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Chief Constable's Update Report – January 2014

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) of the significant and/or notable events within Nottinghamshire Police since September 2013.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the PCC notes these updates from the Chief Constable.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that the OPCC is aware of the most recent significant and/or notable events that have taken place within Nottinghamshire Police and is fully appraised of all the relevant information.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 Please see attached the main report at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The Chief Constable previously reported on the key events within Nottinghamshire Police to the Nottinghamshire Police Authority.
- 4.3 This report has been requested by the OPCC to ensure that this best practice is continued.
- 4.4 This information will be provided on a quarterly basis.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 There are no financial implications from this update report. Any significant financial matters are reported within the appendix.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 There are no Human Resource (HR) implications from this update report. Any significant HR matters are reported within the appendix.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report. All matters of equality have been considered and will be included in the appendix where appropriate.
- 7.2 None - not needed (report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions).

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 This is an opportunity to make the OPCC aware of the significant events for Nottinghamshire Police since September 2013, the majority of which are already in the public domain. There are no risks.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 There are no proposals for changes to existing policies or priorities.
- 9.2 Updates within the attached appendix include matters that are linked with the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

- 10.1 Updates within the attached appendix comply with legislation around the publication of court cases and other associated police communications.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

- 11.1 There has been no consultation on this report as it is for information only.

12. Appendices

- 12.1 **Appendix 1** – Chief Constable's update report September 2013



Chief Constable's update report

January 2014

1.0 Introduction

The following gives a brief overview of significant and/or notable events within Nottinghamshire Police since September 2014.

2.0 Cut crime and keep you safe

- A 12-month pilot of Clare's Law – the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme – ended with ten women in Nottinghamshire now armed with information which could protect them from violence. The force will continue to run the scheme after it was introduced in September 2012. Out of 56 applications to the scheme, ten women were told of a partner's past. Tackling domestic violence is one of Nottinghamshire Police's top priorities and the force was one of four that delivered the pilot.
- The force has adopted the PCC's Alcohol Strategy which is now an integral part of the Substance Misuse Strategy. A reduction in alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour will reduce demand upon Nottinghamshire Police and its partners.
- The discovery of a gun in the back of wardrobe led to a prison sentence for a St Ann's man. Hiram Buchanan, 31, of Norland Close, was arrested after the barrel of a semi-automatic pistol was discovered in a house he had recently moved out of in Whitemoor. He was jailed for five years for possession of a firearm.
- The force launched Operation Graduate, which focuses on student crime, to coincide with the arrival of 60,000 students to Nottingham. In the last four years student crime has made up 26 per cent of all crime. Graduate saw 16 police officers, community protection officers and other resources deployed across key areas at peak offending times. It led to burglary rates falling to half what they were at the same period last year.
- Officers and staff involved in a week of action on alcohol licensing and harm have been praised following the success of the campaign. The ACPO In Focus initiative put the emphasis on the impact on policing caused by alcohol misuse. Activity ranged from fatal four operations, licensing compliance checks, drug itemisers and antisocial behaviour patrols.
- Our Dangerous Persons Management Unit (DPMU) successfully applied for an international travel ban on a registered sex offender. In 2007, a man was convicted of rape of a female under the age of 13. He was sentenced to two and a half years, was made a registered sex offender for life and also disqualified from working with children. The landmark achievement was a first for the force.
- Burglary suspects across Nottinghamshire felt the force of the law under Operation Graphite. Almost 70 people were arrested in three weeks of intense activity aimed at targeting prolific offenders. Twenty one warrants were executed, searches were carried out and 60 known offenders were spoken to and told they would be closely monitored as part of an offender management plan.

- Scores of teams, organisations and individuals across Nottinghamshire pledged their support to Alliance Against Violence. The campaign forms part of our strategy on violent crime and encompasses hate crime, robbery, domestic violence, as well as crime which takes place in pubs and clubs and in public spaces during the evenings. Supporters include Notts County, Nottingham Rugby Football Club, Nottingham Panthers Ice Hockey, Sport Nottinghamshire, Nottingham Rugby, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping, and the NHS.
- A drug dealer who arranged for shots to be fired at a house in Aspley has been jailed for 11 years. Declan Madigan, of Winthorpe Road, Newark, was convicted of possession with intent to supply Cocaine, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life and for using another to hide a firearm.
- The daughter and son-in-law of an elderly couple who went missing from Mansfield in 1998 have been charged with murder. Susan Patricia Edwards, 55, and Christopher John Edwards, 57, were accused after the remains of a man and woman were found buried in the back garden of a house in Blenheim Close, Forest Town.
- Eagle-eyed PCSOs Nathan Heron and Neil Williams, with the help of their colleagues, helped put a pair of prolific drug dealers behind bars for 12 years. The officers spotted Liam Campbell and Steven Ward acting suspiciously on CCTV. Plain clothed colleagues were alerted and the pair were arrested and found to be carrying several wraps of heroin and crack cocaine. Both were jailed for six years.
- A new taskforce aimed at tackling the theft of Asian gold has been created. It follows an emerging trend of burglaries targeting the Asian community for their jewellery. Since 2006 the price of gold has significantly increased and, as such, it is becoming more and more desirable to thieves.

