

Proactively Tackling Modern Slavery - 17.01.20

Hello,

On Monday I joined Sussex Police's East Sussex Discovery Team on a targeted roadside operation in Hastings to tackle modern slavery.

Agencies involved were: Surrey and Sussex Road Policing Unit; the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority; King's Church Anti-trafficking Team and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency.



PC Amanda Snashall said: "The work we've done, enquiries and intel we've gathered suggests that a particular type of van is bringing workers into Hastings on a regular basis. We are here to monitor this location and stop any vehicles that fit the description."

It was great to see this team in action, gathering vital intelligence and demonstrating to the public that modern slavery will not be tolerated in Sussex.

My Safe Space Sussex Funding Network is now open for applications

The Home Office announced this week that a £10m fund has been ring fenced to better protect officers in the line of duty. Police & Crime Commissioners have been invited to apply for part of this fund to equip more frontline officers with Taser devices in their local areas. I am pleased that the Government is making this fund available so that we can better protect those who put themselves at risk to keep us all safe. I can confirm that I will be working with Chief Constable Giles York to submit a bid for Sussex in the next few weeks.

My Safe Space Sussex Funding Network is now open to applications from organisations across the county that support victims or witnesses of crime to cope and recover. In the last funding tranche I awarded nearly £600k of grants to 15 specialist providers.

The network is open for applications until midday 3rd February 2020 .

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