



PACT PANEL
Neighbourhood Policing Team
PACT Meeting Minutes



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Date:	13 th July 2010
Location:	Meeting Room at York Police Station

1. PRESENT:

Police Inspector Richard Price	British Transport Police	(RP)
PS Steph Reynolds	British Transport Police	(SR)
Kevin Garthwaite	Rail Enforcement Team East Coast	(KG)
Annette Cunney	Transpennine Express	(AC)
Reverend Stephen Sorby	Railway Chaplain	(SS)
Linda Harper	Crime Prevention Officer	(LH)

2. APOLOGIES:

Inspector Price opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. The panel discussed the good attendance at local PACT meetings, however the attendance at the Area Panel Meetings by TOC representatives needs to be improved in order for the meetings to be a success. Inspector Price explained this would be his last meeting representing the NPT as he is moving to Leeds Inspector. Inspector Tracy Metcalf will be taking over from him at future meetings.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Jim Rawcliffe has investigated the possibility of sectioning off an area outside of Coopers Bar, however this is not a good idea as it would mean members of the public would have to walk on the road to get past this area.

4. UPDATE PROBLEM SOLVING PLANS:

OUTSTANDING PROBLEM SOLVING PLANS		
Problem Solving Plan reference	Progress	Owner
	Anti social behaviour at Doncaster	PCSO Snaith
	Graffiti at York Railway Station	PCSO Hardcastle
	Disorderly behaviour onboard Transpenine Express services between York and Middlesbrough.	PCSO Hardcastle
	Disorder at Newcastle Station in the Portico area of the Station.	PCSO Price PCSO Hunt

DONCASTER – Anti-Social Behaviour

SR explained over the last 8 weeks the Dispersal Order has been extended for a further 6 months. 6 actions were raised by the authorising officers and it has been identified that all agencies need to improve communication between themselves, if someone is removed from the station all other agencies need to be advised. Anti-social behaviour offences have reduced by half but overall crime remains the same due to people being reported for smoking in prohibited areas specifically at the front of Doncaster Station. There is no evidence to support the problem having been displaced although South Yorkshire Police say that crimes have increased in the area around the station.

RP and SR asked if the PSP should be signed off. SR explained if it was closed at this stage NPT can't justify putting resources into it and there is a strong allegiance from all partners involved and it shows BTP's commitment to the problem. SR is currently considering an exit strategy. It was agreed that the PSP should remain in place and reviewed at the next meeting.

YORK – Grafitti

The problem with graffiti at York is ongoing, both on railway property and on local property. BTP officers continue to share information with North Yorkshire Police and a bid for increased resources to combat this problem will be submitted at the next Tactical Tasking and Co-ordinating Group meeting to be held on Wednesday 21 July.

Officers will continue to patrol the area and work with Network Rail to combat the problem.

YORK - York to Middlesbrough train services

An incident which occurred on the John Smiths race meeting weekend was discussed. The 2026 hours service reached Middlesbrough and there was an affray on the platform. RP is going to request a train escort for the last train for the Ebor race meeting and the presence of REO's. SR said the PSP can be closed but NPT will continue to revisit the incident now it has been raised. RP confirmed the PSP can be signed off and said there has been a considerable reduction in incidents, RP asked SR to contact Hilary Bowyer regarding a press release. RP and AC discussed ongoing reporting of incidents on these trains.

ACTION: SR to arrange press release with AC

NEWCASTLE – ASB in the station Portico

SR explained the problem and concerns with unlicensed taxi's working out of the station taxi rank. SR said NPT are planning a couple of joint operations with Newcastle City Council Taxi Licensing Department and other agencies. SS said there is tension between East Coast and the taxi drivers and has tried to mediate with them but they would not attend a meeting. SR recommended signing off the PSP at the next meeting after the joint operations and a media briefing. SR has designed a form for the taxi drivers to report incidents but they are not being completed. KG will participate in the joint operations and said East Coast are considering implementing a barrier system.

5. ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING

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REF/ITEM	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE
P-10-01	PS Reynolds and Annette Cunney from TPE to facilitate a press release in relation to the work conducted in partnership to tackle onboard ASB on the weekend York to Middlesbrough service.	PS Reynolds	ASAP

6. NEW PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

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Problem	Owner	Problem Solving Plan Needed? (Yes/No)
No new priorities identified		

7. ANY OTHER ISSUES

SS advised Network Rail are investing £5 million pounds in educating and preventing suicides on the railways and providing training for staff.

BTP use a 'PIER Plan' system where vulnerable people come to our attention and Bill Donnelly would like the police to have the authority to provide details of vulnerable people to the Samaritans. East Coast are working on a project to prevent suicides with an under graduate from York University. SS informed the group that although the level of suicides has remained the same within the country, suicides on the railway have increased.

RP advised NPT will be getting more involved in tackling cable theft and will have a PSP relating to cable theft. Inspector Metcalf will be having a meeting with BTPs cable theft team. There are 5 hot spots on the area being concentrated on to ensure the smooth running of the railway.

RP recommended Darlington area for the York NPT. RP explained NPT will get involved in leafleting and requesting information to be reported. SR explained the NPT have been busy with community engagement in recent weeks.

RP discussed a recent training course he had attended at FHQ, regarding PSP's and the aim is to keep them on a manageable level as they are designed to tackle small specific problems and not long time consuming problems.

SS asked if NPT could go into more schools. SR explained NPT go to schools which are close to railway lines in order to keep it at a manageable level.

SR suggested creating a committee for all TOC's regarding suicide prevention, to share good practice, prevent repetition, discuss ethical issues and share resources. This was discussed in further detail between SR and SS.

SS said the chaplaincy could apply for funding as a registered charity.

LH discussed Homewatch (Neighbourhood watch) Co-ordinators to assist in identifying cable theft.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

1pm on 7th September at York BTP officer