

Policing Plan North East area



13/14

North East foreword



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I am pleased to report that crime on the rail network in the North East has reduced again last year, with crime levels being at their lowest for over five years.

In fact, crime in the North Eastern Area, which covers from the Scottish borders to Northamptonshire, including Yorkshire, the North East, Lincolnshire, the East Midlands and the Sunderland extension of the Tyand Wear Metro, has fallen by 12% since last year. This represents over 550 fewer offences and 550 fewer victims of crime, which is great news. We also met all of our national and local targets, and we will continue to work hard to achieve this again over the coming year.

All of our 277 police officers, 16 police community support officers, 31 special constables and 65 police staff, based at 15 police stations across the Area, have worked extremely hard over the past year to attain this reduction, and despite increasing passenger numbers, we have continued to

drive down crime.

Our success could not have been achieved without working closely with our industry partners, including Network Rail, Train Operating Companies, Passenger Focus, Home Office forces and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

In the coming year we intend to increase our visibility on stations and on trains. After listening to feedback from rail staff and passengers, we will continue to focus on how we can ensure we are accessible and can quickly respond to the individual needs of passengers and our rail industry partners.

Officers will undertake increased patrols into the evening to provide greater reassurance to those who travel and work at stations across the North Eastern Area.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in any form has a huge impact on those who travel and work on the railway. Working with our partners we are committed to tackling this type of crime, and through the work of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams, we will continue to deter and detect those who engage in this unacceptable behaviour. The Force's new text service will also provide us with a better picture of ASB, and will allow us to focus our resources more effectively.

In addition to our current 24-hour police stations at Leeds, Newcastle and Nottingham, over this coming year Doncaster police station will be moving to provide 24/7 cover, which will help us to achieve this.

Driving down violent crime and staff

assaults, and detecting those responsible, will continue to remain a high priority for us. Over 70% of these crimes are now being solved through the hard work and commitment of officers, which is great news for victims.

Through proactive policing and partnership working to tackle cable and route crime, we are minimising disruption to the rail network, reducing delays and keeping passengers moving. We have reduced cable crime and metal theft by 68%, which is fantastic news, but we will not become complacent, and will continue to dedicate police resources to tackle this crime working closely with Network Rail.

Towards the beginning of last year we witnessed a growing national trend in the theft of bicycles from transport hubs. We quickly responded to this increase by deploying Police resources, identifying and arresting those responsible, increasing our detection rates, and engaging with industry partners to provide crime reduction solutions.

I am extremely proud of our achievements over the past year, and look forward to continuing to work with our industry partners and stakeholders to reduce crime further, ensure that passenger and staff confidence remains high, and that the railway continues to be a safe place to work and travel.

Area resources

Unit	PCSO	Police Officer	Police Staff	Special Const.*
ACT		28		
Area Commander	0	6	1	
Area Corporate Services			6	
Area Intelligence Bureau		9	13	
Area Justice Unit		1	14	
CID		18		
Crime Management Unit			7	
Darlington / Middlesbrough		9	0	
Derby		0		
Doncaster		16	1	
East Midlands NPT		9		
Hull		9	0	
Leeds	0	40	2	
Leicester		0	1	
Lincoln		7		
Newcastle		28	1	

Unit	PCSO	Police Officer	Police Staff	Special Const.*
North Sector		1		
Nottingham		31	1	
NPT	9	7		
Operations		3	2	
Operations Centre		5	6	
Operations Unit		21		
Performance			2	
Secondments		0	0	
Sheffield	2	11	1	
South Sector		2		
Special Constables				32
Sunderland Metro Unit	1	7	1	
Witness Care Unit			6	
York		9		
York NPT	4	3	1	
Core policing total	13	267	63	32
EPSA funded posts	3	10	2	0
Grand total	16	277	63	32

* **Special constables** are excluded from the charging model

Area targets

Violence and staff assaults

Reduce the number of offences from the 2012/13 level by at least 5%

Reducing violent crime and assaults on members of rail staff continues to be a priority for us, and we are committed to reducing and detecting these offences.

Football-related offences

Increase the detection rate for all Football related offences

Large numbers of football fans regularly use the rail network to attend football matches. Whilst the vast majority are well behaved and a credit to their clubs, we will be targeting and taking action against those fans who are intent on causing problems on the rail network. We will be deploying dedicated resources to provide reassurance to members of the public and staff, deter incidents and take appropriate action where necessary.

Theft of Passenger Property

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

With increasing numbers of passengers using the rail network, this year will focus on targeting the individuals who steal passengers' property on trains and at stations. We will be deploying high visibility and dedicated patrols to reduce and detect this type of crime.

Disruption to services

Reduce the number of minutes lost from cable and trespass incidents by 5% from the 2012/13 level

In 2012/2013 we achieved a 41% reduction in minutes lost in disruption on the rail network .This year our teams will continue to build upon our successes in reducing disruption and delays, specifically concentrating on cable theft, route crime and the management of fatalities.

Anti-social behaviour

To carry out 12 anti-social behaviour operations targeting Public Disorder and anti-social behaviour on specific lines of route

Anti-social behaviour has a direct impact on rail staff and passenger confidence. Working with partners within the rail industry and local forces, we will continue to target incidents of anti-social behaviour. It is our commitment to ensure that the railway remains a safe environment, and that we will reduce the fear of crime by targeting unacceptable behaviour.

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