



Neighbourhood Policing update

Piccadilly line

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Welcome to your new team

There are now three Neighbourhood Policing Teams dedicated to your line only.

The Piccadilly Line North NPT, Piccadilly Line Centre NPT and Piccadilly Line South NPT now cover stations across the Piccadilly line only.

Where previously NPTs worked across lines,
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Welcome to your new team (cont.)

NPTs are now dedicated to a single line and split up according to the London Underground General Station Manager structure – each GSM will have a single NPT to work with.

Inspector Amanda Withers is in charge of the Piccadilly line. She said: “This system makes it much easier for staff and passengers who work and travel across the line as they will deal with the same NPT as they travel from station to station.

“I encourage everyone to come up and chat to our officers, they should see them more often and there are numerous planned meeting which they can attend too (see opposite).”

As well as new NPTs, staff and passengers should also see much more of officers on trains with the new Proactive Patrol Teams starting in April. These teams are specialist on-board officers dedicated to stopping offending and building links with passengers, drivers and platform staff.

Please contact your new NPT with any questions, details are on the front page.

Update after man appeals sentence after attack

You may recall an article in the previous newsletter detailing the result of an investigation by Piccadilly Line North NPT PC Alfred Iswa.

A man attacked a fellow passenger on a train and was found guilty of common assault at City of London Magistrates’ Court. Ilias Nicolaou, 31, of Chesunt, Hertfordshire, was sentenced to pay a fine of £800, as well as costs of £615.

Mr Nicolaou appealed against his conviction at Blackfriars Crown Court on 20 January where the conviction was upheld and he was sentenced to pay an additional £250 on top of the original amount.

PC Iswa said: “This decision by the crown court reflects the seriousness of Mr Nicholaou’s actions.

“There is no place for violence on the London Underground.”

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Upcoming meetings

Police And Communities Together (PACT)

PACT meetings are a chance for staff, retailers, the public and any interested person to air their views and concerns and influence what officers focus on over the coming months

Piccadilly Line North NPT:

Thursday 21 April at 10am at Arnos Grove depot.

Piccadilly Line Centre NPT:

28 April at 10:30am at 19 Irving Street (next door to Garfunkels)

Piccadilly Line South NPT:

Please contact the team for the details of the June meeting

Meet and Greet Surgeries

These are regular days when officers are at stations interacting with passengers and staff to answer questions and offer advice.

Piccadilly Line North NPT:

26 April at Covent Garden station

27 April at Russell Square station

Piccadilly Line Centre NPT:

11 May at Green Park station at 10am

19 May at Knightsbridge station at 4pm

25 May at Knightsbridge station at 12pm

Piccadilly Line South NPT:

Please contact the team for the details of the next surgeries.

You said, we did

As a result of issues which were identified during our last PACT meeting we have recently completed two Problem Solving Plans designed to reduce theft and ticket machine blocking offences. Problem Solving Plans are structure and timed plans designed to tackle an issue of local concern.

In an effort to reduce ticket machine blocking offences we carried out a combination of intelligence led high visibility patrols and plain-clothes patrols and our efforts really paid off. We successfully reduced offences by 93% over a five month period.

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This was a fantastic achievement and special thanks has to go to Green Park Group station staff for assisting with intelligence and providing statements which ultimately assisted in the identification, arrest and prosecution of two prolific offenders responsible for a large proportion of the offences recorded.

New stations, new challenges

The Piccadilly Line North Neighbourhood Policing Team has wasted no time in getting to grips with the issues affecting their new stations at Russell Square and Covent Garden. Officers from the NPT have adapted to the new Piccadilly line structure and PC Matthew Shepherd has begun attending crime reduction meetings with Westminster City Council and the Metropolitan Police.

Russell Square and Covent Garden are popular with pickpockets due to the cramped walkways, busy lifts and large numbers of tourists using the stations so any sightings of suspicious persons please record in the police books and in an emergency always dial 999.

Staying vigilant at Heathrow

The Piccadilly Line North Neighbourhood Policing Team recently took up post on Operation Vigilant at all three Heathrow Underground stations as well as the three Heathrow Express stations and Hatton Cross station. During these patrols the team continued their proactive approach to keeping the railway a safe environment with a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour.

Five people were reported for anti-social behaviour and one man arrested for immigration offences after it was discovered he had overstayed by seven years. PC Zak Gough said: "It does not matter where we go we will always maintain our pro-active approach in ensuring the travelling public have a railway system they feel safe travelling on."

Man caught after staff assault

Finsbury Park Hub team officers PC Steve White and PCSO Michelle Sullivan recently arrested a man after a staff assault at the station. PC White said: "It was a particularly nasty attack so it's a satisfying result to know that a violent offender has been taken off the streets."

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