

Safer People Safer Places Engagement Event June 2018

Organised crime, modern slavery, scams and fraud were on the agenda as partners from across East Sussex came together for our annual **Safer People Safer Places** event which was held at the View Hotel, in Eastbourne, on Wednesday, June 20.

The event brought together representatives from 42 different services including local councils, the emergency services, the health, education and voluntary sectors and the armed forces.



The conference outlined the partnership's priorities for the year ahead – protecting victims of fraud and rogue trading and vulnerable people exploited by crime gangs, and tackling cybercrime and modern slavery.

The audience heard talks on organised crime and human trafficking from **Sussex Police** and the charity **Stop The Traffik** and on scams and frauds from **East Sussex Trading Standards** and home care provider **Home Instead Senior Care** Eastbourne and Hailsham.

Meanwhile, the conference also heard from the **Sussex Armed Forces Network** on its safeguarding work cases and the **Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner** on the commissioner's plans and priorities for the year ahead.

All presentations from the event can be viewed via this link: [Presentations](#)



Kate Parkin, Armed Forces Director for both the Sussex and Kent & Medway Armed Forces Networks talking to attendees about the Armed Forces Network in action with safeguarding cases.

Speaking on behalf of the partnership, Cllr Bill Bentley, East Sussex County Council lead member for communities and safety, said: *“This was another successful event which brought together expertise from a wide range of sectors.”*



“The threat posed to vulnerable people by organised criminal gangs through tactics such as cuckooing is significant, and is something which cannot be tackled by one agency alone.”

“It’s vital that all members of the partnership pool their resources and work together to tackle these threats, so we can support vulnerable people in our communities and ensure they can feel safe and confident in their everyday lives.”

More information about the work of the Safer Communities Partnership can be found at <http://www.safeineastsussex.org.uk/> and presentations shared at the event can be accessed here: