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Chief Constable's Update Report

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Strategic Resources and Performance Board of significant events and work that has taken place since the previous update in May 2018.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the contents of the attached report are noted.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is aware of significant and notable events since the previous update report in May 2018.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 Please see Appendix 1 for the full report.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications relating to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 There are no immediate Human Resource implications arising from this report.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

8. Risk Management

8.1 This is an opportunity to make the OPCC aware of the significant events for Nottinghamshire Police, the majority of which are already in the public domain. There are no associated risks regarding this report.

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

9.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 There are no legal considerations

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 2018.

Appendix 1



Chief Constable's Update Report

Strategic Resources and Performance Board

September 2018

Version 1

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Since my previous update report in May policing has been through a particularly busy few months. June was a busy month operationally and July with the World Cup and Donald Trump's working visit to the UK in addition to our daily business and the latest rounds of recruitment. I would like to thank all those involved through a particularly demanding time and continuing to keep communities safe.
- 1.2 On the 9th September Assistant Chief Constable Stu Prior will retire after 33 years' service. ACC Prior will be missed by all of his colleagues and I'd like to wish him all the best for the future as well as my sincere thanks for his tireless hard work and dedication to policing throughout his 33 years, especially whilst with Notts Police.
- 1.3 I was delighted to welcome Kate Meynell back to the Force on 2nd July. Kate will take over from ACC Prior on his retirement later this month. Kate brings a wealth of experience with her and also knowledge of the Force from her previous time with us. She has been busy familiarising herself with the Force and the changes as well as our future plans since her return in July and we are all very much looking forward to working with her.
- 1.4 I'd also like to mention the forthcoming Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) integrated PEEL inspection. We will welcome the inspectorate team into Force on the 10th September to conduct their inspection and the results of their work will be reported to the Audit and Scrutiny Panel in March 2019. Their pre-inspection work has already seen numerous visits across a number of departments and our new lead staff officer has also attended.
- 1.5 This update report provides information on just some of the work that has been taking place recently and is set out by each of the Police and Crime Commissioner's seven strategic priority themes:
 1. Protect, support, and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people
 2. Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice Process
 3. Focus on those priority crime types and local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB)
 4. Reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on levels of crime and ASB
 5. Reduce the threat from organised crime
 6. Prevention, early intervention and reduction in reoffending
 7. Spending your money wisely

2.0 Priority 1: Protect, support, and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people

- 2.1 In terms of victim based crime, the force continues as predicted with a slowing rate of increase in recorded crime. In the 12 months to June 2018 the increase was 13.9% (10,857 more crimes) than in the previous 12 months. This is as a result of a combination of 4 factors; the force's proactive approach to ensuring compliance with the National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS), improved awareness and public confidence in relation to high harm offence types such as domestic abuse and sexual offences, changes to crime recording guidance, and an increase in the incidence of some crimes, which is corroborated by examining the calls for service for these offence types. For example violence without injury, shoplifting and vehicle crime.
- 2.2 The Deputy Chief Constable chairs the monthly Force Performance meeting at which the Force's approach to protecting, supporting and responding to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people is monitored at the strategic level and work is progressed to make continuous improvements in this area.
- 2.3 Data from the Force's Performance and Insight report (to June 2018) indicates that we are, along with our partners, improving the identification and recording of safeguarding concerns. This means that we can ensure that appropriate safeguarding actions are then put in place to minimise the risk of harm to victims of these crimes. This has also been picked up informally by HMICFRS during recent visits.
- 2.4 We also welcome the upward trend in the recording of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) crimes and non-crimes as it is reflective of an increased awareness and understanding of CSE amongst the police and our partners as well as the public. This means that the appropriate support, safeguarding and offender resolution can be put in place. The force and local partners are cognisant of the forthcoming IICSA inquiry in October this year.
- 2.5 We recognise that dealing with vulnerability effectively is the responsibility of everyone working for Nottinghamshire Police. A series of briefings will be delivered to staff in September by the Public Protection senior management team to highlight the key points to identify vulnerability and to provide up-to-date guidance on how to deal with those who are vulnerable. This is an on-going journey which will require further work both locally and nationally over the coming years.
- 2.6 To give a specific example of some of the good work that has been done recently in relation to protecting vulnerable people, back in June there were a number of good arrests of offenders believed to be involved in the online sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the UK and overseas. Officers from our Sexual Exploitation Investigation Unit (SEIU) were joined by the Neighbourhood Support Unit and the Digital Investigation Unit, focusing on suspects involved in live streaming and file sharing of child sexual exploitation and abuse, grooming or blackmailing of children

while also targeting high harm peer-to-peer offenders. Officers conducted several warrants at a number of addresses across Nottinghamshire to identify and arrest offenders believed to be involved in this sort of offending. Areas targeted include; West Bridgford, Chilwell, Wollaton, Worksop, Woodthorpe, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Mansfield, Aspley, Beeston and the City. Eight people were arrested and over 80 exhibits were seized.

