



South Sector
Neighbourhood Policing Team
PACT Meeting Minutes



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Date:	28 November 2011
Location:	Frenchgate Shopping Centre

1. PRESENT:

PS Stephanie Reynolds	British Transport Police	SR
PCSO Mark Hunt	British Transport Police	MH
PCSO Jade Snaith	British Transport Police	JS
PS Mark Burgess	British Transport Police	MB
Kevin White	East Coast Retford	KW
Joe Harrigan	Frenchgate Security Manager	JH
Mike Kemble	South Yorkshire PCSO	MK
Jason Chapman	East Coast Station manager	JC
Vicky Marshall	Nottingham housing association	VM

Welcome to members

All members were welcomed to the meeting and an overview of what the team has been doing over the period since the last PACT was outlined. This includes cycle theft and begging patrols at DONCASTER. Spit kit training has been given to members of East Coast Railway station staff at various stations on the ECML.

PSP Overview

Cycle Thefts

- SR The PSP for cycle theft at Doncaster has now been reopened. Due to an increasing number of thefts occurring at different stations and locations within the South Sector, Operation Velocity has been introduced in order to combat the problem. Doncaster has been chosen as one of the prime locations to be included in this project although at the moment there is not a significant cycle theft problem at Doncaster.
- JS It is mostly opportunist thefts taking place with no patterns of date and times. Cycle surgeries have been carried out where crime prevention advice is given publicity displayed on how to keep your bike secure. These surgeries will continue weekly whilst Operation Velocity is in force and we are also trying to obtain some cycle tags.
- MK With regard to cycle thefts in the city centre South Yorkshire Police has seen a significant drop in offences recently, this is thought to be due to three persistent offenders who are currently in prison and detention centres. BTP officers have relayed this information to our intel department and one of the males was arrested and charged by BTP officers for an offence which occurred at Doncaster station.
- JC CCTV signs for the central cycle rack have been ordered and delivered although the wording is incorrect therefore they have been returned and we are now waiting for new signs to be delivered.
- MB There was a cycle theft on Saturday night and a male was arrested although at present a victim has not yet been identified. It has been previously discussed that a regular commuter database should be produced, including contact details, specific bicycle details including makes and frames numbers and their times of commute. This can then be used to identify and contact users when thefts have occurred and to identify when the theft took place.
- SR The use of the BTP observation van request has been approved and will be used to monitor cycle racks outside Doncaster station in relation to the cycle theft PSP. Dates and times can not be confirmed for security reasons.

Begging Doncaster

- SR This PSP has now been written and completed. Begging is a problem in Doncaster station.
- JS High visibility patrols have been carried out daily at the station. They have proved useful in terms of identifying offenders and the deterrent factor then stops these individuals from committing any offences whilst officers are present. This however, means it is difficult to catch offenders in the act. A gallery of offenders is currently being produced by AIB.

ACTION: BTP and SYP to share Intel on known beggars in the area.

SR Plain clothes operations will be planned in order to combat this problem and all offenders will be reported where appropriate to do so.

ACTION: Jason Chapman to remind East Coast staff to be extra vigilant on the station towards begging offences and contact officers wherever possible.

SR In order to combat the problem of begging we need to work more closely with the homeless community and working along side different agencies who support these individuals in finding them suitable accommodation and keeping them from sleeping rough and begging from the community.

MK At the moment SYP run a number of joint working operations with Street Reach and Street pastures.

VM Due to working as a housing project manger in the Nottinghamshire area I have contact with a large number of housing associations across the Doncaster area. I can also state which in particular are for young people.

ACTION: Vicky Marshall to forward contact details of housing associations in the Doncaster area to the PS Reynolds.

New matters arising

Anti- social behaviour

SR It was mentioned previously by a member of staff from the bus interchange that anti social behaviour is occurring underneath the tunnel situated between the bus interchange and Tesco. It is suspected that youths are intimidating individuals and robberies have taken place.

JS Three robberies have taken place on Doncaster station during one week and the offenders responsible were arrested in this area, the tunnel between the interchange and Tesco shopping centre.

JH Anti social behaviour in the Frenchgate has increased in recent months in relation to nuisance youths and drinkers and it is becoming increasingly harder to close the centre on time on late nights.

