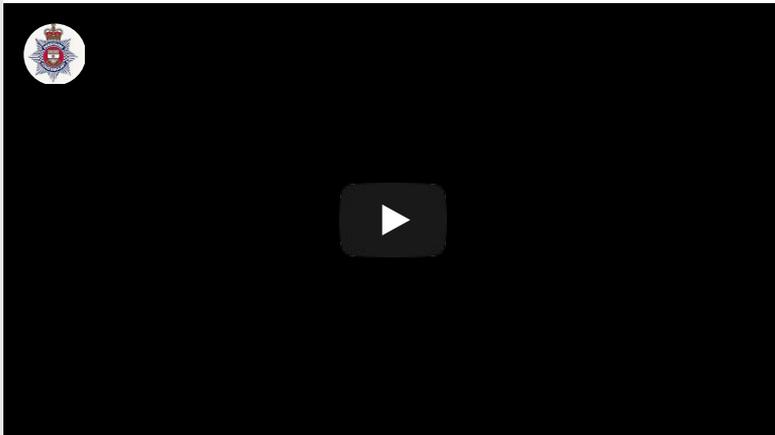




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The mum of a murdered knife crime victim has made an emotional plea to young people not to carry a knife.

Yvonne Upton was speaking to our PC Lisa Jones on a rainy Thursday, September 20 in the week of Operation Sceptre, a national campaign to reduce knife crime.

Her 21-year-old son, Connor, was killed as a result of being stabbed in Burton-on-Trent in 2010. She has been speaking to us at the cemetery where he is buried, in an effort to try and persuade others not to carry a knife.

Her interview with Lisa is part of a Derbyshire police led Project Zao, the full version of which will be shown to schoolchildren across Derbyshire to help reduce knife crime in the county.

In this short excerpt she makes a plea for young people to not carry a knife and urges them to talk to someone to help resist the temptation.

PC Lisa Jones, said: "Yvonne has been helping us with Project Zao to try and persuade young people in particular, not to carry knives.

"She has been so brave, open and honest in our interview and I am sure it will help the people who watch it to understand the full implications of their choices.

"We are so thankful to Yvonne for speaking to us."

If you have any concern about knife crime in your area contact us using one of the following non-emergency contact methods.

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- [Twitter](#) – direct message our contact centre on @DerPolContact
- [Website](#) – complete the online contact form www.derbyshire.police.uk/Contact-Us.
- Phone – call us on 101.

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