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TRAUMA OF 650 KIDS IN POLICE STRIP SEARCHES



■ MORE THAN HALF NOT CHARGED ■ 'SYSTEMIC' PROBLEM IN MET SAYS CHILD CHAMPION

HUNDREDS of children – some as young as ten – have been traumatised by police strip searches, charities warn. The Met did 650 intimate examinations on them – often without an appropriate adult present – show figures from 2018 to 2020 unearthed by children's

by DOMINIC YEATMAN

commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza. More than half the youngsters were freed without further action. 58 per cent were described as black by the officer involved, and more than 95 per cent were boys. Twenty-three per cent of the searches

took place without an appropriate adult – rising to 70 per cent for black boys. The figures were revealed less than six months after the force apologised for stripping a 15-year-old, named only as Child Q, who was wrongly suspected of carrying cannabis at school. Officers knew she was on her period, Dame Rachel said. I

am not reassured that what happened to Child Q was an isolated issue but instead believe it may be a particularly concerning example of a more systemic problem around child protection within the Met'. She said she remained unconvinced

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Met stopped Bianca Williams and family 'because they're black', tribunal hears

Police: Disclosure of Nicola Bulley's struggles unnecessary

BAD NEWS STORIES

Police pay damages to Bristol protesters after assault claims

Loss of public confidence in policing a 'serious problem'



'THOUSANDS' OF CORRUPT POLICE ON OUR STREETS

By George Dilling
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Isle of Wight policeman 'punches suspect' in arrest video

A man has said he was punched twice in the face by a policeman during an arrest which was filmed by a passer-by.

THE TIMES



'You can't trust police'

Damning verdict of Stephen Lawrence's mother as role of undercover officers is exposed

The Daily Telegraph



Yard officer arrested on suspicion of murder



Top brass warn officers might only respond to most serious cases as front line staff and 101 phone service in firing line over SNP cuts

DEATH OF POLICING AS WE ALL KNOW IT

The Daily Telegraph

Police abandon two in three burglary victims as crime soars



Bodycam clip shows heroic moment police saved woman from knife-wielding ex-partner in Basingstoke

PC WHO ARRESTED VIOLENT DRUG DEALERS GIVEN AWARED



Cannabis factories found, stolen car seized and arrests made in first days of new Hampshire police team

'HE WILL NOT BE BULLIED'

Met chief Mark Rowley not afraid to stand his ground



GOOD NEWS STORIES



Lincolnshire Police's chief constable Chris Haward talks about the positive work of the force's officers



