



Central Sector
Neighbourhood Policing Team
PACT Meeting Minutes



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Date:	06/07/2010 1000hrs
Location:	York Railway Station Academy Room 6

1. PRESENT:

Sergeant Stephanie Reynolds	(BTP)	SR
PC Kevin Andrews	(BTP)	KA
PCSO Shaun Hardcastle	(BTP)	SH
Chris Goodwin	(Network Rail)	CG
Carl Brunning	(East Coast REO)	CB
Edward Hill	(East Coast REO)	EH
Revd Doug Downie	(Railway Chaplin)	DD
Stephen Whale	(Northern Rail)	SW(NR)
PCSO Tony Barge	(NYP)	TB
PC Jackie Scott	(NYP)	JS
Simon Mills	(East Coast)	SM
Steve Wilson	(East Coast)	SW(EC)
Adele Collin	(CRI)	AC
Nigel Williams	(TPE)	NW
Stephen O'Doherty	(TPE)	SoD
Gayle Enion-Farrington	(RYH)	GE-F
Tammy Uebersax	(Whistle Stop)	TU
Ian Middleton	(Salvation Army)	IM

DISCUSSION

SR Hello to you all again and thanks for coming. There're a few different people today which is always nice to see. Thanks again.

Checked that everybody received the last PACT minutes.
Agreed as being accurate.

Review of what we have done since our last meeting

SH Since the last PACT meeting we have been conducting more TPP (theft of passenger property) patrols across the East Coast Mainline with the aim of reducing theft onboard trains.

We have also been conducting frequent Anti-Social Behaviour patrols and operations on a number of stations up and down the ECML. This leads me into the last TPE York - Middlesbrough Service on a Saturday night that we have been covering since our last meeting, we have continued with this and have seen a big improvement with the behaviour onboard the service. TPE staff concur with this and even a few members of the public have stated that they have seen a change for the good.

KA One arrest of note is that of a male who has been frequently harassed station staff here at York. He is on Police bail with conditions and if he is seen on the station staff must report this to BTP immediately. (Staff are aware of this male's identity).

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

STREET ANGELS

SR In the previous meeting an action was raised for Ian Middleton to get in to contact with the Street Angels to see where they Patrol and to ask them to incorporate the Railway Station, if not already included.

Completed - Street Angels now patrol the station.

TPE YORK TO MIDDLESBROUGH

SR An action was raised for the BTP to arrange more patrols with TPE regarding the last two services from York to Middlesbrough on a Saturday night. Problem Solving Plan covers this.

Completed – see Problem Solving Plan.

OUTSIDE DRINKING AREA – COOPERS BAR

SR An Action was raised in the last meeting for East Coast to check if Coopers Bar would be able to utilise some space outside, around the Tea Room Square area for the busy Race Meetings. Unfortunately it has been turned down as it wouldn't be possible to do due to health and safety (because of the lack of space around the exits of Coopers bar).

Completed.

Polycarbonate Cups

SR In the last meeting it was raised that Licensees around York use Polycarbonate cups instead of glasses during the race meetings and as the railway station seems to gather left over bottles and glasses it might be good practice for our licensed premises to do the same.

Unfortunately, this action could not be completed due to the practicalities of the businesses on the station and as there have been no dangerous incidents to demonstrate any risk it was agreed that our licensed premises would continue to use glasses.

Complete

PATROLS AROUND COOPERS BAR

SR An action that was raised in the previous meeting was from Coopers Bar. They requested that, if possible, could Officers patrol through or around Coopers bar around 7,8 and 9 o'clock at night as they are the times when trouble occurs.

Complete – officers will continue to provide extra patrols.

ALCOHOL BANS

SR This action was for SH to speak with the other Sergeant in York regarding liaising with the tenants on the station and letting them know when heavy crowds of football fans are likely to be travelling through the station and possibly banning the selling of alcohol for that period of time.

It was agreed that the tenants will be informed prior to the groups arriving.

Completed

PROBLEM SOLVING PLANS

TPE YORK TO MIDDLESBROUGH

SR We have covered the last 2 Transpennine Express Services from York to Middlesbrough for a number of weeks now and it seems as though people have got the message that there is no place for disorder. A number of people have been reported and issued with Fixed Penalty Notices, others were ejected from the train. We have received positive feedback from train crews and members of the public stating they have noticed how much more pleasant it is to travel on those services.

