



**Keeping  
Essex Safe  
Together**

# Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Annual Conference 2026



**Wednesday 1st July | Colchester JobServe  
Community Stadium**

## *The Power of Partnerships: Keeping Essex Safe Together*

Time	Session	Speaker
09:00 – 09:30	Registration, networking & refreshments	Compere Joel Charles, Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and opening address	Roger Hirst MBE, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
09:45 – 10:00	The future of Fire and Rescue in a changing Essex	Rick Hylton, Chief Fire Officer, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
10:00 – 10:20	Supporting safer communities through 'creative' opportunities	Dr Natasha Richards-Crisp and Jess Plant, Creative Health Network
10:20 - 10:30	Whatever changes, this must not: consistent support for every victim	A Survivor's Voice
10:30 – 10:45	Commissioning through change	Dr Katrina Wickes, Researcher and Local Authority Commissioner
10:45 – 11:15	Supporting the forgotten victims of sexual abuse and violence	Cath Pickles, Founder, Restitute.org
11:15 – 12:30	Refreshment break and interactive workshops – Session 1	See next page
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch and networking	Layer Suite
13: 15 - 14:15	Interactive workshops – Session 2 – repeat of morning session	See next page
14:15 – 14:30	Policing in Partnership through change	Chief Constable BJ Harrington QPM, Essex Police
14:30 – 14:45	Why early interventions work	Sam Grant & Jim Pearson, Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit and Landi Muca, Headteacher, Victory Park Academy
14:45 – 15:15	Listening Project: What young people really think about crime and safety in Essex	Presented by Alexia Karras, Kai Dixon, Ruth Kigozi, Epping Forest Youth Council and Nicole Redgwell Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Service (ECVYS)
15:15 – 15:35	Keynote: Supporting young people to thrive	Nick Cook, Director of Young People's Services, The Children's Society
15:35 – 15:45	Closing remarks and next steps	PFCC Roger Hirst



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## Workshops

Room	Workshop	Facilitator
Layer Suite	The Hidden Epidemic of Drug Driving	Adam Pipe, Head of Roads Policing, Essex Police
Vice Presidents	Why the Survivor Voice Matters: Risks, Realities and Responsible Practice	Dr Katrina Wickes and Lauren Peck OPFCC
Dick Graham	Exploring Trauma Informed Practice on children, young people and their families.	Sarah Clementson and Anita Warren, Centre for Rape and Sexual Abuse (CARA)
Enterprise Suite	Cybercrime Escape Room – test your knowledge on scams and phishing	Gavin Saunders – Cyber Prevent, Protect & Prepare Officer, Essex Police
Academy Suite	Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit (VVU) - problem solving for safer communities	The Violence and Vulnerability Team