



Community Safety Partnership Report

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Community Safety

Community Safety is about protecting people's rights to live in confidence without fear for their own or other people's safety ensuring that people are safe from crime, disorder and danger and free from injury and harm and communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; are resilient and able to support individuals to take responsibility for their wellbeing

The Community Safety Partnership aims to improve community safety across Moray by identifying and addressing immediate concerns in order to protect the most vulnerable and at risk and be proactive to ensure that communities feel safe.

The CSP comprises of various Moray Council services, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Grampian, tsiMORAY and Registered Social Landlords

POLICE STATION PUBLIC COUNTER OPENING HOURS

The following Police Stations have Public Counters and are open during the following hours.

BUCKIE	0700 - 1700	7 DAYS
ELGIN	0700 - MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS
FORRES	0915 - 1715	MONDAY TO THURSDAY
	0915 - 1445	FRIDAY
KEITH	0815 - 1600	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
LOSSIEMOUTH	0900 - 1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ROTHES	0900 - 1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY

NOTE – Stations may close for one hour at 12.30 daily or at short notice.

Telephone 101 – Non Emergency

999 – Emergency

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Twitter: @policescotland

Facebook: facebook.com/police Scotland

Should you wish to remain anonymous you can always contact the registered charity Crime stoppers on **0800 555 111**

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Moray Council Help Desk: 0300 1234566

Community Safety Team Office: 01343 563134

Online ASB Reporting at www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_103264.html



Chief Inspector for Moray Norman Stevenson



It has been another busy period preventing and reacting to all manner of business in Moray.

Whilst the tragic events elsewhere in the Division of the train derailment may not affect us directly, it is a stark reminder for me as to how well Communities can work to support all aspects in the aftermath. Whilst I am grateful there has been nothing so serious in Moray, I offer my continued assurance to the Community and yourselves that the staff here in Moray will work collaboratively to prevent wherever possible, but when the worst does happen, we will work equally as hard to respond and deal with whatever we are faced with.

We touched upon Suicide Prevention in our last Newsletter and I feel it is equally important to keep this in everyone's mind to ensure that we focus on people in their most vulnerable moment. I have every confidence that the recipients of this newsletter do, but it's important for us all to continue to share the information that will hopefully reach out to the right people.

In terms of other preventative work, I recently received a link in respect of scams that was several pages long, but very informative indeed and I share this with you below for your communities to have awareness on.

[Trading Standards Scam Share newsletter](#)

Sadly there are so many scams, but what hurts the most is that many innocent people are being deprived of their hard earned savings and the whole affair can have a detrimental effect on their mental health.

The online world continues to be complicated and again, I received information recently which I believe will help keep us all safe online. I accept that some of the information is aimed at those younger than I, but as an adult with family and/or friends who use any of these platforms, it is incumbent on us all to help spread the safety message, which is why I include the links here.