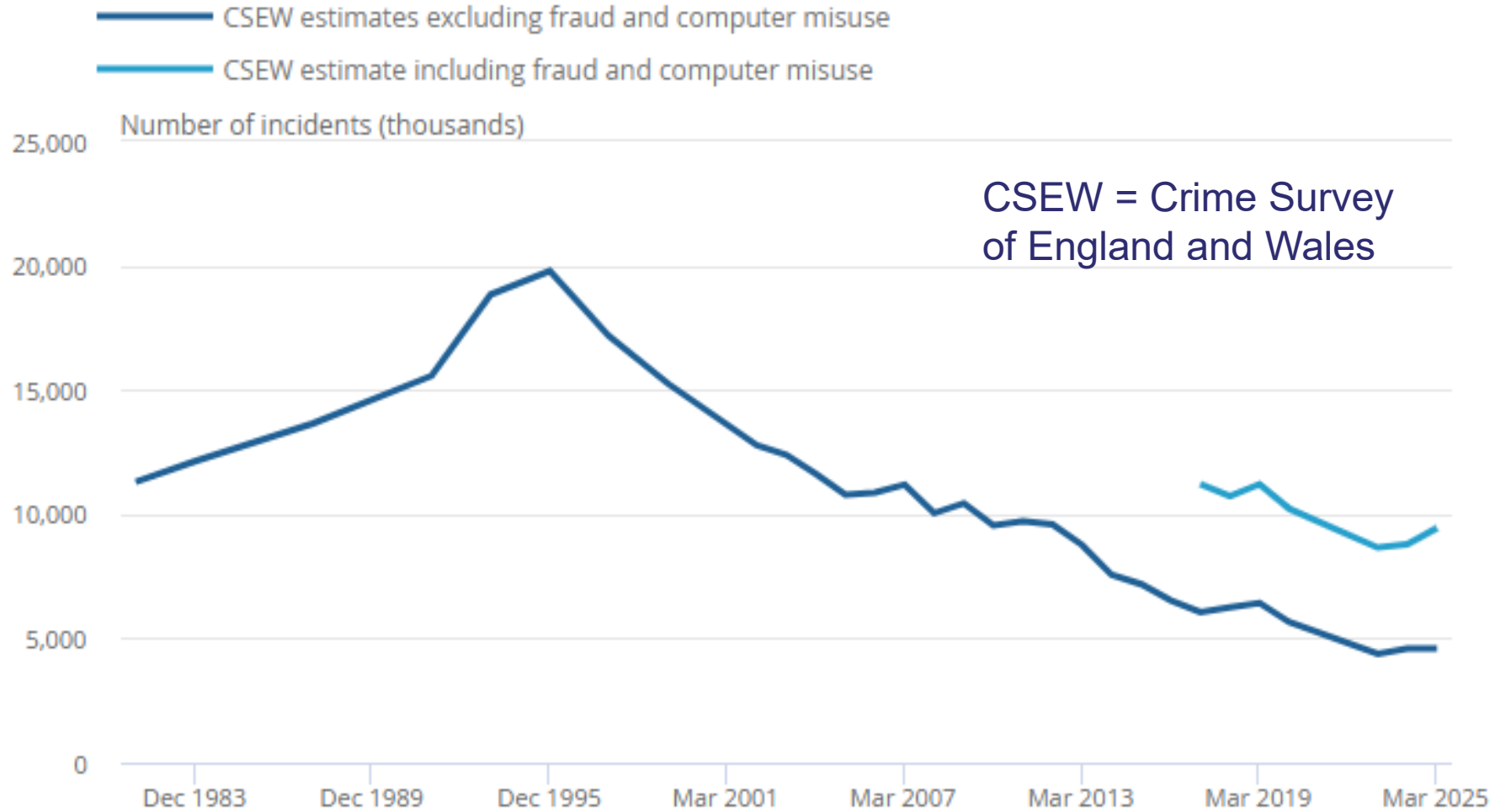
Brave police officer who protected families from knife-wielding thief

TWO Cumbria Police officers have been recognised nationally for their innovative efforts to tackle violence against women and girls.

Heroic Lanarkshire police officer honoured at national awards ceremony



Overall, crime is falling...





