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## Police letters warn kerb crawlers

### Suspected kerb crawlers in Northampton have been sent letters by police in an operation targeting prostitution.

About 80 letters have been delivered to the owners of vehicles which have been logged by police as suspected kerb crawlers in the town.

The move is part of a scheme to stop the exploitation of women and children.

Officers said the letters are a stern reminder that prostitution is illegal and in some cases, if a child is involved, can lead to a life sentence.

Mark McDonnell, manager of the scheme, said: "It is important that these people realise when they pay prostitutes they finance crack cocaine dealers and pimps who are exploiting vulnerable women and children.

"While it is extremely rare for there to be children working on the streets, we have over the past year taken two children under the age of 18 into care having been found soliciting on the street.

"So far this year I have sent out around 80 letters as a result of vehicles being logged by cameras and officers, in addition to the 150 I sent out last year."

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