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Dear Mr Thornton

Thank you for your further letter dated 23 December which was received by my office on 3 January 2018.

In considering your request I have asked for updates from the Constabulary legal department as well as taking advice from my office. As you have detailed the result of HHJ Pearce's judgement was that the Court awarded costs in favour of Cheshire Constabulary, and I understand you do not agree and are critical of HHJ Pearce's judgement.

Having read your letter and the details of the matter I do understand your frustration and am committed to standing up for local residents. However, I also have to be mindful of my responsibilities to protect public money and so cannot waive the costs awarded by the Court.

I do understand that this will not be the news that you were hoping for.

Yours sincerely

David Keane
Police & Crime Commissioner