



HUMBERSIDE  
POLICE AUTHORITY

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## Positive Outcomes from Police Authority Consultation in North East Lincs

Consultation undertaken by Humberside Police Authority showed that the top three issues causing local residents concern were:

- Complaints against young people, including young people congregating and intimidation by large groups
- Alcohol related disorder, including groups of young people drinking on the street
- The national proposals for police force restructuring alongside local changes to neighbourhood policing and how this would impact on policing on the South bank of the river.

The Authority's Consultation and Partnership committee heard that specific action has been taken by the force to identify and deal with anti-social behaviour and the Division has achieved a 41% reduction in disorder incidents between April 2005 and January 2006, compared to the same period the previous year. Anti-social behaviour orders have been issued against problem individuals and patrols in hot spot areas, combined with the use of 'Domehawk' cameras, have combined to help decrease the number of incidents recorded.

A number of groups have been established across the division to provide activities for young people and a great deal of partnership work is ongoing to manage the problem of anti-social behaviour effectively.

In addition the development of Neighbourhood Policing Teams will provide greater capacity to tackle crime and disorder and also the environmental issues that can have an effect on policing.

With regard to alcohol related disorder, a multi-agency Violent Crime Forum has been established to address the problems of violence and disorder surrounding the night time economy and the Divisional Control Strategy is reviewed fortnightly.

Operation Nightsafe in the early part of the year was a great success with 83 fixed penalty tickets being issued compared to 19 in the same period the year before. Extra police officers targeted hot spot areas and a zero tolerance approach to disorder was implemented. Additional CCTV cameras were used to provide full coverage of hot

spot areas, a bottle bank was introduced for the safe disposal of bottles and a taxi rank moved to a better lit area with CCTV surveillance.

Nightsafe is now part of the Division's ongoing work and shifts altered to accommodate the staffing requirements. The Division's senior management team and office staff also work Nightsafe shifts.

"This is a tangible example of the police taking specific action to deal with specific, local concerns," said Yvonne Uzzell who chaired the meeting for the Police Authority. "People can see that we take notice of their comments."

"With regard to police force restructures, we are now entering into a four month period of consultation when groups and individuals can put their views forward, but people should be assured that the Authority is seeking the best possible outcome for the local communities of Humberside."

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