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Thank you for your letter of 15 October that covered concerns expressed to you by Barbara Roberts, particularly about the lack of voluntary sector representation within the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership. Can I ask that you also accept this letter as a response to the points you made during First Minister's Questions on 12 October?

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You may recall that I wrote to you on this issue in July last year. I explained that whilst voluntary organisations were not represented at executive level in the Flintshire Partnership, I felt that their membership as valued practitioners would ensure the worthy contribution they make to community safety work. All I can now add is that since the Community Safety Partnership reconfigured its structure it appears to have grown in strength and is delivering an effective community safety strategy to the people of Flintshire. Ultimately, membership of the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership whether at strategic or practitioner level, is a matter for local determination with reference to statutory guidance and is not something in which I would wish to become directly involved.

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