Problem Solving Conference 2026: a wrap up!

20 – 22 October 2026, members from forces across the country gathered the Hilton at St Georges Park for the Problem Solving Conference 2026.

This interactive event showcased the most cutting-edge problem-solving projects in the country through a series of lectures and workshops. Covering a broad range of policing activities, each talk shared how our forces are leading the way in international problem solving.

Over the course of the conference attendees heard from important figures including:
Matt Bland from the Society of Evidence Based Policing
Michael Brooke from the Police Crime Prevention Initiative
Professor Iain Brennan from the University of Hull.
Tamara Herold from the ASU Centre for Problem-Orientated Policing
As well as sponsor organisations from the wider policing family including ORACLE, Fuzzy Labs, Redfaire, and Police CPI.

On Wednesday 21, finalists from the Tilley Awards gave presentations on how their projects have changed policing in their local communities.

National Lead for Problem Solving, Lauren Poultney, said "The projects shown at this year's conference are stellar examples of how Problem Solving initiatives can make real changes to the safety and lives of the public.

"The conference serves as a yearly opportunity to showcase these projects on a national stage where they are judged by our expert award panel in real time. The winners are then given the chance to present to the international policing community at the Goldstein awards hosted in the USA.

"Congratulations to all of those who presented at the Tilley Awards and the wider Problem-Solving Conference this year."

Operation Wage, led by Greater Manchester Police, are the winners of this year's Tilley Awards. Presented by Superintendent Stacey Shannon and Detective Chief Inspector Charlotte Walley, the project targeted instances of cyber-enabled fraud in Greater Manchester.
Thanks to the actions taken with the project, fraud fell between 55-75% in key districts and around £2.8 million was recovered.

Congratulations to our winners for their amazing project, as well as everyone who presented at the conference.