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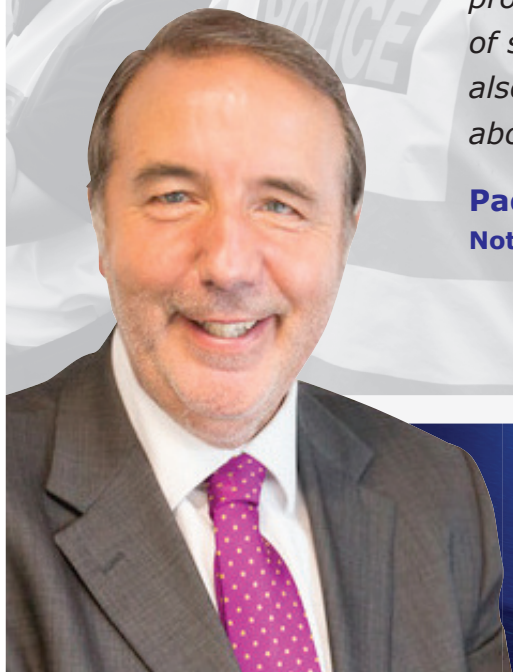
THE BEAT

This year, as the nights draw in, we have the benefit of extra police officers on our streets thanks to a successful recruitment campaign and the New Year will bring much-needed reinforcements through the Government's promised uplift.

This will make the lives of our serving police officers a little easier and create more scope for proactive problem-solving work in communities. We have a lot of successes to be proud of this year, but the future also looks bright. It is an exciting time to be talking about growth and I am optimistic for the future.

Paddy Tipping

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner





Frontline boost

Police officer numbers are on the up thanks to a national uplift which will bring 107 extra officers to Nottinghamshire.

These vital reinforcements come on top of the 185 new police recruits already agreed for the force in my budget this year. This represents one of the largest

recruitment drives in recent years – and we sincerely hope more are on their way!

Further numbers are expected to be announced by the Government as part of its national commitment for 20,000 more frontline officers over the next three years. We have a real opportunity to reduce the risk of crime facing our communities and pursue those offenders intent on damaging community life.



New Violence Reduction Unit launched

Nottinghamshire now has its first-ever dedicated unit to tackle serious violence.

A host of agencies including the Police, County and City Councils, Public Health England, East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), have teamed up to deliver a more holistic approach to violence.

The VRU sees violence as a public health issue, much like a disease such as flu. It is seen as a preventable, not inevitable, outcome of problems such as homelessness, poverty, abuse, neglect, family dysfunctionality, educational disengagement, emotional trauma or substance dependence.



The unit is being funded by the Home Office at a cost of £880,000 after we successfully submitted a plan, developed with our partners, for funding.

As chair of the VRU Strategic Board, I will be helping to coordinate work to prevent young people from turning to violence and will report back on our progress in due course.



Knife Crime falls

New figures show knife crime reduced by 8.7% in the 12 months to the end of September 2019, from 882 offences to 805, with Nottingham City showing a reduction of 18.9% over the same period.

The reduction follows a series of proactive policing operations and the introduction of the Robbery Team which focuses on robberies where weapons or violence is used, as well as the continued focus by the dedicated Knife Crime Team.

This news comes as the Force works alongside partners and the community on interventions and actions including knife amnesties, with the latest knife amnesty and week of action taking more than 1,000 knives out of circulation. We have also seen the reintroduction of Schools and Early Intervention Officers to secondary schools across the county and a bespoke new programme for all primary schools which I am pleased to fund.

This really is a positive indication that what we are doing is working, however we must not become complacent and we need continued national funding to ensure more young people remain focused on positive lifestyle choices.

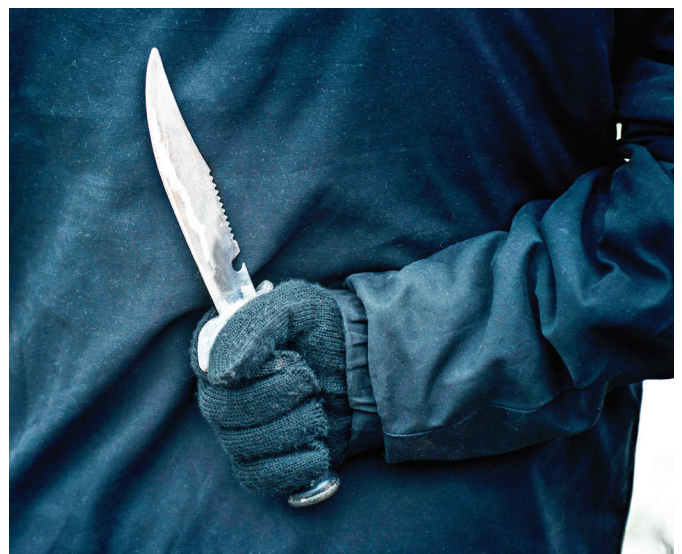


Operation Scorpion arrests

A police operation targeting knife crime and associated offences in Mansfield resulted in five arrests.

The activity was focused on Mansfield Town Centre and the Layton Burroughs area and saw officers from the neighbourhood policing team using a metal detector at Mansfield bus station.