[Parents Guide Instagram.pdf](#) - 2,161.0 KB

[Parents Guide WhatsApp.pdf](#) - 1,464.4 KB

[Parents Guide TikTok.pdf](#) - 921.7 KB

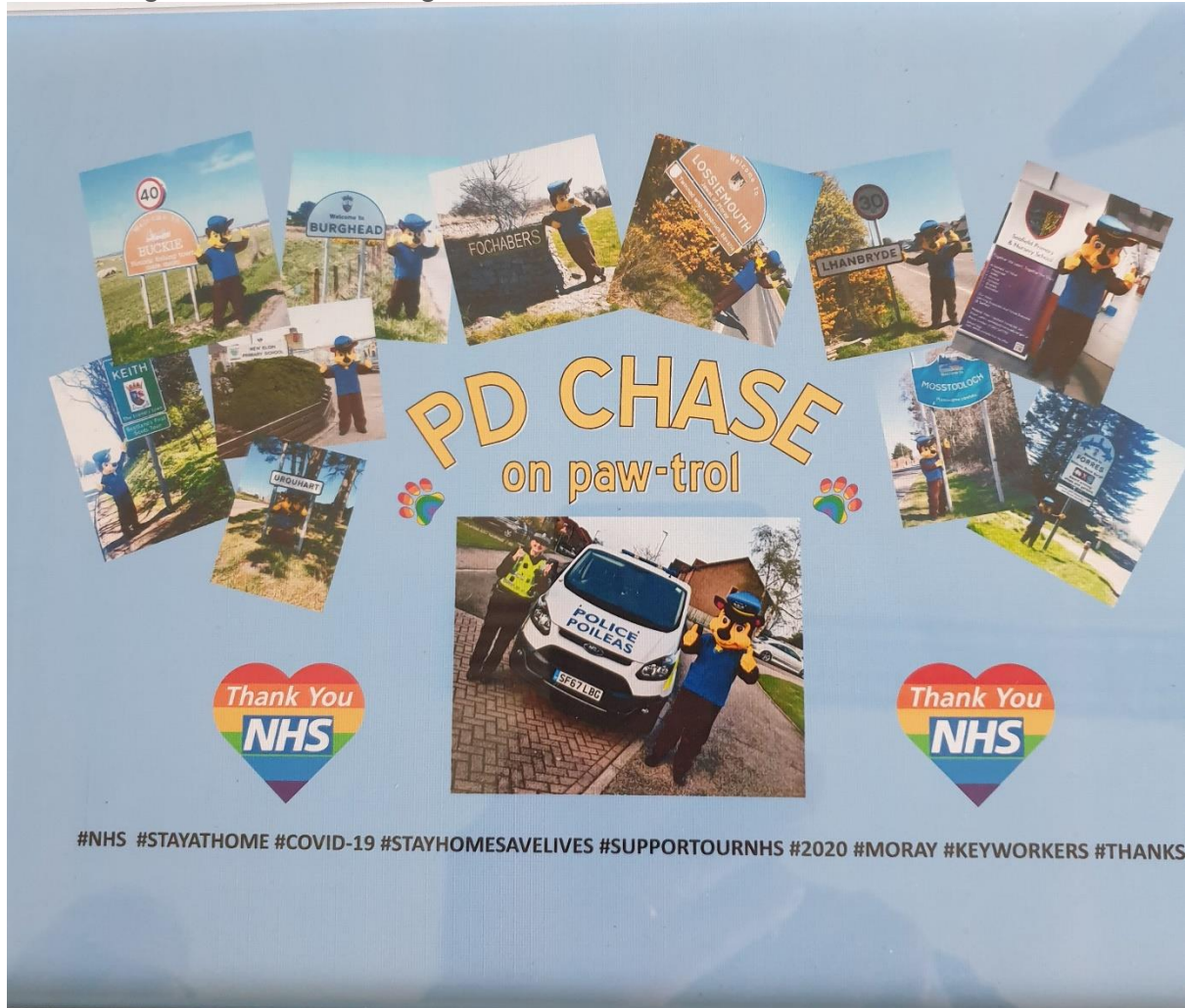
[Parents Guide Discord.pdf](#) - 2,879.1 KB

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If you wish to learn more about online dangers please click the following link, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>, to head to National Online Safety where you will find more guides and updates to help stay safe while online.

If you have received them already, then my sharing will only serve to enforce the need to take care online.

Finally, people in your Community will all have benefitted from PC Jamie Dey's efforts disguised as Police Dog 'Chase'.



He recently did a great piece of work with NHS staff, that resulted in several framed images of his collaboration. The one that caught my eye highlights that in a lockdown world of MsTeams and Zoom, it is still really important to be visible.

Norman Stevenson
Chief Inspector

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Moray East Community Council Report



This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team area during August 2020.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

BUCKIE

During August 2020, four reports of assaults have been investigated. Of these assaults, three occurred in a domestic setting and the other involved children. All offences have been detected and will be subject of reports to the Procurator Fiscal and Youth Justice.

Three vandalisms have been reported. The incidents relate to damage to parked vehicles at different locations in Buckie. Enquiries remain ongoing into these matters.

Several seizures of controlled drugs have been made during August. The most significant of these seizures has been the recovery of a large quantity of Cocaine which has a potential street value of tens of thousands of pounds. This seizure will without doubt have significant impact upon the availability of the drug in Buckie.

KEITH

A total of five assaults have been reported to officers at Keith. Of these assaults, one occurred in Newmill and resulted in the victim sustaining serious injury. Those responsible for this assault have been charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Of the remaining assaults, one has been detected and the other three under investigation.

Two vandalism have been reported, these are not connected and enquiry is continuing into both incidents.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

BUCKIE

Four crimes of dishonesty have been reported. Two relate to attempts to break into domestic dwellings in Buckie. These do not appear to be linked and a positive line of enquiry is being pursued in one of these crimes. The remaining two dishonesties relate to the theft of milk and a gas metre.