- 2.7 Some excellent work by the Public Protection team also secured a fantastic conviction against a serial rapist who was given an extended 42 year sentence, comprising 34 years imprisonment and extended licence of 8 years. Stuart Hooper was jailed on 10th August 2018 after being found guilty of 24 sex attacks and a common assault. The judge described Hooper as a highly dangerous offender so to get him off the streets and locked up for such a lengthy sentence is a great achievement and recognises the hard work of the officers involved in what was an extremely difficult investigation.

3.0 Priority 2: Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice Process

- 3.1 The East Midlands Criminal Justice Service (EMCJS) has continued to work hard with local managers to improve file quality, particularly around the Magistrates Court. Performance in this area has dramatically improved including within the guilty plea at first hearing key performance indicator which has previously been a struggle but now means victims and witnesses are getting a quicker and more effective service through the Court process. This has been achieved through rigorous quality assurance of files at the first opportunity and excellent working relationships between Force leads and the CPS.
- 3.2 In terms of the Transforming Summary Justice (TSJ) data we have again improved recently moving from 10th to 8th in the country in quarter 1. Nottinghamshire now hold a top 10 position in 8 out of 17 metrics within the TSJ dashboard and a top 20 position in 15 out of the 17 metrics. The aims of this piece of work are to reduce delays in the Magistrates Court, reduce hearings in the Magistrates Court and to ensure there are more effective trials. The result should then be swifter justice to improve the service for victims and witnesses and to make it fairer for defendants.
- 3.3 Next EMCJS will focus on further improving communication with file builders in a variety of role and student officer learning so that remedial work is minimal. We are looking at maximising the opportunities of the new intranet with file focussed discussion boards and mandatory links to CJ for those concentrating on file build such as Prisoner Handling. We are looking at improving the profile of file quality champions through videos etc. as it is understood that officers would often prefer to refer for help to peers than supervisors or specialists.

- 3.4 Further, post summer, Notts will start to look in detail at Crown Court files which are beginning to be the area of focus regionally. We are already looking to improve remands and have access to the CPS committal list to check files are well prepared and in line with custody time limits. However, the complexity of these files and the seriousness in terms of threat harm and risk means we will have to start to permeate specialist departments and up skill EMCJS members of staff. This is achievable when we work with the CPS to understand the key areas for performance and address areas one at a time.
- 3.5 We continue to work hard with IT projects around Two Way Interface (TWIF) and digital evidence. Part of this was a recent pilot to see if CJ staff could submit pre charge files for officers and by doing so (as they have more time and more Niche knowledge) improve the quality of these submissions. To-date the data is still being analysed as to the quality but there is little doubt that this approach would release some officers to investigation and have the potential to quicken the charging process for victims and witnesses thereby offering quicker results.

4.0 Priority 3: Focus on those priority crime types and local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB)

- 4.1 Below are just some examples of the work we have been doing in recent months to focus on priority crime types and local areas that are most affected by crime and ASB. This is not an exhaustive list and the monthly Force Performance Board continues to monitor performance across a broad range of performance indicators.
- 4.2 During the months of July and August we ran Operation Summer to cover key events and the night time economy (NTE) in the City Centre, Mansfield and Worksop during a period of peak summer demand. The operation involved weekly meetings to monitor performance, the use of volunteers to work required dates and officers of the rank of Inspector and above were asked to go out and help support demand. The operation has been key in utilising new student officers, non-frontline officers to support demand and ensuring the specialist departments could deliver their full range of services throughout the 2 months. Myself and my Chief Officer colleagues took part and worked an NTE shift in the City or the County. We have focused on the main areas likely to have been affected by crime and ASB during this time to ensure that demand was effectively managed throughout the campaign.
- 4.3 In May we established a new dedicated proactive policing team under the name of Operation Reacher to focus on disrupting and dismantling criminal activity in the Bestwood area in response to the current intelligence picture for the area and the community requirements for this. Officers and staff are working with Bestwood residents to identify and address their concerns by engaging with the local community to build trust and confidence. The team will also be disrupting criminal behaviour and engaging with our key partners to help make Bestwood become a

better place for the local community. So far the team have reaped a number of successes including large cash and drug seizures, recovering stolen motorbikes and good community engagement activity. There have been positive comments posted on Twitter along with good feedback from the local media.

