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“The summer months can be quiet spell for my office as many people enjoy the summer break - including me!



“However many of you have been very busy knitting teddies for our Trauma Toys campaign. The campaign will collect soft toys to be given to children in distress who come into contact with Cleveland Police and victim support services.

“We need more teddies so keep knitting! All the details about where to donate can be found on my website.

“You can also play your part in helping agencies across Cleveland spot and tackle modern slavery.

“Cleveland Anti-Slavery Network, which I established earlier this year, is endorsing two free apps for the public to report concerns about modern slavery. I hope you will install them on your phones and help root out this barbaric practice.

“I have a selection of photographs featured in this newsletter from the range of events I have attended this summer.

“Thank you to all of you who came and met my team and I look forward to seeing many of you again soon.”

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Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

- ⇒ Commissioner's August Update
- ⇒ PCC responds to HMICFRS report on crime data integrity
- ⇒ PCCs raise concerns about new probation proposals
- ⇒ Anti-slavery network backs two apps to help locate the practice
- ⇒ Sky News visit the new Community Safety Hub
- ⇒ Over 300 trauma toys received since the launch of the campaign.
- ⇒ PCC visits summer events across Cleveland



'YOUR FORCE YOUR VOICE' MEETING SCHEDULE

Meet Your PCC

Your Force Your Voice represents the Commissioner's personal pledge to attend at least one community meeting in every Cleveland ward each year. Here is a list of upcoming meetings where you can meet and speak to Barry about local community safety:



- **Willow Residents Group**
Tuesday 4 September, 18:00, Willows Centre, Stockton-On-Tees
- **Crime and Community Safety Meeting**
Thursday 27 September, 18:30, North Hub, Hartlepool



PCC responds to HMICFRS report on crime data integrity

Barry Coppinger, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland said: “There are many positives in this report. Cleveland has been graded good in terms of culture and leadership and good in terms of the efficiency of our crime recording systems and Her Majesty’s Inspector makes clear his confidence in the leadership team at Cleveland.

“It is of major concern to me that in terms of recording reported crime Cleveland has been graded as inadequate. Of the 21 forces whose inspections have been released so far, over half have also been graded as inadequate in this category so clearly this is a national issue.

“HMICFRS has identified that for many forces across the country, including Cleveland, certain incidents are not being properly recorded as crimes. It’s very important that we get this right because it ensures victims will receive appropriate support from the moment they contact the police.

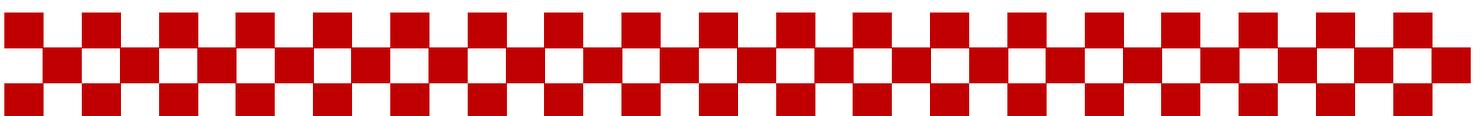
“This report relates to data relating up to

October 2017 and I have been assured that the changes HMICFRS called for have been progressed and that if an inspection were carried out today our grading would be different.

“The force accepts that work needed to be done to ensure officers and staff understood their responsibilities for crime recording. In particular, the major domestic abuse crimes being under recorded concerned Malicious Communications and Harassment.

“I am re-assured by the fact that Her Majesty’s Inspector Matt Parr states clearly in the conclusions to his report that he is confident that the force has the right team in place to respond to their recommendations and make changes for the better.

“I have put in place a programme of scrutiny to clearly understand the reasons why our crime recording was not as good as it should have been and to ensure changes take place in training and in practice to ensure there is no repeat.”





Probation reforms incomplete, expensive and not joined up say PCCs

The two police chiefs have come together to raise their concerns with the Ministry of Justice's new plans for probation services.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, and Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham, Ron Hogg, have released the below statement in response to the announcement made by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) this month regarding Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) contracts:

"We have known for a long time that the current probation model is flawed. Indeed we told Ministers it was flawed before it had even been introduced. The consultation document 'Strengthening probation, building confidence' makes it clear that we were right, and in a number of areas the quality of probation services being delivered is falling well short of what is needed, despite the hard work and dedication of staff working within the service.

"The inflexibility of the CRC contracts is having a negative impact on our ability to effectively

reduce offending and reoffending in our area or to provide opportunities for local innovation and partnership working.

"We now understand the Government are spending £500m extra to prop up a system that has been discredited by PCCs; by the all-party Justice Parliamentary Select Committee; and by the Independent Inspector of Probation.

"We are particularly disappointed that this announcement has been made two days after Parliament went into recess – meaning our local elected representatives are unable to hold Ministers to account for these proposals.

"The Government began its national reforms in 2015 by abolishing 35 Independent Probation Trusts - including our own high-performing Durham-Tees Valley. They then went on to create 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) across the country; only to scrap the contracts two years early to replace them with



10 new CRC contract areas, including one for the whole North East.

“To move to a North East-wide service will distance further local decision making for Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington, as well as limiting partnership working with voluntary organisations who don’t operate at a regional level.

“In our opinion, a complete overhaul of rehabilitative services is needed to improve outcomes for offenders across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington. Investment in Transforming Rehabilitation must be routed through PCCs, who could then commission services suitable for local needs.

