



## Close range on gun and knife crime

Photo shows:(from left) Chanda Azam, Aamna Hamid, PC Paul Jackson, Mariha Nadeem.

The Pakistani Youth Forum girls group had an eye opening experience earlier this month thanks to PC Paul Jackson from Huddersfield. The officer and his colleagues PCSO Stokes and Joyce who regularly patrol the Crosland Moor ward worked in partnership with the local youth work staff at the Internet Learning Café to deliver a workshop on gun and knife crime.

Youth Coordinator Sofia Buncy commented, "The media has been charting the fluctuating levels in gun and knife crime regularly on the news. Although Asian women may not be the highest offenders on this list I think it is essential that they know what to do in a situation where they may be the victim! The workshop focussed heavily on role play and discussion therefore allowing the girls to see both the perpetrators and victims ac-

tions and possible consequences of these".

Young person Aamna Hamid, aged 16 commented, "I thought it would be boring at first and I didn't know what the workshop had to do with us girls. When we got into it I thought some of the things we learnt could save our lives. Just because we don't carry guns and knives doesn't mean other people won't and they aren't afraid to use them either".

Halima Sadia also 16 added, "PC Jackson was down to earth and he explained stuff in a way we would understand, he didn't just talk at us instead he got us up and involved through role play and showing us the real damage guns and knives can do through pictures and case studies. We would definitely recommend other girls to do this training".