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June 2020

Dear Partners,

Since the last partnership update, we have seen the emergence of demonstrations by the Black Lives Matter movement following the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States. The international response to this incident has had both a national and local impact for society and policing. Balancing the right to protest against a public health pandemic is a challenging and locally I feel that we have got that balance correct.

During the last week, statistics have circulated locally regarding the use of stop and search. These figures are correct but do require contextualising, which I have sought to provide in this newsletter. We can always do better and I welcome any further scrutiny or conversations around this concern.

Our local policing priorities remain focused on reducing county lines drug related harm, tackling Domestic Abuse and reducing the impact of rural crime through Operation Slid. There has been some strong operational activity in all of these areas which has been well supported by our partners.

I would encourage you to share this newsletter amongst your teams and partner colleagues. Please do contact myself or one of the team with any issues or concerns.

Very best,

Stuart

COVID-19 update

We are still in the unprecedented period of working under restrictions to limit the spread of the coronavirus and protect our NHS.

Recently, the government announced further changes to the restrictions which include:

- Being able to meet outside in groups of up to six people from different households as long as you keep two metres apart. Exercise is unlimited.
- As of June 8, most people entering the UK – including British citizens – will have to self isolate for 14 days. The Foreign Office still advises against all but essential journeys.
- It will be mandatory to wear a face mask when using public transport from June 15 but the advice continues to be to work from home where possible.
- Workers who need access to other peoples' homes, such as cleaners and plumbers, can now do so, unless the resident is shielding or isolating due to Covid-19 symptoms.
- House moves and viewings can resume.
- Childminders and nannies can return to work – following government guidance.
- With some primary schools open for some year groups and children of key workers, there is still some uncertainty about dates for opening up education for all pupils and students of colleges and universities, or whether that education will be face to face or online.

- Non-essential retailers can re-open from June 15, as long as social distancing measures are in place.
- Pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, hotels and cinemas can also open from July 4, with social distancing measures in place.

The pandemic is certainly not over and there is a way still to go. There are lockdown guidelines in place and ongoing challenges for us all. It's the role of us all to look out for those who may be suffering adversity, whether that's violence, abuse or negative influences.

Domestic Violence



We know that the Covid-19 pandemic has restricted access to face-to-face support for those experiencing domestic abuse but it is vital that these people know that help is still available.

We continue to work closely with our partners and charities in this area to make sure those who need help are getting it and many of these organisations have

adapted their services to get support to people while following the current government guidelines.

We are running our 'Safe At Home' campaign which also includes beat surgeries at local supermarkets where people can come and have a chat about any concerns they have.

Updated information and contact details for our partners and charities are being shared across all channels to make sure we carry on supporting domestic abuse victims and responding to calls for help during these challenging times.

Black Lives Matter Protests

Demonstrations have taken place right across the world in response to the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States.

A number of protests have taken place in Basingstoke and while these have passed off peacefully, mass gatherings are not encouraged in the midst of a pandemic. Engagement with the organisers has taken place in order to ensure, as far as possible, that social distancing guidelines are being followed.

The rights to protest are well established in this country, but these are exceptional times and personal responsibility is key.

Like other forces, we have been engaging with the organisers of these protests and they are putting a strong emphasis on social distancing, wearing masks and practising good hygiene.

We will continue to use common sense and discretion to determine what's reasonable, with officers engaging, explaining and encouraging the Government restrictions around Coronavirus.

Chief Constables from across the UK have also published a joint statement, part of which reads “We stand alongside all those across the globe who are appalled and horrified by the way George Floyd lost his life. Justice and accountability should follow.

“In the UK, we have a long established tradition of policing by consent, working in communities to prevent crime and solve problems. We strive to continuously learn and improve. We will tackle bias, racism or discrimination, wherever we find it.”

Stop and Search

Many of you will have seen the media coverage of the Stop and Search statistics. These figures are released by forces around the country on an annual basis.

In Basingstoke, between April 2018 and March 2019, 454 white people were stopped and searched and 161 black people were stopped and searched in the district.

However, when population data – taken from the 2011 Census – is applied, the figures state that black people are stopped 16.9 times more in the district than white people.

I would just like to assure you that every stop and search of a person is vigorously documented and audited and can be held up to scrutiny. This documentation includes the use of Body Worn Video. We also take an intelligence-based approach, using information supplied to us by the community to tackle high harm crimes, such as drug related harm (including County Lines), theft and the use of weapons. In Basingstoke, many of our stops are of people who are not residents of our district.

Each quarter, a group of officers, staff and members of our Independent Advisory Group – made up of members of the public – also meet up to scrutinise our stop and search data. This often involves the review of Body Worn Video, which shows an interaction from beginning to end.

