

Write up of Knife Crime Conference- Warrington 20/1/2020:

The conference was so interesting as I learned about the creative and thoughtful ways in which Warrington Police are combating Knife Crime aswell as ASB.

Superintendant Martin Cleworth led the conference working through a crime plan that was segregated into three categories of 'Pursue, Prepare and Prevent.' This listed the actions took in attempt to reduce crime in Warrington, in particular weapon carrying and targeting volatile members of society who could be vulnerable to carrying weapons.

An amazing idea was to establish the Mini Police project at many primary schools in order to enhance youth engagement and instil a sense of morality from an early age so children grow up knowing that weapon carrying is not a form of protection nor a necessity, and that it is in fact illegal and extremely dangerous.

Along with Martin Cleworth, Neil Kelly from Warrington Wolves Foundation also attended and discussed the way in which his team are going to communicate this idea of being "Knife Free".

This was a great idea as by using a team in which everyone adores as a platform to subtly communicate how taking the wrong path in life is never the right option may aspire young people to re-evaluate their decisions, as he explained two of the players had chose the wrong path but got themselves out by being motivated and displacing their anger into sports.

My position of a young person was also valued heavily as my ideas on social media for short clips that can be reposted and going live on sites such as Instagram or Facebook was appreciated.

The conference was a vivid insight into the motivated and aspiring techniques of the police in order to battle the ongoing conflict of weapon carrying and ASB.

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