“However, if the government are determined to press ahead with this inefficient model, we recommend the five following conditions:

“1) It must become mandatory for PCCs to sit on CRC boards, as representatives elected by the public to take responsibility for community safety and criminal justice.

“2) It must become mandatory for PCCs to access all CRC performance data, in order for them to use their scrutiny powers to

hold CRCs to account for their efficiency and effectiveness.

“3) CRCs must be compelled as a ‘responsible authority’ under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to ensure they continue to be key partners in working to reduce crime and disorder.

“4) PCCs should have the opportunity to bid for resources to fund a more partnership focused approach.

“5) There must be a requirement for CRCs to consult with PCCs about commissioning of services at a local level, in order to reduce duplication and increase effectiveness.

“We will continue to lobby at a local and national level for changes to the current model and a more effective wholesale reform of rehabilitation services for offenders across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington.

“In our response to the MoJ consultation, we will be putting forward reforms to their proposals to ensure our communities are better served by Transforming Rehabilitation.”

Are you a victim of crime or know someone who has been?

Free confidential support available:



0303 0401 099

Care, advice and support for victims of crime across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington.





Network backs apps to help people report modern slavery

Cleveland Anti-Slavery Network are promoting two free apps to help agencies locate areas where modern slavery may be taking place.

The multi-agency network responsible for tackling modern slavery in Cleveland has endorsed two free apps to help agencies identify where the practice is taking place.

Cleveland Anti-Slavery Network is getting behind the Safe Car Wash and the Unseen app, which both offer a convenient way for the public to report suspicious circumstances in confidence.

Safe Car Wash asks users a number of questions about the car wash they are using, including working conditions, staff dynamics and the cost of the wash.

If the answers indicate a strong likelihood of modern slavery, the users are advised to call the Modern Slavery Helpline and all data from the app is shared with the National Crime Agency and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority.

The Unseen app has a simple guide to recognising the signs of modern slavery and allows users to report concerns to help free more victims of slavery.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Copping, said: "I established Cleveland Anti-Slavery Network because there is a clear need for agencies across the area to come together to free people from the horrific world of modern slavery.

"These apps could play an important role in understanding how wide-spread the practice is – not only in Cleveland – but across the country."

More information about the Safe Car Wash app can be found here <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/safecarwash> and further information about the Unseen app can be found here <https://www.unseenuk.org/news/55>



Sky News visits the Community Safety Hub

The news broadcaster visited the new building as part of their One Day of Crime highlighting the demand on Cleveland Police.



Earlier this month Sky News broadcast their live breakfast news programme Sunrise from the Community Safety Hub.

The news broadcaster visited the new building as part of their One Day of Crime special and filmed live from Cleveland Police's Control Room.

Another camera crew was stationed with

officers on patrol, who responded to a number of incidents during the broadcast.

They focused their reporting on the large number of calls the force receives through the night and into the morning.

Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Copping was interviewed about how the force are dealing with the large cuts implemented by Government in the last eight years.

He said "It was wonderful to have Sky News with us to highlight the high numbers of 999 and 101 calls Cleveland Police receive on an average day.

"I was also able to raise the issue of police funding, which continues to be a problem for forces like Cleveland, who have difficult areas to police and fewer officers to do it with."

Trauma toys make their way onto the beat

Over 300 soft knitted toys have been donated to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner since the campaign was launched.

Trauma toys knitted and donated by generous Cleveland residents are now being used by Cleveland Police's officers.

Every neighbourhood team have now received a batch of the soft knitted toys, to be carried in police vehicles and used in the event of coming across a distressed child.

Over 300 toys have now been donated to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner since the campaign launched at the end of July.

Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Copping said: "The community response has been incredible to our Trauma Toys campaign and those who have donated can know that they have brought a smile to a child's face."



For information about how to donate, please visit the following link:

<https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Take-Part/Trauma-Teddies.aspx>





PCC attends summer events across Cleveland

PCC Barry Coppinger and his team have attended a range of events this summer to engage with the public about their policing priorities and to provide crime prevention advice.

Events during 2018 have included: Thorntree Festival of Fun, Stockton EID Fusion Festival, South Bank Carnival, Nagar Kirtan, the Cleveland Show, Middlesbrough Mela, Grangetown Festival, Coulby Newham Emergency Services Fun Day - with the Festival of Thift still to come in September.

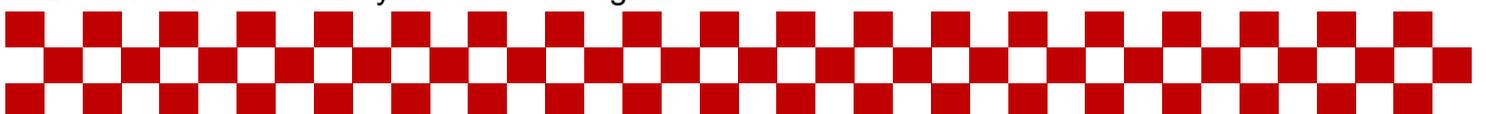
PCC Barry Coppinger said: "Summer is a great opportunity to engage with the diverse communities we have in Cleveland by attending their events.

"Thanks to everyone who visited our stalls this summer - we look forward to seeing you soon."



Top to bottom: PCC Barry Coppinger at Coulby Newham Emergency Services Fun Day, at Grangetown Festival and with partners at Middlesbrough Mela.

Left: At Outram Fun Day in Middlesbrough.





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