



**Agenda Item 9- TVP Update: Q&A raised during meeting**

Question	TVP Response
<p>We are seeing an increase in Nitrous Oxide canisters littering certain spots in Aylesbury. is there a way i can report the hot spots to the Police? the hot spots are the same areas regularly.</p>	<p>These bullet-shaped vessels are the empty shells of laughing gas, the second most popular drug, after cannabis, among young people. Typically, the gas is inhaled from a balloon, inhaling directly from the canister is extremely dangerous. Nationally there has been an increase in the use of this drug since lockdown measures were introduced. Experts have warned of the dangers of nitrous oxide, it is a harmful and potentially lethal substance.</p> <p>Please let our Neighbourhood Teams known about locations that you are finding the canisters in via e-mail (see below) or messaging TVP on our web site reporting form. We can then follow up with uniformed patrols in those areas –</p> <p><a href="mailto:AylesburyCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburyNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburySouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburySouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburyWestNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyWestNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburyEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a></p>
<p>Can you please give some examples of the causes of crime in Aylesbury and what action the Council &amp; voluntary sector can do to reduce the causes of crime? e.g. what can be done to reduce drug abuse &amp; domestic violence, burglary etc.</p>	<p>Many of the ‘traditional’ crime types, including burglary and violent crime have seen a decrease in the Aylesbury Vale, however we are seeing increases in online crime and domestic abuse. Some of the increases in recorded domestic abuse can be attributable to improvements in victim confidence to report offences, either to the Police directly or via other agencies.</p> <p>Drug abuse / dependency is a key driver for acquisitive crime. By reducing the number of people who are drug dependant, encouraging them to engage with support services we can reduce Theft and Burglary offending. My view is that drug recovery services need additional resources in order to support addicts reduce their drug dependencies and therefore the need to commit crime to fund their addictions. We cannot arrest our way out of this problem. Drug addicts can live very chaotic lifestyles and getting them to engage with services and commit to support programmes is very challenging.</p> <p>I would like to see a dedicated substance abuse outreach worker, who can work together with my neighbourhood officers to engage with and provide support to those members of our society who</p>

	<p>without this type of intervention will continue to be dependent on drugs, vulnerable to exploitation and commit crime to fund their addictions.</p> <p>Drug dealing is the main driver for violent crime. Again, if we can reduce the demand for the supply of class A drugs (Heroin and Crack Cocaine) in Aylesbury we will reduce associated violent crime.</p> <p>The Police regularly arrest drug dealers and we have a dedicated team that targets County Drugs Lines operating on our Police Area. Over the last year this team made over 120 drug related arrests, seized 4.5 kilograms of drugs and £90,000 cash.</p> <p>There are a number of charities that we work with that are looking for volunteers – Women’s Aid, Barnardos, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group. One Recovery Bucks.</p> <p>We are currently looking for volunteer Special Constables or a Police volunteers - <a href="https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk">https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk</a></p>
<p>Trying to report any non-urgent issues is really hard. I tried to report an abandoned vehicle and lost the will to live reporting online. Not easy &amp; too long....same on non-emergency line.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, unless it is an emergency and a call for an immediate response (999) then the online reporting and 101 are the recommended ways to report incidents. We do have dedicated neighbourhood e-mail addresses; however, these are not monitored 24/7.</p>
<p>We are finding new "drug Dens" do you want me to report these also?</p>	<p>Yes please – Again by e-mail or using the online web form.</p>
<p>Have you seen an increase in properties in Aylesbury being marked with chalk? I know some reports have been made to the police. What does this mean and can the police perhaps put something on social media to make residents aware but also to reassure</p>	<p>Please report any unusual chalk marks and we can investigate and build an intelligence picture. This can be linked to crime, but not necessarily. We have not seen an increase reported to us.</p>

them. I had a lady with a baby who is petrified, and still hasn't been contacted by the police.

