

# PANIC ALARMS FOR MIDWIVES

## Drug users attack nurses on call

EXCLUSIVE By NICK OWENS

MIDWIVES making home visits are being issued with security alarms. The hi-tech devices - disguised as ID card holders - have been distributed because a rising number of community workers are being attacked while out on calls.

Last month a midwife was set on only moments after she finished an evening house call in Peterborough. Police said her attacker targeted her because she was carrying drugs and medical equipment.

The devices allow midwives to raise the alarm by pressing a button which gives their exact location to a monitoring call centre via the GPS technology used in sat-nav systems.

A second button on the alarm allows support staff in the call centre - manned 24 hours a

day - to listen in to what's happening and if necessary alert police.

The £180 Identicom alarm has been tested by workers at Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals in London and is now set to be rolled out across the UK.

The decision to issue alarms highlights the ongoing problem of violence in the NHS. Last year there were 3,500 reported attacks on midwives, GPs and health workers operating in the community compared with 2,900 the year before.

Overall there were more than 56,000 attacks on NHS staff last year. Louise Silvertown (left) of the Royal College of Midwives said: "We believe NHS trusts should invest in this equipment. Violence against midwives and other NHS staff working in the community is a big problem."

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## Joyriders' £7k bus rampage

A TRIO of drunken joyriders caused £7,000 of damage at a bus depot when they tried to steal a coach.

Driver Matthew Hatch, 21, lost control of the single decker and crashed into other buses at the bus station in Exeter.

CCTV footage from inside the coach showed him driving erratically while two friends Stevie Adams, 18, and Sam Osborn, 19, both from Exeter, laughed and egged him on.

Magistrates in the city heard the trio smashed up other buses and cars at the depot before stealing a car. They were arrested at an empty car park.

Adams was given a conditional discharge and Osborn curfewed for six months. Both were ordered to pay £500 compensation. Jobless Hatch, of Exeter, will be sentenced later.



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## Fiddler flees on the roof

AN INTERNET fraudster who fled from police through an attic window was tracked down after dropping his wallet on a rooftop.

Ricky Worden, 30, swindled buyers all over Britain on eBay, offering cheap perfume and DVDs that were never delivered.

When he was tracked down to a house in Paignton, South Devon, he escaped.

The judge at Exeter Crown Court, who described Worden's stunt as "dramatic and risky", ordered him to do 240 hours' community service and pay £695 - found in the wallet - as costs.

The court had heard how Worden, originally from Belfast, had "sold" 942 items through eBay, while paying-in slips found at the house suggested £3,205 profit had been banked.

# AGYNESS: THE FIRST INTERVIEW

JUST a few years ago she was working behind the counter in her local chippie. Now supermodel Agyness Deyn has the world at her feet.



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for Temperley, Anna Sui, Burberry and Missoni.

But, for all the plaudits, she's no designer-clad diva. Away from the catwalk, yoga addict Agyness would rather slop around in second-hand clothes.

Despite her millions, she still has a keen eye for a bargain - and that's why she shuns a chauffeur or cab in favour of a bike.

"I love shopping in New York because everything is half the price."

But it's easy to work out how she eclipsed her rival.

The Size 10, 25-year-old is as fresh-faced and nimble as her predecessor is sexy and dissolute.

Thrusting her arms in the air and jumping on the spot at a photoshoot in Paris for the latest trainer, the Reebok Freestyle, she resembles an expensive jack-in-the-box.

Her first break came nine years ago when, aged 16 and working in a Lancashire chippie, she won a competition in her local newspaper and was crowned 'The Face Of Rossendale'.

Two years later, she moved to London and was signed to top agency Models 1.

She never looked back and now has a swish apartment in New York and even a rock star boyfriend, The Paddingtons' guitarist Josh Hubbard.

And so, as she gives her first newspaper interview, her broad Lancashire accent comes as rather a shock.

"I was born in Littleborough, Rochdale, and I like to go back a lot. I miss my mum so much."

"If I'm working in London then I'll go back on the train. I try to see her as often as I can."

She has her mum Lorraine to thank for her unusual name. When she first became a model, her real name Laura Hollins didn't sound exotic enough for the catwalk.

It was Lorraine who came up with Agyness - a mix of her mother Agnes and her maiden name Dean, with an extra "y" thrown for luck.

Not that Agyness seems to need much... American Vogue last year named her one of the world's next top supermodels. She went on to open A-list shows

she insists: "I'm no size-zero. I still eat fish and chips. And pizza. It's my favourite food and they do the best ones in New York."

"People think models starve themselves but not me. I eat really normally. I think it's important to be healthy, and for that you are allowed a little bit of everything. If you eat too much you put on weight, if you have a happy medium you stay the same. Every thing in moderation. Especially pizza!"

"I work out, not avidly. I don't work out every day. I do yoga. I've just started and I love it." Indeed. Her perfect

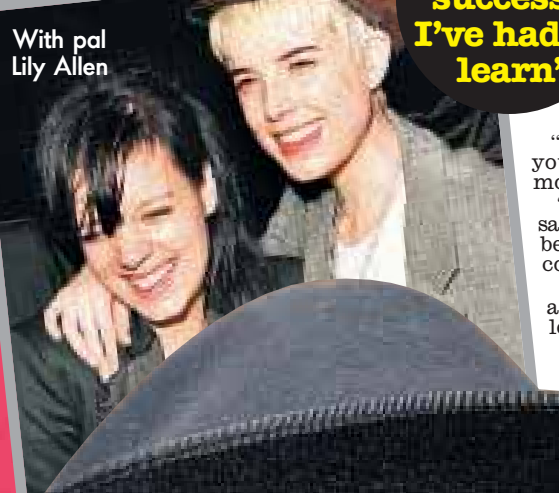
Cover girl... Agyness in shoot for New Look magazine



# I am NOT the new Kate Moss .. I'm just ME



Agyness on her latest job, for Reebok in Paris



With pal Lily Allen

'It isn't overnight success.. I've had to learn'

skin belies the fact that she loves to party - nightclubbing with celebrity chums Lily Allen and Kelly Osbourne.

But she is determined to keep her feet on the ground.

"Yes, I know lots of famous people. But most of my real mates are from back home."

"They're people I went to school with. Lots of them have done really well and got jobs in fashion in London."

"Some are still up North, but everyone's doing really well. I always make an effort to see them."

"My boyfriend Josh threw a big party and all my friends flew out. His band, The Paddingtons, played and it was mad. It was such a happy day."

Agyness may be only 25, but in the modelling business, competition is fierce - and models are getting younger all the time.

Is she not already looking over her shoulder?

She bristles, again. "There's no issue about my age. I've never tried to hide it. There's no point. I'm not ashamed of being 25."

"And it takes until you get to your 20s to really make it as a model."

"I get really angry when people say I am an overnight success. I've been modelling since I was at college."

"Back then I hadn't a clue about the industry. I'm still learning."

"The other models don't teach you anything, you pick it

up from the photographers. I am constantly learning all the time. It took a good two years for me to know what modelling involved - and how to be good at it."

She certainly is "good at it" - stunningly elegant, professional and calm.

As long as you don't mention Kate Moss...

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