



Federation response to online crime maps throughout England and Wales

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**Simon Reed, Vice Chairman, Police Federation of England and Wales
says;**

“For many years we have used crime data to assist intelligence led policing. Whilst not wishing to restrict what the public can and cannot know, our concern is that statistics released on a monthly basis may feed local criminal intelligence, leading to crime hot spots, and further exacerbate the public’s fear of crime. It is essential that any information is fully explained to the public in order to avoid the negative impact of the perception of crime in their area.”

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