



## A WELCOME FROM THE PCC...

Since my last newsletter, my Violence Reduction Unit, with your support, is continuing to deliver fantastic results in line with my Police and Crime Plan.

Following a recent refresh and relaunch of the Response Strategy, the focus of my Violence Reduction Unit in year 3 will be...

- to tackle issues of violence and vulnerability by providing interventions in areas of most need.
- to continue community-based interventions involving individuals with lived experience.
- to further engage with young people to divert them from offending and reduce the risk of being drawn into crime.

This last year has been difficult for so many of us, yet we have been creative in adapting our approach and have made significant progress in our region. I would like to thank you for your part in this and I am looking forward to seeing more of your great work in action.

**Kim McGuinness, Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner**

## WHAT WE DELIVERED IN YEAR 2...

**22 COMMISSIONED SERVICES**

**10 CO-COMMISSIONED INTERVENTIONS**

**REDUCTION IN YOUNG PEOPLE COMING TO THE ATTENTION OF POLICE ACHIEVED BY YOLO PROJECT 87%**

**1374 RESPONDENTS TO OUR YOUTH SURVEY**

**YOUNG PEOPLE EDUCATED BY OUR VIOLENCE REDUCTION LIAISON OFFICERS 8869**

**556 KNIFE CRIME AND DOMESTIC ABUSE SESSIONS**

**WOMEN HAVE RECEIVED A CONDITIONAL CAUTION THROUGH THE WOMEN'S PATHWAY 366**

**3 COMMUNITY HUBS**

**PEOPLE ENGAGED, 75 OF THOSE BEING YOUNG PEOPLE, VIA OUR COMMUNITY HUBS 240**

**2ND VERSION OF OUR INSIGHT REPORT**



## The Education Team

Our Violence Reduction Liaison Officers deliver educational sessions in schools and other settings such as youth groups. Their sessions cover prevention and awareness of knife crime, county lines, malicious communications and child exploitation.

To book a session, email [vru@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:vru@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

# 13,458

## YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN VRU EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

## Knife Crime Training for Practitioners

Our Education Team have worked with **463** professionals to increase their awareness of knife crime, and the role they can play in preventing crime.

By increasing the number of people who know what to look out for, we can support more young people before they are exploited or get involved in crime.

To book a session, email [vru@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:vru@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)



## A National Conference on Project Based Learning

We are hosting a National conference on Project Based Learning, an approach which stimulates curiosity and creativity as students learn to engage with a relevant and real-world challenge.

A recent pilot in a Pupil Referral Unit has demonstrated the students' and teachers enthusiasm for this approach to explore authentic violence-related themes which affect children's daily lives.

The conference will be delivered on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 5th October. Please [click here](#) to register your place.

For further information please email [vru@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:vru@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

**INVESTMENTS IN THE VRU & POLICE SURGE FUND SHOW SAVINGS OF**

# £7.5 MILLION PER YEAR

**TO THE PUBLIC PURSE, WIDER CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM & NHS**

## Dedicated employment support for ex-offenders

Employment upon an individual's release is one of the biggest contributors in reducing re-offending as it provides much needed stability and keeps them from returning to familiar paths of criminality.

With Government data showing nearly half of prison leavers re-offend, Newcastle based The Recruitment Junction, will work alongside the Violence Reduction Unit, with an aim to provide support for up to 150 individuals in the first year, with the expectation that 50% will secure employment in that period.

Watch the video [here](#) for more about this work.



## Vulnerability Training for Night Time Economy Staff:

This online training course will provide staff with knowledge of vulnerability, increase the understanding of their responsibilities and duty of care to vulnerable people and provide information on actions that must be taken to reduce identified risk.

Please click on either of the dates below to book your place:

Monday 27th September  
2pm to 4pm

Monday 8th November  
2pm to 4pm

## Become a Domestic Abuse Ambassador

If you live in Northumberland, Newcastle or North Tyneside, you could be trained to help someone you know who may be suffering from domestic abuse and how best to support them.

Those who have already taken part in the Ask Me training programme, feel they have a better understanding of domestic abuse and now have the skills and abilities to respond to someone sharing their story.

Look out for the team on the Northumbria Police community van or for more information email [askme@wwin.org.uk](mailto:askme@wwin.org.uk)





## Delivering Teachable Moments

A 'teachable moment' is a point at which an individual will be more accepting to the offer of support. Therefore, we are working in partnership with Northumbria Police, Edge North East and Family Gateway to reach young people through this innovative intervention.

The service aims to intervene and prevent young people from becoming further involved in serious violence by treating the point a young person comes into custody as a teachable moment.

Please visit our [website](#) to read more about this work.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are delighted to announce 11 job opportunities have arisen with Family Gateway and EDGE North East as part of the Teachable Moments Interventions Service.

The roles will provide an exciting and unique opportunity to support some of the most vulnerable young people in our area by delivering teachable moments interventions in police custody across Northumbria.

The following roles are available:

- 1 Team Leader
- 1 Data & Admin Officer
- 9 Community & Custody Workers

For more information please visit [www.edgenortheast.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.edgenortheast.co.uk/vacancies)



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