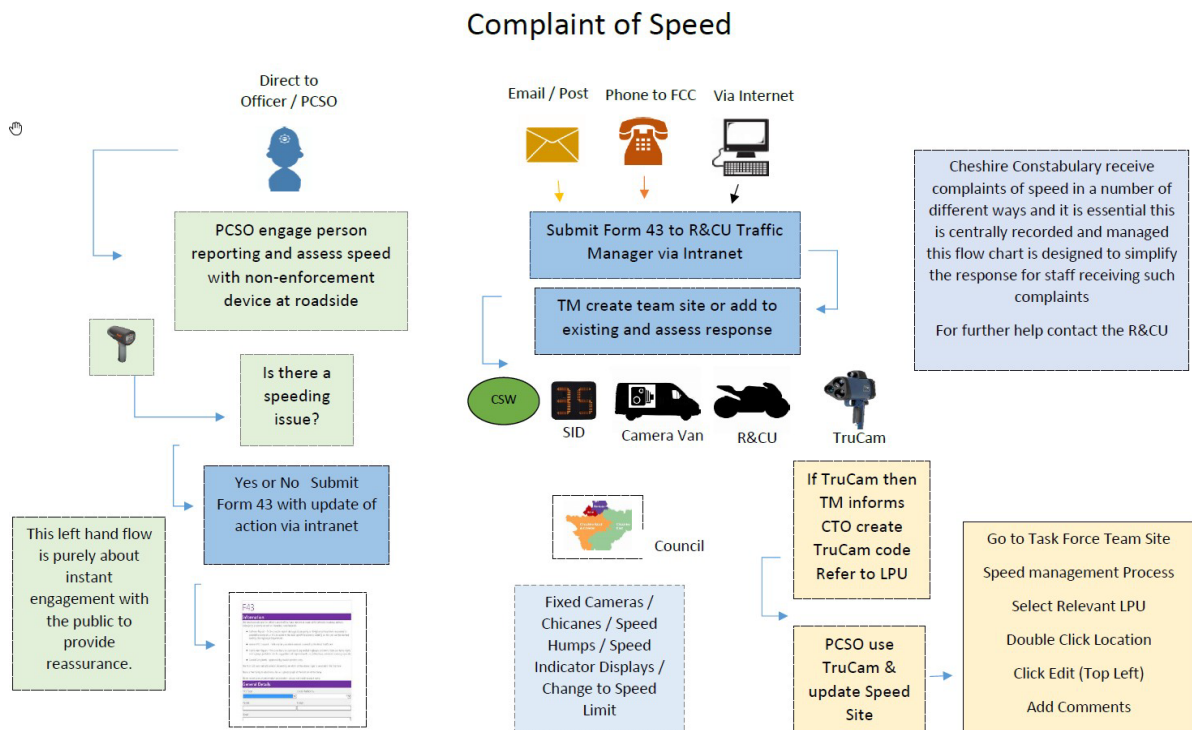
# Our Approach

Cheshire has a well-developed approach to Road Safety with a wide range of targeted interventions based upon risk.

The foundation of our approach is the Fatal 5 campaign. Fatal 5 targets engagement, education, and enforcement activity to mitigate the five most common causation factors for death and serious injury on our roads. They are Speed, Careless Driving, Drink or Drug Driving, Using a Mobile Phone Whilst Driving and Not Wearing a Seatbelt.

In order to demonstrate a flexible, transparent and documented approach to managing concerns within communities around Cheshire, and to prevent deaths and serious injuries on the roads the constabulary adopts a structured management process.

The process is accessible and well used by personnel from across the force to submit concerns in a standard format (Form 43). These forms are collated centrally and are reviewed by the Traffic Management Officers (HQ Roads Policing), who have geographic responsibility (North, East & West) and direct links with the Local Authorities. A flow chart of the process is shown here.



