

NORTHUMBRIA
**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

violence
reduction
unit

Improving lives to prevent crime

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NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO MY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this month's newsletter. This one's a little bit different. As well as updating you on what's been happening, I need your help. I need you, the people of Northumbria, to get your thinking caps on about the policing issues that matter the most to you and your family.

I then need you to spare just a couple of minutes of your time to share your views with me by taking my 'Fighting Crime, Preventing Crime' survey.

To help me understand more about the policing and community needs of your area, I'd be grateful if you could:

1. Complete the survey online - <http://bit.ly/PCPCon2020>
2. Share this newsletter and encourage friends, neighbours, family and colleagues to complete the survey too. (This bit is really important as I want lots of people to have their say!)

So, whether it's cutting down anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood, reducing violence in our region, getting more police on our streets creating a better future for our young people -this is the time to make it happen.

This consultation runs until the end of November. As well as this online survey, I'll be touring our region, collecting views. In January I'll come back to you for your thoughts on a draft Police and Crime Plan that I hope will ensure our region remains one of the safest in the UK.

Thank you for your continued support in helping me fight crime, prevent crime and improve lives in Northumbria.



Kim McGuinness
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner



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FAQS

WHAT DOES A PCC DO?

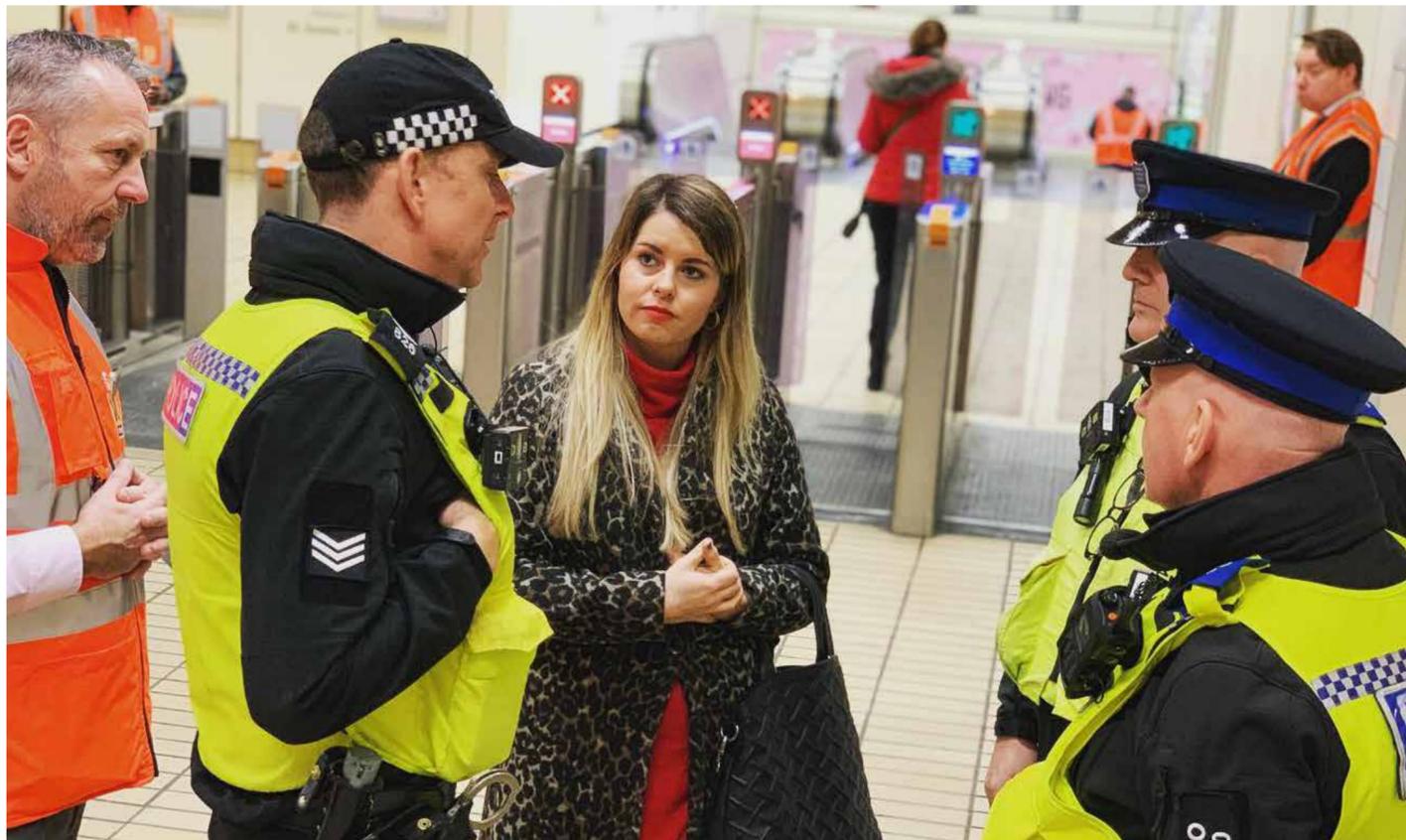
I am your elected official. I am the voice of the people and I hold the force to account for delivering your priorities. The aim of my role is to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service.

WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN?

The plan is about putting your views and priorities into action. It sets out what the force needs to focus on to meet the policing needs of our local communities.

HOW DO I FILL IN THE SURVEY?

You can click on this link to complete the survey. Should you have any difficulties please contact my office via email enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk



COMPLETE THE SURVEY NOW

Fighting Crime, Preventing Crime

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10 years of spending cuts saw Northumbria Police lose £140M, with a budget reduction of 30 per cent and 1,100 fewer officers, we need to keep building our force back up again.

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Covid-19 has presented us with many new challenges. As we enter a recession and pressures mount, crime could rise again. We need to be ready for that and we need to fight it.

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Takes only 3 mins, Just 6 questions

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My Priorities Since Being Elected in July 2019

1 Fighting Crime: Officer recruitment

I've been determined to get officers out on the streets, fighting crime, keeping everyone safe and reflecting the communities we serve. As a result of this, the force's latest recruitment drive has seen more than 200 officers hired since lockdown, 133 more than the Government's uplift target.

2 Preventing Crime: Establishing a Violence Reduction Unit

The aim of the unit is to improve lives and prevent crime. It's already helped towards an 18 per cent reduction in knife crime in the area.

3 Improving Lives: Supporting victims and communities

I've set up a Coronavirus Response Fund to get more than £300,000 of crucial funding out to local organisations supporting victims and communities struggling in the Covid-19 pandemic.



IN OTHER NEWS...



OPERATION HERMES

At the end of last month I joined Northumbria Police Officers, Tyne and Wear Metro and youth workers from South Tyneside Council for Operation Hermes.

This is all about making sure travel on the metro is safe, tackling antisocial behaviour and reminding people about travelling safely in light of Covid.

The metro is a big part of our lives in our area and it's incredibly important we all feel comfortable in doing so. Antisocial behaviour or anything putting other travellers at risk won't be tolerated. Thank you to everyone involved in this really successful operation.



ATTACKS ON EMERGENCY WORKERS MUST STOP

Nobody goes to work to get assaulted but it happens far too often for emergency workers that's why I teamed up with Crime Stoppers this month offering a reward to anyone with information linked to attacks on our frontline workers.

After months of campaigning for tougher sentences I also welcomed plans to extend maximum jail terms for attacks on emergency service workers to two years. I know so many people who would want and expect the sentence lengths to go much further than this though – they'll be disappointed by the Government's announcement today, but it's a start. I want to see better protection and support for our emergency workers.



VRU FUNDING TO KEEP CRIME FALLING

Young people have been telling us that they need some extra support so we want to make sure we are there to help them.

That's why last month, through my VRU we have allocated a further £135,000 to organisations to tackle the financial challenges arising from Covid-19 in order to help and support vulnerable children. This brings the total amount of funding we've provided during the Coronavirus pandemic, to over £1 million.

To ensure the funding is supporting the most vulnerable and in need areas, we consulted with 14 to 25 year olds during lockdown to understand the challenges faced during this period and what support may be required as they return to education and other settings in September. We know that young people have been more vulnerable than ever due to recent challenges, and we cannot let that materialise and lead to criminality. We want crime to keep falling. This funding will allow charities to deliver positive diversionary activities and help guide young people and help them make positive life choices.

SARA PROJECT LAUNCH

Earlier this month I was invited to the launch of the Sara Project in Southwick – a project de-signed to help reconnect the community in Southwick, support local residents and build better relationships with the fantastic services available.

The team supported by a range of partners including Northumbria Police, Sunderland City Council and my Violence Reduction Unit, will help local people with a range of needs - from supporting victims of crime to providing education in schools to help young people make better life choices.

We have proven in other communities across the region how impactful place based interventions can be, and I'm confident this will have the same results.



Let's Talk...

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Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit

I now have a dedicated Facebook page on the work of my Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit – you can like it here - [@NorthumbriaVRU](#)