



Northamptonshire PFCC

March 2019 Newsletter

Better support for victims

Victims of crime and witnesses to crime in Northamptonshire are receiving help more quickly than ever, thanks to Voice, the free, confidential support service.

And now all victims of crime, with a very limited number of exceptions, will be automatically referred for a speedy offer of specialist help.

Voice is a free, confidential support service for anyone affected by crime in Northamptonshire. Voice services are available to anyone, whether a crime has been reported to police or not and regardless of when or where it happened.

Voice offers emotional support and practical assistance to victims and witnesses who live in Northamptonshire.



The most recent figures show that Voice received 2908 referrals between October and December 2018, the vast majority of whom were contacted and offered help within 24 hours.

After contact with Voice, more than 80% of people said that they felt safer and better able to cope with their experience.

Until now, police officers had to remember to ask victims if they wanted support and victims needed to consent for their details to be passed on.

Under new arrangements however, details of nearly all victims of crime will automatically be sent to Voice, whose experienced support workers will quickly get in touch.

This means that more people will be offered the opportunity of specialist help after a crime.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "One of my first acts as Commissioner was to set up Voice so that we could say we are truly doing the best we can for victims of crime. I am pleased so say that Voice has gone from strength to strength and we are now helping more people, more quickly than ever and reducing the impact that their experience has on their lives."



Contact the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:

Call: 01604 888113 Email: commissioner@northantspfcc.pnn.gov.uk

Write: East House, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Firefighters' kit change is first for 15 years

Firefighters in Northamptonshire are receiving the first major change in their kit for 15 years.

Firefighters are saying goodbye to their old, dark blue kits - which first came into service in 2004 - and will now don lightweight gold PPE (personal protective equipment). The new kit is a lighter, modern design aimed at protecting firefighters from heat penetration, as well as maximising their freedom of movement when carrying out rescue duties.

The kit, including fire boots, structural firefighting coats, over trousers, gloves and fire hoods, includes an outershell fabric, a moisture barrier and thermal lining, designed to keep the heat of a fire from penetrating through the suit.



A lighter colour, with reflective strips, one of the benefits is that signs of dirt such as soot or other contamination can be spotted much more quickly, and the kit is more flexible for use in all their duties.

Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, said: "This new kit marks a significant investment and equips firefighters with the next generation of comfortable and effective equipment."

Rural Crime Barn Events

These free barn events will be an opportunity for farmers and landowners to come along to see how rural crime is tackled, and how they can help in the prevention and detection of rural crime.

Monday 25 March
6pm for 6.30-9pm
Wellingborough Old
Grammarians
Sywell Road
Wellingborough
NN8 6BS

Register for this event at
www.bit.ly/RCBEWboro

Exhibitors will be displaying new and innovative crime prevention products and there will be ample opportunity to network with police and local authority officers, as well as other members of the local farming community.

Refreshments provided

Wednesday 27 March
6pm for 6.30-9pm
Cold Ashby Golf Club
Stanford Road
Cold Ashby
NN6 6EP

Register for this event at
www.bit.ly/RCBEColdAshby

Two more rural crime events for farmers and landowners are being held at the end of March, to give information about rural crime is tackled and how they can help in the prevention and detection of rural crime.

The events are being held at Wellingborough Old Grammarians on Monday 25 March and Cold Ashby Golf Club on Wednesday 27 March.

Alongside presentations from Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue and local authority officers, exhibitors will be displaying effective crime prevention products.

The events are listed on Eventbrite and tickets must be booked or look out for more information at www.northantspfcc.org.uk or via Neighbourhood Alert

Come and join our Youth Commission

Northamptonshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold is setting up a youth commission to involve young people in decisions about policing, the fire service and criminal justice in Northamptonshire.

Young people aged between 14 and 19 - or 24 if they have additional needs - are invited to join the Commission, where they can make sure young voices are heard by decision-makers.

This is an important role, as it will help the Commissioner to understand the needs of local young people and to make better informed decisions.

The Commission will have 30 members who will be able to lead discussions and to develop and run campaigns that will inform and engage other young people on issues that are important to them.

People who take part will need to be confident, commit to one session a month and keen to get involved and represent their peers. In return, they will be able to develop their skills, gain experience and have the opportunity to help shape important decisions.



BE THE CHANGE

Northamptonshire OPFCC Youth Commission

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "This is a great opportunity for some keen young people to get involved in the decision-making process, where they will really be able to influence the way things are done."

