



Business Crime Matters in Staffordshire

The Staffordshire Commissioner's Office is bringing the public and private sector together to keep Staffordshire's businesses as safe as possible through a number of initiatives that are unique to the region.

Tackling business crime is an important part of the Commissioner's Business Crime Matters strategy. The strategy was launched in 2013 to address concerns from the business community that such crimes were often regarded as 'victimless', when in reality they can devastate companies of any size, in any industry.

Initiatives spearheaded by Deputy Staffordshire Commissioner Sue Arnold have been identified as best practice, with some being rolled out across the county. Below is an overview of the support available to Staffordshire businesses:

Business Crime Helpline

The Staffordshire Commissioner's Office has commissioned Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce to provide specialist, tailored support packages to businesses impacted by crime, delivered by trained Business Crime Advisors.

For more information, call the Business Crime Helpline on 01782 900239.

Business crime alerts are provided by Staffordshire Smart Alert. Find out more or download the app from the website, www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/

Domestic Abuse in the Workplace

The government estimates domestic abuse costs the UK economy around £66 billion a year.

The [Domestic Abuse in the Workplace programme](#) is co-ordinated by Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce and delivered by New Era, which provides support for victims as well as services to help perpetrators recognise and change their offending behaviour.

The programme is being rolled out around the county and city. Employees who sign up to become Workplace Champions will receive a day's free training from New Era advisors.

Participants learn how to increase awareness about domestic abuse at work, encourage colleagues to feel comfortable about disclosing issues and signpost where to seek the most appropriate help for each individual.

To find out more or sign up for the Workplace Champion programme, email: info@staffordshirechambers.co.uk or call 01782 202222.

Cyber Champions in the Workplace

Cyber crime is swiftly becoming the most damaging crime a victim can experience. Millions of pounds and reams of sensitive data are stolen every year, but much of this could be prevented with some simple actions.

Fraudsters are increasingly targeting businesses large and small. It is estimated that online fraud and cyber crime cost the economy £27 billion a year, with losses of £5.8 million in Staffordshire in the past three months alone.

The Commissioner's Office launched Cyber Champions in the Workplace training in October 2018. This free training for Staffordshire businesses provides an opportunity to get cyber savvy and stay one step ahead of online fraudsters, with designated workplace champions.

Find out more at www.staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/initiatives/cyber-safety/ or email Cathryn.Dempsey@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk to sign up for future training sessions.

Modern Slavery Pledge

Currently, only businesses with a turnover of more than £36m are required by law to ensure their supply chain is free from slavery, but we can all play a part. We're calling on all businesses to show their support for an end to this appalling crime.

Business can sign up to a pledge that raises awareness of modern slavery while also giving them the opportunity to bid for contracts requiring reassurances that there is no modern slavery in their supply chains. Find out more at www.staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/initiatives/modern-slavery/ or email PFCC@staffordshire-pfcc.pnn.gov.uk

Partnerships Against Business Crime in Staffordshire (PABCIS)

PABCIS is an innovative concept in the world of business crime and is at the forefront of the fight against crime and disorder affecting the retail and night-time economy in town and city centres throughout Staffordshire.

PABCIS is the overarching umbrella organisation under which all local Business Crime Partnerships, Shopwatch and Pubwatch schemes sit, ensuring consistency in operation, policy and service delivery.

It also manages the central intelligence hub, where local schemes feed information so action can be taken by businesses, police and partners. Find out more at www.pabcis.co.uk

Next Steps

The Staffordshire Commissioner's Office and Staffordshire Police will be refreshing the Business Crime Strategy in 2020 and will be looking to further develop collaborative arrangements with the Local Enterprise Partnership.

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