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Dear Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson,

This week, Wiltshire Police has participated in a national campaign to raise awareness of the devastating impact caused by stalking, as part of our ongoing commitment to tackle violence, especially against women and girls (VAWG).

We would continue to encourage anyone who feels they may have been a victim of persistent or unwanted attention which makes them feel scared, distressed or threatened to [report it to us](#), and always dial 999 if they feel at immediate risk or harm.

We recognise that it can take significant courage to report this type of abhorrent and criminal behaviour and whilst Wiltshire Police is here to listen, believe and act on any report made, there are [other organisations](#) such as FearFree and Victim Support which offer support to victims of stalking and harassment, as well as other crimes.

As part of National Stalking Awareness Week, we are proactively using our [social media](#) to share where support and help is available – and also to highlight ‘red flags’ which may be an indicator of concerning and criminal behaviour.

Project Vigilant continues to keep people safe in the nighttime economy through using intelligence to identify people who are displaying concerning behaviours, and stop predatory sex offenders who are looking to target women. We recently shared a video highlighting this work, you can view it [here](#).

We have also introduced our [Walk and Talk initiative](#) which invites women aged 18 and over to share locations where they feel unsafe, and for us to go there with them to discuss what action may be undertaken to improve that area. The feedback we receive during these engagements is shared with our partners in the local authority to see what we can do as a collective to improve the safety of women. We would be pleased to hear from more women across the county who have identified somewhere they feel unsafe and who would like to get involved in this initiative. Please contact us at presshq@wiltshire.police.uk and title your email ‘Walk and Talk’.

Wiltshire Police has invested in further training and awareness with all officers and staff to improve their understanding of how a victim of stalking – and indeed any crime - can be best supported; how we can improve investigations into stalking, and how we can ensure we hold offenders to account for their actions. Additional training has also been provided to officers to increase applications for Stalking Protection Orders and identifying the digital elements of stalking through coordination with our Digital Investigations and Intelligence Unit. We also have dedicated officers who review all allegations of stalking on a daily basis to ensure that all investigative opportunities are maximised, and that the support to the victim is at the heart of everything we do.

Wiltshire Police is dedicated to the relentless pursuit of those people responsible for stalking and all VAWG offences. I would encourage our communities to please