

Operation No Deal Education

Press Release

SCHOOL children across the city have had some interesting extracurricular lessons from Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) educating them about the dangers of drugs.

The talks are part of the No Deal, a partnership operation to tackle drugs and drug dealing in Wolverhampton.

During discussions children were quizzed about their knowledge of drugs and the law.

The students learned about the consequences of being caught with drugs, with many surprised to hear that they could be arrested and put in a cell from the age of 10.

Liam Price, one of the PCSOs who has been delivering the presentations at schools across the city, has built up a good rapport with many of the children after years of giving school talks.

PCSO Price said: "It's great to feel that we're making a difference in these children's lives. Many of these kids live on the estates that we have been targeting as part of No Deal, and so have seen the affects of drugs in their community, so it's important that they can see the police in a positive environment."

Wolverhampton No Deal started on Tuesday 24 September and has seen more than 60 people arrested and over 45 charged for drug offences. Eight more addresses were raided across Wolverhampton yesterday morning as the second phase the campaign began.

Wolverhampton Police have also been working in partnership with the local council and Aquarius, a charity who support people with addictions, to secure help for drug users following the arrests. Anyone needing support can contact Aquarius through their website.

Anyone who may have information relating to drug dealing in their area should contact their local officers on 101. Alternatively, anyone who does not wish to speak to police can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously 0800 555 111.

Link to YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dInEvP7uw3Q>

All images linked to from the above story are copyright West Midlands Police.