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INVITATION TO THE VICTIMS SUMMIT

Dear colleagues

You are invited to the Victims Summit being held on **Tuesday 28 November 2017 9.45 – 16.00**, taking place in the **Lord Knight's Suite, Tally Ho!, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B5 7RN**. The Victims Summit will showcase some of the services I have commissioned regionally as a result of recommendations made by my Victims Commission.

Since 2015 I have taken on responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime provided by the voluntary and community sector. In an innovative response to my commissioning responsibility, I established my Victims Commission which is made up of expert representatives from the voluntary sector. Members of the Commission contribute their expertise and knowledge to ensure that the services we provide are victim led and evidence based. A link to the launch video is [here](#).

My priorities are set out in my [Police and Crime Plan](#). They include domestic abuse, sexual abuse, FGM, hate crime, forced marriage and honour based violence, modern slavery, fatal road traffic collisions, CSE, a first contact, assessment and referral service and support services for children and young people. As you can see, the area of responsibility is immense.

The Victims Summit will highlight some of the services I have commissioned regionally. This includes a project which identifies and supports victims of child victims of human trafficking. It is also an opportunity to find out more about the work, and also for you to help us to establish further links with local community projects. During the Summit, we will be seeking your views on how we can develop stronger relationships with local community groups. This event will provide the ideal opportunity to launch this initiative and we look forward to engaging with you to continue this work in the months ahead.

The West Midlands will also be welcoming the Victims Commissioner, Baroness Newlove as our keynote speaker. Baroness Newlove champions the rights of victims and witnesses across the country and will be talking about the importance of listening to victims so that the best services are provided to help people cope with the trauma of the crime and recover from the impact.

To register your attendance at the Summit, please click on the [link](#). If you have any support needs or dietary requirements please contact one of my team on 0121 626 6060 or by emailing russell.fletcher@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Jamieson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Jamieson
West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner