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Working alongside our communities and with our partners achieves much more than would ever be possible alone. Exciting projects are underway across Nottinghamshire that utilise the assets in our neighbourhoods and empower local people to reclaim their communities and take proactive action to improve safety. Our communities can make a big difference to people's lives and deliver better outcomes for those who live and work in them. It is my priority to make sure they have the resources and support to do that and together we will make life better.



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New Covid-19 restrictions

Amid a huge surge in Covid-19 cases, the country finds itself once again in a second national lockdown - less than a week after Nottinghamshire moved into Tier 3 restrictions.



Infection rates locally are among the highest in the country. As the disease continues to spread in other parts of the country, we are being urged once again to do what is right to protect the vulnerable and our NHS by staying at home. These are desperately hard times, and I have no doubt that there will be vulnerable people and families out there who will be deeply worried about how they will cope during this fresh period of restriction. It is my priority, as it was back in March and over the summer, to support those who need help most and for whom there is no other network of support and I will be looking at what we can do to assist in these difficult times.

Together, we can provide a lifeline for those cut off from society and those suffering amid the pandemic. We will come through these unprecedented times together and we will come through stronger. I would like to thank you for the support and resilience you have shown over these past few weeks, particularly as we moved into Tier 3. We must all play our part once again and obey the new rules. Please do everything you can to keep safe and protect others.



Safer Streets in Newark

A multi-agency crackdown on burglary, vehicle crime and bicycle theft is underway to improve public safety in Newark thanks to a new £550k project.

Working alongside Nottinghamshire Police, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, I secured funding from the Home Office's £25m Safer Streets Fund in July which is being invested in a package of measures in the Chatham Court, Lovers Lane and Northgate areas of the town.

The project will see the installation of better street lighting, new ANPR and CCTV cameras to improve the detection of crime and increase feelings of safety, increased cycle security and environmental improvements including the removal of graffiti, overgrown shrubbery, unkempt gardens and abandoned vehicles.

Among other improvements will be the launch of a 'Community Hub' providing a single point of contact

for residents to access support and advice and the appointment of a new Burglary Reduction Officer to work with the local community undertaking risk assessments of properties vulnerable to burglary and arranging security improvements including new door locks, window alarms and security lighting.

While our overall ambition is to reduce crime in this area and remove the opportunity for harm, this work is also about improving the mental wellbeing of those who live and work in Newark, reducing vulnerability and increasing feelings of safety and security. We are drawing upon the expertise of a wide range of professionals to increase community resilience and make Newark an uninhabitable place for criminals.

Cyclists put the brakes on crime

More than 70 cyclists in Newark took advantage of a free bike-marking event to protect their property in the event of theft.

The event, held at Newark Market Place, was the first in a series of crime prevention measures taking place in the town as part of the Safer Streets multiagency partnership, led by my office.

The bikes are now recorded on the national Bike Mark database, enabling police officers to easily identify them if they are stolen in the future.





NO PLACE FOR HATE CRIME

A new multi-agency plan has been launched in Nottingham to tackle hate crime and improve support for victims.

The Hate Crime Strategy has been co-written by Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Hate Crime Voluntary Sector Network, my own office and local community leaders and outlines a robust course of action from preventing prejudice at its roots to delivering consistent support and supporting victims.

The new strategy, not only aims to build trust among victims to report hate crime, it will also enhance the support available for those who do come forward and seek to dismantle the deeply-entrenched thought processes that fuel hatred and abuse.

New sexual violence survivor hub

A new specialist support facility for victims of sexual violence across Nottinghamshire will be available early next year.

The Sexual Violence Survivor Hub and Therapy Service has been co-designed by survivors and will provide a single point of contact for survivors of sexual violence of any kind whether the abuse took place in childhood or in adult life.

The service, which will be delivered by Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Services (Notts SVS) and will run until 31 December 2023, will connect victims with a wealth of recovery services including specialist therapeutic support and counselling and wider NHS mental health services.

It is the result of a partnership between my office, Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council and follows my earlier needs assessment.

