

PCC/OPCC Update Bulletin

A message from Mark – Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I know a great deal of people have been affected by the additional Government restrictions applied to parts of West Yorkshire in the Bradford, Calderdale and Kirklees districts over this last week.



The announcement was made at short notice and late at night, and it's fair to say did cause some confusion and difficulties in terms of timing and messaging, but nevertheless, and importantly, we must continue do all we can to protect each other and stop the further spread of Covid-19 virus.

That being said I do not underestimate the impact the changes have had, and will have, on people's lives and livelihoods. I really feel for everyone affected by these changes and hope that everyone is managing ok as I know many of you will be directly affected. It is my hope that through us all pulling together to fight this virus and doing the right thing the new restrictions can be lifted as soon as possible when safe to do so. West Yorkshire Police will continue to play their role engaging and working with communities throughout.

Further guidance on the current changes can be found on the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-west-of-england-local-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>. Support is also available for anyone that needs it and I would recommend visiting my coronavirus support pages on my website to look through the options <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

The last few weeks have seen some important pieces of work coming to fruition including the launch of a [dash cam submissions portal](#) by West Yorkshire Police, which is particularly pertinent given this month is [National Road Victim Month](#).

We also managed to successfully coordinate a West Yorkshire bid to secure over £700,000 of Safer Streets funding, more on that below. Many thanks to everyone within the Office of PCC who helped achieve this outcome working

with West Yorkshire Police and our local government partners which will make a big difference to those areas.

Nationally we also saw those responsible for Thames Valley PC Andrew Harper's death convicted and sentenced. This was very clearly an immensely tragic and upsetting incident, my heart truly goes out to PC Harper's widow, loved ones and colleagues. I have seen that the sentences are going to be reviewed and I will be following those developments closely as they could have far wider implications for policing as a whole.

This awful incident serves as a stark reminder of the type of situations officers and staff face on a daily basis and the huge gratitude we owe them for putting themselves in harm's way on our behalf.

The 30th July was World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, something I take particular interest in being the national PCC lead on tackling human trafficking and modern slavery. I marked the day with an "ask" of our communities, and that was that they familiarise themselves with the signs and indicators of these crimes and report any suspicion's to the Modern Slavery Helpline. We have taken a very pro-active approach here in West Yorkshire which I believe is the right thing to do in helping to root out what are terrible human rights abuses.

Modern Slavery Helpline - 08000 121 700 or visit <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org>. A full list of the signs can be found on their website too.

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

08000 121 700

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A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY



My bulletin will now be reverting back to being issued monthly instead of every two weeks. I hope you continue to find it useful and if you would like more regular updates please do check my website and follow us on social media, details of which are at the bottom of the bulletin.

In the meantime please enjoy the last few weeks of Summer.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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

Safer Roads Media Submissions Portal Launched



West Yorkshire Police have launched a new system where the force will receive dash cam footage and other forms of digital media from members of the public of where a suspected offence relating to road safety has taken place.

For some time I have been working with the Force to help bring about this important change and to capitalise upon the technology now available to offer this capability which I really welcome.

Over the years, I have heard first hand from communities, partners and local campaign groups, about the importance of road safety and this has always been reflected as a key priority within my Police and Crime Plan.

I will be closely monitoring the progress of the new system with interest and how we can take full advantage of all its benefits in due course.

You can submit dash cam footage here

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/SaferRoadsSubmissions>

Safer Streets Funding success with over £700,000 for areas of Leeds and Bradford

£709,311 in funding has been successfully secured for projects in Bradford and Leeds to reduce burglary.

I worked closely with West Yorkshire Police, Safer Leeds Partnership, Bradford Community Safety Partnership, and social housing providers on detailed bids to access targeted resources from the Home Office's "Safer Streets Fund".

The fund, a national scheme to particularly help reduce burglary, vehicle crime and other theft based crimes in harder hit residential areas, will provide targeted crime prevention initiatives through designing out burglary opportunities in 2 areas disproportionately affected by this offence in West Yorkshire.

Fagley in Bradford (£549,375), and Gledhow in Leeds (£159,936) will share the funding for these initiatives, which include improving the physical security of homes, erecting fencing, providing crime prevention awareness raising sessions, and installing new street lighting.

