



Welcome to the June edition of my monthly newsletter in which I highlight some of the work taking place to enhance our response to crime in Cambridgeshire.

This month we bring you news about our recent collaboration progress which sees the alignment of the Human Resources and Learning & Development functions between the Force and our strategic partners - Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary.

While our focus in this area is predominantly governed by the financial challenges we all face, it is nonetheless aimed at improving our overall effectiveness in police management facilities and ensuring we are continuing to provide local taxpayers with value for money services. Collaboration is about making the police service stronger - even though it is becoming leaner.

It is natural for people to react to joint services with scepticism but we already have an excellent track record of resource-sharing which has improved our resilience. The public want frontline services protected and pooling our support resources in this way is already freeing up vital funds to safeguard local policing. These changes are to be embraced and will ensure we can continue to deliver the response the public deserves.

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter, you will find information about our Summer Drink Drive Campaign and the progress being made in enhancing the response to victims of crime including the launch of a new domestic violence website and the re-launch of the Witness Service by Citizens Advice. There are also opportunities to contribute feedback in two national surveys on page 4 of this newsletter.

Sir Graham Bright
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner



Collaboration Progress

In the face of ongoing austerity, it is more important than ever that every penny counts. The Strategic Alliance between Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary has already delivered savings which has enabled the Constabulary to meet the funding challenge while also streamlining operational policing resources. This work is to be strengthened following the recent agreement to progress collaboration of the Human Resources and Learning & Development functions.



This project, which has involved months of careful planning, is forecast to save around £4.3m which will help to meet the £61.1m deficit that the three forces are currently facing between now and 2019-20.

Collaboration of Human Resources and Learning & Development will be on a phased basis with the first phase being to appoint a single Senior Team by July 2015.

The move, which will ensure that the three forces are able to effectively support the complex business of policing, follows an earlier decision to collaborate the Force's Firearms and Explosives Licensing Teams to further reduce the impact of

budget cuts. Under the plans, the collaborated unit will continue to operate from locations in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire and is expected to save at least £224,000.

[Find out more here](#)

Summer Drink Drive Campaign

As summer socialising gets underway, police in Cambridgeshire are urging motorists not to get behind the wheel after drinking – warning that any amount of alcohol can affect their ability to drive.

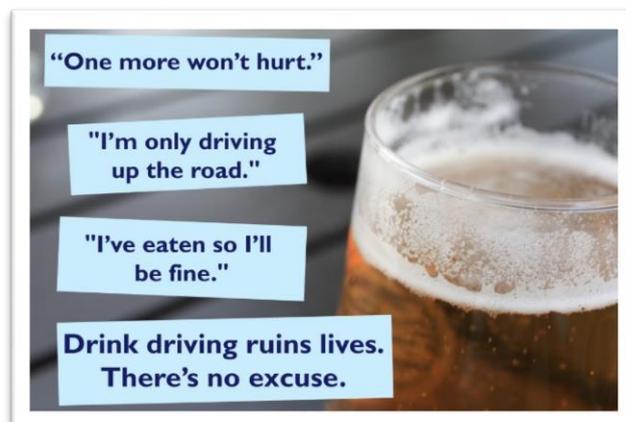
Throughout June, officers from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit will be conducting an increased number of checks to ensure drivers are not breaking drink drive laws. Anyone caught flouting the law will face a minimum 12-month driving ban and a fine of up to £5,000.

The enforcement is part of a month-long THINK! campaign to reduce fatalities and serious injury accidents through drink driving. Police are reminding people who attend early morning events or activities at the weekend to ensure any alcohol they have consumed the night before has left their system.

In the first three months of 2015, 156 people were caught drink driving in the county. More than a third of those arrested were under the age of 30.

Anyone with information on a drink driver should call the confidential reporting line on 0800 032 0845 (Cambridgeshire) or 01707 354 111 (Hertfordshire).

[Find out more here](#)



New Domestic Violence Website Launched

A new website has launched providing victims of domestic violence with advice and support to reduce their future risk of harm.



The website has been created by the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership – an organisation bringing together key agencies in Cambridgeshire who share a goal

to reduce the harm, risks and costs associated with domestic abuse and sexual violence and to advocate prevention strategies.

Victims of domestic abuse can find information and advice showing them how to access local services. The website is also an information tool for professionals providing details of training sessions, best practice and downloadable resources. A new domestic abuse basic awareness e-learning module is due to be launched on the site which will be accessible by all partner organisations.

[Access the website here](#)

Witness Service

Supporting victims and witnesses of crime is top of the agenda in Cambridgeshire and with the launch of the Victims' Hub vulnerable people at risk of harm are already receiving enhanced help to aid their recovery.

