



Lincolnshire
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

SAFER TOGETHER

A NEW scheme which helps police track down missing people with dementia has been launched in Lincolnshire.

The new system, called the Herbert Protocol, has been launch by the force after calls by the Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones for its introduction into the county.

The Herbert Protocol – named after war veteran and dementia sufferer George Herbert - is a national scheme which encourages carers and families to record vital information which can be used if they go missing.

So far 55 people with dementia have gone missing in Lincolnshire since January 2017, out of a total of 411.

The Protocol form includes details about medication, daily routine and significant places as well as including a description and a photograph.

Once complete, the form is then placed within the care setting in a safe but prominent position, so the information is quickly available to police and other agencies in the event of the person being reported missing.

Identification cards, with the person's contact details and a picture, are also available. It can then be stored in a purse or wallet that belongs to the vulnerable person, so if they do wander and cannot identify themselves, the information could be easily found.

The launch is timed to coincide with National Dementia Awareness week (15th-21st May 2017).

“Being able to access clues to a help locate missing possible swiftly is crucial and the protocol will save officers critical time,” said PCC Marc Jones.

“Finding missing people, particularly those who are most vulnerable, needs to be done quickly to protect them. We hope any family with a loved one who suffers from dementia will take the time to fill out the necessary forms.

“It will only take a few minutes but could save hours in any search in the future.”

You can access the form at www.lincs.police.uk/reporting-advice/missing-persons/, call or text 07768 164086 or contact the LCC Telecare phone number 01522 554040 (usual office hours).

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