Recruitment runs until March 25. To apply, visit www.northantspcc.org.uk/northamptonshire-youth-commission/

New initiative to tackle gangs

An intervention programme that has seen huge reductions in gang violence in the US and Scotland is to be used in Northamptonshire.



Don't let this be the last thing you see.

Are you in a gang, in too deep, or worried about someone who is?

Call us any time of day or night
07539 183975

We can help
We're not here
to judge



www.aimonline.org.uk

The Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) is a multi-agency project designed to tackle violence by working with gang members to show them the consequences of the life they are choosing to lead and offer them an alternative pathway through interventions like mentoring, support and job opportunities.

Chief Inspector Daryl Lyon who leads CIRV, said: "CIRV has been hugely successful in Glasgow, Cincinnati and Boston and we are hoping to mirror that success here in Northamptonshire.

"This is not an easy way out for anyone and it requires a significant level of commitment and hard work - those engaged must commit to leaving drugs and violence behind."

You can find more information about the programme at www.aimonline.org.uk.

Internal fund supporting police initiatives

A new fund set up by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has already supported 12 community safety initiatives in communities across the county.

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold set-up his Supporting Communities Fund to help frontline police officers and staff from throughout the organisation to carry out small projects that will help make the public and the wider county of Northamptonshire safer.

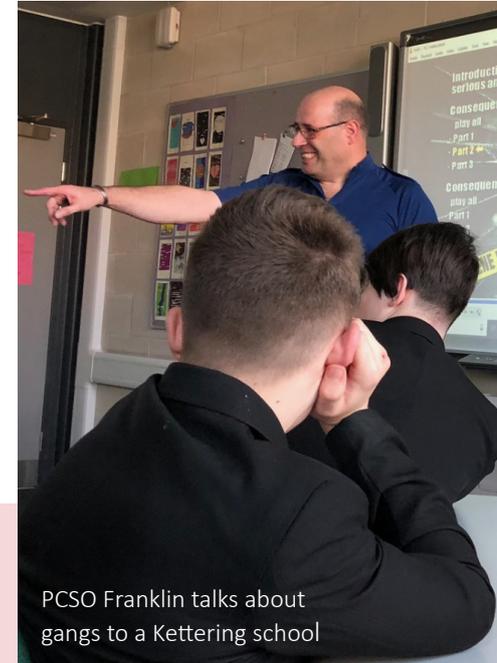
Since its launch in October, the fund has supported 12 schemes

with small grants totalling more than £9,000.

Schemes have received awards of between £250 and £1,000, on the basis that they must benefit the public and make Northamptonshire safer. The total available is £50,000 in the first 12 months and while this is small in comparison to the total Force budget of £130 million, the Commissioner's fund is available directly to police officers and staff to carry out visible initiatives in communities.

"This fund has enabled 12 small initiatives to get off the ground in just five months and there are

many more good ideas of all kinds in the pipeline. I'm enjoying going out to see what is being achieved and feel very privileged to be able to support these creative schemes."



PCSO Franklin talks about gangs to a Kettering school

The initiatives supported so far are:

- Kettering Neighbourhood Policing Team have run a programme engaging Year 10 pupils at schools in Kettering and Corby in thinking about the issue of gangs and drugs
- Northampton Neighbourhood Team are running a short-term project to provide indoor activities for young people in St David's during the winter
- Wellingborough Neighbourhood Policing Team bought materials to support a day of action tackling anti-social behaviour
- Kettering Neighbourhood Policing Team are repurposing a gazebo to use at a programme of high-profile engagement events
- Northampton Neighbourhood Policing Team are running a gardening project encouraging ownership and tackling isolation and fear at three residential blocks in Northampton town centre
- Northampton Neighbourhood Police Team are providing vulnerable communities with simple crime prevention tools to increase their feelings of security
- Emergency Services Cadets are running workshops aimed at giving our 130 emergency services cadets emotional resilience and mental toughness
- Northampton Neighbourhood Team are running a joint project with Briar Hill Youth Club, delivering education around knife crime, drug awareness, bullying and hate crime
- The Early Intervention Hub is running a boxing programme as a positive diversionary activity for young people
- Northampton Neighbourhood Team is running a youth event to show young people the variety of agencies there to support and help them
- The Early Intervention Hub is running a programme to raise self-esteem in young women aged 11-18
- Northampton Neighbourhood Team is organising a summer safety campaign, to help children aged 10 and above to stay safe in the summer months