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“Spring always offers the chance for new opportunities and fresh starts.



“For many young people who are at risk of becoming offenders, crucial and early intervention is desperately needed. That’s why I’m so pleased that my investment in neighbourhood policing has funded four Early Intervention Co-Ordinators to make the first step in changing a child’s behaviour.

“I’ve been very encouraged by the positive feedback regarding their work and I wish them all the success in the future.

“There could be an exciting new opportunity for you this month too! We are looking for someone to provide café and catering facilities at the new Community Safety Hub.

“The successful contractor would offer hot and cold food for staff, officers and partners, as well as formal and informal event catering. I know there are some excellent people and businesses in the area who could make a real success of this opportunity.

“Finally, this month saw new Chief Constable Mike Veale take up his position in the Force. I look forward to working with him to address your policing concerns and priorities.”

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WHAT’S NEW THIS MONTH

- ⇒ Commissioner’s March update
- ⇒ Force praised for crime prevention
- ⇒ New centre to tackle serious and organised crime
- ⇒ Specialist workers to change children’s behaviour
- ⇒ PCC welcomes interest for café at new Hub
- ⇒ PCC and Force support CSE Awareness Day



‘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:



- **Stillington Parish Council**
Tuesday 3rd April, 19:00, Stillington Village Hall, Lawson Street
- **Saltburn Neighbourhood Action Partnership**
Wednesday 11th April, 18:00, Saltburn Library



Force praised for crime prevention work

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Policing has highlighted Cleveland Police as an example of best practice when it comes to neighbourhood policing and crime prevention work.

The force was given an overall "Good" grading for its effectiveness in preventing crime and protecting the public and in a national overview of its recent inspections of all 43 forces in England and Wales, the police watchdog singled out the force for praise.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, said: "I am delighted that Her Majesty's Inspectorate has chosen to highlight Cleveland Police in recognition of the investment made in neighbourhood policing and our intervention strategy within local schools and neighbourhoods to prevent future crime.

"The Force has faced an incredibly tough few years in which Government funding has been cut by one third and the number of officers available to the Chief Constable has been reduced by 500.

"It is, therefore, very pleasing that the independent watchdog, whilst acknowledging the strain Forces are operating under, has recognised the efforts made by Cleveland officers and staff of all ranks and has

concluded that overall the Force delivers a "good" service to the public.

"As well as our work in local communities, the Inspectorate also highlights the effective use of the PCC and Force websites, social media platforms and "pop-up" stalls to engage with the public and prevent crime.

"There are areas for improvement, particularly in our approach to protecting vulnerable people and supporting victims. HMICFRS recognises that financial cuts have made an impact in this area. I know work is already well underway and the Force is committed to making the changes required, as Commissioner I shall hold the force to account on this.

"It is pleasing that the Inspectorate notes the progress we have already made in these areas and that an issue flagged up in last year's report, concerning missing children, has been successfully addressed. That is clear evidence of the determination this organisation has to address issues and move on.

"I would call on anyone who has the best interests of Cleveland, the Force and the public it serves to read this report and the national overview in full and to acknowledge Cleveland is a good force."





New North East Regional Crime Prevention Centre tackles serious crime

A number of regional and criminal justice agencies will be located in the new building, opened this month by the region's three PCCs.

National and regional crime specialists are working closely together to tackle serious and organised crime, in a brand new facility which opened this month.

The North East Regional Crime Prevention Centre is home to a number of organisations which tackle organised crime, including the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the North East Regional Special Operations Unit (NERSOU). Working together, they provide significant capacity to share intelligence and join-up their activities to address crimes such as child sexual exploitation, human trafficking, modern day slavery, drug-related crimes, cyber-crime and fraud.

Speaking at the launch of the Centre, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, said: "Some threats and risks to our safety can only be dealt with by drawing together the best resources and expertise available, both regionally and nationally.

"I'm confident this new centre will become a leading example of collaborative working to

tackle some of the region's most serious crimes and is another welcome addition to the 70-plus collaboration agreements already taking place between services in the North East.

"We welcome the opportunity to engage closely with other criminal justice agencies to offer the public a more joined-up and cost-effective service."

Dame Vera Baird, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria, said "NERSOU has been at the forefront of addressing some of the region's most harmful crime since its foundation. This is an exciting step forward for Northumbria and one that will allow us to bring even greater focus on protecting the most vulnerable in our communities."

Durham's Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg, added "Our police forces now have a unique opportunity to work together with the NCA to share intelligence and jointly tackle cross-regional issues such as child sexual exploitation and cybercrime, for which vulnerable people are often the targets."





Specialist staff to change children's behaviour

Early Intervention Co-Ordinators, funded by the PCC, are delivering courses to improve the behaviour of troubled children.

