



PLR April Update



Key Information

Neighbourhood Beat Bus and Community Surgeries

Up-to-date information about our beat buses and events can be found on: [Your area](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#) (northants.police.uk) under 'Meetings & Events' tab

Latest News

Up-to-date information about general force news, witness appeals, campaigns, court cases and appeals for wanted people, can be found on: [Latest news](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#)

Report a crime

Information about the different ways you can contact the police or report a crime, can be found on: [Contact us](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#)

PLR Changes

- If there has been a change of PLR, you need to notify NCALC and complete the form [here](#)
- Please note that there is only **one** PLR contact for each council or meeting, regardless of size. If you would like to add additional people to the mailing list to receive the monthly update and other communications, you can contact NCALC.
- You should also notify your PCSO if there has been a change of PLR and provide the contact details of the new PLR or an interim contact detail (eg the Clerk or a Councillor)
- If you have a change of email address, you need to inform NCALC and your PCSO, so we can ensure we can still reach you. You can find contact details at the end of this update.

Northamptonshire Talking

We aim to send all PLR digital communications through our [Northamptonshire Talking](#) platform. It is essential all PLRs register on the platform using their council email address so that you can be added to the PLR group. The system uses location based messaging, therefore all communications you receive will be relevant to your area and your council.

Group Join QR Code



Get in touch with your local IAG



Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) play a vital role in strengthening trust and understanding between the police and our communities. Their primary purpose is to provide independent advice on policing policies and procedures, act as a constructive critical friend, and help ensure that no group or community is negatively affected through misunderstanding or lack of engagement.

Across the county, there are four local IAGs that PLRs are encouraged to link in with:

- Northampton
- Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire
- Corby and Kettering
- Daventry and South Northamptonshire

IAG members are actively involved in a wide range of important policing activity, including the Rural Action Group (RAG), Local Identified Priorities (LIPs), police scrutiny panels, and stop and search reviews. Working alongside IAGs provides valuable insight, strengthens community engagement, and supports fair and transparent policing.

As part of the PLR role, maintaining links with your local IAG and sharing information is essential to working together effectively.

Please visit the website to find more information about your local IAG [here](#).

Contact email address: iag@northants.police.uk

Firearms amnesty success



A number of firearms were handed into Northamptonshire Police during a national four-week amnesty which took place in February. This year, the amnesty had a particular focus on BRUNI top/side venting blank firing (TVBFs) firearms.

In their original state, top-venting blank firers (TVBFs) have a fully blocked barrel and are designed to discharge only blank cartridges. When discharged, combustion gases vent from the top of the weapon.

But since 2021, UK law enforcement has recovered 800 of these guns converted to fire live ammunition, and data shows that at least five homicides have occurred using a converted TVBF since 2023.

During the amnesty, 24 weapons were handed in - 11 were BRUNI blank firing weapons, 11 were blank firing weapons of a different brand, and two were BB guns.

Anyone with information or concerns about illegal firearms can call Northamptonshire Police on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Information can also be submitted online at [Report | Northamptonshire Police](#) and [Giving information | Crimestoppers](#).

Always call 999 in the event of an emergency, such as a crime in progress or where life is at risk. If you are a licensed firearm holder and would like advice, please call Northamptonshire Police on 101 or visit [Firearms licensing | Northamptonshire Police](#).

Sextortion reports

Detectives are urging the public to take extra care when interacting with others online after a recent rise in sextortion reports. "Sextortion" is the word used to describe blackmail cases where someone is encouraged or tricked into sharing sexual images or videos. The victim is then threatened with exposure unless they send the criminal money or continue sending them content.

Since October 2025, the Force has received more than 120 reports of sextortion with the victims mostly being young boys who have shared sexual images of themselves with someone who turned out to be a blackmailer.

The offenders of these types of crimes often operate from outside the local area, and even outside the country, frequently using false identities, encrypted platforms, and accounts that are quickly deleted. As a result, suspects are often extremely difficult to trace and, in many cases, are never identified. This makes early reporting crucial so police can act before further harm occurs. Sadly, a lot of these offences also go unreported because the victim feels too embarrassed to come forward. Sextortion has even been linked to suicide and self-harm because people feel trapped, unable to talk to anyone, or incapable of asking for help.

Advice

Be cautious about sending personal or sensitive images, particularly to people you have never met face-to-face. Once it goes online it may never be deleted.

- If threatened, do not pay any money. Report the incident immediately.
- Keep any messages or evidence, but do not respond to the offender.
- Seek support early - help is available, and you are not alone.

Anyone affected by sextortion type incidents are encouraged to contact police through the non-emergency number, online reporting services, or 999 in an emergency. Below are some support services you can access:

Images shared of persons aged over 18: <https://stopncii.org/>

Images shared of persons aged under 18: [Report Remove](#) | [Childline](#) or [Take It Down](#)

Operation Relentless



Operation Relentless, a new force-wide enforcement initiative designed to significantly reduce threat, harm and risk across the county by accelerating the identification, location and arrest of those who pose the greatest danger to the public has been launched. It brings together Northamptonshire Police's proactive capabilities, including specialist arrest teams, ANPR, Live Facial Recognition (LFR), Digital Intelligence and the Force Intelligence Bureau.

As part of this focus on high-harm offenders, Operation Relentless is also targeting the top 100 highest-risk and most dangerous drivers who are misusing Northamptonshire's road network. Specialist officers are using intelligence-led tactics to identify, locate and remove these individuals from the roads to prevent further harm and protect the public from the danger they pose. Technology will play a central role in identifying and locating offenders quickly and safely.

Operation Relentless will deliver visible policing activity across the county, aimed at increasing public confidence and demonstrating the force's commitment to targeting the highest-harm offenders. Northamptonshire Police will provide updates as the operation progresses, including enforcement results and key outcomes.

Key outcomes from week one:

- Nine arrest attempts were made for wanted individuals, covering several areas across the county. Although no arrests were made, the activity generated valuable intelligence that can now be developed further
- Three arrests were made: a 55-year-old man for breaching bail conditions, a 28-year-old man in relation to outstanding court warrants, and a 39-year-old man following a planned visit to a residential address.
- A child safeguarding referral submitted
- Multiple pieces of intelligence gathered which will now guide further work on Operation Relentless
- New potential addresses and contacts for wanted individuals identified

Contact details

The next monthly PLR Update will be sent out at the beginning of May, 2026

For further information, to provide feedback or suggest articles for this update, please contact:

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