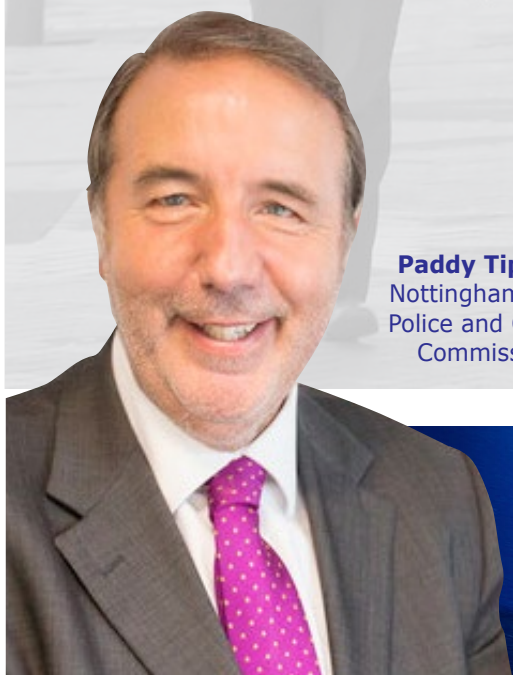




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THE BEAT

Over the last few weeks, we have had to come to terms with sweeping changes to the way we live our lives. Covid-19 threw us into an unprecedented crisis and each and every one of us has played our part to protect our communities and safeguard the lives of thousands across the UK. As we edge closer towards the recovery phase, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who heeded the initial advice to stay at home and in doing so supported the global fight against this dreadful disease. Your efforts have made a real difference. As this newsletter highlights, we are making progress in a host of areas and I look forward to updating you on these projects in the months ahead. Please continue to follow the latest advice and stay safe.



Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire
Police and Crime
Commissioner





New Deputy PCC appointed

Exciting changes are afoot as we welcome a new face to the team.

Emma Foody joins us as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner following a virtual Confirmation Hearing by the Police and Crime Panel. She joins the organisation at a pivotal moment as we prepare to launch an enhanced plan in the autumn and a new package of initiatives to address sexual violence and increase support for victims and survivors.

Emma, who has worked for the National Housing Federation and the North East Ambulance Service, will play an instrumental role in our efforts to target domestic abuse and sexual violence. She sits on the Board of a large housing charity and has extensive stakeholder, voluntary sector and criminal justice experience – she has been a magistrate for some time – and will use her skills and experience to ensure the needs of victims and survivors continue to be met. She will be a fantastic asset to the team and Nottinghamshire's communities.



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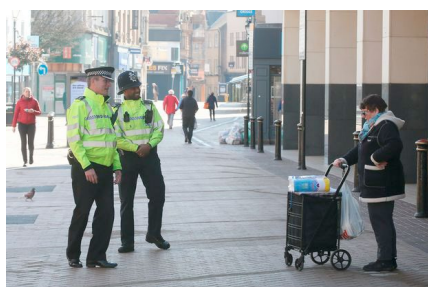
It has been a busy few months with the health crisis putting the police in the spotlight while also significantly restricting the way we are able to do business.

Like others, my office has had to adapt to new working arrangements and embrace virtual communications to manage public safety and deliver vital help to where it is needed most. I'm very proud of the way our staff, partners and stakeholders have responded and the creative ways in which they have sought to deliver help amid the crisis.

Protecting vulnerable people has remained a priority and we continue to do everything possible to help vital services cope in the face of additional demand. We provided emergency funding worth almost £16,500, for example, to enable domestic abuse support charity Juno Women's Aid to install a cloud-based telephone system and additional staff to answer calls for help during the health crisis. This means up to 10 phone lines are now available for victims and survivors calling the service, all of which can be operated remotely.

Last month, I was also able to safely deliver 500 face masks to the Conifers Rest Home in Bakersfield, Nottingham, to help keep social care staff safe. It followed a donation from Ipswich-based windows covering firm Global International.

The challenges of the health crisis are far from over and my work continues in earnest to ensure people receive the support they deserve.