The National Roads Policing Strategic Assessment (RoPSTRA 2021) identifies that on average, five people are killed on UK roads every day. This figure has remained stubbornly high for almost a decade and represents a significant risk of harm to individuals and communities which appears to be tolerated like no other area of public policy. As well as individual harm, there is very often significant local or regional economic disruption caused by fatal and serious road collisions.

Roadside enforcement activity by police officers to help reduce these collisions and harm on our roads has been in steady decline nationally for a number of years. Roads policing activity is often not seen as a priority and appears to be in a constant battle to justify itself, particularly against crime. In Cheshire, Roads Policing is a priority for our public which is reflected in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and the Chief Constable's 'Raising The Bar' plan.

Roads Policing extends beyond traditional enforcement and collision investigation, to preventing future harm by denying criminals use of the roads, intelligence-based tasking, ANPR and working with our partners on education and engineering solutions to make our roads safer for all users.

The force's Plan on a Page provides the following deliverables which this Roads Policing strategy contributes to:

1. Deliver outstanding neighbourhood policing and protect the vulnerable
2. Proactively understand and prevent crime and harm
3. Tackle crime and antisocial behaviour
4. Collaborate in effective partnerships
5. Deliver excellent victim focused service

Together these support the mission of making communities in Cheshire even safer.

We achieve these outcomes, in the Roads Policing strategy by aligning seven cross-cutting themes:

1. Bring Offenders to justice (Fatal 5) and reduce Anti-Social Driving and Riding
2. Denying criminals use of our roads
3. Respond Professionally to Serious and Fatal Collisions
4. Problem solving approach to prevent future harm
5. Partnership working
6. Building intelligence and ANPR capacity and capability
7. Education and public reassurance

## Making Cheshire Roads Even Safer

<p><b>Deliver outstanding neighbourhood policing and protect the vulnerable</b></p>	<p>Speeding and anti-social behaviour on our roads are regular concerns for Cheshire communities. Policing the roads is a shared responsibility of both neighbourhood teams and specialist resources. There is a clear escalation and prioritisation process and we will task our specialists to support neighbourhood teams and protect vulnerable road users.</p> <p>All front line staff have a responsibility to play their part in tackling these issues.</p>
<p><b>Proactively understand and prevent crime and harm</b></p>	<p>Problem solving extends beyond neighbourhood policing. We will work with partners and the community to tackle local and cross border issues effectively. We will problem solve repeat collision locations to prevent future harm.</p> <p>We will gather intelligence and task our specialist assets to ensure that Cheshire is a Hostile Environment for Criminals.</p>
<p><b>Tackle crime and antisocial behaviour</b></p>	<p>We will deter offending through our presence, actions and tactical options. We will intervene positively in crime and antisocial behaviour, with a range of options, trying to achieve the best future for people while achieving justice and stopping crime happening again. We will deploy specialist assets in support of local operations to demonstrate the range and reach of our tactics to disrupt offending and reassure communities.</p>
<p><b>Collaborate in effective partnerships</b></p>	<p>We will share data and work with our partners to understand and tackle trends in serious collisions, crime and vulnerability. Through Area based Traffic Management Officers we will work collaboratively with LA partners to develop enforcement, education and engineering interventions.</p> <p>We will support Cheshire Road Safety Group to become even more effective in making our roads safer.</p>
<p><b>Deliver excellent victim focused service</b></p>	<p>In all cases where a person is killed or seriously injured on our roads a named officer will be allocated to the investigation. We will make referrals to Road Safety Charities and provide bereaved families with a Family Liaison Officer and BRAKE support pack.</p>

# Making Cheshire Roads even Safer

## 1. Reduce Fatal and Serious Collisions (Problem solving approach)

We will work more effectively with partners and the community to reduce collisions and casualties on our roads.

### We will measure this through:

- Number of Collisions resulting in Fatality
- Number of Collisions resulting in serious injury
- Number of Problem Solving Profiles Documented and being worked on/completed
- Number of collisions on identified KSI routes
- Number of Deployments on KSI routes

## 2. Bring Offenders to justice (Fatal 5) and reduce Anti-Social Driving and Riding

Our staff will proactively patrol and intervene, using their full range of powers, where they identify FATAL 5 offences or Anti-Social Driving and Riding.