We are always looking to identify learning from our interactions and data and would welcome feedback. If you know of any person that may be interested in supporting our scrutiny please ask them to make contact with myself or one of the team.

Investigation updates

Jury trials in England and Wales have now resumed, although changes have taken place in courtrooms to comply with social distancing guidelines.

For up to date information and guidance for all court users, please go to the [HM Courts and Tribunal Service website](#).

In these unprecedented times, it's really important that you and the public see that we are still progressing investigations. We continue to work tirelessly to tackle offenders, protect the vulnerable, and provide reassurance to our communities. Here are just a couple of examples:



A man who assaulted a member of the public in Basingstoke has been jailed for two years and two months.

Jordan Mvumelwano, 24, assaulted the victim with a glass beer bottle following an argument outside The Beacon pub on Friday, May 10, 2019, causing a laceration and fractured skull.

Portsmouth Crown Court heard the offender was leaving when an argument ensued. A bottle was thrown and the 38 year old victim was knocked unconscious. He had to undergo surgery following the incident which left him with changing injuries.



Six youths appeared before Basingstoke Magistrates Court on Friday, (May 29), charged in connection with a public order incident in Buckskin.

The incident occurred at 10pm on May 25 outside a fast food store at the Buckskin Centre, Blackdown Close.

Five juveniles have been charged with affray. They are two 15 year olds, two 16 year olds and a 17 year old, all from Basingstoke.

Joseph-Alan Naisbitt, 19, of Rectory Road, Hook, is also charged with affray and appeared alongside them.

All six have been bailed with conditions to re-appear before Basingstoke Magistrates on July 23



Officers have made three arrests after executing two warrants in Basingstoke in relation to an ongoing burglary investigation.

The warrants were executed on May 29 at an address in Buckland Avenue, Basingstoke and Kiln Road in Sherbourne South John.

Two men aged 60 and 51 years old and a female, 22 years old have been arrested in connection with a burglary on Worting Road on January 9, 2020.

All three have been released under investigation as enquiries continue.

Reassuring Basingstoke & Deane



Officers across the town and rural areas continue to get out and about to ensure everyone is kept safe and reassured of our presence.

Whilst there have been no face to face community meetings or events taking place, we have continued to maintain our engagement work with key community partners to ascertain at an early stage any likely potential concerns or issues relating to community safety.

And of course, the public can find us on Facebook as Basingstoke Cops and on Twitter @BasingstokeCops

Here are just a few examples of how our teams continue to use social media as a great engagement tool:



Basingstoke Cops

May 31 at 1:50 PM · 🌐



You may see more patrols than normal in The Buckskin and South Ham areas today in response to some recent anti social behaviour.

Say hello if you see us 👍

#FedsOnPeds





Basingstoke Cops

May 13 at 4:32 PM · 🌐



Something a little different today when our rural team were called today to a mortar being found by a member of the public near to a lay-by on the A30. Officers attended and cordoned off the area awaiting bomb disposals arrival. Once they arrived the mortar was identified as inactive and taken away by bomb disposal.

Great shout by the member of public, if you ever find an item which you suspect could be old ordinance like on this occasion call the police and we will assess and pass on to our experts from the armed services. Finds like this are fairly common, but it is always better to be safe than sorry 🙏





Basingstoke Cops

May 25 at 3:39 PM · 🌐

Your efforts over the past few weeks have meant we have rarely had to enforce the Government regulations – we would like to thank you for that. We are confident that the vast majority will continue to do their bit and follow the guidance in this next phase.

As many of us are now able to spend much more time outdoors, personal responsibility is now key - for those who are able to leave their homes as a result of the changes, think carefully about where you are going and how you will be able to keep your distance from others. Keep in mind the purpose of the regulations and the national effort to protect the NHS and save lives. For more information about the new guidelines 🙌

<https://www.gov.uk/.../coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can...>





Basingstoke Cops

4 hrs · 🌐

PCSO WARHURST and PCSO IRELAND from our rural team are on duty today and will be patrolling around Tadley.

They are giving out certificates to children who are stay at home heroes. If they see a rainbow in your window they will pay you a visit to deliver your child's certificate.

As they will not be able to visit everyone they would like to thank you now personally for staying at home, staying alert and saving lives during lockdown.



Your Local Contacts

Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to Chief Inspector Stuart Ratcliffe via Stuart.Ratcliffe@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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Don't forget about the Community Partnership Information (CPI) process

As trusted partners we would like to remind you what the form is used for. In its simplest form the aim of the CPI is to provide relevant information to us that you think we should know.

Below are two links to the CPI process and forms:

Modern Day Slavery
<http://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/contact-us/>

Schools & Education
<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/>

When completing the form please try to bear in mind why the information is relevant to us and what we might realistically be able to do with it. Think about our priorities as well as those who could be at risk of harm or associated to vulnerability.



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