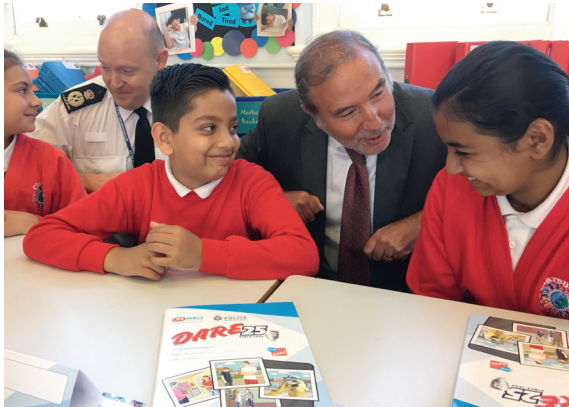
As a result of the operation, two people were arrested on possession of cannabis while another man was arrested on suspicion of assault. Two further men were arrested, one for failing to attend court and another for recall to prison.





New school education project

Anti-knife crime education is taking place across all schools in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire as part of a new programme educating Year Six pupils on the risks of violence.



The DARE 25 programme, which will receive funding worth £308,000 from my budget over the next three years, will deliver ten one-hour sessions to children aged 10 to 11 to increase their awareness of knife crime and associated risks including hate crime and drug and alcohol misuse.

In October it was announced that the project would also receive £647,102 from the first round of grants from the Government's Youth Endowment Fund, to boost delivery.

Delivered by charity Life Skills Education, it will use a combination of techniques including role play, video content and interactions and focus on themes such as bullying, peer pressure and social media.

Operation Sceptre

A record number of weapons have been recovered – including 949 knives - as part of a week of action in support of national Operation Sceptre.

Weapon sweeps, targeted operations and stop and search activity helped to make this year's operation one of the most successful yet, with officers arresting 49 people and providing educational awareness sessions to hundreds of schoolchildren.

None of this would have been possible without the positive support of our communities and we are very grateful for your continued help.



Drones help fight against rural crime

Exciting drone technology is helping us to combat rural crime including illegal poaching.

The force teamed up with partners for a national week of action to combat rural and wildlife crime – using drones as an "eye in the sky" to intercept illegal poaching as well as night vision goggles and other sophisticated police technology.

Operations were held alongside the Environment Agency, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Bassetlaw District Council and the NFU Nottinghamshire tackling issues such as illegal hunting, hare coursing and fishing, and poaching as well as community problems such as speeding on rural roads, fly-tipping and illegal off-road biking.





Lifesaving training

All frontline police officers in Nottinghamshire are being equipped with vital lifesaving training and medical supplies to help save lives.

Over the next few months, Neighbourhood Policing Teams, response officers, neighbourhood support officers and operational support officers will receive training by medics from the East Midlands Regional Trauma Centre at the Queens Medical Centre on what to do when confronted with a casualty suffering a major bleed. Swift action before paramedics arrive could help save lives.

I have also invested in 300 medical packs which will be carried in all frontline police vehicles.



It has been a real pleasure to meet so many residents and community volunteers during my recent walkabouts across the county.

It's been a busy summer with visits to Mansfield, Basford, Aspley among the tour stops. To keep up to date with our visits, check out my website.



Out and about



Youth projects share £76,000

Grants of up to £5,000 have been handed out to community projects helping young people to develop their skills and confidence through volunteering.

I joined Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, the Thomas Farr Charitable Trust and Nottinghamshire Community Foundation to choose 15 organisations to benefit from the UK's #iwill campaign, funded by The Big Lottery Fund and the Department of Culture, Media & Sport.

Successful recipients include Al-Hurra, Base 51, Evolve CIC, Fearless, Greenway Community Association, Oasis, Send and OWEN, which received their grants in October during a presentation at Nottingham Forest Recreation Ground.



Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)



Improving the services provided to victims of childhood sexual abuse has been a key priority under my tenure as Nottinghamshire's PCC.

The recent conclusion of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has highlighted how vital it is that survivors and those at risk feel adequately supported and that such services are both sustainable and appropriate. We owe it to the adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse to learn the lessons from the past. They have been through a lot and their ongoing courage and determination is admirable. We need to ensure that they remain properly supported in the future.

We are currently reviewing what support is presently being provided and what more needs to be done. This month, we will meet with partners to discuss the report's findings. I'm pleased that everyone is committed to strengthening services, so we better meet the needs of survivors.

Annual Report

It's been another wonderfully successful year in which we have delivered on the promises we made to make Nottinghamshire safer.

To give you a snapshot of our successes, burglary continues to fall (5.2%), theft of vehicle is down (5.3%) and homicides have fallen by 46.7% (seven less than last year). Meanwhile, antisocial behaviour has fallen by 3.7% - in line with public perception of ASB which is at an all-time low.

In addition to reducing crime, we've supported the recovery of more than 13,000 victims through my specialist victim services – 97% of which were satisfied.

For more details on our successes, please visit:
<https://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Public-Information/Annual-Reports/2018-2019/Annual-Report-2018-19.pdf>

KEEP ON TALKING

I'm delighted that so many people contact me, with problems, compliments and comments. This is particularly important as I need to be able to listen to your views and learn from them and also know that you can keep up to date with what my team and I are doing.

Whatever I do, I am answerable to you, the electorate. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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