Black Lives Matter

PROTEST

The strength of feeling following the death of George Floyd is understandable and I am grateful to the vast majority of people who attended the Black Lives Matter protest (on 7 June) at Nottingham's Forest Recreation Ground in a peaceful and dignified manner.

People want to make their voices heard. The right to lawful protest is a key part of any democracy, which UK police uphold and facilitate. Nottinghamshire Police attended the event to both uphold and facilitate and to help keep people safe from the continuing threat of coronavirus.

Both the Chief Constable and I are horrified and appalled by the footage that emerged from the US of the death of George Floyd at the hands of US police officers. Accountability and justice must surely follow.

It's reassuring that in this country, we believe in 'policing by consent' and the police work to deliver this type of service, day in day out.

I'm particularly proud that in Nottinghamshire we have made good progress in increasing the diversity of our police officers. In 2018 we had 92 officers from a BAME background. Today this figure has risen to



Picture from The Nottingham Post

120 with more to come this year. In addition, we are attracting BAME officers from other forces and we have two Superintendents, 9 Inspectors and 15 Sergeants from BAME background.

Stop and search has increased significantly both nationally and in Nottinghamshire, but I'm pleased that our positive outcome rate is above any elsewhere in the country, showing that the force continues to make targeted and intelligence-led searches.

But there is more to do which is why I am working to set up an on-going Community Listening Group and Independent Community Scrutiny Panel to ensure that we are listening to the views of our BAME communities.

National Volunteers Week

The unstinting commitment and dedication of Nottinghamshire's volunteers was recognised this month as the nation celebrated National Volunteers' Week.

As PCC, I appreciate and value the work of each and every one of our policing volunteers from Police Support Officers and Special Constables to Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) and Police Cadets, whose efforts help our county remain a safe and welcoming place for all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who've come forward during the pandemic to help vulnerable people, including the many hundreds who signed up to the Nottinghamshire Community Hub. Your kindness and generosity has given us all hope amidst the uncertainty of coronavirus.





Funding boost for victim support services

A new funding opportunity is enabling us to increase support for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence throughout the coronavirus and beyond.

We've been provisionally allocated £390,000 from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) as part of a new £750m government fund to help domestic abuse and sexual violence support charities mitigate the increased costs of adapting services during the crisis and to cope with additional demand pressures.

Additionally, I successfully applied to the MoJ's new £2m fund in February to support our award-winning Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) and Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) until 2022.

The funding amounts to £109,375 for 2020-21 and a further £109,375 for 2021-22 (£218,750 in total) which will fund a new full-time equivalent ISVA and a new 1.5 full-time equivalent CHISVA positions.

ISVAs and Children's ISVAs provide much-needed

informational, practical and emotional support and advocacy for sexual violence survivors. The new funding will be integrated into my existing ISVA and CHISVA contracts with Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services (NSVSS) and charity Imara and both contracts have been extended until June 2021.

Meanwhile, following my successful bid to NHS England/Improvement's High Volume Fund, I've approved the award of a grant of £193,511 to Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group (now part of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group) (CCG) to recruit a Personalised Care Officer to work with adult survivors of child sexual abuse which took place while in the care of the authorities and to put in place and fund plans to enable them to access personal health budgets to aid their recovery.

Elsewhere, I've agreed to assign £3,000 from the Late Night Levy towards continuing the No Place for Hate City Centre Charter project to support and empower victims within the Night Time Economy to report hate crime.

Emergency funding for those fleeing from domestic abuse

Earlier this year I lobbied for funding for refuges to ensure that women and children are able to flee from violence and harm. That was before the heightened pressures on relationships brought about by the restrictions of Covid-19, which added to my concern.

Therefore, I was glad to see that the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government announcing £10m specifically for domestic abuse safe accommodation charities.

In Nottinghamshire we received £241,909 across four providers, and we will continue to work with our partners to ensure that support is available both during and beyond the current situation.

It is vital that safe accommodation services continue to operate so that more people can access these life-saving services.





New Sexual Violence Hub

Adult survivors of sexual violence in Nottinghamshire will be offered enhanced therapeutic support with the launch of a new specialist hub.

