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## APCC Chair, Donna Jones

Welcome to Issue Eighteen of the APCC Stakeholder Bulletin, the last one of 2023.

It's six months since I became Chair of the APCC and what an incredibly busy six months it has been for me, the APCC, Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and policing. You can read about the achievements of the APCC and how it supports PCCs in the newly published annual Impact Report for 2022/23.

Also, in this month's Bulletin, find out how PCCs are supporting the [UN's 16 Days of Activism](#), aimed at preventing violence against women and girls, which started on 25 November - [White Ribbon Day](#) – through to 10 December. And why the APCC is backing a national policing operation targeting drink- and drug-drivers this Christmas.

Read about our annual APCC & NPCC Joint Partnership Summit, in association with the College of Policing, which took place last month at the QEII Conference Centre in London and was hosted by the journalist and broadcaster Julie Etchingham. Amongst a number of high-profile guest speakers, we were pleased to welcome the new Home Secretary, the Rt Hon James Cleverly MP and the Shadow Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP.

# APCC NEWS AND UPDATES

## APCC Impact Report 2022/23:

Read about the achievements of the APCC on behalf of its members in the newly published annual [Impact Report for 2022/23](#).

Work highlighted in the report includes how the APCC has successfully delivered against four key areas in the [APCC's Strategic Plan](#). The report also includes testimonials for the work of the APCC and PCCs from the Policing Minister, NPCC Chair, the College of Policing Chief Executive and PCC members.

### Testimonials from the Report:

“Since their inception, PCCs have helped drive change across the policing and criminal justice system, including driving up trust and confidence in policing, driving down anti-social behaviour and supporting victims and survivors.

“PCCs have an important role in representing local communities’ priorities to their policing counterparts, and as the PCCs’ representative body, the APCC is a key component in policing governance.” **(Rt Hon Chris Philp MP Policing Minister)**.

“I value the close working relationship between the NPCC and APCC which is important to support our communities and respective membership bodies.

“The critical scrutiny role of the PCC and Deputy Mayors is well established after 11 years, and provides effective oversight of policing, delivered in a transparent way, ensuring that the community voice is front and centre. This in turn helps to ensure that Chief Constables can concentrate on the operational side of policing, and the delivery of an effective and efficient police service within their force area.

“Policing standards, capacity, cultural practices, and overall effectiveness are under the spotlight more than ever and working collaboratively with the APCC and its members makes us stronger and able to face the challenges that lie ahead.

“We will face these challenges and continue the positive work we do every day in, with and for our communities to help keep them safe.” **(Chief Constable Gavin Stephens QPM Chair of the National Police Chiefs’ Council)**.

“As a PCC, I have been able to spearhead closer collaboration between policing and the private sector to raise the issue of retail crime to the top of the political and policy agendas, supporting retailers to have their voice heard on issues around reporting and attendance.

“This work has now led to the launch of the Pegasus Partnership in which 14 of the biggest retailers in the UK have pledged nearly a million pounds to develop a dedicated national

police intelligence capability to scope and tackle the organised crime gangs affecting the retail sector.

“With support from the Home Office, NPCC, the APCC and the College of Policing, we now have a coordinated national action plan to combat the exponential rise in retail crime nationally so we can protect businesses and shop staff and reassure shoppers that our high streets are safe.” (**Katy Bourne OBE Sussex PCC. APCC Lead for Business and Retail Crime and Board Member**).

“The APCC has supported the pioneering work of Welsh PCCs and their police forces, to reduce-drug related deaths, and ensuring that the public is cited and reassured on the ethical use of new technologies such as facial recognition. It has also enabled government grants to PCCs to enable improvements to make our streets safer for women and to protect communities from the scourge of anti-social behaviour.

“As the body representing PCCs both in England and Wales, the APCC recognises that often things are different here and delivers dedicated policy support for PCCs in Wales.” (**Alun Michael South Wales PCC. APCC Joint Lead for Data and Biometrics and Board Member**).

[Download the report \(fully accessible pdf\)](#)

## #16DaysOfActivism:

Saturday, 25 November marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The campaign, led by [White Ribbon UK](#), has sought to encourage individuals and organisations to make consistent choices, in order to help #ChangeTheStory for women and girls.

**APCC Joint Victims Leads, Caroline Henry & Sophie Linden** said:

“The APCC offers its full support to the campaign and the 16 Days of Action. Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a priority for every Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in the country. Every woman and girl has the right to feel safe and it is our shared responsibility as both citizens and community leaders to fight for a world in which they can live their lives freely and without fear.

“Victims of crime remain at the centre of everything we do as PCCs, and we continue to use our influence to secure survivors the justice and support they deserve to recover.”