KEITH

Two reports of theft have been made. One relates to the theft of a Moray Council recycling bin from a farm outside of Keith and the other to the theft of personal belongings from an address in Mid Street, Keith.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME

BUCKIE

On 18 August 2020, a hit and run road accident occurred on Binview Road, Cullen, whereby a parked and unattended vehicle was struck and damaged. There are no witnesses to this incident and Police are appealing for information.

One uninsured vehicle has been seized by officers in Buckie

KEITH

On 17 August 2020, a road accident occurred on the A96 between Keith and Huntly which tragically resulted in the death of a male. Roads Policing Officers are undertaking investigations into the accident.

One uninsured vehicle has been seized by officers in Keith.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

I am pleased to announce that Constable Rachel Barclay has in recent weeks taken on the role of Community Police Officer for the Buckie area. The role is currently being developed by Rachel supported by Sergeant Scott Brander and will without doubt enhance Policing and support communities in our localities. Further information will follow in coming weeks with Rachel being introduced to our communities through a series of community surgery's and media releases.

In response to concerns raised around anti-social driving in Buckie town centre, officers from Buckie Community Policing Team along with Roads Policing colleagues took part in an operation during the weekend of 21 and 22 of August. Officers took the opportunity to engage and educate drivers. The operation has been heralded a success and its impact will be considered moving forward with further interventions where necessary.



Moray Police ✓

@MorayPolice

Following concerns from residents about antisocial driving officers in Buckie took action over the weekend. Six drivers were charged with offences. PC Barclay said "We continue to listen and respond to the concerns of our community and are committed to making our roads safer".



Mike McKenzie

Police Inspector

Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team

26 August 2020



Moray Central Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Elgin Community Policing Team area during the period of August 2020.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

This month my officers have dealt with sporadic incidents of vandalism in the town. Enquiries are ongoing to trace a group of youngsters who were witnessed causing significant damage to the children's play park on Reynolds Crescent. Two vehicles parked in Cooper Park and Cockburn Place suffered deliberate paintwork damage in unconnected incidents and a window was broken at a licensed premises on the High Street.

There were 2 serious assaults this month, both detected, which occurred on Millar Street and Bain Road. There were 14 common assaults, 7 are detected and enquiries are ongoing into the others. Generally the offender and victim were known to each other. None of the incidents occurred within licensed premises.

In relation to drugs activity, this month my officers have recovered various quantities of Cannabis from 5 separate individuals aged between 18 - 42 years old. A drug search warrant was executed in New Elgin and items seized for analysis.

Acquisitive Crime:

A 37-year-old man was charged with committing sneak-in thefts at Harrison Terrace and Balmoral Terrace and a 28-year-old man was charged with stealing items from 2 gardens on Muirfield Road. Officers are investigating the theft of a trampoline from a premises on Bezack Street and the theft of lead from the roof of a building on New Elgin Road. A garden shed on Linkwood Road was broken into and a quantity of whisky stolen. Detectives are investigating a break-in to a business premises on Grampian Road where a quantity of tools and valuable specialist camera equipment were stolen. There have been no robberies this month.

I am pleased to report that following enquiries into a series of thefts from the New Elgin Cemetery over the past 5 years, my officers executed a search warrant at an address in the town and recovered some of the stolen property. A 78-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft and will appear in court at a later date.

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Road Safety & road crime:

This month my officers charged a 51 year old male for driving over the alcohol limit on Pinefield Parade and 81-year-old man for driving carelessly on Ashgrove Road. A 33-year-old female was charged for driving with no insurance or MOT while using a mobile telephone on Lesmurdie Road. There were no reports of dangerous driving.

Community Engagement & Reassurance



Your local Elgin Community Police mascot, Police Dog Chase from the children's TV show PAW patrol, had a busy lockdown period keeping children smiling as he toured around the local area. Chase, AKA PC Jamie Dey, drew a lot of attention on Social Media for his 'pawtrols' and having received hundreds of pictures from families he decided to create canvass picture collages (as seen above) which were donated to Dr Gray's Hospital for display in the children's ward.

During August a number of parking issues in the town centre were brought to our attention. Officers have been patrolling on foot and bicycle to deal with any offences they see being committed.

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Following a number of parking issues highlighted in Elgin town centre since the Spaces for People restrictions were introduced in June, officers from Elgin Community Policing Team have been patrolling the town centre dealing with offences committed.

#KeepingPeopleSafe



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Finally, in the Police service we are used to dealing with slippery characters on a daily basis however my officers were shocked when they received a call to attend and deal with this 3ft snake in the town centre. PC Stockwell's colleagues breathed a sigh of relief when he stepped forward to take the lead for this incident.



