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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Knife crime is a topic that is of huge importance for our youth today. As knife crime levels across the country rise, so too does the fear of it. That is why it is more important than ever to have serious conversations with young people in schools, colleges, and other youth provisions to educate them on the risks and how to stay safe.

The Precious Lives workshop has been running since 2010, by Pc Rob Pedley. With the success of the project, in 2019 we decided to take it further building a bigger team of trainers, reaching more young people, and aiming to take the conversation deeper.

Precious Lives is fully funded for young people from Year 6 of primary school to 18 years of age and available to all West Midlands schools, colleges, and other youth provisions. The project sees a team of 10 trainers, who have real-life experience of knife crime either as a victim, offender, or professional, speak to young people to help them understand the consequences of carrying or using a knife.

The trainers share their experiences and pass on the lessons they've learned. The sessions are designed to be hard-hitting and impactful with an emphasis placed on connecting with the young people and delivering a message.

Workshops can last between 45min to 1 hour. We use a PowerPoint presentation and a video to deliver, so access to IT and audio will be needed.

You can have the workshop delivered as many times as you need to cover your cohort. It can be delivered as a large assembly style presentation or a small classroom size workshop for more interaction.

If you would be interested in having the project delivered or have any further questions please contact me,

Yours sincerely

**Natalie Cox**

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West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.**