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POLICY TITLE: Policing the Metro System

OWNING DIRECTORATE: Force Coordination

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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: [Complete](#)

AIM OF POLICY: To outline the objectives of the Metro Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), for the policing of the Metro System

BENEFIT OF POLICY: Protection and reassurance for employees and members of the public using the Metro System

REASON FOR POLICY: Human Rights Act 1998, Article 2 (Protect life)

In order to ensure a more effective policing of the Metro System and its environs, the Metro NPT will generally remain on the Metro System. It will only be detailed away from the system in an immediate emergency situation, or on the instruction of the Superintendent, Operations Department.

The Metro NPT is deployed and tasked with agreed priorities via a monthly tactical coordinating group (TCG) meeting held with various representatives from Nexus and in line with the Nexus/ Northumbria Police Service Level Agreement. This excludes the line from Pelaw to South Hylton which is covered by British Transport Police jurisdiction. Liaison will be maintained with Area Command NPTs to ensure a coordinated response to policing issues on the Tyne and Wear Metro System.

Only Metro officers are subject to specialist training to access Rail and Railside areas whilst trains are running and/or suspended and no other Northumbria Police officers should access these areas due to the risks involved. Metro NPT officers will also be available for specialist advice and guidance regarding Metro procedures, CCTV and legislation including the enforcement of byelaws.

The Metro NPT has Police Support Unit (PSU) tactical level 2 status and a Taser capability.

SOURCE DOCUMENT: N/a

GROUPS AFFECTED: All Police Officers

ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS: None