

AS – Central South

## BRIEFING NOTE

COVID19 – 17 – 09/04/2020

Dear all,

In the early hours of yesterday morning, Commissioner Cressida Dick joined officers from the Met's Flying Squad on early morning raids to arrest suspects wanted for a number of violent robberies and burglaries across north London.

Speaking after the raids, the Commissioner said: "Even during this hugely challenging time for us all I want to reassure the public that the Met remains utterly committed to providing an excellent service to London.

"We are here. We will continue to serve our communities across the capital and remain focused on our number one priority – reducing violent crime on the streets of London."

### **Upcoming Bank Holiday Weekend**

I am sure that many of you will be looking forward to the upcoming Easter Bank Holiday weekend [starting on Friday], and I hope that you are able to enjoy the extended break, albeit under very different circumstances than we have seen in previous years.

Once again, the weather forecasters predict sunshine and highs of just over 20 degrees starting from tomorrow.

As you know, last weekend there were some isolated incidents of members of the public going against the Government's advice and having picnics and/or sunbathing in parks and open spaces. My officers who were out on patrol went to speak to those people to remind them that they should only be leaving their homes for a form of exercise or other essential travel and the vast majority of people understood and returned home.

Officers will be out on their regular patrols this weekend; engaging with the public and reminding them of their responsibility to stay indoors.

I fully understand that people will want to enjoy the sun and heat on the Bank Holiday weekend, especially when they are usually wet and rainy, however the sooner people stay indoors, the sooner I hope we will beat this virus.

Stay indoors, protect the NHS, save lives.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Regards,

**Colin Wingrove**

**Chief Superintendent**

**BCU Commander – Central South**