



North Area, Newcastle, ECML
Neighbourhood Policing Team
PACT Meeting Minutes



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Date:	15/12/2010
Location:	Centurion Bar, Newcastle Central Station

1. PRESENT:

PCSO Amanda Cooper	BTP
PCSO Vaughn Price	BTP
PS Steph Reynolds	BTP
PC Mick Provins	BTP
Stephen Sorby	Railway Chaplin
Bill Donnelly	Samaritans
Sam Douthwaite	Street Pastors
Tariq Mahmood	NODA Taxis
Paul Leighton	Newcastle City Council Taxi Licensing
David Heath	SSP (Select Service partners)
Tom Clark	City Cabs
A. Marinatia	City Cabs
M. Masood	City Cabs
Eddie Binks	NODA Taxis

2. APOLOGIES:

Phil Crow	Eastcoast
Chris Benson	Northern Rail
Fiona Grant	WH Smiths

3. UPDATE PROBLEM SOLVING PLANS:

OUTSTANDING PROBLEM SOLVING PLANS

Problem Solving Plan reference	Progress	Owner
	Trespass and ASB Durham Railway Station A male was reported for trespass on 31 st October. Regular patrols have been carried out over this period and will continue until next PACT meeting.	PCSO's Cooper and Price
	ASB on 20:48 EC service Newcastle to Leeds Officers have travelled on this service only 2 times since the last meeting due to other commitments and bad weather. 20 th and 27 th November. We will continue with train patrols on this service until the next PACT meeting.	PCSO's Cooper and Price

4. UPDATE ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

N-11-1 Antony Mugford stated on 05/11/2010 that he didn't think there would be room in the hostel for a homeless person as it is even hard to get in during the day at the moment, he did however say there may be a possibility of a small supply of sleeping bags. He asked for suggestions on how they can help.

N-11-2 Tim Thompson said that all the existing lighting is now working but there are no plans to increase the lighting coverage, it was also observed that Rail and Gourmet staff are passing this area in their cars regularly and offenders don't seem to be deterred.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING

REF/ITEM	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE
	Need to speak to Newcastle Council Homeless Team. Station staff need to know who is the point of contact for a homeless person in and out of office hours, for a place to sleep the night.	Sam Douthwaite	ASAP
	To see if he can arrange for the Samaritan signs to be approved by the council to be placed onto taxi cabs	Paul Leighton	ASAP
	Bill said he can arrange a Samaritans course at Newcastle, just need to give him a date ASAP for January 2011.	Bill Donnelly	ASAP
	Make arrangements for Samaritans course, arrange a date (inform Bill Donnelly ASAP), invite delegates, book upstairs room at East Coast Newcastle Central Station Office.	Sergeant Reynolds	ASAP

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Performance

b) Intelligence

Paul Leighton mentioned that it has been reported to the Council that there have been cases of over charging by taxis. Also some drives at the station and across the city have refused service to wheelchair users.

It was mentioned that 'a visible police presence' makes a big difference to public behaviour, late at night. A marked police car parked in the portico was mentioned.

c) Any other business

The group was asked if there were any changes being made for the Friday before Christmas as this can be problematic.

Sam Douthwaite said that they are doubling the street pastors on the street from 8 to 16.

David heath said that he is still waiting for the SSP radio's to arrive (1 for BTP)

Various items mentioned about the taxi rank, and increasing traffic flow through the portico/ car parking area. It was decided to arrange a different date to have time to discuss all the issues and to ask the relevant people to attend.

The Samaritans course attended by the BTP was very good. Sergeant Reynolds asked if any of the other groups would like to attend. There was plenty of interest from most representatives. Bill Donnelly said he could arrange the tutors from Samaritans to take the course at Newcastle Central Station. Sergeant Reynolds said she would see what she could arrange and all interested parties to contact her.

6. NEW PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

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Problem	Owner	Problem Solving Plan Needed? (Yes/No)
ASB in station last thing at night and in the early hours of the morning	City Cabs	This should be solved when BTP goes 24 hours at Newcastle Central Station.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th February 2011