

The Future...

- Collaborative work is underway with the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit to bring the highly successful 'Mentors In Violence' (MIV) project to secondary schools across Nottinghamshire. The project aims to get young people and their peers to champion healthy relationships and tackle all forms of violence with a specific focus on knife crime.
- We are consulting with partners on how we can effectively use the new Knife Crime Prevention Orders which will come into effect with the new Offensive Weapons Bill later this year. Such orders will curb the activities on suspects including limiting their social media use to stop gang rivalries escalating online.
- Together with Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID) and the Trauma Unit at QMC, we are distributing medical packs to business/retail and night time economy venues across Nottingham City centre to enhance the first aid provision. We are also delivering enhanced first aid training to staff within these identified premises.



How you can help...

The information we receive from the public is vital to keeping our communities safe. If you suspect someone is carrying a knife in your area, please contact police immediately on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If you have found a knife that you suspect has been used in a crime please call the police on 101.

In a genuine emergency please dial 999

Non-emergency calls please dial 101

More information:

www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/knifecrime

www.fearless.org

www.knifefree.co.uk

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Tackling Knife Crime



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Most police forces and partners across the UK are facing the same knife crime challenges and in response are having to prioritise resources to prevent further increases.

While Nottinghamshire is no more affected than anywhere else, knife crime is a serious threat to public safety. Robust enforcement is necessary and new knife crime prevention orders will be utilised, but this alone will not address the root cause of the problem.

We all have a part to play including partnerships, parents, teachers, youth leaders, police officers, doctors and nurses to signpost young people away from crime into positive activities and employment.

We need our communities to work with us (especially young people), to be empowered and to say "No" to knife crime!

The Challenges...

- Knives were involved in half of all homicides in the East Midlands region during the past two years.
- NHS hospital admissions data suggest a genuine increase in serious offences involving knife injury.
- Almost half of all knife crime victims in Nottinghamshire in 2018 were aged between 18 and 25.
- Currently, 25% of knife violence victims refuse to cooperate with a police investigation.

What we are doing...

Nottinghamshire is at the forefront of fighting knife crime. We recently launched a Knife Crime Strategy to join up the work of our partners and utilise the expertise and resources of our colleagues across public health, education, local government and policing. Recognising the valuable contribution made by local communities, over £500,000 has been provided to community groups, projects and specialist initiatives designed to combat knife crime. In 2018-19 alone almost £80,000 was invested into youth diversionary schemes to tackle knife crime.

Enforcement:

- In January 2016, Nottinghamshire became the only force other than the Met to establish a dedicated Knife Crime Team. Adopting the robust techniques of Operation Sceptre nationally, the team utilises targeted stop and search, test purchase operations, knife amnesties, weapon sweeps and intelligence-led activity in known hot spots.
- We have created a new robbery team which is better equipped to investigate knife crime robberies.
- We are supporting the purchase and roll out of detection equipment such as portable knife arches and two types of knife wands to target known knife crime hot spots.



Engagement:

- We have helped to fund the deployment of youth workers in the A&E department of the Queen's Medical Centre (QMC) in Nottingham who support victims of knife crime when they enter hospital. Nottingham and Birmingham are the only areas outside London to benefit from the intervention, delivered by national youth charity Redthread.
- We have secured Home Office funding to set up a ground-breaking project that sees "violence interrupters" deployed in key meeting places for young people to prevent conflict before it arises. The scheme is managed by Nottingham Forest Community Trust.
- We continue to deliver knife crime awareness in our schools. Nottinghamshire now benefits from 11 dedicated Schools and Early Intervention Officers assigned to build stronger relationships with young people at risk.
- Home Office funding will enable the development of a play, 'Double Edge', at the Bonington Theatre to discourage the use of knives among young people.
- We have provided funding to develop a permanent knife crime learning zone, hosting more than 2,500 children a year, at the National Justice Museum in partnership with the Ben Kinsella Trust.
- We are working with the charity Street Doctors, in conjunction with Nottingham University, to deliver lessons from medical students in schools to challenge attitudes to violence and equip young people with practical first aid skills to respond to a victim of a knife injury while they await an ambulance.