Survivors have been involved at every stage of the project's development to ensure the service reflects the needs of victims.

Deputy PCC Emma Foody, who leads on domestic abuse and victims' services on behalf of the OPCC, said: "Survivors are at the heart of this new service and have played an active role in its design. We've really listened to their experiences and insight which is why the new hub is based around the concept of providing a single point of contact to access support."



Knife crime, robberies and violence fall in Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire continues to buck national and regional trends with significant falls in knife crime, robberies and violent offences.

New figures released by the Office for National Statistics show overall crime in the county fell by seven per cent in the year to the end of June – the best performance in the East Midlands region where a one per cent increase was recorded.

Meanwhile, Nottinghamshire was the only area in the region to see a further reduction in knife crime with offences falling 11 per cent against a regional average increase of seven per cent and a national drop of just one per cent across England and Wales.

The progress has been achieved through several ongoing initiatives including the force's specialist knife crime team, schools and early intervention officers, and collaborative work with partners including the Violence Reduction Unit, of which I am chair.

Other reductions include robbery at -16% - double the average regional fall - and serious violence at -17%.



Pioneering domestic abuse perpetrator programme to launch

An innovative programme will get underway early next year working with perpetrators of domestic abuse to help change their violent behaviour.

The perpetrator programme, which is being funded through my office, will be delivered jointly by the Jenkins Centre, part of the charity Free-Va which works to reduce domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, and specialist Nottingham domestic abuse charity Equation.

It will identify, engage and motivate behavioural change among men and women using abusive behaviour in intimate relationships to reduce violence and improve the safety of partners, ex-partners, children and families.

The project has been developed in partnership with Respect, the UK's leading resource for domestic

abuse perpetrator intervention, and follows my recent report "Improving the Response to Domestic Abuse in Nottinghamshire" which highlighted a gap in perpetrator programmes to address offending.

The new project, which will receive referrals from December, will include a 24-week group programme for men only to change their violent and abusive behaviour, a 24-week Individual Interventions Programme for female perpetrators, non-English speakers, perpetrators in same-sex relationships and for perpetrators unsuitable for the male group programme, a 10-week Dads Parenting Programme focusing on restorative parenting and a Partner Support Service offering emotional, practical and safety planning support for partners and ex-partners of perpetrators engaged in interventions.

Nottinghamshire out in front in representative recruitment

A quarter of new police officers in Nottinghamshire are from a black or minority ethnic background (BAME) – a greater proportion than any other force in England and Wales.

One in four officers recruited in the Force's latest intake between April and September this year, as part of national Operation Uplift, come from BAME backgrounds.

When compared to the diversity of the communities it serves based on the last Census, Nottinghamshire also has the highest BAME representation in the country – at 57% of the last Census figure which showed 11% BAME for Nottinghamshire.

Alongside our community partners, I've worked hard since I was elected in 2012 to increase the diversity of the workforce and I'm proud to have pushed down the barriers to encourage more people from a BAME background to consider a policing career. Although we are ahead of comparable Forces, there is much more to do.



Community Ambassadors appointed

The first cohort of Community Ambassadors has been appointed as part of a pioneering new project by the Violence Reduction Unit to tackle violence across Nottinghamshire.

Community Ambassadors will support the VRU's work, build relationships with local people and ensure communities across Nottinghamshire have the necessary resources and provision to help residents to thrive.

So far, six residents have been appointed, all of whom have proven expertise in supporting young people and communities impacted by serious violence. They are: Asad Fazil, founder and chief executive of Al Hurraya, Courtney Rose, executive director of Take 1 Studios and headteacher, Hyacinth Francis-Watson, founder and project manager of Chayah Group, Dalton Stephens, youth worker and sports coach at the Renewal Trust, Marcellus Baz, chief executive of Switch Up, and Naveed Rashid, chairman at Sahara Mental Health.

Eventually, 20 Community Ambassadors will be appointed to the scheme across the city and county.



Social media campaign exposes reality of violence

A new social media campaign revealing the horrifying consequences of knife crime and gang culture has drawn thousands of views since launching in August.

The #STOPVIOLENCE campaign, which has been funded by the VRU and my own office, was co-produced with young people in the City and County and features a series of hard-hitting films, shot in

and around Nottingham, retelling the graphic stories of victims of gang culture, sexual exploitation, online bullying, intimidation, joint enterprise and 'county lines'.

The aim is to shatter illusions about violence and gang culture and to signpost young people, parents and carers to advice, guidance and interventions via the www.hashtagang.co.uk website.

Nottinghamshire delivers best stop and search performance in the country

Nottinghamshire Police has the most successful stop and search figures in the country with more people found in possession of drugs, knives and other items relating to crime in the county than anywhere else.

In the year to March 31, Nottinghamshire had a stop and search success rate of 33 per cent compared to a nationwide average of just 20 per cent. Of the 5,414 people stopped and searched during the period, 80 per cent of them were suspected for drugs offences.

The Force's specialist Knife Crime Team has continued to take a proactive approach to stopping individuals suspected of carrying knives and drugs while City Centre officers have launched successful covert and overt operations to target violence and drug-related crime.

Where appropriate and when community intelligence warrants, stop and search powers are a highly effective way to tackle crime and these results show officers in Nottinghamshire are utilising them in the right way.

Justice overlooked in the East Midlands

Together with my PCC colleagues in the East Midlands we continue to fight for an urgent solution to the court backlog crisis in this region.

The Lord Chancellor has once again overlooked the needs of victims and witnesses in Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands by excluding it from its latest round of Nightingale Courts. This is in spite of the fact a number of buildings have been offered for the purpose, including Nottinghamshire Police's Training Centre at Hucknall at no cost.

My Deputy Emma Foody leads on criminal justice matters and as a former magistrate, has seen for herself how delays can impact victims and witnesses. The backlog in cases was abysmal pre-Covid and will not improve unless urgent action is taken. We will continue to do everything possible to convince the Government of the necessity of opening a Nightingale court in, or as close to, Nottinghamshire as possible.



Blue-light Tri-Service Hub launched in Hucknall

A new blue-light tri-service hub has been unveiled in Hucknall to enable Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) to work more closely together and improve efficiency.

The hub, based at EMAS's ambulance station site in Annesley Road, includes new working areas for Fire and Police and an improved shared kitchen, dining and welfare facilities. Officers from the former Police station and crews from the former Fire station in Hucknall have now settled in.



This co-location will enable us to deliver even better public service in the area which brings benefits to everyone.

Nottinghamshire speaks out on road safety

Almost 300 residents in Nottinghamshire have had their say on road safety as part of a national survey.

The questionnaire was carried out by the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), of which I chair, and is the largest ever conducted by the organisation.

The results show almost one in seven (68%) people in Nottinghamshire want drivers who speed or fail to wear seatbelts to face tougher penalties to increase safety on the county's roads while more than 80% of participants agree or strongly agree more enforcement is needed on the roads where they live.

I would like to thank everybody who took part in this survey. The results will be used to influence a new consultation on roads policing by the Department for Transport (DfT).

Tougher penalties for violence against emergency workers

A national consultation is underway to gauge support for harsher penalties against those who assault an emergency worker and I have offered my firm support.

This summer, I wrote to Justice Secretary & Lord Chancellor, the Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP, welcoming proposed changes to double the maximum jail sentence for assaults on emergency workers to up to two years.

Firefighters, police officers, prison officers and NHS staff deserve to be protected by law and it is incredulous that attacks have risen during the pandemic when these people are risking their own safety to help others.

This proposal leaves the public in no doubt that assaults on emergency workers will not be tolerated and will be met with serious consequences.

KEEP ON TALKING

I'm delighted that so many people contact me, with problems, compliments and comments. This is particularly important as I need to be able to listen to your views and learn from them and also know that you can keep up to date with what my team and I are doing.

Whatever I do, I am answerable to you, the electorate. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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