This money will now be used to make a very real and long term difference in these 2 areas, the results of which I will be monitoring closely as the work will need to be undertaken fairly quickly due to the funding conditions attached.

Milestone reached in response to knife crime and serious violence

More than 3000 arrests have now been made by a West Yorkshire Police dedicated operation created specifically to cut knife crime and serious violence in West Yorkshire.

Operation Jemlock was launched in April 2019 in response to rising violence and knife crime.

During the previous 15 months, officers working on the operation have:

- Removed 246 knives and other weapons from the streets.
- Submitted 5,244 pieces of intelligence to help target their enforcement activity.

As a result;

- Knife crime has been reduced by 12.4%
- Robbery has been reduced by 20%

The latest milestone represents the fact that this type of activity will not be tolerated here and that together, we are dedicated to bringing the perpetrators of violence to justice and I congratulate the team for their proactive approach in achieving impressive outcomes to make our communities safer places.

Coupled with the launch of the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) earlier this year, we are making significant strides on a partnership level to educate, inform and prevent longer term harm within our communities.

Police Constable Degree Apprentice recruitment open!



Recruitment for Police Constable Degree Apprentices has opened for budding officers to join West Yorkshire Police.

This is a really great opportunity for people of all different backgrounds to pursue a varied role within policing, while being trained and supported to gain a professional qualification at the same time. If you're looking for a job that makes a real difference to people's lives, that you can take pride in and be challenged by, then I would encourage you to apply as we continue to help re-build policing in West Yorkshire.

To find out more about becoming a Police Officer, visit the West Yorkshire Police website <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/jobs-volunteer/police-officers/police-officers>

Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021

My Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021 has been refreshed to reflect my current commissioning approach and future requirements.

This Commissioning Strategy sets out the principles and framework that will be used in West Yorkshire to commission services. These documents and processes will ensure that all commissioning decisions will be undertaken openly and transparently, and are supported by evidence.

To view the Strategy visit: https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/strategy_18-21_-_second_edition_july_2020.docx.pdf

The Probation Dynamic Commissioning Framework (DCF)

The Ministry of Justice is reforming probation and will make changes to the probation system. The Dynamic Framework will enable the delivery interventions that meet rehabilitative needs not met by Accredited Programmes, treatment requirements, or Structured Interventions delivered by Probation Delivery Partners.

Under the Dynamic Framework, potential providers will qualify for the Framework by need area, specifying in what geographies they can deliver.

The Probation Dynamic Framework applications will take place on the Ministry of Justice eSourcing Portal. The portal is a web-based platform where suppliers and/or applicants can register and complete a response to eSourcing events such as Pre-Qualification Questionnaires, Invitations to Tender and in this case the Probation Dynamic Framework application process.

For more information please visit our website - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/commissioning/probation-dynamic-commissioning-framework-dcf>

NHS and Government Coronavirus 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>

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.

- **National Road Victim Month** (released 3rd August) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/national-road-victim-month>
- **West Yorkshire PCC marks World Day against Trafficking in Persons** (released 30th July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/west-yorkshire-pcc-marks-world-day-against-trafficking-persons>
- **Safer Streets Funding success with over £700,000 for areas of Leeds and Bradford** (released 29th July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/safer-streets-funding-success-with-over-ps700000-areas-leeds-and-bradford>
- **West Yorkshire Police Launch Safer Roads Media Submissions Portal** (released 28th July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/west-yorkshire-police-launch-safer-roads-media-submissions-portal>
- **West Yorkshire PCC backs report highlighting plight of adult victims of criminal exploitation** (released 23rd July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/west-yorkshire-pcc-backs-report-highlighting-plight-adult-victims-criminal-exploitation>
- **West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner responds to Government review of PCC's role in England & Wales** (released 22nd July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/west-yorkshires-police-and-crime-commissioner-responds-government-review-pccs-role-england-wales>
- **Milestone reached in response to knife crime and serious violence** (released 21st July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/milestone-reached-response-knife-crime-and-serious-violence>

- **Educational Op Tackles Modern Day Slavery** (released 21st July) - <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/educational-op-tackles-modern-day-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.

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