



# HUMBERSIDE

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Dear Kath

I am writing to you as one of the community partners the Police Authority engages with on policing issues. Like me, you will have been following the events of organised disorder and criminality that have now spread from London to other major cities. The purpose of this letter is to reassure you that the Police Authority and Force are working together to ensure local people and communities remain safe.

The Chief Constable will always retain operational responsibility for dealing with incidents of crime and disorder and will decide where and how he deploys officers and tactics. However, it is the responsibility of the Police Authority to ensure policing is delivered in an efficient and effective way and that, within the budget available, the Chief Constable has the resources to deliver the policing priorities of communities.

In relation to the situation in the Humberside Police area, there have been no reported incidents of organised disorder and criminality so far. However, it would be unwise to assume that some sort of 'copy cat' events could not occur locally. Humberside Police are therefore making contingency plans to deal with any events that might occur locally and have closely involved the Police Authority by sharing with them information about those arrangements. The purpose of this planning is to ensure the Force maximises their ability to robustly respond to any public disorder in this area and reassure the public of their ability to protect them from harm and damage to property. I would like to reassure you that the Police Authority is satisfied the Force has the capability and intent locally to maintain the good order we enjoy in our communities and to deal rapidly and robustly with any incidents that may occur.

In relation to national events, Humberside Police, like many other forces, received a specific request to provide police officers to support the policing operation in London. A number of local officers have been sent to the capital and are working with the Metropolitan Police to deal with the disorder and criminality. Again the Police Authority is satisfied the absence of these officers will not impact upon the Force's ability to continue to serve local people and provide a high standard of policing

I know that, given the scenes we have witnessed in the Capital and elsewhere, communities will be particularly concerned at this time.

I would therefore be most grateful if you could act swiftly to reassure any community groups you have contact with about the situation in the Humberside Police area and the plans that are in place. Please feel free to pass this information throughout your contacts, as the more people who know that there have been no incidents of concern locally and that robust plans and arrangements are in place, the safer local people will feel.

Local police commanders and staff from neighbourhood policing teams will be out and about talking to local people and if you, or they, have any concerns or information to pass on to them then do please continue to contact them. Details of your local neighbourhood team can be found on the Humberside Police web site at [www.humberside.police.uk](http://www.humberside.police.uk) or alternatively by telephone on 0845 6060222.

Finally should you have any specific concerns or suggestions as to how the Authority or the Force could work better at a time of great concern, please do make contact with Paul Cheeseman in the Police Authority who is responsible for communities and partnership working within your area. Paul can be contacted on (01482) 220735 or [paul.cheeseman@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.cheeseman@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Sharp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Sharp  
Chief Executive