
NORTHUMBRIA POLICE VISIBILITY STATEMENT FOR 2003

Joint Report of the Chief Constable and Clerk

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the publication of the Northumbria Police Visibility Statement for 2003.

2 BACKGROUND

As part of the Home Office police reform programme, greater emphasis has been placed upon public reassurance through high visibility policing.

In 2001 following consultation by the Home Office with the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Association of Police Authorities, it was agreed that information in relation to what is being done to improve visibility and effectiveness in all force areas would be published, and updated annually allowing public access to the information at ward level.

Since 2001 Northumbria Police has produced an Annual Report, outlining the visibility statements for each ward in the force area. Each year the content of these statements has developed reflecting the increased effectiveness of the force in broader partnership working.

Examples of the activities listed in these statements include:

- Community Beat Managers on foot patrol attending resident's meetings, Community Forums and visiting schools.
- Ethnic Community Link Workers supporting those subject of racist incidents and addressing the fear of crime.
- Visits of mobile "Police & Community Safety" caravans to isolated communities within Northumberland and urban estates throughout the force area.
- Community Beat Manager surgeries held in local supermarkets.

Each year every area command carries out a review of their visibility statements to embrace all developments, this is then compiled into a booklet covering each ward and local authority area. The booklet will be made available to members at the meeting.

These visibility statements are then published on the Northumbria Police website permitting anyone who accesses the site to search, using their post code, to read the visibility statement in relation to their particular ward.

3 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

6 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the contents of the report.