

PCC/OPCC Update Bulletin

Response to Coronavirus/COVID-19

A message from Mark – Hi everyone, another 2 weeks has gone by remarkably quickly as we continue to take small steps on the road to beating this virus and now find ourselves remarkably half way through the year.

Shops are starting to open again, under very different circumstances of course, but it's good to see and I don't know about you but I am very much counting down the days until I can have my hair cut by my local professional!



That being said, it is still imperative that we continue to follow the social distancing guidance when out and about in helping to keep yourself, your loved ones and your communities safe.

It's been another busy couple of weeks here, we launched a new survey to get your views on policing and community safety during the pandemic (more details below), we've celebrated the very real difference Neighbourhood Watch networks make to our communities in Neighbourhood Watch Week, I attended a virtual meeting of the Police and Crime Panel along with the Chief Constable which was live streamed, and a whole host of meetings with partners such as the Local Criminal Justice Board, some of my Safer Communities Fund funded projects, the National Police Air Service, and with the Police Federation.

Next week I am meeting with the Chief Constable for the latest of my Community Outcomes Meetings. We have asked the public to submit questions for us both to answer. The meeting will be recorded and posted on my website and social media accounts.

Next week is also the annual Safeguarding Week here in West Yorkshire and many key partners from across the county are coming to together virtually to highlight issues that may be affecting both adults and children.

All agencies are committed to protecting vulnerable people from all types of safeguarding issues. These include domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, human trafficking, missing people and serious sexual offence amongst others.

Across West Yorkshire, all of the five districts are hosting a number of different virtual activities, events and conferences, to help raise awareness about such issues during Safeguarding Week and also highlighting what help and support is available across the region which is needed more than ever.

It has been a very difficult few months for everyone during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and we have all had to adapt our daily lives to these uncertain times. My office and West Yorkshire Police have strived during this time to ensure that vulnerable people still have access to vital services across the region for support, help and advice.

I would urge anyone to get involved and contact their local authority or my office to see what is on offer. Specifically to learn about protecting themselves and others, and most importantly familiarise themselves with the many excellent support services that are there for them, if and when they need them.

For more information on Safeguarding Week, please visit www.westyorkshire.police.uk/SafeguardingWeek2020 and follow the hashtag on social media #SafeguardingWeek2020.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Mark Burns-Williamson OBE
West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner

Have your say on policing, community safety and wellbeing during the Covid-19 pandemic

I'm urging residents across the county to have their say about wellbeing, policing and wider community safety during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The deadline for responses is 29th June and when we have collated all the responses steps will be taken to work with the police and our partners to address the issues raised.

The questionnaire can be found online at the following address:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WYPCCJune20>



Recruitment - West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit



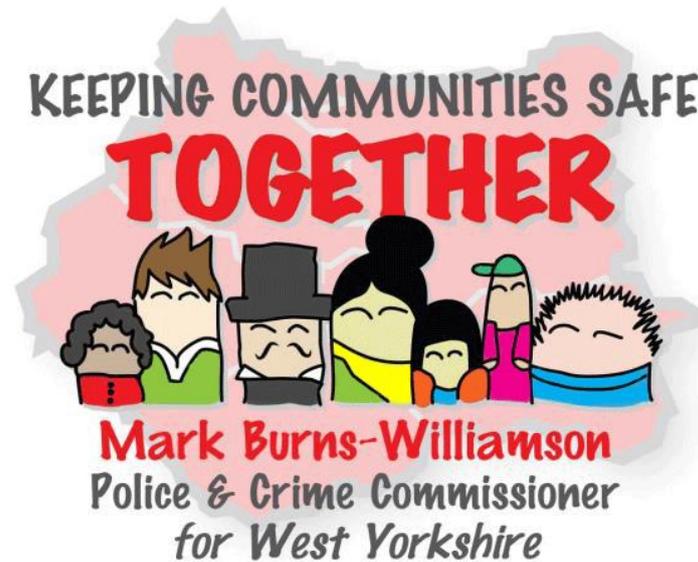
**West Yorkshire
Violence Reduction Unit**

Tackling Violence Together

Exciting opportunities are available now to join the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). Fixed term contracts/secondments initially to 31 March 2021 with possible extension subject to funding.

For more information and to apply visit <https://westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/about/work-with-us>.

Logo Competition - Youth Advisory Group



I have launched a competition for young people to design a new logo for my Youth Advisory Group (YAG). The winning designer will receive a £100 online shopping voucher and of course any young people wanting to join the YAG are more than welcome. If you know of anyone that might like to get involved in the competition or the group please do direct them to my [website](#) where they can find out more. Entries are starting to come in so please encourage any and all children and young people you know/work with to get involved. The competition is open until the end of June.

#VisitMyMosque Day

Visit My Mosque Day is a national campaign supporting mosques across the country to hold open days. Due to Covid-19 restrictions this year is being run virtually with a series of live online tours. To get involved and book a tour visit <http://www.visitmosque.org/book-virtual-tour>

NHS and Government Guidance



Government and NHS Advice

For the latest health updates and guidance from the Government visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS guidance can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

NHS advice on where to get urgent help for mental health:

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/mental-health-services/dealing-with-a-mental-health-crisis-or-emergency>

A full list of all Government guidance can be found here

https://www.gov.uk/search/all?topical_events%5B%5D=coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response&order=updated-newest

Our dedicated coronavirus webpage

Our dedicated coronavirus page on our website contains further support information, volunteering opportunities, links to help and support and much more. Recent updates include funding opportunities from the government for foodbanks and domestic abuse charities, advice on wearing and making your own facemask as well as bereavement support. You can view it here

<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Our latest statements

See links to recent statements below.

- **West Yorkshire's PCC and national APCC Lead on Modern Slavery welcomes Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's review on the business response to Operation Fort** (released 18th June) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/westyorkshires-pcc-and-national-apcc-lead-modern-slavery-welcomes-independent-anti-slavery-commissioners-review-business-response-operation-fort>
- **PCC updates the Police and Crime Panel on policing and community safety** (released 15th June) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/pcc-updates-police-and-crime-panel-policing-and-community-safety>
- **Experiences of tackling modern slavery shared in key seminar** (released 12th June) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/experiences-tackling-modern-slavery-shared-key-seminar>
- **West Yorkshire's PCC is Urging Residents to Have Their Say on Policing, Community Safety and Wellbeing During Covid19 Pandemic** (released 8th June) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/westyorkshires-pcc-urging-residents-have-their-say-policing-community-safety-and-wellbeing-during-covid19-pandemic>

IF YOU THINK SOMEONE MAY BE A VICTIM OF MODERN SLAVERY
CALL THE 24/7 MODERN SLAVERY HELPLINE ON

08000 121 700

WORKING TOWARDS
A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY



Contacting the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Along with the office I am currently working remotely. This means that face to face meetings at the office and elsewhere will not be taking place and we are not able to deal with correspondence posted through our letter box, either in person or by Royal Mail.

However, you can still get in touch by email contact@westyorkshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk and telephone 01924 294000 in the usual manner.
