



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

*Ensuring we are a
Safer in Sussex*

Hello,

This week I was delighted to announce an additional £100,000 worth of funding to support Sussex Police in safeguarding against domestic abuse.

The funding will extend the force's use of dedicated 'Operation Ribbon' domestic abuse patrol cars until the end of April 2015 and will also enable the purchase of 200 specialist smart phones with enhanced technology to support high-risk victims of domestic abuse.

Continued investment in the right technology to support victims of domestic abuse is crucial. Sussex Police's Operation Ribbon campaign, which launched in December 2014,

Meetings & Events

**Surrey & Sussex Criminal
Justice Partnership
Meetings**

Tues 3 March 2015

**Speaking at a meeting
of Bognor Hotham Rotary
Club members**

Tues 3 March 2015

**Speaking at Billingshurst
Wednesday Group**

Wed 4 March 2015

**Speaking
at Crowborough Town
Conference**

Wed 4 March 2015

**Speaking at a meeting
with Seaford Chamber of
Commerce**

Thurs 5 March 2015

***Crackdown on drug-
drivers in Sussex*** "New
legislation has set legal
limits for how much of a

provided enhanced support for victims over the festive period. The extra patrol cars act as a deterrent with officers taking a proactive approach visiting people known to be at risk of suffering domestic abuse. I am pleased that the benefits of this operation will continue to be delivered with no break in service to victims.

The specialist smartphones will provide an extra layer of reassurance to domestic abuse victims as they will allow them to have a direct 24-hour line to the police. Victims will be able to activate the phone whenever they feel threatened, intimidated or at risk. The phones will also support victims of associated crimes such as stalking and harassment.

The fight against domestic abuse and the devastating effect it has on families from all walks of life must remain a priority for everyone. It can often take place behind closed doors, where coercive and controlling behaviour is difficult to recognise.

substance - both illegal drugs and prescription medication - motorists can have in their system while driving. Up until now the drug-driving testing process has been a matter of professional judgement, which is open to challenge. that is why I welcome the new legislation that sets testable limits at the roadside for the most common drugs. These changes to the law will give the police the enforcement tools they need to protect road users from dangerous drivers and pursue those who have committed serious ! crimes."

I would encourage anyone who is suffering abuse by a partner or family member to please report it - if not to the police then to a professional service or one of the agencies who specialise in providing expert support and advice.

Best wishes,



Katy Bourne
Sussex Police & Crime
Commissioner

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