

Your Privacy

Operation Protected



About Operation Protected

Children and young people can be used by criminals to commit crime. This can often involve a child being forced to leave Cheshire and deal drugs for gangs in other areas across the UK and can even lead to violent crime, including murder. Op Protected aims to identify children and young people who *may* be used by these criminal gangs.

About the visit

Don't worry, you have not done anything wrong. The visit is taking place because we believe a stop and search incident is a *potential* indicator of future harm. We are visiting you at home so we can make you aware of the risks, and offer you support through our trusted partners, and further guidance where necessary.

Why we use your information

We have a public task to prevent crime and ensure children are safe from harm. This is lawful in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and Part 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (the rules for law enforcement). It is also supported by the Home Office Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit and statutory guidance '*Working Together to Safeguard Children*'.

We have used information such as your name, date of birth, address and outcome of a stop and search incident. If held, we may have also used other information such as missing from home, arrest, low school attendance, children's social care information. This information allows us to decide if you are likely to benefit from a visit.

Keeping information about the visit

We keep a log of the information which has been used to make this visit for a minimum of 2 years. This helps us to understand who we have already visited and so we can assess the success of the visits. During this time, your information will only be accessed by people who are allowed to view the information. They will not share your information outside of the police unless it is required in line with policy, with trusted partners, or for legal reasons.

Your rights

Data Protection law provides you with rights. These include the right to erasure, object and access information about you. Full information about your rights can be found on our privacy notice at www.cheshire.police.uk.

You can contact our Data Protection Officer via telephone 01606 36 2384 or email data.protection@cheshire.pnn.police.uk if you have any data protection concerns. You can also complain to the data protection regulator, the ICO, via their website: www.ico.org.uk.