- 4.4 In response to the trend in knife crime locally and nationally, we are continuing to focus on this as a priority crime type. Operation Taste is our response to part of the issue and in July alone the team achieved 24 arrests, 109 stop searches, seized 10 weapons, 36 vehicles and carried out 31 drugs seizures. These are fantastic results and the officers and staff involved continue to tackle offences and those involved in committing knife crime offences. ACC Meynell will chair the Force's Strategic Knife Crime Board which will be attended by key internal police stakeholders to bring a collective approach to tackling the issue. In October I will open 2 training seminars for Police Officers at which the Force's strategy for dealing with knife crime will be outlined to them. In addition the Force's first knife amnesty will take place during the week commencing 17th September and I am looking forward to hearing some good results from this.
- 4.5 Some specific examples of our response to knife crime can be seen in the following points and the sentences handed out should send a strong message to those who might consider carrying a knife that they are likely to be sentenced to prison:
- The swift arrest and charging of an offender following a stabbing in Stapleford on 11 August 2018. The man was charged with grievous bodily harm and possession of an offensive weapon and appeared before Nottingham Magistrates on 13 August.
 - Back in June a 19-year-old man was charged with possession of a bladed article, using threatening behaviour and assaulting a police officer. Joshua Tattersall was arrested after a Community Protection Officer on patrol reported seeing a man carrying a knife and later threatening two people in The Meadows. Officers were quickly on the scene and made an arrest in connection with the incident. Tattersall was subsequently charged with assaulting a police officer.
 - A 23-year-old woman was jailed for six months after admitting pulling out a knife during an altercation. Jodie Duke was spotted on CCTV taking the weapon out of her waist band during the incident in Clumber Street on 19 July. Officers were quickly on the scene and Duke was seen to discard the knife but it was recovered and she was arrested. She pleaded guilty to possession of a bladed article when she appeared at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on 20 July.
- 4.6 The use of firearms in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire will not be tolerated and we work tirelessly with our partners and the community to remove these weapons from the streets. For example, on 11th August a man and 4 teenagers were charged with conspiracy to possess a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and affray. The charges come after a gunshot in Radford on 3rd August

2018. The offenders were remanded to Nottingham Magistrates Court to appear on 13th August. The result was that the man was remanded into custody with a pre-trial and preparation hearing set for 12th September. The 4 teenagers were given conditional bail outside of Radford and Nottingham with electronically monitored curfews.

- 4.7 We have also seen an excellent operational response to the firearms discharges in St Anns and Kirkby recently with a significant amount of investigative work still on-going and 13 warrants being undertaken at various addresses resulting in 5 arrests to-date (August). This is in addition to an incident attended in August by Response officers in relation to a cannabis grow that led to the recovery of 5 firearms and arrest of a nominal linked to a number of investigations. This demonstrates the daily, on-going work of officers and staff to focus on these key crime types, removing offenders from the streets of Nottinghamshire so that local people can feel safe as they go about their daily business.

5.0 Priority 4: Reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on levels of crime and ASB

- 5.1 We continue to work with the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership to prevent crime and focus on the impact of drugs and alcohol on the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). This multi-agency approach ensures that a rounded view is taken to address enforcement as well as prevention.
- 5.2 From December 2017, it became compulsory for officers to include whether alcohol is involved or not when recording a crime on Niche. The force has taken steps to improve the use of the alcohol marker in Niche. This action has seen the proportion of alcohol-related violence increase from 9.7% in November 2017 up to 26.6% in December 2017. This will be monitored over the coming months to ensure that this enhanced level of recording is maintained. At present the trend in the short term is relatively stable, with a rate of 16.3% of all violence recorded as alcohol-related compared to 14.6% last year.
- 5.3 The trend for the 12 months to June 2018 shows a clear downward trend in the proportion of ASB with an alcohol marker and the rate is 10.7% compared with 13.2% in the previous 12 months. Clearly this is good news but we are not complacent and we will continue to work hard to reduce the impact of alcohol and drugs on levels of crime and ASB.
- 5.4 We will not tolerate the use or supply of illegal drugs in Nottinghamshire and we will ultimately do all we can to trace and arrest anyone who might be involved in these crimes to bring them to justice. We continue to tackle problem premises across the county and the city whereby venues that are consistently brought to our attention for serious incidents, such as serious assaults, and where they breach the terms of their licence, are addressed and their licences can be revoked.