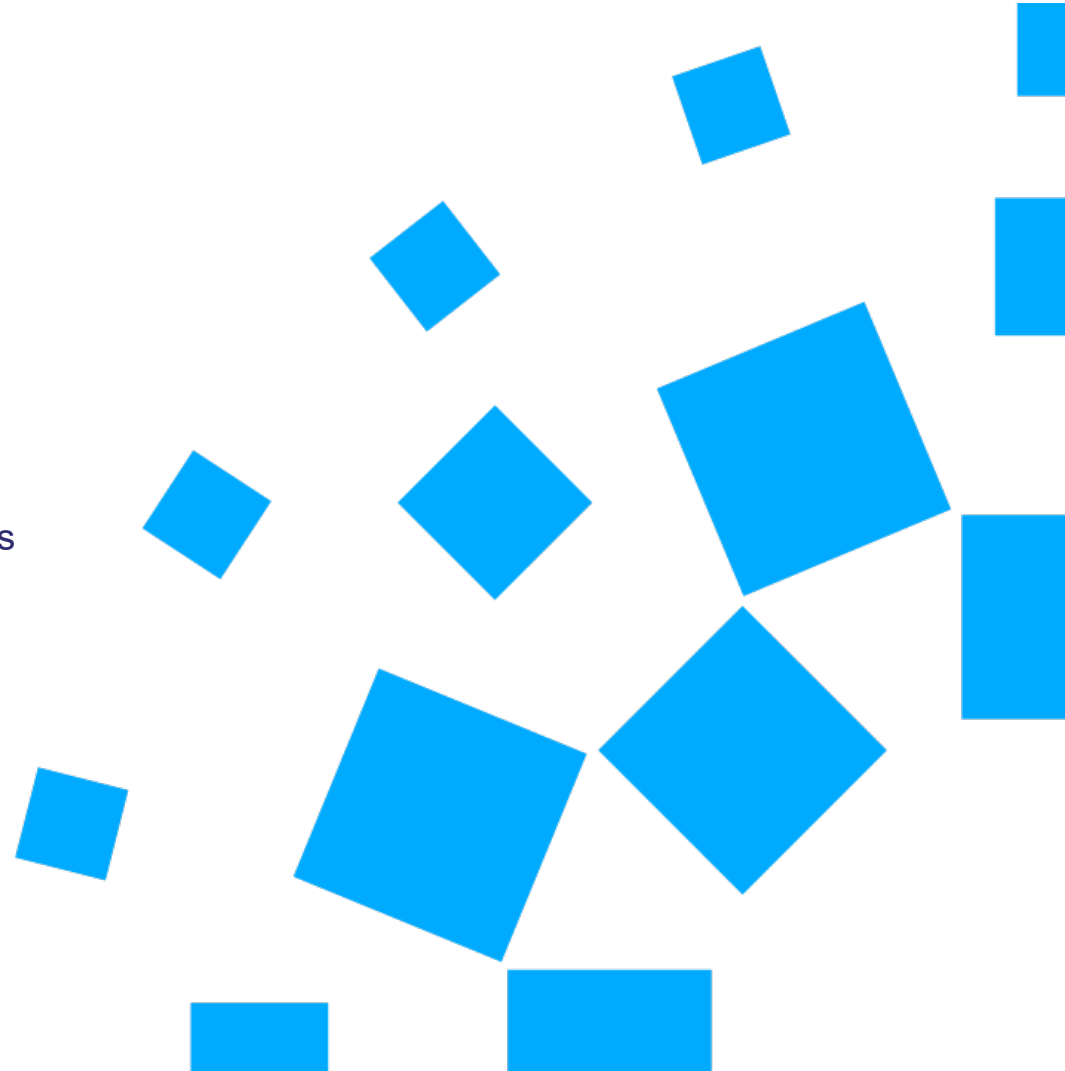
The role of the Neighbourhood Watch

Reducing crime: Evidence suggests that for every 100 crimes, an average of 15 crimes were prevented in areas where there was an active Neighbourhood Watch

Building community trust: The Neighbourhood Watch fosters trust by encouraging open communication and cooperation among local people and the police.

Early Warning System: The network acts as an early warning system by promoting vigilance and reporting of local issues and crime trends. These schemes extend the reach of policing, foster a sense of shared responsibility, and help build stronger, more connected communities.

Empowering Communities: The Neighbourhood Watch acts as the eyes and ears of the community. They can empower residents to take an active role in keeping their area safe, often working closely with local officers to share information, report suspicious activity, and support vulnerable neighbours.



