

Latest news from the Business Crime Team - April 6, 2022

Helping Businesses Stay Safe

The Business Crime Team has setup a monthly Business Advisory Group which has already had it's first successful meeting in March 2022.

The group was set up in order to collaborate with business leaders in our communities and learn from all the different ideas from their areas of expertise. It also allows businesses to provide their views and concerns at an operational level.



The first meeting was a great opportunity for networking and identifying new initiatives. One of the significant areas of work was raised by First Essex Buses around abuse to their staff, which we will work in partnership to tackle.

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Raising Awareness for Domestic Abuse In The Workplace

The Business Crime Team are working in partnership with the Essex Chambers of Commerce, The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Partnership and Alpha Vesta, to educate businesses on domestic abuse in the workplace, as well as how they can look after their staff and identify where external referrals and support could help.

The first conference was held on Friday 18th March 2022 which was viewed by 120 participants from Essex Businesses. It is anticipated that the Business Crime Team will evolve this into further events to get businesses thinking about other vulnerabilities in the workplace and create their own policies to deal with these important issues.

Town and retail cluster visits

The Business Crime Team have visited more of our smaller towns within Essex to engage with local businesses and understand their issues. The team have focussed on areas that at times perceive police resources being drawn into more urban towns and cities. This is a key activity to reduce under-reporting and increase confidence. During these visits, the team have promoted ongoing projects including the “Closed for Crime” campaign and offer advice and guidance around business crime trends and designing out crime. This engagement has been running for 6 weeks and so far, the team have visited Canvey Island, Ingatestone, Pitsea, Tiptree and Epping.



This week we visited Maldon High Street after reports of a robbery to a jewellers. We want to offer businesses reassurance and support them in the local community. If you are concerned about your business or have information on the incident, please get in touch.

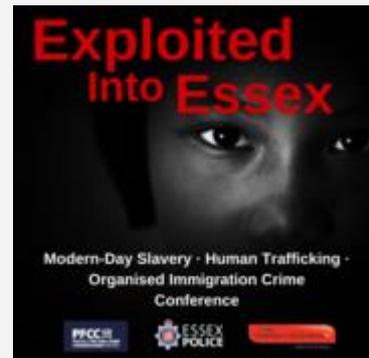
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Exploited Into Essex Conference

Every year people arrive in our county and find themselves exploited by organised crime groups. They are exploited in businesses, families and in our community. While some are found, some travel through our county without leaving a trace. For others, like the 39 Vietnamese, Essex is where they lose their lives to this tragic form of crime.

To raise awareness of this exploitation and what we can all do to tackle Human Trafficking, Organised Immigration Crime and Modern-Day Slavery, Essex Police and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, supported by the Essex Chambers of Commerce are organising a conference ‘Exploited into Essex’ on July the 1st 2022.

The conference will highlight the great work that is already being done, the challenges we all face, and what we can do together to build our resilience against these forms of crime and stop the exploitation in our county.



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When and how to contact the Police

We understand that businesses are extremely busy and not always clear on the most appropriate method to contact the police. If you would like to report business related crime or antisocial behaviour, which is not an emergency you can use our online digital 101 service at www.essex.police.uk We also have a live chat facility at the bottom of our website or if you prefer to speak to someone you can call 101.

Alternatively if an incident is happening right now, and it feels like the situation could get heated or violent very soon or someone is in immediate danger? Please call 999. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, you can use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

If you have ongoing business crime concerns you can contact the Business Crime Team at business.crime.team@essex.police.uk

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