

Priorities and Targets

This plan is presented in sections which are used to measure and compare police performance nationally (the Policing Performance Assessment Framework). You can monitor our progress during the year by visiting the force website and viewing North Tyneside Area Command at www.northumbria.police.uk

These targets reflect the top ten policing priorities in North Tyneside Area Command for 2005-06 identified by residents responding to a questionnaire sent to all households and businesses in autumn 2004.

North Tyneside Area Command Plan 2005/2006

Area Commander's Introduction



Northumbria Police is committed to its role to prevent, reduce and detect crime, and to making communities safer and secure. As Area Commander for North Tyneside, I have established a number of targets and priorities, which are outlined in this plan. My staff and I will focus on achieving reductions in crime and disorder throughout the area. We will also concentrate on those offenders whose behaviour affects your quality of life and bring to justice prolific and persistent criminals.

I recognise that by policing communities in ways that reassure people and focus on concerns and local issues we will increase confidence and trust in the police.

Tackling crime, the fear of crime and disorder is more successful and sustainable as a shared understanding between communities, police and partners. That is why during the 12 months of this plan, I will be working hard to develop even stronger links between my staff and everyone who lives and works in North Tyneside.

I aim to work towards a more citizen-focused approach to engaging with all communities so that together we can improve our mutual understanding and awareness of problems. We can then identify the range of possible police and partner led solutions to enable us all to contribute to reductions in crime and disorder.

I am confident that community policing alongside the traditional policing style of responding to emergencies, will provide you with an effective service.

Working together, we can continue to improve the quality of life in our area.

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Citizen Focus

“ Local policing is more effective when the whole community is involved. We aim to build community links and provide the highest standards of service to increase confidence in the police. ”

We will respond to individual and community needs with fairness and equality, particularly in minority ethnic communities and for vulnerable groups. Police in North Tyneside will be building confidence and trust and be accountable to local people by working closely with community groups and as an active member of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

We aim to improve victim and witness care and, working with partners in the criminal justice system, we will support initiatives to increase the number of offenders brought to justice.

Our success and the quality of service provided will be measured through user satisfaction surveys.

Reducing Crime

Preventing and reducing crime is our primary aim. Last year, crime fell by 7.3 per cent in North Tyneside that is

1292 fewer offences. We aim to continue that success and drive overall crime down even further.

Our strategies are to tackle those crimes of greatest concern to the public by targeting offenders through intelligence-led operations and initiatives to prevent crime, protect vulnerable potential victims, and support witnesses and victims through the judicial process.

We are committed to reducing burglary to homes in the area. In North Tyneside last year we achieved an overall reduction in burglary to homes of 20 per cent and we aim to build on that success. We will target persistent burglars, bringing them to justice and will work with other judicial agencies to discourage re-offending. Working through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, initiatives will be introduced to prevent crime and protect communities.

While the number of offences of violent crime has decreased and many are minor assaults where the victim knows the offender, violent behaviour is unacceptable. We want to reduce the number of victims and the conditions in which violence is used. Action will be taken against offenders and care and support given to victims and witnesses.

“ Working with partners, we will aim to make improvements to the environment to reassure and improve safety within our communities. ”

In North Tyneside we have been successful in reducing the total number of victims of vehicle crime. Last year, thefts from vehicles and thefts of cars fell by 9 per cent. By analysing patterns and identifying the main offenders, resources will be directed to targeting areas and individuals offending, as well as those supporting the trade in stolen cars and items.

Investigating Crime

Solving crime and bringing offenders to justice is a priority. Last year, 30.9 per cent of crimes committed in North Tyneside were detected; even in times of falling crime, we want to improve detections and are taking positive steps to do so.

Using the National Intelligence Model, forensic science and new technology, we aim to apprehend more offenders and prepare quality prosecution files. We will concentrate on those offences deemed a priority by the public: burglary to homes, violent crime and vehicle crime.

“ We will continue to develop close links with partner agencies representing victims of domestic violence, hate crime and vulnerable groups to raise awareness and improve support. ”

Officers in the area command will be working to support national and force initiatives to narrow the justice gap by increasing the number of offences brought to justice, concentrating on those offenders committing most crime and improving further the quality of investigations and prosecution files. In addition, by improving the quality of services to victims and witnesses, we aim to raise public confidence in the criminal justice system by working more closely with the Crown Prosecution Service, courts, the Probation Service and prisons to bring offenders to justice quickly and to divert them from re-offending.

Promoting Public Safety

Police activity also aims to reduce the fear of crime, promote public safety and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Our aim is to work towards a more citizen-focused approach to engage with communities, particularly through our

growing community policing teams. Together with partners, we aim to develop constructive and lasting engagement with communities to allow quick and effective responses to be made to solve problems and make communities safer. We will enable communities to identify local concerns and, with partners, consider a range of possible police and partner led solutions.

While crime continues to fall, fear of crime is still a concern and will be measured by public perception surveys. Disorder (often alcohol related), vandalism and graffiti, drug abuse, and danger and nuisance caused by motor vehicles affect the quality of life in communities.

“ Reducing disorder and dealing with offenders increases reassurance and makes communities feel safer. ”

Reports of criminal damage decreased by 1.3 per cent last year. By increasing information sharing with partners we aim to identify and police hotspots. We will continue to work with judicial and local authority sectors, Crime and Disorder Partnerships, housing organisations and social landlords to discourage anti-social behaviour through court orders, Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and prosecutions.

The supply and misuse of drugs drives acquisitive and violent crime affecting communities and damaging individuals. Targeting suppliers through intelligence-led operations is a priority in North Tyneside Area Command, alongside effective intervention and support to divert people away from drug abuse.

Too many people are killed and injured on our roads. Many collisions are preventable and we will continue to target behaviour that leads to collisions, and work with partners to improve traffic flow to reduce death and serious injury. We also aim to disrupt and detect criminal activity on the roads and will promote road safety with high visibility patrols.

We will continue to measure and monitor the fear of crime through public perception surveys.

Providing Assistance

The police respond to general requests for assistance and support from the public and many other agencies. For example, co-operating with other forces and law enforcement agencies to tackle organised crime, especially drug dealing. How the police deal with incidents involving the public is monitored through satisfaction surveys.

Resource Use

The extent to which we achieve our objectives depends on the level of resources and how they are used. Improving the management of police resources by reducing bureaucracy and improving policing maximises the time officers are visible and accessible. The command team will work to ensure that staffing and equipment are used effectively and efficiently.

In 2004, the force underwent a large-scale restructuring to improve policing services at local level. Residents in North Tyneside Area Command are now seeing the benefits which include:

- Additional officers – 95 per cent of area command police officers are in front-line duties; not only are there more officers, but they also include specialists like motor patrols, dog section and child protection officers.

- Community teams dedicated to policing local areas have been introduced. Led by an Inspector, the teams can consist of police officers and staff, and Police Community Support Officers. They aim to tackle problems of most concern to residents and work in partnership with other agencies to find sustainable solutions to problems.

- The improved area command structure ensures that staff are intelligence-led and that resources are used most effectively to target offenders and problems.

These changes should continue to lead to improvements in policing in North Tyneside.

Find Out

- more about your area command
- more about your Community Beat Manager
- how you can monitor progress against targets during the year

by visiting the force website and viewing North Tyneside Area Command at www.northumbria.police.uk

You can contact your local police by telephoning **0191 214 6555** or writing to the:

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