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Crime is changing with complexity increasing

In the few years since being elected as Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner I've seen a seismic change in the types of crime police deal with and an epidemic rise in online crime and fraud.

What is oddly called 'traditional crime' is reducing, mainly because criminality is evolving. Society is also changing, for better but also for worse. The big challenge is to make sure that law enforcement deals with the big, high harm, complex crimes but doesn't forget the issues that cause upset in communities across Staffordshire.

Antisocial behaviour blights some areas, problem families torment those who live nearby them and drugs, legal or illegal, are a fact of life for many. Areas aren't bad, it's the people who can be. Whilst nobody should criticise the police for prioritising a child at risk, or a person suffering sexual assault, it is vital they also deal with the issues which affect the fabric of our society.

In recent years policing has been more attentive, more effective and more compassionate in the way officers deal with the most harmful crimes meaning victims are more likely to report them. That is good but it also means those crimes too are becoming high volume.

In 2018 I must continue to find extra financial investment to improve technology and the way police do their work. Using traditional and hi-tech ways of working means the police here can deal with the complex and the harmful whilst improving their presence in communities and their visibility in doing the local work which is so important to everyone.

The Safer, Fairer, United Communities Strategy I first published in 2013 has been updated each year to reflect these changes in society and evolving criminality. You can read it at www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/saferfairerunited/



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220+ Staffordshire
Police Cadets

The Cadet scheme was launched by the PCC to strengthen links between the police and young people and promote good citizenship. Units are active in Stafford, Cannock, Burslem, Tamworth, Longton, Burton, Newcastle, Codsall, Lichfield and the latest Leek.



The Staffordshire Police Cadets are funded by charity donations and the support of local businesses to fund uniforms, equipment and activities. This support is crucial.

Find out more at: www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-cadets/



11 Safer
Neighbourhood
Panels

Safer Neighbourhood Panels are made up of local people who examine, challenge and influence the work of local police and hold Local Policing Team Commanders to account as well as looking at wider criminal justice and community safety issues in their area.



The Safer Neighbourhood Panels were launched under plans by PCC Matthew Ellis to shine the spotlight on local policing as part of a plan to make Staffordshire Police the most open, transparent and ethical force in the UK.

Find out more at: www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer



18,000+ attendances to
summer Space 2017

Three years ago I introduced a new look Space programme by bringing police, public, voluntary and private sector organisations together to help nurture, support and guide local young people and to keep our communities even safer.



Now three years on, Space is going from strength to strength with over 18,000 attendances by local young people during the school summer holiday period in 2017.

Levels of police recorded youth related ASB are significantly reduced compared to last year.

Find out more at: www.staffordshirespace.uk



250+ Community
Groups awarded
funding

Good ideas for community safety solutions come from local people – which is why the PCC is inviting groups in Staffordshire to bid for grants between £100 and £3,000 from the People Power Fund.



The People Power Fund is just one part of the PCC's funding. The Proceeds of Crime Fund is seeing 100 per cent of funding received by Staffordshire Police going back into local communities, through grants of between £3,000 and £15,000.

Find out more at: www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/fund



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citizens
advice

The Victim Gateway for Staffordshire offers free, confidential advice to victims of crime regardless of whether they report it to the police. The PCC has funded the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide the new service.

www.staffsvictimsgateway.org.uk



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BUSINESS CRIME MATTERS

The total price tag of business crime in Staffordshire is estimated at over

£7,300
per hour

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1 in 3

of a child's online friends are people they have never met.

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You can play a part



There are lots of different ways in which you can volunteer through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.



The **Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP)** - members of the public, who collectively provide assurance, advice and comment upon governance issues.

Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) check on the wellbeing of people being held in custody.

Safer Neighbourhood Panels - local residents, local councillors and magistrates who meet regularly with the local policing commander to explore local issues and how they may be resolved.

Staffordshire Police Cadets - Could you volunteer to help run your local Staffordshire Police Cadet unit who meet once a week? Full training will be provided.

www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer



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- Latest campaigns from the OPCC.
- How you can get involved.
- Local events.

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