

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



Dear all,

I hope you are all well.

We are continuing with the same approach that we have been taking across London, which is to engage with our communities and explain the current regulations. As you know, we are also continuing with our business as usual activity, which is to keep Londoners safe. To achieve this we have been keeping focus, alongside our partners, on supporting vulnerable people and on reducing violence.

In relation to vulnerability, we know that when people are isolated, there can be many challenges for some families. To reassure you, we continue to be vigilant, alongside partners, in relation to how the current situation is affecting communities, including picking up where children need additional support, or where there may be coercive control and/or hidden crimes happening in the home.

You may also be aware that it is National Stalking Awareness Week (NSAW).

This year's theme for NSAW is 'See Stalking Clearly' and is to ensure stalking victims are still visible and supported throughout the response to COVID-19 through the National Stalking Helpline, police and other services.

You can read our press release about NSAW, in which Detective Inspector Lee Barnard, from our Stalking Threat Assessment Centre, defines stalking, and how victims can access police support. It is available to read here: <http://news.met.police.uk/news/met-supports-national-stalking-awarenessweek-400238>

We continue to update our website <https://www.met.police.uk/> with the latest information that you and your communities need together with other sources of key information for example <https://www.gov.uk/>.

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

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