

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **S; Kesgrave – Shooting victim remains in a critical condition**

A teenage boy who was shot as he walked to school in Kesgrave remains in hospital in a critical condition, as detectives continue to question another boy who was arrested in connection with the attack.

Officers were called just after 8.40am yesterday morning, Monday 7 September, to reports of a shooting in Friends Walk, in the Grange Farm area of the town.

Witnesses reported seeing the suspect then get into a car following the attack, which drove off out of the close.

The victim, aged 15-years-old, sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he currently remains in a critical condition.

At 10.55am yesterday, a 15-year-old boy from the Woodbridge area was arrested by armed police in Westwood Avenue, Ipswich, on suspicion of attempted murder.

He was taken to Martlesham Police Investigation Centre and detectives have now been granted a superintendent's extension to detain him for questioning for an additional 12 hours.

A car matching the description of that seen leaving the crime scene was seized at the time of the arrest and a long-barrelled firearm was recovered from inside it.

Friends Walk remains closed off as police searches continue. Through Jollys and Ropes Drive reopened yesterday evening.

Temporary Detective Superintendent David Henderson, the Senior Investigating Officer, said: "This has been a fast-moving investigation, with officers working around the clock since yesterday morning.

"I appreciate that many people will still be very concerned at an attack of this nature happening in a small town such as Kesgrave, but we continue to stress that incidents like this are extremely rare and that there is no wider threat to the local community.

"In addition, following the initial enquiries that have been carried-out, we can confirm that the victim and the suspect are known to each other and at this time there is absolutely nothing to suggest this incident is linked to organised criminality.

"Our thoughts remain with the victim and his family and we continue to offer them our full support.

"Additional patrols to provide reassurance are continuing in Kesgrave and a police pod has been put in place, so local residents have somewhere they can go to speak to officers should they wish to.

"I would urge anyone who has information about this terrible attack to make contact with us as soon as possible."

Any witnesses, or anyone with information about this incident, is asked to contact the Major Investigation Team via our online portal here: <https://mipp.police.uk/operation/363720N60-PO1> or by phoning 101.

Alternatively, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their online form: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Police patrols in the Kesgrave area will continue over the coming days. They will continue to engage with school children, teachers, parents and local residents to provide reassurance, listen to any concerns and to reiterate the fact it is an isolated incident.

The constabulary will also have a police pod located in Through Jollys that will provide a strong visible presence to local people, with officers present between 8am and 9.30am in the mornings and 2pm and 3.30pm in the afternoons. Residents can ask questions or raise queries and allow police to continue to listen and understand concerns of the community.

Officer support is coming from various sources such as the local Safer Neighbourhood Team, Community Engagement Officers and Youth Engagement Officers. Additionally, our School Liaison Officers are working with schools in providing bespoke engagement within schools that identify a specific need as a result of this incident.

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