



Strategic Policing and Crime Board

25th January 2022

Questions from Members of the Public

- 1) In the light of the evidence given to the Manchester Arena Inquiry concerning the lack of coordination and preparedness of the 3 emergency services responses on the night, would the Chief Constable set out:
 - a) What arrangements have been agreed with his counterparts in the Fire Service and Ambulance Service to ensure a coordinated response?
 - b) Whether the primacy of command by police has been accepted by the Fire and Ambulance Services?
 - c) Whether any arrangements have been 'live' tested with the 3 emergency services?
 - d) Whether the new ECS has been integrated into planning for the Commonwealth Games?

(To be asked by Brendan Connor)

- 2) The Policing Plan 2021-2025 refers to police performance information and information on Stop and Search, being easy for the public to access. With statements on transparency and in particular for local communities having trust and confidence in West Midlands Police and yourself. The lack of such information, especially local crimes, can lead to rumours that "crime is up" and the real picture is being hidden. Historically crimes information for neighbourhood watch and other partners could be easily obtained from the national police website.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.police.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cgemma.bridgwater%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Ca741f75118a94c2de4e408d9cc404399%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637765398642345202%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&reserved=0>.

The website states (undated): 'West Midlands Police: Due to recent major system changes, the force is unable to provide Crime and Stop & Search data from April 2021 onwards. The force aims to rectify this issue as soon as possible in the coming months.'

On the 28th September 2021 DCC Vanessa Jardine reported to the Board 'there has also been some challenges whilst the system has fully embedded. The adoption period is now over... the force is using CONNECT and ControlWorks as part of business-as-usual.'

Why then is there no data for crimes for 'your local area' (by post code or name) and Stop and Search available to the general public since the 1st April 2021 on the national police website? (Note - checked on 30th January 2021 before submission). When will the information be made available to the public? Was the Commissioner aware of this failure to provide the information?

(Asked by David Page)