

Policing Plan

London North area



13/14

London North: foreword



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British policing has faced the toughest challenges over the past year, with 2012 seeing some of the biggest events the country has dealt with in recent times.

With the London 2012 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games and The Queen's Diamond Jubilee all taking place primarily on London North ground, it has once again become the busiest Area across the Force.

Our London North police family, consisting of 301 officers, 46 PSCOs and 104 staff and 38 special constables based at stations across north London, Essex, East Anglia and the northern home counties, continue to ensure most passengers' journeys across twenty train operating companies are completed safely and securely.

Theft of passenger property became a concern for the Area last year, with a 21% increase. This was addressed with the introduction of Operation Lockstock, a three month initiative which saw an increase

in officers engaging with passengers at stations, ensuring their belongings were safe and kept safe. As a result, reported incidents fell by 9%.

One of our biggest achievements over the past year has been significantly reducing metal theft across the Area by 65%, reducing disruptions to services and delays to passengers. This is not an easy crime to tackle, but with specialist officers and planned operations, we continue to disrupt criminals from stealing equipment essential in keeping the railway running.

At London North, we take pride in our work. We are proud of our policing achievements over recent years and we will enter the new performance year taking pride in serving the community.

We are determined to achieve our policing objectives by doing the right things and taking the Area to a new, higher level of service delivery. The rail industry and the traveling public can have trust and confidence in our personnel and the service that we provide them.

London North resources

Unit	PCSO	Police Officer	Police Staff	Special Const.*
1st Capital Connect	12	8		
Area Intelligence Bureau			9	
Area CID		30		
Area Command	0	3	3	
Area Crime Unit		13		
Area Justice Unit			3	
Area Tasking Teams		5		
Area Ticket Fraud Squad		2		
Cambridge		6	1	3
CCTV Team	0	2	14	
CID Stratford		7		
Colchester		18	1	2
Coroner's Officer Team		1	2	
Crime Management Unit			7	
CTRL Sector Team & Resources		30	5	
CTRL Sector Team & Resources (Ebbs)	6	7	1	
CTRL St Pancras NPT	12	11		1
Custody Unit		6	17	
Eastern Sector Team & Resources		7	1	
Euston NPT	7	9		4
Finance & Admin			9	
Hub Euston		4		
Hub Kings Cross		0		
Hub Liverpool Street		2		
Investigation Support Unit		12	4	
Ipswich				2
Kings Cross NPT	7	8		3
Liverpool Street NPT	8	10		4
Marylebone NPT	6	6		
Milton Keynes		18		1
Norwich		6	1	1
Operational Support Unit		7		
Operations Resources		4	1	
Oxford	2	3		
Paddington NPT	8	8		3

Unit	PCSO	Police Officer	Police Staff	Special Const.*
Patrol Team A		10		
Patrol Team B		10		3
Patrol Team C		10		1
Patrol Team D		10		
Patrol Team E		10		
Peterborough		18	1	1
POCA Unit		2		
Public Protection Unit		3	4	
Reading	6	18	1	4
Relationships Management Team		3	3	
Resource Centre		2	7	
Southend		18	1	1
Staff Assault/Hate Crime		7		
Tasking & Co-ordinating Resources		5	6	
TFL London Mayors Suburban Teams		28		1
TFL London Overground Team	23	20	2	3
Theft Team		4		
West Coast Mainline Response Team		11	0	
Western Sector Team & Resources		10	1	
Core policing total	46	301	104	38
EPSA funded posts	51	151	1	0
Grand total	97	452	105	38

* Special constables are excluded from the charging model

Area targets

Fatality management

To continue to achieve at least a partial reopening on four-track railways within an average of 45 minutes, for qualifying fatal incidents

One of our key targets over the past year was to reduce disruption on the rail network across London North and, in particular, at six key locations where previous disruption had caused over 100 hours of lost minutes. Problem solving plans put in place by officers to keep the railway running wherever possible have seen a significant reduction in disruption, and, at scenes of a fatality over the past year, we have partially handed back lines within an average of 41 minutes. Our disruption management will continue over the next year with officers working to maintain this rapid handback.

Visibility and confidence

To deliver at least 120 operations between 1900 to 0300 hours that target problems identified by local rail industry representatives

We are an Area committed to not only reducing crime on trains and at stations, but to reduce the fear of crime. That's why we have officers deployed at hub stations and on trains, carrying out high-visibility patrols to ensure passengers and staff are not only able to work and travel safely, but that they feel safe when doing so.

Assaults and verbal abuse against rail staff

Reduce assaults on staff from the 2012/13 level

The London North area recorded 596 staff assaults in 2012/13. We will continue to deliver joint operations with the rail industry partners to target problems they face at night, a time when we know officers need to be out there protecting rail staff and reassuring all passengers that the railways really are a very safe environment.

To increase the detection rate to at least 65%

London North is committed to protecting rail staff, the people that help transport millions of passengers across the country everyday. We're determined to keep providing a safe work place for them and we will work to reduce assaults and verbal abuse they face for simply carrying out their job.

Football policing

To increase the number of football trains that are escorted by London North from the 2012/13 level by at least 10%

London North officers escorted 138 trains carrying football traffic in 2012/13. The Area will also be taking a different approach at how it polices the rail network on football days. We will have officers on trains traveling with football traffic right through to their destination, to reassure other passengers and rail staff and reduce anti-social behaviour on match days.

Increase the Football Banning Order application rate to at least 80%

Football-related disorder is simply not tolerated by BTP and we will continue to work closely with Home Office Forces, football clubs and the Industry to ensure the small minority of football fans who continue to cause problems for others are robustly dealt with.

Theft of passenger property

Reduce theft from person offences by 5% from the 2012/13 level

Theft of passenger property has become a concern for the area in the last year and was addressed with the introduction of Operation Lockstock. London North will build on that record in 2013/14.

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