

## News and appeals

### Sussex Police remains on track to increase police officers this year.



Chief Constable Giles York has confirmed the force is on track to see 2,725 officers in post by March 2020 – 176 more than a year ago.

The question was one of a number put to the Chief Constable by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne at the most recent Public Accountability and Performance Meeting (PAM) held on Friday (November 15).

Setting out the force plan to recruit additional numbers current figures show there were 2549 officers in November 2018, 2,610 officers in March 2019, rising to 2,649 in October and 2,725 predicted by March 2020. The increase takes into account those leaving the force, including through retirement.

Mr York told the meeting: “We are growing as an organisation and we continue to grow the number of police officers. The numbers highlighted above show that we are recruiting people faster than those leaving the force.

Just last month we took on an extra 36 officers over and above the existing plans we had in place and these officers are already in training.

The additional posts form part of the force’s on-going transformation plan to strengthen local policing, improve public contact and modernise policing including through advancing technology.

The plan will also see an additional 100 PCSOs by next March, bringing the total number to 296. The next PAM is due to be held on Friday 13 December.

### Sussex Police commended for leading fight against gender inequality

Chief Constable Giles York and Superintendent Miles Ockwell have been commended for their commitment to gender equality in UK policing.

They were given a Special Recognition Award at the British Association of Women in Policing ceremony in Lincolnshire. The award was granted to the pair for their significant contribution to gender equality and service to women in policing as thematic champions for the United Nation’s global HeforShe movement.

Chief Constable Giles York, the Global Thematic Champion for Law Enforcement, said: “As a leader, son, husband and father, I believe that enabling true gender equality is a shared responsibility. Men and women have a joint responsibility to achieve gender parity.

In supporting HeForShe, Sussex Police is demonstrating the strength of our commitment to ensuring a Police force that is representative of the communities that we serve which is key to addressing violence against women and girls. Superintendent Ockwell has been instrumental in our support to HeForShe and I would like to praise his outstanding contribution to this movement.

HeForShe was created by UN Women, the United Nations entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women in society. The movement is supported globally by 2 million people, including world leaders and global CEOs including Winston Duke and Edgar Ramirez.

Earlier this year, HeForShe published their annual Impact report which documented how individuals and communities across the world are advancing in gender equality over the last 12 months. Within this report, Sussex Police demonstrated the link between domestic abuse and gender equality in policing and will share this learning with all UK police forces across the country at the upcoming UK Policing Gender Equality Summit.

The summit, hosted by Sussex Police which was the first police force in the world to be HeForShe thematic champions, will see representatives from all UK police forces come together to celebrate their achievements made so far in their commitments to tackling gender inequality.

The summit on November 20 will also see the launch of the Gender Equality in UK Policing: First Annual Report. The report will combine force gender information with best practice examples of steps being taken to improve gender imbalances at senior levels and to create communities free from domestic abuse but also demonstrate the support each policing force is pledging to the HeForShe movement. The report is supported by UN Women and the intention is for it to be used by police forces within and outside of the UK to support HeForShe and work towards gender equality.



CC York added: "Given the link between gender inequality and domestic abuse, in policing we have a unique opportunity to address issues of violence towards women and girls. Over the last 12 months we have worked with police forces around the county to raise awareness of the gender inequalities that exist within policing.

We are proud to have addressed the gender imbalances within our senior leadership teams and will share the steps that we have taken to do this with all UK police forces.

## **Eastbourne car park collision leaves woman badly injured**

Police are appealing for witnesses after a 45-year-old Eastbourne woman pedestrian suffered serious injuries when she and a Volkswagen camper van were in collision in the car park at Tesco's store in Lottbridge Drive, Eastbourne.

It happened at around 2.45pm on Thursday (21 November). The woman was taken by ambulance to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. No one else was injured. The vehicle was driven by a 58-year-old man from Eastbourne.

Anyone who saw what happened or who may have mobile phone or dash-cam images that could assist officers investigating the incident is asked to contact Sussex Police online or by phoning 101, quoting Operation Bilbrook.

## **Action Fraud**

### **Money Mules**

Be aware of the dangers of becoming a money mule.

A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else & is paid for doing so.

More details here: <https://www.moneymules.co.uk/index.html>

### **UEFA Euro 2020**

It's not long now until the next ticket sales phase for EURO2020 kicks off, Police and Action Fraud are reminding fans that tickets can only be purchased from the official UEFA EURO website

<https://uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/ticketing/>

Be wary of people selling fake or non-existent tickets via online marketplaces.

### **Netflix customers targeted by scam emails**



Sophisticated phishing emails purporting to be from Netflix are attempting to extort customer bank details, you need to watch out for emails stating:

Your account is on hold' and 'Suspended Membership Account' – More information and visual examples of these fraudulent emails can be found here: <https://conversation.which.co.uk/money/netflix-update-payment-details-scam-email/>

### **Crime summary**

A burglary occurred on Ringwood Road, Eastbourne on 15th November during the day, whereby a house was broken into. The rear door was damaged and entry was gained, it is currently unclear as to whether there are any items stolen from within (47190198246).

An attempted burglary occurred on Latimer Road, Eastbourne during the day on 18 November, the attempted entry was made by forcing the door on the side of the house – no items were stolen (47190199189).

A burglary occurred on Devonshire Place, on 19th November during the day, whereby there was no signs of forced entry, however, jewellery was stolen from within (47190199852).

A burglary occurred on Elms Avenue, on 20 November during evening hours, whereby a suspect(s) has entered the property and stolen bank cards from within (471901200822).

### **Help us keep Sussex safe**

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please contact us online, email us at [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk) or call 101, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)