

Welcome

A huge thank you to everyone for your continued efforts during this difficult time.

However, it is not all over. As more establishments are allowed to reopen, and shops reduce their social distancing measures and way one systems, the responsibility for keeping the virus at bay is resting more heavily on us all as individuals.

We all want to lead normal lives as soon as we can, but in order to achieve this we must act as one and stick to the rules. Please continue to follow the latest guidance.

If you have any concerns you can contact me via email on general.enquiries@durham.pcc. pnn.gov.uk as well as on Twitter and Facebook.



Acting PCVC Steve White



EXTRAORDINARY FUNDING FOR SPECIALIST VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS WELCOMED BY PCVC

The decision by the Ministry of Justice to allocate additional funding to Police and Crime Commissioners to support specialist voluntary and community organisations who support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence has been welcomed by Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Steve White.

Across County Durham and Darlington, an additional £400,000 of funding has been made available and so far thirteen organisations have benefited from this. These specialist organisations have faced unprecedented challenges, as they adapt and change how they deliver their vital services, during the COVID-19 Crisis.

Steve White Acting Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner said: "It is fantastic that nationally there has been an acknowledgement that our key support organisations needed additional funding to adapt in order to continue to provide their vital services. We are aware of the impact that COVID-19 has had on the victims of these crimes and their families, therefore it was a welcome surprise when we were allocated more funding than we initially anticipated. This means we can assist more organisations to adapt in order to deliver their services in this ever changing environment and therefore more victims can be supported."



Remember to maintain social distancing

Enter our Celebration of Local Superheroes online competitions

Competition 1 - Art Design 'Your Personal Superhero'

Whilst we can't host our annual Celebration of Local Superheroes event this year, we are bringing our event competitions online!

Our first competition is Art. Be as creative as you can and design your personal superhero.

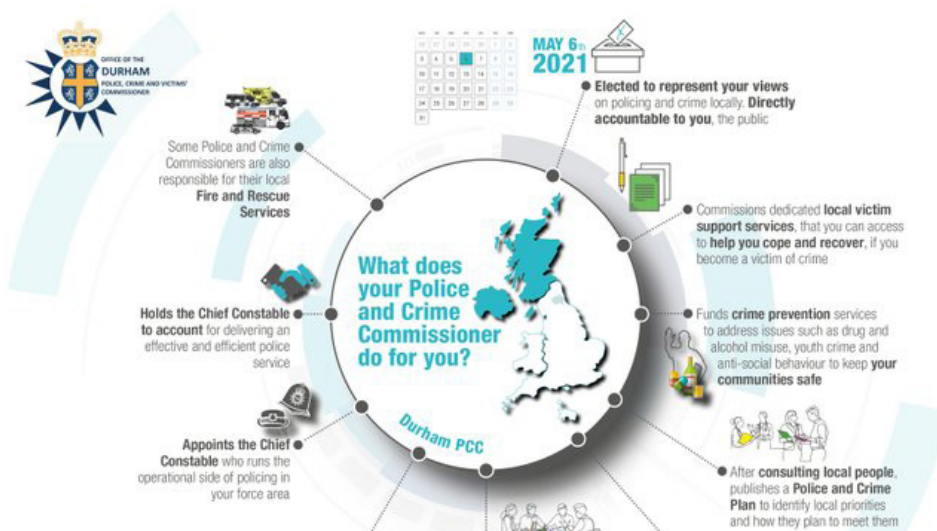
There are 4 age categories (KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4) so make sure your name, age and school are on your entry. Each winner will receive a £15 gift voucher as a prize!

Please email your entries to general.enquiries@durham.pcc.pnn.gov.uk by Friday 31st of July 2020.



The next PCC Election's take place on 6th May 2021.

Watch this video from the Association of PCC's for more information on the role



Support During Covid-19

We continue to work closely with our support services for victims' throughout County Durham & Darlington during these challenging times. All support services are open and available to provide help, support and advice should you need it, you can contact them by clicking on the links below.

[VCAS](#) - Support Victims of Crime

[Mental Health and Emotional Support](#)

[Harbour](#) - Supports victims of domestic abuse

[Action Fraud](#) - Support victims of fraud and cyber crime

[Halo](#) - Support victims of forced marriage and honour based violence

[The Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Centre](#)



Remember the new guidance on face coverings

