



Newsletter

December 2019

A message for Christmas and the New Year from West Yorkshire's PCC

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful festive period and a happy New Year for 2020.

2019 has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year, not without its challenges, but also with inspirational moments as police staff and officers go that extra mile to support many individuals and communities. 2020 is already shaping up to be even busier than 2019 with a jam packed first quarter which will see a host of community visits, consultation on the budget as well as number of major pieces of work being launched. I'd like to thank all who work to help keep communities safe and feeling safe, and to recognise and say an extra thank you to all policing and the emergency service staff who will be sacrificing time with loved ones over the festive period to continue keeping us all safe, you are in our thoughts and it is greatly appreciated. [Find out more](#)



New Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) a better service

Victims of sexual violence and abuse will soon be able to access a fully integrated service for the first time in a specially purpose built facility for West Yorkshire. Work has now started on creating the new Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), which will house Children and Adult Services under the same roof. The new facility, due to open its doors in Spring of 2020, will incorporate court live-link facilities, vulnerable victims suites for video recorded interviews (VVS/VRI), a hub/base for specialist support services as required and access or referral to Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA). Partners including my office, West Yorkshire Police, NHS England, Courts Service HMTCS have all been involved in its development. [Find out more](#)

Don't pay the ultimate cost by drink or drug driving

West Yorkshire Police and my office are urging people not to pay the ultimate cost this year by getting behind the wheel while under the influence of drink or drugs.

Throughout December, West Yorkshire Police will be carrying out increased enforcement activity on our roads and taking every opportunity to remind people of the potentially fatal consequences for yourself and others of driving while under the influence of drink or drugs. I hope that this initiative will help to underline what is important at this time of year, and it certainly isn't making potentially dangerous decisions putting other people's lives at risk to drive whilst unfit or under the influence. [Find out more](#)

Blown it?

Drinking and driving can cost you...



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Campaign aimed at perpetrators of domestic abuse

A campaign aimed at perpetrators of domestic abuse was recently launched. The 'It's in your hands' campaign is targeted at both men and women who are concerned about their behaviour, whether this is physical violence or controlling tendencies. The message is simple, in that there is still time to change and support is available to do it. It is all about getting help at the earliest stage possible from organisations who can work with you to change your behaviour. [Find out more](#)