- 5.5 Operation Guardian was launched in May. This is a partnership led operation specifically aimed at targeting the use, or dealing of, illegal drugs in the city centre to stop violence by using a passive drugs dog to identify suspects. We want to make Nottingham an even safer City Centre for people to come to free from the likelihood of being a victim of crime. On-going efforts to raise awareness of the dangers of drug use whilst ensuring continued offender support will remain vitally important to long lasting change. During one night in June, a total of 28 people were stopped and searched. 2 people were then arrested and 4 people were reported for summons for offences as 2 people being given warnings for cannabis possession so this approach is achieving excellent results.
- 5.6 A recent conviction handed out to a supplier of the drug mamba following a police investigation recognises the severity of this crime and how we are working hard, with partners and with our communities, to reduce the impact of drugs in the County. The 3 year prison sentence was given to John Henderson at Nottingham Crown Court on 3rd August after he was found guilty of a series of offences. He was arrested in October 2016 after officers carried out a search warrant at his house in Sutton-in-Ashfield. Inside the property, officers found around 44kg of "un-prepped vegetable matter" along with acetone and synthetic cannabinoid powders used to prepare it. They also found 12kg of mamba as well as a "substantial amount of cash", scales and around a thousand labeled drugs bags. The 39-year-old was arrested and subsequently charged with intentionally producing a psychoactive substance, supplying a psychoactive substance and possession of a psychoactive substance with intent to supply. He pleaded not guilty to the offences, despite having a business card with the name 'Jonny Mamba' on it. And despite carrying the business card, Henderson tried to argue that he didn't know that psychoactive drugs were being sold. He was, however, found guilty by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court and this sends a strong message that we will catch and convict those involved in these crimes.

6.0 Priority 5: Reduce the threat from organised crime

- 6.1 The Organised Crime department has worked consistently to reduce the threat posed by Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) and the individuals mapped within them, reducing the threat risk and harm posed by them to communities of Nottinghamshire.
- 6.2 The Organised Crime (Serious and Organised Crime) team have now moved to new premises with the infrastructure to support their needs, including a new control room and fleet provision, which enhances capacity and capability to meet the current threat from organised crime. They are working jointly with policing teams and partners at local and regional levels to disrupt and dismantle organised criminality within Nottinghamshire, which has seen the inception of a proactive neighbourhood policing team – Operation Reacher, currently focusing within the Bestwood estate.

- 6.3 The department has tackled a range of issues across the breadth of Organised Crime over the last 12 month period, encompassing investigations managed within the department and supporting other areas of business within the Organisation. A couple of examples are included below:

Operation Seavy

Operation Seavy was a surveillance/man hunt operation in support of colleagues from Public Protection. Matthew Seaward was wanted in connection with Perjury offences that were committed in Nottingham County Court when Samantha Baldwin had absconded with her children in March 2017. The department liaised with colleagues and developed covert opportunities to locate Seaward, this culminated in his arrest after 18 hours of surveillance. He was charged with perjury and is due at trial in December 2018.

Operation Nebule

Operation Nebule was an operation that targeted drug supply within the Bestwood area of Nottingham and an individual who was part of the Organised Crime Group historically from Bestwood. The investigation involved the effective amalgamation of overt and covert tactical options and effective joint working with regional colleagues. The outcome of this was the seizure of over 100 kilos of Amphetamine and the closure of a drug laboratory that was located within Radford. A number of individuals were charged with conspiracy to supply drugs.

Operation Flowen

Operation Flowen took place in support of colleagues from the 2 new area burglary teams, targeting a prolific offender who had been charged with multiple burglaries, but had been bailed by the courts and was committing further offences whilst on bail. The department assisted in a reactive review of further offences and a covert operation to locate the subject. This culminated with the arrest of the subject who was charged with a number of further burglary offences and remanded into custody.