MK SYP will be carrying out an operation next week within the city centre and a large number of PCSO's and PC'S will be involved I will contact officer involved and make sure that they are aware of this problem.

ACTION: Mike to highlight this area to SYP colleagues with a view to increasing patrols in the vicinity.

MB It has been brought to my attention that many offences on BTP have occurred within the small recess between the Station and the Frenchgate Centre and large groups of youth congregate and loiter in this area as it is used as a smoking area and meeting place. I know last year the section 30 was in place and it may be beneficial to look into renewing the dispersal order.

SR The dispersal order last year was a gradual continuation from a Problem solving plan at Doncaster. As we do not have a PSP created for this particular problem at the moment, it will prove difficult for it to be authorised at a higher level. We would need SYP to take a leading role this time, the Frenchgate would contribute in the gathering of evidence as they did last time and the station would be included in the proposed section 30 geographical area.

ACTION: PS REYNOLDS to contact SYP in relation to discussing possible use of a section 30 dispersal order.

ACTION: Joe Harrigan to forward electronic copies of Incident logs for the last two months to BTP.

JC We have been in Contact with the Council with regard to the recess and they have stated that at the time, there were funds available in order to cover the recess area with glass panels. It was a design flaw that created the problem, when the Frenchgate was designed there were no doors planned to open directly onto the smoking area and station front, full access was planned through the station only.

ACTION: Jason Chapman to pass contact details of Council to Mark Burgess in order to strengthen plans regarding the recess area at the station.

Knife Arch

SR Knife related problems have occurred in the Frenchgate within the past year and it was thought a joint knife arch operation with BTP and SYP in December might prove useful in the run up to Christmas.

ACTION: PS Reynolds to plan Knife arch Operation if possible considering current policing demands.

JH It has been stated by staff that cleaners have come across bladed articles in bins and other areas in and around the Frenchgate shopping area this then highlights the beneficial use of a knife arch in the area.

SR I have also looked into the use of a 'Trojan horse' operation which involves targeting specific areas within South Yorkshire, details will be passed in due course.

Nominal Info

VM In the Retford area there is a well known male that may be of interest to BTP, he has an anti social order prohibiting him from entering the area between Station Road and Cowbell Road therefore forcing him onto the railway vicinity. He also uses the railway to travel between Retford and Nottingham. The male is known to target young vulnerable females and is known for carrying weapons such as needles and knives.

ACTION: Vicky Marshall to forward info on male and an intelligence report to be submitted as may be relevant to Nottingham officers.

December Issues

SR Throughout the Festive period the NPT will be focussing on theft of passenger property and will be carrying out regular patrols along the East Coast mainline in relation to this issue.

MB I was just wondering if there were any plans from East coast to hold any revenue and barrier operations within December.

JC At the present moment the revenue team at East Coast are going through a restructuring period therefore no resources will be available.

Safe haven update

SR I attended a meeting in London last week and the literature regarding safe haven is still specifically for London areas. They are extremely happy for this operation to eventually go national, although at the moment we are just waiting for the literature to be changed.

VM It would be a good idea to involve some young people in the area who have been affected by these types of issues and getting the young people involved and taking part in the scheme.

Action: (already noted) Vicky Marshall to highlight young person housing associations within Doncaster that may be willing to take part in the scheme.

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.

The next meeting will take place on 18th January 2011

NEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING

REF/ITEM	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE
1	BTP and SYP to share Intel on known beggars in the area	JS	18/01/2012
2	Jason Chapman to remind East Coast staff to be extra vigilant on the station towards begging offences and contact officers when appropriate	JC	ASAP
3	Vicky Marshall to forward contact details of housing associations in the Doncaster area to the York NPT.	VM	ASAP
4	PS REYNOLDS to contact SYP in relation to discussing possible use of a dispersal order.	SR	18/01/2012
5	Joe Harrigan to forward electronic copies of Incident logs for the last two months to BTP.	JH	18/01/2012
6	Jason Chapman to pass contact details of Council to Mark Burgess in order to strengthen plans regarding the recess area at the station	JC	ASAP
7	PS Reynolds to contact SYP in relation to carrying out a knife arch operation	SR	ASAP
8	Vicky Marshall to forward info on male and an intelligence report to be submitted as may be relevant to Nottingham officers.	VM	ASAP