A victim's or witness's journey through the criminal justice system is often very intimidating – especially when it comes to court and giving evidence. However, there is specialist advice and support available which aims to assist every witness through this anxious process. From April 1, Citizens Advice took on responsibility for the Witness Service, offering practical advice and emotional support to witnesses and their families when called to give evidence during criminal trials across England and Wales.

This service greets and directs witnesses, explains court procedures, shares progress on cases and offers bespoke support to young witnesses and anyone at risk.

citizens
advice

[Access the website here](#)

Independent Member Sought for the Police and Crime Panel

The Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel is looking for a committed and energetic person from Cambridgeshire to help oversee and scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

[Find out more here](#)

National Volunteers' Week

A multitude of individuals and organisations work together to keep Cambridgeshire safe in addition to police officers and civilian police staff. This month, Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright publicly recognised the county's army of police volunteers who give their time freely to help make a difference to their local communities.



Sir Graham praised the efforts of Volunteer Police Cadet Leaders, Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) and the volunteers who staff the county's Victims' Hub for caring enough to forsake their leisure time to help carve positive futures for vulnerable people whether young people at risk of harm, victims of crime or detainees in police custody. He also recognised the valuable contribution provided by Special Constables, Police Support Volunteers and all those involved in Watch Schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch.

He was speaking as the nation celebrated Volunteers' Week (June 1-7) with the aim of publicising the work of the UK's millions of volunteers. The event, which is organised by voluntary sector champions NCVO, was also designed to showcase the various volunteering roles available for the public to get involved in and provide specific taster sessions as well as recruit new faces.

Commenting on Volunteers' Week, Sir Graham said: "We must not underestimate the value of all our police volunteers whichever role they have taken on. Their professionalism is helping to maintain standards for the public and divert vulnerable people away from a life of crime."

[Find out more here](#)

Operation Erle Prosecutions

Identifying vulnerable young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation is a key priority within Cambridgeshire. The Constabulary's Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) team is working hard to help victims escape the cycle of abuse and supporting their recovery while robustly pursuing offenders of this abhorrent crime.

A joint proactive investigation between Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Peterborough City Council's children's services and the NSPCC called Operation Erle recently culminated in the conviction of Mohammed Khubaib, who was jailed for 13 years for trafficking young girls for sex in Peterborough.

Khubaib was convicted of 10 counts of trafficking for sexual exploitation and one charge of rape. He would befriend young girls, who were aged between 12 and 16 at the time, and drive them around the city, buying them McDonalds and giving them alcohol before taking them to his properties.



The girls were traced after being identified as being at risk of exploitation through an information trawl which included auditing case files and interviewing relevant professionals conducted by police and Peterborough City Council which started in October 2012.

He is the tenth person to be convicted under Operation Erle, which launched in January 2013. It now brings the total sentences passed by judges in the inquiry to 114 years and nine months.

The sexual exploitation of young people cannot, and will not, be tolerated in our society. If you have information relating to such activities then please, do not turn a blind eye, phone 101 now.



Useful Links:

Cambridgeshire Police

www.cambs.police.uk

**Cambridgeshire
Neighbourhood Watch**

www.cambsnhw.org.uk

**Peterborough
Neighbourhood Watch**

www.peterboroughnhw.co.uk

Police UK

www.police.uk

**Cambridgeshire
Countryside
Watch**

www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk

**e-cops Cambridgeshire
Constabulary**

www.ecops.org.uk

Crimestoppers UK

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

**Government Services
Website**

www.gov.uk

**National Fraud and Cyber
Crime Reporting Centre**

www.cambs.police.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Surgeries / Contact Points

Details about local surgeries, Police Contact Points and other events where Sir Graham Bright or his representatives will be present are regularly updated and listed on the Cambridgeshire PCC website. Click the link below for details:

[Find out more here](#)

Rural Crime Survey

A new national rural crime survey is underway which will bring unprecedented attention to the plight of rural residents and businesses in the face of crime.

The survey, which will be the largest ever to be undertaken on rural crime issues, is being led by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) – an organisation Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright recently joined.

Click the link below to give us your views on policing and crime and help us protect rural areas.

[Complete the survey here](#)

Victims' Commissioner's Survey

Baroness Newlove, the Victims' Commissioner is seeking victim experiences about Victim Personal Statements (VPS) to inform her review into the VPS which will be published in the Autumn.

[Find out more here](#)

MAKING CONTACT:

I know that it is important that you can keep up to date with what my Deputy, my team and I are doing. I am here to represent the public ensuring the voice of the people is heard and that the police are accountable to the public.

I pledged to be the voice of the people. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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