- 6.4 In addition, the Fraud Unit manages all fraud on behalf of the force, with specialist officers that are trained to a nationally accredited standard. Fraud Investigators work closely with Financial Investigators to deal with cases involving organised criminality, including categories such as money laundering, people trafficking and other forms of fraudulent exploitation. Priorities are established on the basis of effective systems that identify vulnerability and seriousness. An approved 'acceptance criteria' is applied that determines which offences will be adopted for investigation and which are suitable for advice to be supplied. This initiative allows demand to be managed appropriately and consistently, whilst diverting resource focus to vulnerable individuals.

6.5 We recently saw the successful outcome into the investigation into a string of burglaries in Nottinghamshire whereby 2 prolific offenders were jailed for a combined total of 15 years. We recognise the impact that these crimes can have, often leaving victims feeling unsafe in their own homes so the fact that they were given this significant sentence is a great result. Michael Reavill and Jason Lane were found guilty of conspiring to commit burglary between 1 December 2017 and 11 February 2018 following a trial at Nottingham Crown Court. The suspects were identified by officers using CCTV images and examination of DNA found on cigarette papers as well as items being seized from one of the suspect's locations

7.0 Priority 6: Prevention, early intervention and reduction in reoffending

7.1 Our Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) continues to provide advice both internally and externally on crime reduction, problem solving and designing out crime. Good practice is shared with a network of colleagues nationally and there is close partnership working with partner agencies, businesses and third sector organisations.

7.2 Linked to the work of the CPU, our Volunteer Cadet Programme continues to deliver countless examples of good work and opportunities that make such a difference to the public, prevents crime and promotes a practical understanding of policing amongst young people. Cadets are deployed for initiatives such as test purchase operations with Police or Trading Standards and Crime Prevention Initiatives. The initiative is beneficial to all members of the public and also provides young people with a chance to be heard.

7.3 Moving on to work we are doing in relation to reducing reoffending, the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Team has moved under the structure and governance of the Serious and Organised Crime Unit lead by a single Detective Superintendent since April 2018 with the Force restructure. This has generated a greater connectivity between the activities of the organised crime investigations, the IOM teams and strongly compliments the 'four P' approach to dealing with SOC (Protect, Prepare, Pursue, and Prevent).

7.4 The IOM are also co-located with the Youth Offending Teams. This enables more effective identification and management of young people who are at risk of criminal exploitation or exposure to criminality within their family settings. It also enables the effective transition of youth offender management through to IOM management when it becomes necessary.

7.5 There is a specific policing operation in place with regards to preventing and reducing offences of fraud. Operation Signature is a successful process that identifies vulnerability and delivers a proportionate response to victims of crime. Fraud Protect Officers are employed to manage this process and are skilled in providing advice, support and preventative techniques to those falling victim to fraud. Cyber-enabled offending now counts for the majority of such offences, and jurisdictionally can be

committed by criminals anywhere in the world. This has meant a necessary shift of focus toward prevent and protect activity.

- 7.6 Nottinghamshire are part of an early-adoption program that aims to tackle and build resilience against Cyber-Dependant crime. With regional funding, there is now local capacity to investigate offences and conduct prevent/protect work on behalf of Nottinghamshire citizens and businesses. This function also forms part of a national structure, designed to react to significant cyber-crime events i.e. ones affecting national security or infrastructure. This is co-ordinated by the National Cyber Security Centre who feed into the National Crime Agency, Regional Organised Crime Units and Home Office Police Forces.
- 7.7 From the prevention side we have also now recruited 8 more (11 in total) Schools and Early Intervention Officers (SEIOs) to engage with students and deliver educational sessions on subjects including cyber safety, drugs, alcohol, knife crime and criminal damage. The aim is to educate young people and prevent them from becoming involved in crime, either as a victim or a perpetrator. Feedback from the pilot conducted last year has been very positive. We are working very hard to make a difference through education and this is preventative side to policing that is not always visible to people. We want to engage more with young people and help them to make positive life choices in the years ahead and the introduction of SEIOs will help play a big part in this preventative work.

