



Notts Voices

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

“ Welcome to the April edition of my Notts Voices newsletter. This is a great opportunity for me to speak directly with you, the people of Nottinghamshire, and update you on what we have been getting up to over the past month.

PCC Gary Godden



Nottinghamshire comes together for International Women's Day

On International Women's Day, we were proud to host an inspirational day of powerful stories of strength and resilience from women across Nottinghamshire.

The event took place at the Albert Hall in Nottingham, and brought together organisations who are working to keep women safe in the city and county.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola also handed out awards focused on those who have delivered outstanding service in tackling issues relating to violence against women and girls.



Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner's International Women's Day

Friday 6th March 2026
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High-quality forensic services helping to secure justice for sexual violence survivors

Sexual assault survivors in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire can be assured they will receive the highest possible standards of forensic healthcare, following the outcome of an independent national inspection.

Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) are specialised medical clinics for children, young people and adults who have been sexually assaulted or raped, providing trauma-informed care 24-hours-a-day and undertaking medical examinations to collect evidence to help secure justice.

Following a rigorous inspection last year, the adult SARCs in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, both run by Mountain Healthcare, have now received UKAS accreditation for meeting the Government's stringent standards in forensic healthcare.

Nottinghamshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola leads on tackling Violence Against Women and Girls in the county, on behalf of PCC Gary Godden, who part funds the Nottingham SARC alongside NHS England.

Unacceptable actions of officers warranted dismissal, says PCC

Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola have spoken of their shock and disappointment after six police officers failed to act on a report of rape.

Four of the officers resigned and two were today dismissed following a four-day gross misconduct hearing at Nottinghamshire Police Joint Headquarters in Arnold. The hearing also said the four who resigned would have been dismissed if they had still been serving.

PCC Godden said: "I am horrified by the attitudes displayed by the officers when responding to this incident and I am frankly furious that anyone wearing the Nottinghamshire Police badge could dismiss a disclosure of rape and not take it seriously."



Purple Flag award recognises Nottingham as a vibrant and well-managed city

Nottingham city has been awarded Purple Flag status for the 16th consecutive year.

Purple Flag is a mark of quality assurance awarded to towns and cities which demonstrate a real commitment to creating vibrant, safe and well-managed visitor destinations.

For Nottingham, this means that city centre partners including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, Nottinghamshire Police, It's in Nottingham, Nottingham City Council among others have been independently assessed on their approach to creating a safe and well-managed city centre.



VRP holds latest Stakeholder meeting

Nottinghamshire's Violence Reduction Partnership recently held its latest Stakeholder Reference Group meeting at the Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham.

The event provided a great opportunity for organisations and service providers from across the city and county to come together and share best practice on efforts to support young people.

Organisations were able to collaborate on what else can be done to progress the work already taking place.



Volunteers transform Nottingham community spaces

Hundreds of volunteers have been transforming community spaces across Nottingham as part of an initiative that rewarded people with a live music experience.

Projects took place at Hyson Green Youth Centre, Stonebridge City Farm and The Lenton Centre, with more than 200 volunteers rolling up their sleeves to take part in painting, decorating, gardening and renovation work.

Everyone who completed four hours of volunteering in Nottingham earned a ticket to an exclusive live music event at Rock City on 8 April, headlined by British chart-topper Tinie Tempah, with support from MOBO nominated JayaHadADream.

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New initiative targets predatory behaviour to prevent violence towards women and girls

Women and girls will be even safer on nights out in Nottingham city centre thanks to a new policing operation aiming to intercept predatory behaviour before a crime is committed.

Undercover officers, highly trained to identify clear warning signs of predatory high-risk sexual behaviour, are now patrolling in busy night-time hotspots as part of Project Vigilant.

They alert uniformed officers enabling police to intervene early, tackle suspect individuals, and disrupt offending before it escalates into a serious crime.

The work has been made possible through the Home Office's Hotspot Action Fund, which is managed by Notts OPCC.



Public Safety Social heads to St Ann's

PCC Gary Godden will hold his next Public Safety Social event in St Ann's on April 30.

The event brings together the public, police, council and local service providers, and enables local issues to be identified.

Solutions are then sought collaboratively via round table discussions as the evening progressed.

Public Safety Socials will be held in every area of Nottinghamshire, keep an eye on OPCC social media channels to find out when we're near you!



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