The hub, which will cost almost £950,000 per year to run and will be jointly funded by the PCC, local authorities and clinical commissioning groups, will enable survivors to access a broad range of support services from one place including one-to-one and group counselling, psychotherapy and other specialist treatment as well as information, advice and access to other services and NHS mental health.

The service has been designed with help from survivors and follows a detailed Needs Assessment last year.

We are currently asking specialist providers to bid for the opportunity to run the new service and details of the tender are available through my website or via the UK eu-supply tendering portal.

Crime falls across Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire continues to buck regional and national increases in crime reported in December, recording fewer offences over the past year in many categories.

Year-end data shows overall crime in Nottinghamshire fell by 0.5% between the end of March 2019 and March 2020, alongside reductions in Knife Crime (-13.6%), Burglary (-2.9%), Theft (-10.1%), Robbery (-3%) Vehicle Crime (-4.2%) and Rape Offences (-12.9%).

Meanwhile, Stop and Searches are up by over 100 per cent and Prosecutions of Drug Dealers are up by more than 100. The Force has nearly doubled the number of firearms it proactively recovered last year.

Real progress is being made to make our communities safer and tackle the biggest threats to public safety today. Investment in specialist teams to tackle knife crime, burglary and robbery are paying huge dividends and this work will only expand in the future.

LOCKDOWN – Fixed Penalty Notices

There is no doubt that policing the rapidly changing restrictions associated with Covid-19 has been challenging for the police. Forces have approached this in different ways with some making greater use of the Fixed Penalty Notices than others.

In Nottinghamshire, the police focussed on engaging with people to explain the risks and encouraging them to move on. Enforcement was very much a last resort.

Since the campaign began up to 8 June, Nottinghamshire officers issued a total of 185 tickets, one of the lowest figures in England and Wales.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental wellbeing became the focus for organisations across Nottinghamshire last month as the county marked Mental Health Awareness Week.

The annual campaign, which ran between May 18 and 24, is hosted by the Mental Health Foundation and gives us an opportunity to consider how we can improve our own mental wellbeing and those of our loved-ones and associates.



This year in particular, kindness, mindfulness, looking out for our colleagues and family members, talking and sharing problems are more pertinent than ever as we cope with the enormous social changes and financial hardships brought by the pandemic.

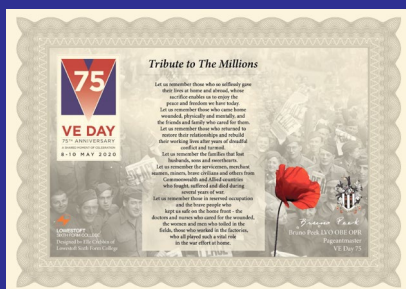
Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust has launched a new mental health helpline for local people in crisis. The helpline number is **0300 303 0165** and is available to anyone with a mental health crisis at anytime, anywhere across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.



Celebrating VE Day

Nottinghamshire stood in solidarity to celebrate and remember the brave heroes of the Second World War this month as part of the 75th anniversary of VE Day on May 8.

Although the lockdown restrictions scuppered the majority of the public events planned, there was no less enthusiasm for this momentous occasion and across the county parties and celebrations got underway at home. Technology and social media also ensured we paid tribute to a generation who gave all for their country in the safest and most fitting way possible.



Search is on for next generation of police officers

Despite the pandemic, we've continued our recruitment plans to boost Nottinghamshire's frontline with a new generation of police officers.

A series of webinars have been held throughout the pandemic to help guide prospective candidates through the application process and answer questions about the role and its requirements.

Nottinghamshire will have 300 new officers in post by March next year and I look forward to welcoming the next cohort of officers for training soon.

Youth survey

Young people aged 13-25 across Nottinghamshire have contributed to a new national survey examining their experiences of policing during the pandemic.

The Policing the Pandemic Survey is collecting research across England and Wales to help develop solutions to improve the policing approach now and in the future. Responses will be used to produce national recommendations for change by police forces, PCCs and partner agencies.



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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