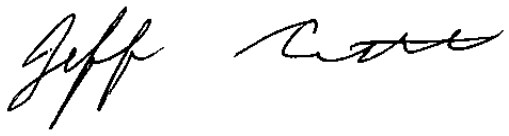


Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2019-078	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Postponement of Volunteer Schemes
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the postponement of the Animal Welfare and Independent Custody Visiting schemes.

DECISION

1. The recent outbreak of the Coronavirus has seen unprecedented decisions made for the welfare of the country.
2. As well as government advice being to avoid non-essential travel and contact and to allow Gwent Police to focus entirely on core business, I have today (17th March 2020) made the decision to postpone all visits made by my volunteer schemes to check on the welfare of detainees in custody and the welfare of police dogs. All scheme meetings will also be postponed for the foreseeable future.
3. This decision has not been made lightly but I believe in the current circumstances it is important to ensure the welfare of my volunteers and the police officers and staff that they would come into contact with. I am confident that the checks and balances that are already in place within the force will provide me with reassurance during this period.
4. I will continue to monitor the situation closely, taking into consideration national advice. Visits and meetings will be resumed when it is safe to do so.

Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MDIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.	
The above request has my approval.	
Signed	Date
	17.03.20

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