Three qualified teachers and a criminology graduate with youth work experience have joined Cleveland Police to deliver innovative courses which aim to change children's behaviour for the better.

For around 9 months now, the Early Intervention Coordinators (EICs), funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, have been working closely with neighbourhood police teams and schools across the Force area.

Their aim is to use "interventions" to support children at risk of offending and those with wider behavioural problems

There are three early interventions on offer: 'Let's Get Along' for children who are violent to family members; 'Respecting our communities' to tackle antisocial behaviour and 'Understanding others' to target Hate Crime and prejudice.

The EICs use their teaching background to coach young people into developing strategies to avoid negative behaviour and to understand consequences.

Police officers can refer young people to the EICs, as can schools (with parental consent) and social workers.

The EICs also search police logs to find jobs where they may be able to assist, such as instances of missing people or antisocial behaviour.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, said: "My commitment to neighbourhood policing is at the heart of my Police and Crime Plan and these important roles were one of 22 new specialist positions funded by my additional £1.5m investment.

"Early intervention is key to diverting young people away from engaging in antisocial or offending behaviour and I'm delighted to hear about the positive change these roles are already making on young people and their families in Cleveland."

The mother of a 10-year-old child who completed one of the interventions wrote to the Force to say 'We have been brought closer as a family and for that I am eternally grateful.'





PCC welcomes interest for café at the Community Safety Hub

The PCC would like to hear from local people and businesses who would be able to provide lunch and catering services for the new building.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, is keen to hear from enthusiastic people or existing local businesses who may be interested in an opportunity to provide a catering service at the new Community Safety Hub.

The successful contractor would be expected to provide hot and cold food and snacks such as cakes, jacket potatoes, soups and sandwiches to staff, partners, visitors and members of the public and will be required to cater for formal and informal functions as and when required, including buffet catering, working lunches and tea and coffee.

The Community Safety Hub, based in Hemlington in Middlesbrough, is expected to welcome the first phase of staff into the building in early July, with remaining staff moving in a phased approach throughout July and August.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, said: "This is a real opportunity

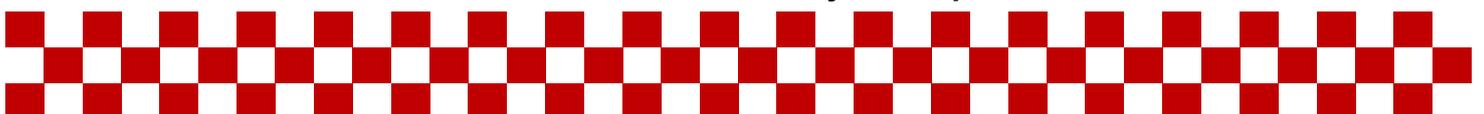
for an enthusiastic person to provide a service for potentially hundreds of people every day.

"I would hope that someone who is based locally would take on this challenge, it could be great business for the right person to provide the best possible service to those people who will be using the building, and also the general public."

The building itself will house a working space for the Force Control room, Police Executive team, other specialist staff, Police and Crime Commissioner, partners, a public briefing room and other key functions. Up to 350 people will pass through the building on a daily basis.

Any interested parties can find out more information at https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=23520&B=BLUELIGHT&PS=1&PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders

The closing date for interested parties will be Friday 13th April at 12 noon.





Force and PCC support Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day

With this year's CSE awareness day falling just weeks before the first anniversary of the introduction of a new offence – sexual communications with a child – Cleveland Police and the force's Police and Crime Commissioner have reaffirmed their commitment to tackling CSE and safeguarding children and young people.

This year's CSE awareness day fell on Sunday 18th March, and in April it is a year since anyone found targeting children through mobile phones or social media faces up to two years in prison - and being automatically placed on the sex offenders register.

The offence was introduced to fill a gap in existing legislation aimed at protecting youngsters. So far 11 males aged between 18-39-years-old have been arrested under the new offence.

PCC Barry Coppinger has provided funding for three Schools Liaison Officers whose remit includes teaching children, young people and their parents about online and personal safety among other subjects.

The PCC has also jointly commissioned pioneering research alongside the Big Lottery, examining the motivations and backgrounds of CSE offenders in the North East. The study will inform partnership response to protecting victims in the future and will be published later this month.

Mr Coppinger said: "Protecting and safeguarding children and young people – who are among our most vulnerable residents – is a priority for me.

"It is vital that police and professionals continue to work together to raise awareness and understanding of CSE so that all sections of the community can join us in tackling it."

Detective Chief Inspector Wendy Tinkler added: "It is a criminal offence for anyone aged 18 or over to intentionally communicate with a child under 16, where the person acts for a sexual purpose.

"Children should be as safe online as they are off- line. This offence allows us to intervene at an earlier stage and effectively deal with anybody who sends sexual communication to a child before any sexual activity can occur."





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