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Dear Mr Spencer

Road Safety in Wiltshire

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Police and Crime Commissioner and ourselves.

With reference to your observations on the 13th Road Casualty Joint report I would point out that the figure of £116million quoted is the total cost to the community of road casualties in Wiltshire. This figure is calculated using a nationally applied formula that includes many elements including the direct costs of the collision itself, the health care and medical costs, loss of earnings to the victims and their families, emergency services costs amongst many others factors. This figure also includes the Highways Agency and Swindon Borough road networks which we have no control over. It is not the budget figure available to either ourselves or the Police for Road Safety activities.

As stated in the 13th Joint report there is already a Road Safety Partnership in Wiltshire that works to reduce road casualties through the recognised streams of education, engineering and enforcement.

The details of the work undertaken in each of these streams is set out in Appendix A of the Joint report. Much of this work is done pre-emptively and jointly between those in the Road Safety Partnership to prevent incidents from taking place.

I hope that this demonstrates to you that we are already well advanced in identifying and actioning measures and methods that seek to reduce the overall costs and numbers of casualties that occur in Wiltshire.

Yours sincerely



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