[Read more on the APCC website](#)

## #16DaysofActivism Tweets:

<https://twitter.com/NottsOPCC/status/1729144033837215757>

<https://twitter.com/junowomensaid/status/1729088526287880387>

<https://twitter.com/MerseysidePCC/status/1732386785299234839>

<https://twitter.com/NorfolkPCC/status/1731961665371910581>

<https://twitter.com/SussexPCC/status/1731229283010465964>

<https://twitter.com/DurhamPCC/status/1728414392939635046>

<https://twitter.com/NorthumbriaPCC/status/1728404215134028102>

## **Operation Limit: Christmas Drink & Drug Driving Campaign:**

Operation Limit will see all police forces across England and Wales increasing their presence on the nation's roads and intensifying enforcement activity with the aim of preventing deaths and serious injuries caused by people who drive while under the influence of drink or drugs. The operation will run continuously until January 1st.

**APCC Roads Policing and Transport Lead Lisa Townsend and Deputy Lead Joy Allen are supporting the national policing operation targeting drink and drug drivers this Christmas.**

**Lisa Townsend, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey said:**

“Drink and drug driving is taken seriously every day of the year. The annual winter enforcement operation will remind those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs – and wider society – of the grave repercussions of such criminal behaviour and will aim to prevent other motorists from making the same unacceptable mistakes. Officers will be out in force across the UK's roads to ensure the wider community is protected from harm this festive season.

“Even a small amount of alcohol can have a significant impact on a person's ability to drive safely. I welcome the focus of police forces across the country who are cracking down on those who selfishly and needlessly gamble with their own and others' lives by drinking or taking drugs and getting behind the wheel.”

**Joy Allen, Police and Crime Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington said:**

“At this time of year, we frequently see people caught out who we would not normally expect – people who have never been in trouble with the police before. They might attend a Christmas party and travel to work the following morning in the belief they are fit to drive or change their mind about drinking on arrival and make an impulsive decision to drive home to avoid transport issues. Ultimately, both mistakes could cost a life or, at the very least, land them with a criminal record, a driving ban and hefty fine.

“To prevent drink or drug driving happening in the first place, we need to encourage the public to speak up and play an active role in persuading their friends and family members not to drive while under the influence.”

**A selection of Tweets from the campaign:**

**[Tweet from Surrey Roadsafe](#)**

**<https://twitter.com/SurreyRS/status/1733594353417797970>**

**[Tweet from the Durham PCC](#)**

**<https://twitter.com/NWPolice/status/1733215018542325807>**

**<https://twitter.com/SYSaferRoads/status/1734120841271755256>**

**<https://twitter.com/WMerciaRoads/status/1730618258795958361>**

## **APCC & NPCC Joint Partnership Summit:**

The APCC/NPCC Partnership Summit is held in the heart of Westminster. It is a hugely important event in the policing calendar, bringing together senior leaders across policing and criminal justice to discuss and shape solutions to some of the most complex issues in law enforcement.

APCC Chair, Donna Jones, opened the Summit with Chief Constable Gavin Stephens, Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council. This year's event was in collaboration with the College of Policing, an important voice in professional policing and decision-making.

The Summit theme was 'Reforming policing to deliver safer communities' – a highly topical and important subject that was discussed and debated over the course of the two-days and which was addressed in the [APCC Chair's opening speech](#).

**[Visit our Summit page to view photos, highlight videos and several keynote speeches](#)**

# LET'S GET TALKING

## ABOUT THE APCC

### THE APCC IS THE HOME OF POLICING GOVERNANCE

It is the national body which supports Police and Crime Commissioners and other local policing bodies across England and Wales to provide national leadership and drive strategic change across the policing, criminal justice and wider community safety landscape, to help keep our communities safe.

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**ABOUT the APCC:** The role of the PCCs is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/>)

**APCC STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2024:** Find out how we support our members to have a national voice on behalf of their communities.

(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/7848/apcc-strategic-plan-2022-24.pdf>)

**APCC IMPACT REPORT:** The Impact Report 2022/23 demonstrates the breadth of work and impact of the Association for and on behalf of its Members.

(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/9274/apcc-impact-report-202223.pdf>)

**LATEST NEWS:** Up-to-date news updates from our website (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/>)

**PCCs:** What you need to know as a PCC

(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/role-of-the-pcc/what-you-need-to-know-as-a-pcc/>)

**FIND YOUR PCC:** Use our simple tool to locate the PCC in your area

(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/find-your-pcc/>)

**APCC BULLETINS:** View previous bulletins (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/public/apcc-bulletins>)

**YOU HAVE A VOICE:** Short animated video explaining the role of Police and Crime Commissioners

(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/you-have-a-voice/>)

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