



## **New plan for the future of community policing**

Suffolk Constabulary has just announced a proposed restructure which would see more than 100 police officers move into Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs).

The extra resource aims to ensure the constabulary has the ability to respond to the increasing demand it faces, and the public's desire for more visible policing.

The changing nature of crime and its rise in certain areas means Suffolk's policing model needs to be as flexible, effective and efficient as possible for the communities it serves.

To reflect this, the force is looking to move 97 police constables and seven sergeants into its SNTs. This would mean there would be 159 PCs and 26 sergeants in its SNTs.

We intend to do so by restructuring the way we work and looking at the best use of our resources.

To achieve this, and remain within the challenging financial landscape in which the constabulary has to operate, it is proposing to reduce the number of police community support officers from the current 81 full-time equivalent (FTE) posts to 48 FTEs.

The budgeted number of posts is 107, although PCSO vacancies have remained unfilled since 2017 to keep those put at risk of redundancy to a minimum.

The transition would strengthen the resilience of the force's policing of community issues and ensure the right resources are in the right place at the right time.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to provide a proactive policing resource that puts visibility and accessibility at its forefront. [more....](#)



**PCC Tim Passmore and Chief Constable Gareth Wilson will be visiting seven town centres across the county this summer.**

**These 'on tour' events are an opportunity to talk about policing issues that affect you in an informal environment. There is no need to book. If you are in the area please drop by to say hello. For details of these please [click here](#)**

### **Formal decisions made by the PCC**

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- [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (PDF, 580KB)
- [Survivors in Transition Grant to Support Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse](#) (PDF, 560KB)
- [Corporate Governance – Scheme of Governance and Consent](#) (PDF, 1.1MB)
- [Outturn – Capital Slippage Funding and Transfers to and from Reserves](#)
- [Suffolk Rape Crisis](#) (PDF, 632KB)

- Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre (PDF, 520KB)
- Independent Advisory Group – Dissolution (PDF, 236KB)
- Fresh Start – New Beginnings Grant to Support Child Victims of Sexual Abuse (PDF, 540KB)