



Policing Great Britain's Rail Network

C Division: Midlands

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Foreword

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The rail network will continue to receive a level of investment in 2015/16 not previously seen in modern times, with electrification and infrastructure projects continuing throughout the C Division area.

With football and freight traffic increasing, these are exciting times for the rail industry. I look forward to British Transport Police playing a vital role with our industry partners to ensure that those using and working on the railways get home every day safe, secure and on time.



Crime on the division has fallen by nearly a third since 2002. As well as maintaining our focus on reducing this further, a key priority will be reducing disruption on the network.

More trains, passengers and freight mean the effects of any disruption event are magnified. Our focus will be on innovative, whole-industry approaches to address this

important issue effectively.

In a relatively low-crime environment like the railway, another key issue to address is passenger confidence. Tackling antisocial behaviour, particularly associated with sporting events, continues to be a priority and we will look to carry on working with our industry partners to provide reassurance and visibility, helping to make rail the preferred mode of transport for the travelling public.

We will address many of our policing priorities using a problem-solving approach, relying on a clear identification of the problem to be solved, what best defines success, and which partners we need to work with to deliver this success. This approach is extremely effective, giving rise to innovative solutions and best practice that can be applied more widely.

Personally, I aim to be as accessible and receptive as possible to all of our stakeholders and I look forward to another busy and challenging year ahead.

In 2015/16, we will build on our previous successes and continue to play a vital role in helping a vibrant and expanding railway network operate at its very best.



Introduction

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A Policing Plan for Midlands

Working alongside the industry, we have focused on protecting public space, reducing assaults on rail staff, maintaining order around football policing and reducing crime and disruption across the network.

What was clear in 2014/15 is the depth of our partnership with the rail industry, demonstrated by the establishment of three secondments. London Midland has Inspector Chris Casey working with them to coordinate activity in tackling ticketless travel and antisocial behaviour, and increasing confidence. Inspector Eddie Carlin is working with Network Rail and East Midlands Trains on that route's suicide prevention efforts. PC Warrick Salter is seconded to Network Rail, supporting route crime mitigation work. Officers are adding value to industry operations. This is what the industry wanted, and I am pleased to accommodate this.



Passengers and the industry want a continued focus on tackling antisocial behaviour.

We introduced Operation Bish on CrossCountry services from Birmingham to

Leicester on weekend evenings. East Midlands Trains are working with us to tackle late night economy issues on the Robin Hood line, and we have worked with London Midland on tackling antisocial behaviour on the Cross City route. This year, we will pilot a new approach, based on evidence of what works to solve particular problems. This will bring further reductions in crime and antisocial behaviour.

Birmingham's Christmas Market last year was incredibly successful and represented a significant crowd control challenge. Working with Network Rail and operators from Birmingham New Street and Moor Street, we again maintained an effective partnership to plan and execute a joint approach. As the event's popularity grows, we know this would not be possible without this partnership.

Rugby police station opened in late 2014. Supported by Virgin Trains and Network Rail, the officers there are already making their presence felt.

All around us, infrastructure investment is evident – Nottingham's redeveloped station, Northampton's new station, Midland Metro's growing footprint and the New Street development. I am conscious of the vital role we play in this changing and exciting landscape and look forward to working with

you, our partners, to maintain a safe and secure network.

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C Division Midlands Targets 2015/16

Reduce the number of staff aggression offences by at least three per cent

Violence and aggression towards staff has a significant impact on those who help to operate the railways. Recorded offences in 2014/15 were down by six per cent on the previous year to 315.

Increase the rate of positive outcomes for assaults on staff to at least 60 per cent

Rail staff can be confident that staff assaults will be reduced, but also that the proportion of offences with a positive outcome will increase at a greater rate than offences are recorded. The number of assaults on staff fell by six offences to 128 offences in 2014/15.



Reduce theft of personal property by at least five per cent

Theft of passenger property is a major contributor to overall crime on the rail network and impacts on passenger confidence. Offences fell by nine per cent to 774 in 2014/15. The police authority knows you want to see them reduced further - this target will help.



Reduce theft of bicycle offences by at least two per cent

Cycle crime impacts on passengers who use railway stations on a daily basis. This target continues to build on reductions made last year with cycle crime falling by four per cent in the last 12 months to 677 offences in 2014/15.

Complete at least five problem solving plans (PSPs) to reduce police related disruption at identified hotspots


Police related disruption, caused by incidents which may require a police response, delays passengers and the industry. This target encourages a joint problem-solving approach by working with industry partners to tackle disruption.

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PASSENGER PRIORITIES

You've said you want BTP to do more to tackle antisocial behaviour, crime related disruption and to increase their visibility, especially late at night.

Look out for this symbol  which will show you the targets we've set to help fulfil these priorities

C Division Midlands Targets 2015/16

Complete at least five PSPs addressing fatality, trespass, cable and vandalism related disruption

Trespass and fatalities are the main causes of disruption on the network. This target encourages a joint problem-solving approach with industry partners to tackle disruption.



Complete at least ten PSPs addressing antisocial behaviour

Antisocial behaviour has been highlighted as a concern for passengers and stakeholders. PSPs generate a joint approach to tackling antisocial behaviour.

Complete at least five PSPs across the Division addressing freight related issues

Freight companies are key stakeholders. This target will ensure there is an enhanced focus on issues that affect the freight industry.



Where you'll find BTP

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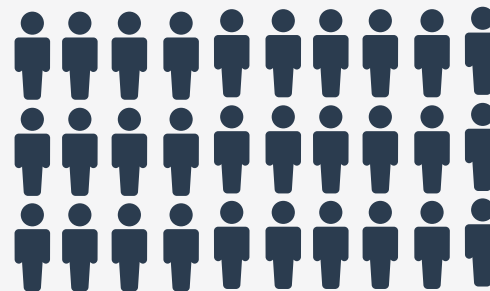
C Division Midlands	Police Officer	Police Staff	PCSOs	Special Officer
Birmingham	2	0	0	0
Birmingham New Street (24/7)	40	3	0	13
Birmingham Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)	6	0	8	0
Coventry	11	1	2	2
East Midlands NPT	7	0	0	0
Leicester	7	1	0	2
Lincoln	7	1	0	0
Milton Keynes	19	0	0	2
Nottingham	27	1	0	1
Peterborough	19	1	0	2
Rugby	6	0	0	0
Safer Travel	7	0	7	8
West Coast Mainline Response Unit	11	0	0	0
Wolverhampton	13	1	1	7
Midlands total	182	9	18	37

DID YOU KNOW?

There are

2,969 BTP officers

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