### We will measure this through:

- Number of Drivers Reported for Speed (across all strands – Trucam/mobile and static)
- Number of Drivers Reported for Drink/Drug Driving
- Number of Drivers Reported for Careless/Dangerous Driving
- Number of Drivers Reported for No Seatbelt
- Number of Drivers Reported for Mobile Device Offences
- Number of Drivers dealt with by Fixed Penalty Notice
- Number of Drivers attending Driver Education Programme
- Number of Drivers Charged/Summoned to Court
- Number of s.59 Notices Issued
- Number of vehicles seized (s.59)
- Number of operations related to off-road motorcycling (Op Scrambler deployments)
- Number of Prohibition Notices issued in respect of Commercial Vehicles

### 3. Denying criminals use of our roads

We will use intelligence and the full range of policing powers, tactics and initiatives to make Cheshire a Hostile Environment for Criminals.

**We will measure this through:**

- Number and outcome of force larger scale coordinated operations (Op Crossbow)
- Number of Arrests by Roads and Crime Unit/Alliance
- Number of Stop Searches and outcomes (RCU and Alliance)
- Number of Yellow Cards Issued (Forcewide)
- ANPR capability and outcomes
- North West Motorway Patrol Group Performance framework - including the outcomes of the Regional Commercial Vehicle Unit

### 4. Respond Professionally to Serious and Fatal Collisions

Where incidents occur, we will respond as soon as practicable with the correct resource, conduct a thorough investigation and minimise the impact on the strategic road network.

**We will do measure this through:**

- Response Times to Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions
- Length of Time, Strategic Road Networks Disrupted (Early consideration of Major incident/ Major Incident Standby to incidents on the Strategic Road Network)
- Number of Qualified Roads Policing SIOs
- Number of Accredited Accident Investigators
- Number of Fast Roads Trained Officers
- Number of Serious/Fatal Collisions resulting in Prosecution

### 5. Partnership working

We will work with partner agencies to educate and inform road users and implement engineering solutions to promote safer roads.

**We will measure this through:**

- Partnership Road Safety Campaign Launched
- Number of Driver Engagement Days Run with CFRS
- Number of Fixed Camera Sites
- Number of Mobile Camera Sites
- Number of Active Community Speed Watch Schemes

## 6. Building intelligence and ANPR capacity and capability

We will continue to make effective use of ANPR, increasing where possible our static sites and mobile capability.

### We will measure this through:

- Number of ANPR Led Operations run (and outcomes)
- Number of Fixed Camera Sites
- Number of ANPR Interceptor Vehicles available for use
- Roll out of the handheld ANPR capability for all front line staff (phone enabled)
- Collate and retain evidence of 'good news' operational activity

## 7. Education and public reassurance

### We will measure this through:

- Number of Op Caesar deployments
- Number of Op Scrambler deployments
- Number of Educational Interventions delivered

# Deliverables:

In FY2022/23 we will work with our partners to deliver a review of the Cheshire Road Safety Group (CRSG) to ensure that it has the direction, support and resource to lead an ambitious programme of road safety activity across the county. From 2022 onwards we will deliver against the recommendations from that review.

In FY2022/23 we will review our Central Ticket Office operations identifying where technology (including robotics) may deliver efficiencies and how we can seek to step up enforcement activity notably on the motorway network in an proportionate and sustainable way.

We will implement Mobile Traffic Offence Reports, to be 95% paperless by Q2 FY2022/23.

Through 2021-2024, we will work with our partners to support implementation of further schemes to reduce speed in Cheshire.

We will support the further roll out of 'Speed on Green' cameras.

Through 2022-2025 we will expand our mobile ANPR capability to equip local response vehicles with this technology.

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