8.0 Priority 7: Spending your money wisely

- 8.1 The Chief Officer Team continue to monitor the Force's budgetary position throughout the year at the monthly Force Executive Board. Our Head of Finance provides us with the most recent position with regards to revenue expenditure and Capital finances to ensure that we can closely monitor the situation during the year. The latest position to July in terms of efficiencies is that we are on track to deliver revenue efficiencies as expected at this stage.
- 8.2 Recruitment continues and in June we welcomed a triple intake of recruits and more cohorts in July, with cohort E being the 7th cohort to pass out this year. By the end of June we had a total of 1,944.58 full time equivalent officers, including those who are externally funded, seconded and those on career breaks. My thanks goes to the HR and Training teams who have worked solidly to ensure that our commitment to increase police officer numbers is realised.
- 8.3 The force has worked extremely hard on recruitment programmes to ensure that we are an employer of choice over the past 18 months and that we continue to attract the best candidates. The money we spend on recruiting staff and officers is an investment for all of our communities as we continue to put more police officers out on the streets.

- 8.4 In addition to the above, Specials recruitment opened on 22nd June 2018, for 2 intakes who will start in January and March 2019, and closed on 13th July. We received 81 applications. This is a great number of applicants and I'm looking forward to hearing how many have passed the interview stage. Bringing in more volunteers to bolster the work we do is extremely important and brings in even more resource to prevent and tackle crime and ASB.
- 8.5 We are continuing with our approach to agile working by ensuring that frontline officers and staff have access to the right tools they need to allow them to work away from a desk and spend more of their time out and about with our communities. The introduction of new technology has been very successful and this project will continue to ensure that our staff have a flexible solution that works for them. The key benefit is providing more opportunities for engagement with members of the community.
- 8.5 Back in May the HMICFRS (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service) conducted a Crime Data Integrity Inspection and the report will be published on the 1st October 2018. I want to thank everyone who was involved in the inspection and for the teams for their continued hard work. The HMICFRS inspections allow us to be assessed independently and ensure that we are truly accountable across a number of areas of our business including how we spend and invest our money. Informal feedback indicates that we have made significant progress in this area.

9.0 Some further key results since May 2018

- On 27th May 2018 a PCSO, Simon Smith, detained a man for 10 minutes while he tried to break free. PCSO Smith followed a man he believed to be wanted and asked him to stop while checking his details. On discovering that the man was wanted for recall to prison and failing to appear in court PCSO Smith went on to detain the man despite being met with an immediate aggressive response. Joseph Holt was subsequently arrested and charged with assaulting an accredited person and was sentenced to 7 days in prison for the assault and a further 7 days to run concurrently for other offences. An excellent job by Simon and I thank him for his perseverance, bravery, and professionalism.
- A 20 year old who crashed a van into a wall and discarded a loaded handgun while trying to evade the police was jailed for five years and eight months as well as being banned from driving for a year from the date of his release on 29th May 2018. Luke Thomas was pursued when Nottinghamshire Police's Armed Response Team spotted a White Ford Transit van which was believed to be displaying false number plates in Sneinton on Saturday 10 June 2017. After initially stopping when requested, the vehicle sped off, turning on to Robin Hood Street, St Ann's, driving at twice the 30mph speed limit, contravening numerous traffic laws and being driven in a dangerous manner, placing members of the public at great risk. The van was then abandoned by Thomas while still moving and with a passenger inside, crashing into a

wall within Kelvedon Gardens, St Ann's. He then fled the scene and discarded a loaded revolver handgun into a nearby garden. Thomas was later identified as the driver of the van and the person discarding the handgun during the investigation.

- Following a street robbery in June a 41 year old man was arrested in Worksop and the victim's handbag was recovered as a result of the work of an excellent team effort. Officers were assisted by CCTV operators to ensure a timely intervention and arrest as the CCTV operators were able to keep the offender in view while officers travelled to the scene. The offender was also further arrested in connection with a burglary and theft in the Worksop area earlier that day and property stolen from several victims of crime was able to be recovered.
- On the 21st July a 75 year old man suffering from Alzheimer's was found after falling down a bank thanks to a great team effort. He was reported missing at 5:30am. 19 response and Operational Support (OS) officers from the night shift began the search, many being late off duty. Hours later, significant resources were used from response, neighbourhoods, OS, helicopter, missing from home team and media; all co-ordinated by POLSA. At around 11.30am two PSCOs searching by bicycle found Howard in a bank, having fallen down not far from his home. Thankfully he only suffered a few cuts.

Ends