

## **Question from Cllr Sue Wilkinson & Response**

### **Question received 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Is the PCC confident that the wiping of data from the Police National computer will not compromise the investigation and prosecution of criminals in south Yorkshire, particularly long complex investigations into organised crime etc.?

### **Response received from the Police and Crime Commissioner - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

*(NB: This question was also asked by Cllr Wilkinson at the Police & Crime Panel public meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021).*

Please see link to a media release from the PCC in relation to this matter: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-warns-of-the-seriousness-of-thousands-of-police-fingerprint-and-dna-records-being-accidentally-deleted>

The Commissioner has raised this with the Chief Constable and the Chief Constable has informed the Commissioner that the information from the Home Office was that they were hopeful that most if not all data would be recovered. There was no reason to believe that any cases in South Yorkshire would be compromised by the loss of data.

As a result of Cllr Wilkinson's question, the Commissioner has asked the Chief Constable for a further update and at this stage he has not had any further updates from the NPCC in respect of this. He will keep the Commissioner updated and should there be any concerns the Commissioner will report back to the Panel.

The Commissioner has also spoken with other PCCs and to the policing minister who have said the same thing. We are waiting to hear what lessons have been learnt.