



“I was proud to present my PCC Awards at Nottinghamshire Police's awards evening in April. It was truly inspiring to hear the dedication from Nottinghamshire Police's staff and officers.

In this edition of my newsletter I share who received my four PCC Awards; Preventing, Responding, Supporting and Excellent Team awards.

- PCC Caroline Henry



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## 'Unashamedly edgy' sexual consent campaign unveiled

Spiking someone's drink is as serious as stabbing someone – warns a hard-hitting new campaign about sexual consent. The stark message, telling people the offence can carry a sentence of up to ten years in prison, is just one of 26 big, bold new words included in the Night Time A-Z of Consent.

Developed by the Consent Coalition, the edgy campaign is big, bold, eye-catching and unashamedly edgy because we want to provoke big conversations that help everyone be clear that sex without consent is rape. People might find this a challenging subject to talk about with their loved ones. That's why this campaign puts the issue front and centre as people travel around Nottingham and helps to give people a starting point to ensure we don't shy away from conversations about consent.



With better education comes better behaviour and we hope this campaign will help to prevent sexual violence and ensure there is zero tolerance for perpetrators and more support for survivors.

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# PCC Award Winners



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## Supporting Award

Dr Fiona Straw has demonstrated total commitment over many long years to put better support in place for children and young people affected by sexual violence and abuse.

We now have an excellent paediatric sexual assault referral centre in Nottingham for children and young people. Our most vulnerable children and young people have greatly improved support locally because of Dr Straw and I am delighted to recognise that by presenting her with this Supporting Award.

## Responding Award

Rural crime can have such a damaging effect on its victims, and it is our job to drive that message home to the criminals who embark on such things. While working with Andy over the past two years he has shown his love and care for the farming industry, and with that in mind, our funding has continued to increase in order to cut down rural crime. His work as the National Farmers' Union County Advisor was recognised as he received my 2023 Responding Award.



## Preventing Award

It is no exaggeration to say that Jane is a legend in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's violence against women and girls sector. She has also devoted much of her personal time to help our local third sector VAWG specialists to grow into the strong sustainable organisations they are today. Countless women and their children have been protected from harm thanks to Jane's hard work and I'm delighted to be able to recognise her contribution by presenting her with the Preventing Award.

## Excellent Team Award

Mitie Care & Custody are a team of Health Care Professionals. They work closely with our Custody teams and providing invaluable links to other agencies and support services to help with diversion.

They cover the custody suites 24 hours a day with enhanced cover on Friday and Saturday nights. They are a crucial part of the custody team, triaging detainees and ensuring the appropriate medical care is given.



# Latest news

## Tour de force as Home Secretary wowed by visit to Notts Police

Suella Braverman hailed Nottinghamshire Police as national leaders after being given a tour of some of the force's facilities and trailblazing projects.



The Home Secretary was shown around the force's new state-of-the-art custody suite and headquarters by myself and Chief Constable Kate Meynell. She heard how violence against women and girls is being tackled locally through the Home Office funded Safer Streets project, including the recent launch of the Night Time A-Z of Consent campaign.

I invited the Home Secretary to visit because I'm really proud of all the work that is happening here to prevent and respond to crime and support victims and I'm delighted at how impressed she was with some of our trailblazing initiatives.

## New funding to target domestic abuse perpetrators

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire will receive more than £650,000 from the Home Office for a new early awareness raising project for first time and low-level offenders.

It will also pay for a range of voluntary perpetrator initiatives for men and women who are concerned about the controlling or violent behaviour within their relationships and want help to change.

One of the main projects the funding will pay for is Project CARA, which stands for Cautioning and Relationship Abuse. This is an early awareness raising intervention for first time and/or low-level offenders.

## Op Sceptre - It's not your day to die

Speaking during Operation Sceptre – a week-long national knife crime campaign - Akai Douglas said he felt lucky to be alive after being stabbed and the traumatic experience had left him with a burning desire to have a positive impact on other people's lives.

Despite bleeding heavily from the wound and fleetingly thinking his time was up, the father-of-two said he had an out-of-body experience before hearing "it's not your time to die" from a guiding voice in his head.



His story is a real reminder during this Operation Sceptre campaign week that knife crime can have serious consequences and we must all step up to help educate young people that carrying a knife is never the answer.

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## Volunteers Week 1-7 June 2023

We would like to use this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who work so hard to support the the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.

This year's theme is Celebrate and Inspire, so to recognise the commitment and hard work of our volunteers, I am hosting a celebratory event on 7 June.

### What do our volunteers do?

We currently run two volunteer schemes, Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) and Animal Welfare Scheme (AWS).

Our ICVs make random unannounced visits to police custody suites. To check the welfare of detainees and that their rights and entitlements have been offered.

Similar to ICVs, our Animal Welfare Scheme volunteers make unannounced visits to Nottinghamshire Police Dog kennels to report on the condition and welfare of our police dogs.

## Innovation fund

I am calling for innovators to apply to my new Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund.

My wish is to use this fund to support truly new and innovative project ideas which aim to make a real difference to local communities.

The fund will enable organisations to think differently and develop original solutions to localised problems.

This fund is open to expressions of interest from any UK-based organisation who would like to apply for funding to:

- Research and develop a process, product, or service.
- Test your innovation idea.
- Collaborate with other organisations.



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