Moray Police @MorayPolice · 5d

They say two days are never the same in the police - today PCs Rennie & Stockwell attended a report of a '3 foot' snake found in Elgin town centre where they met this guy! Glad to say he was swiftly reunited with a concerned owner.

#KeepingPeopleSafe
#KeepingReptilesSafeToo



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Andrew Wilson

Inspector

Elgin Community Policing Team

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Moray West Community Council Report



This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Team areas during the period of August 2020.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

There have been 4 Vandalisms in Lossiemouth over the period which include broken windows and damage to a motor car. Enquiries are ongoing into these incidents.

3 Assaults have occurred over the period. Two of the incidents have involved juvenile offenders with the other involving a domestic assault. The domestic assault and one juvenile assaults have been detected. Enquiries are ongoing in respect of the other juvenile assault.

During August there were two incidents of threatening behaviour. One of these has been detected with a suspect identified in the other.

On another occasion a male was stopped by Police regarding consuming alcohol in a public place.

There was an incident of fire raising to the outside of Lossiemouth High School. At this time no suspects have been identified with enquiries ongoing.

A male was found in possession of a personal amount of Cannabis and other as yet identified tablets.

Forres Area

During the reporting period there were 6 reports of Vandalism in Forres, 2 involving damage to cars, 2 involving damage to private windows and one involving damage to a communal door.

There was also a report of 10 vehicles damaged overnight in Findhorn.

A person has been reported in connection with the damage to the communal door, enquiries continue in regards the other vandalisms.

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Leancoil Hospital was entered causing damage to a window there. Youths are suspected but no identification has been made at this time.

A disturbance in Forres resulting in 2 assaults and 3 incidents threatening behaviour was reported involving parties all known to each other and 2 persons have been charged and reported in respect of same.

Another person was reported for assault involving a weapon and a further incident of assault was reported where a named suspect is being sought.

There was an incident where a male was assaulted and his wallet taken from him. This appeared to be an opportunistic crime and enquiries continue to identify those responsible.

All the above incidents occurred in Forres.

There were 4 reported domestic incidents in Forres and 1 in Kinloss. All perpetrators have been reported accordingly.

A person was charged in connection with possession of controlled drugs and another person charged with Cannabis Cultivation. Both incidents occurred in Forres.

Acquisitive Crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

There was an incident of a householder in Lossiemouth disturbing a male attempting to break into their property. Enquiries are ongoing with lines of enquiry being pursued.

There was an incidence of theft of a plant pot from a plot at Lossiemouth Cemetery. Enquiries are ongoing into same.

Forres Area

During the reporting period we received a report of private premises attempting to be entered one in Forres and 2 commercial premises, one in Findhorn and one in Forres. Enquiries are ongoing into these.

There were 2 break ins to sheds, both in Forres, where a bike was stolen and a tin. Named suspects are being sought in connection with these crimes. An insecure bike was also stolen from Findhorn.

There were also reports of a theft roof rails from a car in Forres, a theft by shoplifting from a local supermarket and an online fraud.

A male was identified trying to enter a private premises in Kinloss and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Road Safety & road crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

During August 2 males were charged with Dangerous driving having been caught speeding at 119 miles per hour on the A941 between Lossiemouth and Elgin. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Another male was charged with dangerous driving, driving with no insurance and driving with defective tyres having been caught driving at 111 miles per hour on the B9040 Lossiemouth to Hopeman road.

Another driver was stopped following concerns regarding their driving and failed a roadside drug test.

Another driver was stopped and found to be unfit to drive and in possession of controlled drugs.

An individual was caught speeding at 75 miles per hours on the Fochabers bypass. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Another male was charged with careless driving on the A96 at Lhanbryde following a road traffic collision. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Forres Area

During the reporting period we have dealt with various road traffic incidents and offences including, 1 incident of Dangerous Driving, 1 incident of Careless Driving, 1 incident of Drink Driving, 1 incident of Drug Driving, 5 incidents of speeding and various other road traffic offences such as defective tyres and no insurance. These offences occurred on roads around Forres, Kinloss, Findhorn and Alves. All persons have been reported accordingly.

We also received a report of careless driving in respect of a driver failing to give adequate space for a cyclist. This enquiry is ongoing.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

We continue to receive reports of drivers speeding at various locations in the Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres area. We undertake to target those areas where concerns have been identified by residents and alongside our Roads Policing Colleagues, take a proactive approach. A number of persons have been reported for speeding during this reporting period including some driving in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Earlier this month we teamed up with our RAF Police colleagues and carried speed checks in such an area highlighted.

