ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Looking after our greatest asset: Enhancing wellbeing in policing

VENUE: Verena Holmes Building, North Holmes Road, Canterbury



AGENDA Wednesday 22 January 2025

11:30	Registration, refreshments, lunch			
12:30	Opening address			
12:45 13:10 13:35	Keynote address 1: CC Lauren Poultney (South Yorkshire Police, NPCC Wellbeing Lead) TBC Keynote address 2: Dr Ian Hesketh (The National Police Wellbeing Service, College of Policing) Keynote address 3: Prof Jason Roach (Applied Criminology and Policing Centre, University of Huddersfield)			
14:00	Q&A			
14:15	Refreshment break			
14:35	A practitioner experience (tbc): John Fanner (University of Cumbria)			
15:00	Understanding Suicide Amongst Police Officers: Dave Marshall (University of the West of Scotland)			
15:25	Improving Representation and Inclusion in Serious and Organised Crime Policing Roles: Prof Sarah Charman, Alejandra De La Fuente Vilar, Geoff Newiss (University of Portsmouth) and Paul Wells (NPCC)			
15:50	Q&A			
16:05	Refreshment break			
	PARALLEL PRESENTATIONS			
	Wellbeing 1	Wellbeing 2	Wellbeing 3	
16:30	Embodied Communication and Wellbeing: Supporting Self and Others Through Increased Presence and Awareness: Lucy Nicholson (University of Central Lancashire)	Police-perpetrated domestic abuse research: Clare Rawdin (The Open University)	Impact of Specialism in England and Wales: An Online Survey: Arianna Barbin (University of Suffolk)	
16:55	An examination of the effect of using wearable technology and educational packages on health outcomes and quality of life in police officers and staff: Dr Carol Cox, Moya Ward (Liverpool John Moores University)	Police assaults by members of the public: Dr Kathryn Sherratt (University of Huddersfield)	How can we protect the protectors? Learning from police officers and staff involved in child sexual abuse and exploitation investigations: Dr Theresa Redmond, Paul Conway (Anglia Ruskin University)	
17:20	The wellbeing of police call handlers: Rebecca Kinnear (University of Huddersfield)	Exploring the resilience levels and well- being of Professional Policing Special Constables: Pre and Post Training: Steven Wadley	With a Little Help from My Friends: Peer-to-Peer: Dr Tegan Brierley-Sollis Nick Hoose, Andrew Crawford, Dr Sarah Dubberley (Wrexham University)	
		(Birmingham City University)		
17:45	Day 1 close/hotel check-in			

20:00 Optional Conference dinner - Cote Brasserie, 2 Longmarket, Canterbury



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DAY 2 Thursday 23 January 2025

09:00	A debt of gratitude: Police Families Wellbeing and Support Needs Dr Sarah-Jane Lennie (The Open University)				
09:25	A study of trauma and coping in police officers who investigate rape and child abuse in London Dr Jim Foley (East Sussex College/Retired Det Supt Metropolitan Police Service)				
09:50	Q&A				
10:00	Constant pressures from all angles: Understanding the mental health of UK police officers Dr Cody Porter and Dr Paul Gavin (University of the West of England)				
10:25	Refreshment break				
	PARALLEL PRESENTATIONS				
	Wellbeing 4	Wellbeing 5	Wellbeing 6		
11:00	The wellbeing of DVI's: Dr Natalie Gorton (University of Huddersfield)	Police officer wellbeing: Dr Ashley Cartwright (University of Huddersfield)	The wellbeing of SIO's: Dr Liam Curran (University of Huddersfield)		
11:25	Keeping police officers in 'an impossible profession.': Dr Helen Glasspool-bird (The Open University)	Seeking help is a strength: caring who care by reducing the stigma about mental health: Joan Roa Natividad (Department of Interior and Public Security, Barcelona, ES)	A prevailing police culture? Exploring barriers to effective wellbeing support: Dr Fiona Wadie (University of Portsmouth)		
11:50	Child sexual exploitation cases investigations and secondary trauma – Promoting trauma awareness using Robyn and Molly, a digitally simulated training tool:	Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime' (Lao Tzu) Shauna McCusker (Canterbury Christ Church University)	Design of a Wellbeing App for Managing Complex Shift Patterns and Occupational Stress in UK Blue Light Forces: Olumuyiwa Ayonarinde		
	Aravinda Kosaragu (University of Kent)		(Bournemouth University)		
12:15	Lunch				
13:00	Closing the repair shop: Shared spaces and wellbeing in policing: Dr Carina O'Reilly (University of Lincoln)				
13:25	A practitioner experience: Dave Shipley				
13:50	Breaking Barriers: Advancing Wellbeing in Policing by Addressing Perinatal Mental Health and Maternity Challenges: Dr Keely Duddin, Dr Sarah-Jane Lennie, Kendal Wright (The Open University)				
14:15	Q&A				
14:30	Refreshment break				
14:50	FLO wellbeing research project: Dave Egan (Devon and Cornwall Police)				
15:15	Final Remarks & Close				



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