

# **“ PPP ”**

## **People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

### **POLICE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS HELD BACK BY RED TAPE**

October 09<sup>th</sup>, 2007 go to <http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/performance-and-measurement/performance-assessment/assessments-2006-2007/north-wales>

COMMENTING after the publication by the Home Office of police performance assessments 2006/2007, [Shadow Secretary of State for Wales Cheryl Gillan MP](#) said:

*“While there **are some encouraging signs** about the performance of Welsh police forces it is clear from these figures that there is still much work to be done.*

*“Police officers across Wales are doing a fantastic job but are being hamstrung by Government targets, red tape and form filling.*

*“Forces across Wales are still counting the cost of the Government’s botched merger plans which were rightly ditched in the face of widespread opposition.*

*“The public will be concerned that despite all the Government rhetoric about cutting bureaucracy the amount of time police spend on the front line remains stagnant.*

*“Conservatives will **make our police accountable to local communities so that police priorities reflect those of the communities they serve.***

*“That is why we are committed to introducing directly elected police commissioners – accountable first and foremost to local people, not central government.*

*“That is why we would scrap the stop and search forms to allow officers to stop and question an individual without making a written record.*

*“And that is why we are committed to improved training for officers.*

*“The way to drive up standards in our police forces is to free officers from endless form filling and pointless bureaucracy.”*

**The PPP comments ... . And free them from incompetent and abusive leadership!.**

**Please study the assessment in the link above. Note that NWPF score ‘POOR’ for local priorities and only ‘FAIR’ for **child abuse and public protection.****

**Minority ethnic officer recruitment was of course rated as EXCELLENT.**

**We should now Expect more RHETORIC instead of action on these issues.**

**Government and opposition APPEAR to be saying the same thing but when will the form filling and political correctness be replaced by WHAT are our priorities?**