## A MESSAGE FROM BCU COMMANDER, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HELEN HARPER

METROPOLITAN POLICE



Dear all,

We await further information from the government on lockdown measures. Our officers continue to be out on their regular patrols to keep our communities safe and to prevent crime. You will see us engaging with the public and reminding them of their responsibility to stay indoors. By complying with the regulations, we are all helping to protect ourselves, our communities and the NHS.

I am pleased to see that Hate Crime figures remain relatively low. There has been a fall in the number of hate crimes reported in both London and nationally in the past week. This is thought to be due to the impact of social distancing. However, we would encourage incidents of Hate Crime to be reported to us and we will continue to address any issues where we see them.

You may have seen a letter that has been circulating on social media sites with a Met Police Logo stating that a 'Code Red' lockdown is being activated. The message also mentions that on the 15th April at 9pm that London will be sprayed with disinfectant. Please be reassured that this letter is fake and we continue to work with partners to tackle misinformation on COVID19.

Stay indoors; protect the NHS, save lives.

We thank you for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Kindest regards

Helen BCU Commander Central West BCU and Royal Parks

