



## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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### **HumberSide Police a Healthy Lot**

HumberSide Police Authority, the local police watchdog, has welcomed Home Office figures which show that when it comes to the number of days lost to sickness absence, HumberSide Police is 'one of the top four performing forces'.

At a recent meeting, the Authority also closely looked at the ten year period from 1997-98 to 2007-08. In 1997-98 the number of days lost to sickness was running at 11.8 days per year for Police Officers and 10.4 days per year for Police Staff – a figure that caused the Authority significant concern.

To address the issue challenging targets were set and members closely scrutinised the outcomes of the initiatives introduced to reduce the number of days lost to sickness. Ten years later, in 2007-08, this figure had reduced to 6.2 days per year for Police Officers and 7.2 days per year for Police Staff.

Alene Branton MBE, Chair of the Police Authority, said: "Roughly speaking this means that every year, our Police Officers are working a further 11,200 days, which is good news for local taxpayers.

"There is no question of expecting anyone to work when they are ill and the Authority is satisfied that there is no pressure to so do. This improvement illustrates the success of the strategies put in place to manage sickness absence effectively, such as the Attendance Criteria, which has delivered excellent results.

"This increase in the number of days worked by our officers will undoubtedly have had a positive impact on performance."

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