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The recent tragedy in Nottingham in which three people were killed and three more were seriously injured has had a huge impact on our city.

The incident on 13 June didn't just impact on the loved ones of those affected. The shocking and unusual nature of the attacks was felt by us all in some way.

Police and Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry reflects on the tragedy:



“ Our wonderful city has been shocked by a tragic incident and our thoughts are with the loved ones of those who have been killed – Barnaby, Grace and Ian.

It has also affected a number of people who were injured or who witnessed these horrific attacks as well as hundreds more people left traumatised by the thought that something like this could happen so close to home. Help and support is available for them all, through Nottinghamshire Police and the Notts Victim CARE service.

At times like this you can't fail to recognise the incredible work of our emergency services, who are always there for us in our hour of need. This was recognised by Home Secretary Suella Braverman, who met with the emergency services and extended her personal thanks to them after accepting my invitation to lay flowers in the Old Market Square ahead of a vigil.



But this tragedy will not define Nottingham's story. How we come together, look forward and rebuild is what will define us.

Nottingham is world-renowned for its welcoming, friendly and warm people. Lots of people come here and fall in love with our city. People from diverse backgrounds, cultures, beliefs and traditions all call Nottingham home.

There is no place for hate in the healing process. It is important that we remain united and come back stronger from this tragedy as Nottingham Together.

Caroline Henry

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Support available

“You don’t need to have suffered a crime or a traumatic event directly to be fearful of it – but you can still get help.”

That is the message from Notts Victim CARE, a free service which offers practical and emotional support, not just to victims of crime but also anyone who has been negatively impacted by crime indirectly.

The service is commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire - and we are raising awareness of the support it offers following the recent fatalities in the city.



The families and those directly affected by the incident are receiving specialist support from Nottinghamshire Police, but this incident has sent shockwaves through Nottingham, and there is a wider ripple effect to this that will be felt for a long time. At this really difficult time for Nottingham, people may need this service more than ever, so I would urge people to share it far and wide that we are here to help.

Notts Victim CARE is a fantastic service which helps thousands of people throughout the year. Trauma affects us all differently, but the important thing to know is that whenever you need help, it is right here, from a free, professional, compassionate service that can help you on the road to recovery.

There are people standing by to take calls now on 0800 304 7575 or nottsvictimcare.org.uk. The helpline is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 8pm and Saturday from 9am until 5pm.



Innovation Fund

I am calling for innovators to apply to my new Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund. I am looking to fund truly NEW and INNOVATIVE project ideas which aim to make a real difference to local communities. The fund will enable organisations to think differently and develop original solutions to localised problems.

Applicants must be able to evidence how the proposed initiative will help to address one or more of my three priorities outlined in the Make Notts Safe Plan: Preventing, Responding and Supporting. The Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund is open to expressions of interest from any UK-based organisation who would like to apply for funding to; test your innovation idea, collaborate with other organisations, or research and develop a process, product or service.

Full information can be found on our website or by scanning the QR code below. We are hosting online information workshops for anyone who is interested in the fund.



Our Youth Charter



Young people have helped influence a new benchmark which raises the bar for how youth services are delivered across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The new Youth Charter, which was officially launched in June, was co-created by young people alongside the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership as part of a continued drive to support young people in having a positive impact in their

communities and preventing serious violence. It also invites youth workers and organisations that work with young people to pledge their commitment to a set of standards designed by young people.

The Charter includes plans to help motivate young people to achieve, build better community relationships and empower young people to use their voice and have a positive influence on their communities.

Rejoice Amieghemen (pictured above) is one of the young people who helped create the Youth Charter and is now set to join a delegation visiting youth clubs across Nottinghamshire to help promote the benefits of signing up.

The 17-year-old, of Bestwood Park, was a service user at Support Through Sport, based at the Forest Recreation Ground, before becoming a Community Sports Coach at the organisation.



She believes her experience of developing her potential at a local youth club demonstrates the importance of having good standards in youth provision and the positive impact it can make on young people.

The project has been coordinated by the Violence Reduction Partnership, which aims to bring together and commission services from partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to help prevent serious violence.

The young people who were involved developing the Youth Charter included community ambassadors, project staff and mentors, youth parliament members and youth project participants. The Charter was offered for consultation and feedback across Nottingham City and County networks to ensure that it is representative of the needs of a diverse range of young people.

For more information about the Youth Charter, including how to sign up, email the Violence Reduction Partnership at vrp@notts.police.uk.

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Saying thank you

Our amazing volunteers perform really vital roles that support my Office's duty to ensure top standards are maintained in Nottinghamshire Police's custody facilities and dog section.

During Volunteering Week I invited all of our amazing Independent Custody Visitors and Animal Welfare Scheme volunteers to come to our Headquarters to say thank you personally and talk about their experiences.



Case study

Retired headteacher Mark Richardson (pictured left) said volunteering as an Independent Custody Visitor made him feel he was "giving something back" by helping vulnerable people.

After leaving the teaching profession, Mark found himself with time on his hands but he was inspired to take up an unpaid role after seeing an article in the Nottingham Post in 2020, where two volunteers spoke glowingly of the joy of offering their time for public service.

I would urge anyone who is interested in volunteering to get in touch by emailing officepcc@notts.police.uk.

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