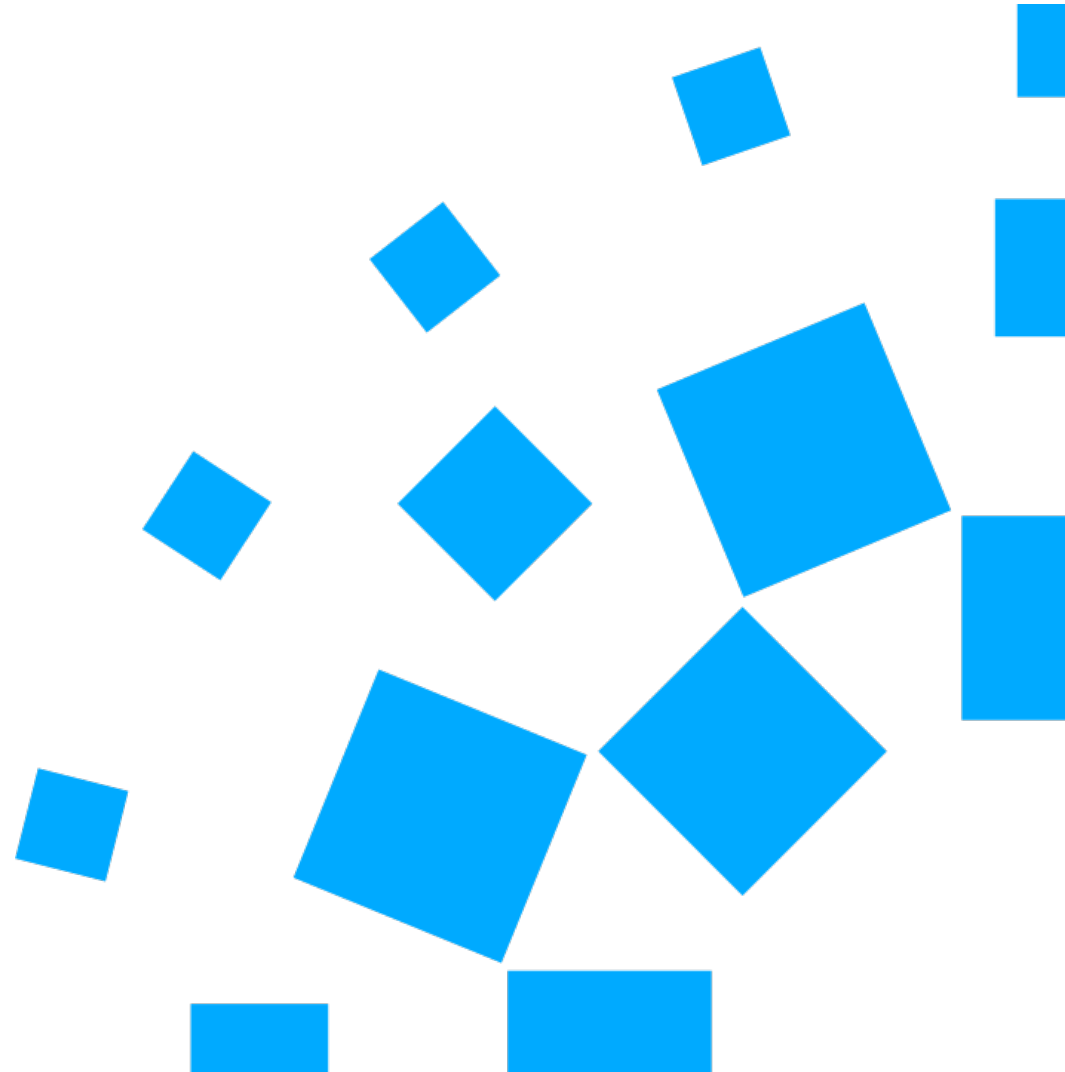


Policing with communities

Effective, visible neighbourhood policing is one of the cornerstones of British policing, and something that the public value extremely highly.

Evidence tells us that:

- Recognisable and accessible officers responding to local concerns increase public satisfaction and trust.
- National training enhances officers' skills to build relationships and tackle key community issues effectively.
- Intelligence-led patrols and collaborative problem-solving reduce crime and anti-social behaviours.





The Neighbourhood Policing Programme

Structured National Training

- The NPP provides evidence-based, standardised training to improve officer competencies.

Staged Career Pathway

- A four-level career pathway recognises neighbourhood policing as a specialist discipline, reducing operational turnover of experience and skills

Core Skills Development

- Training focuses on community engagement, problem-solving, and partnership working to build public trust.

Government Support

- The Safer Streets mission and Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee reinforce the initiative's strategic importance.



A shared future for safer streets

The Neighbourhood Watch Network is a key stakeholder in helping policing to tackle rising safety and anti-social behaviour concerns.

A challenge to you:

- Continue with the great work you undertake to support policing in keeping our communities safe **and**
- Explore opportunities to utilise skills from your personal, and professional backgrounds, and share insights through our public consultation processes
- How does the Neighbourhood Watch Network engage with the online world?