3.0 Spend your money wisely

- The force is actively looking at a number of income generation opportunities to help offset reductions in its funding. Ideas include potential sponsorship with the private sector and allowing advertising on police property.
- Marked police cars are being fitted with TetraTab laptop devices. They come with Wi-Fi capability and allow officers to access police computer systems. It means police officers will need to spend less time in stations and increase their visibility.
- The force has been trialling a new scheme in Bassetlaw to transport arrested suspects to police cells. 'Street-to-suite' was used for the first time in Worksop and uses special custody vans which transport arrested offenders to police stations with custody cells. The vehicles are staffed by trained G4S security staff, similar to those used to transport prisoners to court.
- The force now has Police Investigation Officers (PIO) working alongside police officers. They will help to take some of the pressure off response officers by attending standard, non-urgent incidents.

- Airwave police radios, so vital to the operation of policing across the county, are to be replaced by newer models to ensure they remain fit for purpose until 2020 when a National Airwave Replacement Project is expected. The force will spend £1.25m on upgrading the equipment.

4.0 Earn your trust and confidence

- A new system enabling victims of crime to keep up to date with developments on their case will be introduced in the New Year. Track My Crime Nottinghamshire will allow victims to log in via the force website to find out updates and contact the officer involved.
- The force, alongside with its partners Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Homes, has re-commissioned the Stop Hate UK 24 hour reporting service. The service has operated throughout Nottinghamshire since November 2010, providing an independent and confidential way for victims and witnesses to report Hate Incidents and access advice and support.
- Fifty people from black and ethnic minority communities could one day join the force following a ground-breaking recruitment seminar. They signed up to becoming police officers after an event which saw the Anglican Church, black and ethnic minority churches come together with police to target more people from minority backgrounds to join the force.
- The force worked with Capital FM to deliver a radio campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse and aid in the detection of victims and perpetrators. The campaign highlighted the subtle behaviours which can signal that someone is a victim of domestic abuse.
- A social media milestone was reached when the force Facebook page passed 20,000 likes. Over the past 12 months the number of people who like the Nottinghamshire Police page on Facebook has almost doubled from 10,138 at the end of 2012. It has become an invaluable tool for interacting with the public and a great way to reach thousands of people living in the county. Our Twitter account has enjoyed even greater success, passing 30,000 followers in October.

5.0 Our people

- Thousands of people applied to work for the force following a recruitment drive for officers, transferees and PCSOs. A total of 2,401 applications were received for the different roles available which were given high profile publicity on the force website and social media.
- Two police officers who chased down and arrested a murderer who had stabbed multiple victims represented the force at a national bravery awards. PC Helen Burdett and Sergeant Mark Golds-Jones were nominated for the national Police Bravery Awards.

- The force has welcomed its youngest new recruits with 72 Volunteer Police Cadets now part of Nottinghamshire Police. The cadets, all aged 16, will act as ambassadors for the force and have already been on duty at an awards ceremony and have handed out crime prevention material to homes.

6.0 Key Strategic Change

- Officers and staff have been encouraged to play an active role in designing the future of Nottinghamshire Police. A series of workshops and other engagement activity has been held as part of the force's plan to design and implement an operating model for the future of policing across Nottinghamshire. Workshops began at the start of the year focusing on frontline operational policing. Phase two is looking at Crime and Justice departments followed by Corporate Services.
- An ambitious plan to ensure the East Midlands is recognised as the 'best example of police learning and development collaboration' is under way. Following stakeholder engagement and aligned to national changes being driven by the College of Policing, the EMCHRS Learning and Development Team (EMCHRS-L&D) will ensure that L&D across the East Midland is transformed over the next 18 months.
- Plans to develop a single regional Criminal Justice Directorate in the East Midlands have taken some significant steps forward. A business case detailing a proposed four-force regional directorate has been approved along with the appointment of a single regional Head of Criminal Justice by April 2014.