



## *Operation Dark Nights Briefing Note*

*26<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018*

Between the 26<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 South Yorkshire Police will deal with an increased number of reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

In order to tackle this increase we launch the Dark Nights Campaign during this period.

Dark Nights aims to help people safely enjoy events during this period by:

- Ensuring responsible retailing from shops selling items such as fireworks, eggs and flour which may be used in incidents of anti-social behaviour
- Advising communities on precautions they can take to avoid becoming a victim of crime via social media and the SYP Alerts system
- Working with our colleagues from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue to educate people about the dangers of misusing fireworks
- Extra police officers and PCSOs will be on duty during the evenings and on key dates like Halloween and Bonfire evening
- Partnership working with RMBC and teaming staff up to work together

We will use police powers only when we have to and these include measures such as:

Dispersal notices – this is a power which police officers can use to instruct those engaging in anti-social behaviour to leave an area for 48 hours. Items likely to be used to engage in anti-social behaviour such as alcohol, fireworks or spray paint can also be confiscated under this power

Enforcement of legislation around the discharge of fireworks in a public place

Stop and Search powers – police officers may use these powers to search for articles made, adapted or intended for use in destroying or damaging property or to search for fireworks.

