



HUMBERSIDE
POLICE AUTHORITY

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POLICE AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTES £25K TO PARTNERS' POT FOR PRIME

Humberside Police Authority has agreed to provide £25,000 of funding to Safer and Stronger Communities for the purchase of PRIME, a groundbreaking electronic tool to help tackle anti-social behaviour in North East Lincolnshire.

The system, which has already been adopted in North Lincolnshire, will allow police and council officers to create a single cross agency system enabling information on anti-social behaviour to be recorded and shared much more efficiently than the present system of paper records. As a result partners will be able to develop actions to tackle the causes of incidents much more quickly and more readily identify those who are likely to become repeat or vulnerable victims.

As well as helping the victims PRIME will create savings in police, PCSO and council officer time by removing the need for around 800 hours of meetings. It is hoped that these savings will mean that, by the time the PRIME system requires re-licensing in two years time, the £28,000 it saves annually will meet any further costs.

Speaking after the decision Ros Taylor MBE, Chair of Humberside Police Authority said:

"I am delighted the Police Authority has been able to help out Safer and Stronger Communities in North East Lincolnshire. The Police Authority is one of the statutory partners and shares an ambition to reduce anti-social behaviour particularly for victims who are vulnerable or are suffering repeat offences.

We know that, with cuts in public sector spending, without this help the partnership would not be able to acquire PRIME which is essential in allowing them to move to the next level in driving ASB down.

The Police Authority has maintained a cash reserve specifically to support partnership working and, now that the squeeze on public spending has come, it seems wholly appropriate we should use this money to address an area of common concern."

Councillor Dave Bolton, portfolio holder for community safety and neighbourhoods in North East Lincolnshire, said:

"Anti-social behaviour remains a priority for all the partners across North East Lincolnshire. The support of Humberside Police Authority is a welcome boost and will help all agencies tackle anti-social behaviour more effectively. The current austerity measures facing all public bodies meant that a much needed lifeline to bring about the improvements was able to be agreed by the Members of the Police Authority.

"This system will help us to track perpetrators and bring about a swifter and speedier resolution. It will enable the agencies to ensure that victims get the support they need and this will be able to be monitored closely."

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Notes to Editors:

1. For more information contact Claire Harrison on 01482 220793 or email claire.harrison@humberside.pnn.police.uk
2. Humberside Police Authority is an independent body that aims to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force for the Humberside Police area. The Authority sets the budget and local objectives for the Force and monitors its performance against targets set.
3. The Police Authority work with local people to understand what they want from policing and to find out how well policing is being delivered.
4. The Authority comprises of 16 Members - 9 local authority Elected Members from the area's four Unitary Authorities and 7 Independent Members. Local Authority Members are appointed annually and the other Members are appointed for a period of four years.
5. Safer and Stronger Communities North East Lincolnshire is the statutory community safety partnership for the area. Its partners include North East Lincolnshire Council, Humberside Police Authority, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Humberside Probation, Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire Drug and Action Team, Shoreline Housing and Public Health.

6. The latest performance information for North East Lincolnshire shows that anti-social behaviour has fallen to 526 cases for August this year compared to 754 last year. Repeat cases of ASB (that is the number of ASB Incidents reported to the police by victims who have reported at least 3 previous incidents within the last 12 months) fell from 915 for the period Sept 2009-August 2010 to 569 for the period Sept 2010 to August 2011.
7. In collaboration with other areas North Lincolnshire Community Safety partnership secured Government funding to develop a victims and vulnerable persons index. Project funding was obtained from two sources; the Local Government Improvement and Development Agency (£83K) to develop and prove the proposed system and the Department of Health (£10K) to improve the collection and transmission of data concerning victimisation from the Health Service to the community safety partnership. The system operates through a secure internet server and links all agencies into one problem profile.