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At the start of the month we ran a proactive Operation in Forres involving uniformed and plain clothed officers, patrolling those hot spots identified as having issues with anti social behaviour. Officers engaged with a number of youths and provided guidance, education and early intervention referrals where appropriate. Plans are in place to continue this proactive activity.



Kind regards

Kerry Rigg

Inspector

Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Team

Suicide Prevention

In 2018 in Scotland there were 784 deaths by suicide, the rate for male suicide was three times that for females. There were 77 suicides across the NHS Grampian board area in 2018, up from 63 in 2017. 59 of the 77 were men.

The below looks at how you can spot the signs, support the individual and what supports and services you can connect them with.

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Spotting the signs?

How might someone with thoughts of suicide present? What might we see, sense, hear or learn?



A common myth is that people will not talk about their thoughts of suicide but people can and do often talk about thoughts of suicide.

Asking about suicide?

If you think someone is thinking about suicide you must ask the question. We know this can feel difficult or even scary but it is the best way to open up the conversation about suicide and must be asked.

How to ask?

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The question must be asked in a direct and neutral way.

Try to **avoid** leading questions, for example 'you're *not* thinking of....'

Try to **avoid** asking questions that may be seem to contain judgement, for example 'are you thinking of doing something *silly*'

(the reason for a person to think about suicide may seem trivial or even unimportant but to that person it is life or death)

Try to **avoid** questions that aren't clearly about suicide such as

- Have you thought about what happens when you die?
- Have you ever thought about dying?
- Have you ever thought about hurting yourself?

Try to **ask a neutral and closed question** where the answer can be either 'yes' or 'no' about them taking action to end their own life.

- **Are you thinking about suicide?**
- **Are you thinking about killing yourself?**
- **Are you thinking about ending your life?**

Asking someone who does not have thoughts of suicide about suicide **CANNOT** put the idea in their head. If you think someone may be thinking about suicide **ALWAYS** ask the question.

Listening

Asking the question must never be asked in isolation and must be followed up. If they answer yes to your question about suicide, then it is important to give them time and space to share their story.

Listening feels like it should be easy but again we know it can be difficult, encouraging a person to talk about their thoughts of suicide is important and helpful.

There is no expectation for you to 'fix' whatever is happening for that person. It is important that we allow a person to talk about their feelings without judgement and direct them towards a suitable support.

Things to remember

- Try not to make judgement regarding the reason someone may be feeling suicidal, try to focus on how they are feeling rather than the trigger or event that led to them feeling that way.
- Try not to react to behaviours shown when someone is feeling suicidal, try to remember it is again the feeling behind the behaviour that is important.

Helpful questions

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- Why do you think you are feeling this way?
- What makes you feel this way?
- How long have you been feeling this way?
- Who else have you told?
- What can we do to help you?
- What support do you think you need?

Supports available

After we have heard the person's story, it is important that we connect them with someone who can further support or help them. This could be a friend, family member or a service. Given the unprecedented times we are currently living in, many services may be closed or may have changed the way they operate so it is important to have a basic knowledge of local support services and how to access them.

You are not alone in supporting an individual and there are many supports available, both locally and nationally. Whilst it is important to have a basic knowledge of these services, it can be impossible to remember them all. There is an App available that showcases many of them and we'd encourage you to download it. As well as helping with supports available it has information on suicide, myths and facts, tips on having the conversation and how to develop a safety plan.

Type '**Prevent Suicide**' into your app provider and download the app now.



Other supports

Although the above App contains a comprehensive list of services available, there may be others that you know of. We also suggest that you explore what supports (professional or personal) the individual currently has, has helped them in the past or who they feel would support them. We encourage engagement with a GP and GP practice. Every GP practice in Aberdeen City has a Community Link Practitioner based within the practice. This service offers person centred wellbeing support to be delivered through a dedicated member of staff.

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When linking an individual to a service, try to offer a 'warm hand off' where you introduce the person to the service and the service to them, this is likely to encourage more successful engagement compared to handing an individual a leaflet or number.

Some safety tips

- If you feel an individual is at immediate risk of death or harm to themselves or someone else, phone 999.
- Even a successful intervention can feel stressful and emotional, make sure you debrief with a colleague or manager following any such conversation, the Samaritans also offer a debrief service.
- These times are testing for us all, look after yourself and ensure self-care every day.
- Be kind to yourself and others.