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North Area  
Neighbourhood Policing Team  
PACT Meeting Minutes



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Date:	19/01/2012 (number 19)
Location:	Newcastle Central Railway Station

**1. PRESENT:**

Sgt Reynolds (SR)	BTP
PCSO Cooper	BTP
PCSO Price	BTP
Emma Hobson (EH)	Licensing Section Newcastle City Council
Rev. Stephen Sorby (SS)	Chaplain
Bill Donnelly (BD)	Samaritans
David Heath (DH)	SSP
Malcom Spark (MS)	Northern Rail

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Michael Hall	CSO Northumbria Police
Tim Thompson	East Coast
Eddy Binks	Noda Taxis
Vicki Smith	
Libby Hibbert	Samaritans

### 3. UPDATE ON NPT ACTIVITIES

Cable theft is still a major priority for the North East Area. For 6 out of the last 8 weeks, we were tasked to conduct cable patrols in the Blythe and Tyne area.

We assisted in a revenue protection operation in partnership with Northern Rail, and a taxi licensing operation with the taxi licensing department from Newcastle Council.

We have been rolling out 'Spit Kit' Refresher Workshops to train staff and other staff who work at the station. We have also been in contact with groups that might be interested in visiting the station such as the Percy Headley Foundation who work to support people with disabilities and their families. We would like to facilitate a visit to the station and a train journey incorporated with rail safety. This is an ongoing community project and we'll update you at the next meeting.

## OUTSTANDING PROBLEM SOLVING PLANS

Problem Solving Plan reference	Progress	Owner
Durham Trespass	<p>New signage has been approved.</p> <p>New platform signage has been erected.</p> <p>A press release about the dangers of trespassing was released. It showed footage from a train narrowly missing a man who crossed the track.</p> <p>Regular patrols on Durham station by NPT on early and late shifts.</p>	BTP NPT

#### 4. UPDATE ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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<b>REF/ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	<b>East Coast to consider placing a ticket machine at platform side of gateline at Newcastle?</b> <b>SR to contact East Coast explaining the reasoning behind this request.</b>	<b>East Coast (SR to contact)</b>	<b>asap</b>
	<b>Email East Coast to invite a representative from Newcastle Station to the PACT meeting</b>	<b>BTP NPT</b>	<b>19/02/2012</b>
	<b>There are more Samaritans training sessions planned. BD will liaise with LH and Luciana. Northern Rail would like to attend and there may be others from Newcastle Station.</b> <b>NPT to facilitate this.</b>	<b>BD</b>	<b>ASAP</b>

#### 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### a) Performance

MS said the Spit Kit presentation BTP gave to the Northern Rail managers was appreciated. This is now being rolled out across the whole network by Northern Rail Managers. Thank you to the BTP NPT for organising it.

DM mentioned that he was pleased with the changes that have been put in place at Durham Station, to make it clearer to passengers about how to get from the travel centre side to platform 2. DM mentioned that even though there had been regular patrols at Durham station he would like a presence on the platforms by BTP between 2130-0200 on a Friday and Saturday evening.

BD gave some more Samaritans posters to the taxi representatives.

MS reported that he was very pleased with the results of their service out of Newcastle. This train was getting reports of incidents of ASB happening regularly. BTP at Newcastle covered this service regularly. There are now no issues with the train. SR replied that if they start getting reports again to mention it to BTP so that the service could be covered again.

**b) Intelligence**

PN mentioned that the Northumberland County Show is at Corbridge in June 2012. The show attracts large numbers of visitors, many of them are expected to travel by train. Are BTP aware of this? What provision is being made to cope with the numbers travelling? Also, in 2013 the same show is planned to be based at Bywell, 1 mile away from Stocksfield Railway Station. No bus routes pass near here, so people are either going to travel by train or by car.

**c) Any other business**

The NPT asked if there was any other group that was interested in a Swab/Spit Kit workshop or a refresher course, to please contact the British Transport Neighbourhood Policing Team who will make the arrangements.

## 6. NEW ACTIONS IDENTIFIED

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<b>Problem</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Problem Solving Plan Needed? (Yes/No)</b>
Visit Durham University to warn new students of the dangers of trespass and inform them of the byelaws including byelaw 14. Can be extended to the 6 <sup>th</sup> form/FE college.	BTP NPT	No
To write a letter to the taxi companies using Durham Station informing them of the railway byelaws, and a reminder that the taxi licensing laws also apply at the station.	SR	No
David Heath is meeting with East Coast to discuss the wearing of ID badges. David has suggested a new way of enforcing the wearing of the badges and will let us know the outcome.	DH	No
Speak to the BTP media dept? To assist with marketing to the University Students and other groups in Durham about the danger of Trespass / book a stall at fresher's week. Dennis Middleton is meeting with Durham University representatives soon and invited PS Reynolds to go with him to explain the above issues.	SR	No
To obtain the figures of the number of fatalities nationally and for the North East area. To clarify whether or not there's been a change in the number of fatalities.	SR	No
Pass on the information about large number of visitors to the Northumberland County Show (details above) to Inspector McLaren at Newcastle.	SR	No

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 1000hrs

Meeting closed at 1125hrs