It was suggested that the PSP should be signed off as completed. To which TPE representatives agreed.

KA If the problem starts to grow again, please let us know as soon as it does so that we can deal with it instead of waiting until it's a big problem.

NW We shall keep in touch and let you know about any incidents.

GRAFFITI

SR Unfortunately our Graffiti problem has risen again, it's an ongoing problem.

CG The York City centre seems to have quietened down a little but the outskirts are getting targeted often.

The possibility of using CCTV cameras to help was mentioned but it would be hard to get hold of and operate all the cameras. Also could the photographs of the tags please be sent to BTP and North Yorkshire Police.

SR Please keep reporting all the incidents, it helps build up the case if someone is arrested.

Also could we make ensure that all partners continue to share information.

GE-F We are finding that a certain tag is appearing at the back of the Royal York Hotel (the Post Office side), we do have CCTV cameras covering it but we are yet to catch the person doing it. As soon as we paint it off, its occurring again.

It was said that before the Royal York paint over or remove the tag could they take a photograph and forward it to North Yorkshire Police.

ACTION: Chris Goodwin to keep forwarding all incidents (if possible) to BTP and NYP, also the Royal York to forward their incidents to NYP.

ARISING MATTERS / ACTIONS

York Races

GE-F I asked a while ago about sharing Radios during races days like we did last year, unfortunately it seems the same set up hasn't been arranged for this year. Is there any chance it could still be arranged so that everyone can keep in contact?

TU I'll speak to Siobhan and Carl Ellersby regarding getting this up and running.

ACTION: Tammy to speak to above names and try to get joint radios set up for busy Race days.

GE-F Also, the Hotel is looking into the possibility of hiring Security for race days like Whistlestop have.

TU Will provide the details of our security firm.

ACTION: Tammy to pass the details of the Security firm they use to the Royal York Hotel.

Drug Users throwing needles on to line

CG Near the Bootham Hospital tack side there has been numerous bags found full of what looks to be used needles and other paraphernalia (and also a number of loose needles recovered). It could possibly be to do with the Ark light centre and any patrols of the grounds would be a great help. I have already spoken with the Hospitals security staff but the problem is still occurring.

AC I can have a word with the Ark Light to see if there is anything they could do to help.

ACTION: Adele to speak with the Ark Light to see what possibly could be done to help.

No Smoking Signs

KA The new No Smoking signs that have been placed in the Station Portico seem to be working well, the portico is looking a lot cleaner and more pleasant now.

SW (EC) Staff have stated that the signs are really effective.

SW (NR) No Northern Rail problems to report.

WhistleStop Security

TU Now that we have a security guard on a Friday and Saturday night we were just wondering where the point would be for which, if necessary, the security guard would eject people to, and also if the security guard could liaise with the BTP.

ACTION: BTP Beat Officers to Liaise with Whistlestop Security.

SR Updated the meeting with the ongoing theft of cable which continues to be a problem on the railway. Asking all partners in the community to

be vigilant and report anything they believe looks suspicious. Also to be aware of anyone selling, moving or storing cable, again all reports are much appreciated.

SR Updated the meeting on the topic of vulnerable and suicidal people. It's the responsibility of all of us to remain vigilant in relation to vulnerable and suicidal people within the railway environment. This will enhance our response to incidents and how we deal with these situations. BTP officers in the North East area utilise a trigger system whereby the status of a vulnerable/suicidal person is addressed and other support agencies are contacted at the earliest opportunity. Telephone number 0800 40 50 40.

And lastly with the Races and summer holidays coming up, busy times are expected, take care and keep in contact.

Thank you all for attending.

Actions Arising

ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING			
REF/ITEM	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE
C-10-01	Chris Goodwin to keep forwarding all incidents (if possible) to BTP and NYP, also the Royal York to forward their incidents to NYP.	Chris Goodwin Gayle Enion-Farrington	
C-10-02	Tammy to speak to above names and try to get joint radios set up for busy Race days.	Tammy Uebersax	
C-10-03	Tammy to pass the details of the Security firm they use to the Royal York Hotel.	Tammy Uebersax	
C-10-04	Adele to speak with the Ark Light to see what possibly could be done to help.	Adele Collin	
C-10-05	BTP Beat Officers to Liaise with Whistlestop Security.	BTP & Whistlestop Security	