Dear xxxxxx,

Thank you for enquiry.

I can confirm the article which appears on page 7 of this week’s *Essex Chronicle* relates to a story we published to all media, as well as on our website and social media on 7 March 2023: ["Protecting women is a priority" | Essex Police](https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2024/march/protecting-women-is-a-priority/)

The piece is part of our ongoing work to update the public on the operational activity that takes place every day to help them, keep them safe, and catch criminals.

The Office of the PFCC had no input in the article and were not briefed on it.

I hope that answers your questions.

For your reference, in line with the guidance outlined at the candidate briefing last month, we will be sharing this request for information and our response to the other candidates for Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner to ensure we’re being impartial.

We share all requests from any candidate with all the other candidates to ensure impartiality.

Kind regards,

Dave

**Press Office Manager**

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**Subject:** EXTERNAL - Candidate Questions

Good morning,

I have a couple of questions relating to the article released by Essex Police in today's Essex Chronicle regarding women's safety.

1) When was this article drafted for release and when was the final draft sent for publication?

2) Was the currently serving PFCC involved in any way in drafting this release?

3) Was this release assessed for its implications to the perception of police impartiality given its release during the pre-election period?

Kind regards,

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