

PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING (PAM)

TUESDAY 05/05/2020 - COVID 19 EDITION

FAQs

1. Covid Restrictions

There has been a lot of national media coverage of some police officers being overzealous on occasions in enforcing the restrictions on public movement under the Health Protection Regulations. What approach has Warwickshire Police taken and have our communities been supportive? What message would you have for the public to encourage them to comply?

2. Crime

There seems to be a lot of recent social media activity on police arresting criminals during the lockdown. Has crime increased during this period and have crime patterns changed? How is Warwickshire Police managing to investigate crime due to the restrictions on social distancing? How are arrested people being dealt with safely when they're in custody?

Is the force experiencing delays locally in the Criminal Justice system and what steps are the police taking to support and reassure victims when their cases are delayed?

3. Domestic Abuse and Victim Services

Domestic abuse is likely to have increased during lockdown due to strained relationships as families have to spend more time together in isolation, with possible financial concerns and the increased use of drink and drugs. What has the situation been like in Warwickshire? What measures are the force taking to safeguard victims of domestic abuse during this period and what support services are there for victims of crime, in particular domestic abuse victims, during this period?

4. Road Safety

Since the Covid 19 restrictions, there have been a lot more people taking daily exercise outside and an increased number of cyclists on the road. However, some drivers seem to have taken the opportunity to use the less busy roads as an opportunity to speed. What has Warwickshire Police done to stop this dangerous driver behaviour and make the roads safer?

5. Partnership Working

How has Warwickshire Police managed to work with other emergency services and partner agencies during this public health emergency? How do you think these arrangements and relationships could be improved to make them more effective?

6. Finance

Has dealing with consequences of Covid 19 cost Warwickshire Police money? If so, how will the budget be managed – will the costs be recovered from central Government, through local taxation or through other means?

7. Health and Safety and Welfare

What are the force's sickness levels like and what is being done to protect the health and wellbeing of the workforce. Are there sufficient quantities of the correct Personal Protective Equipment available for front-line officers, to protect both the officers and the public that they interact with? How have you personally shown your appreciation for their efforts during this extraordinary and challenging time?

8. PCC Support

It's recently been reported that nationally there have been tensions between some elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) and their respective Chief Constables. What has this relationship been like in Warwickshire and what help and support has the PCC provided to the both yourself and the force during this extremely demanding period?