



Access to Public Information Request

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Request for information:

I'd like to make an access to information request regarding community policing.

1. I'd like to ask how many officers are out on the beat walking each day?
2. How many officers are out cycling each day?
3. Do they have set areas?
4. What are the areas?
5. Are there figures available to compare these current numbers with (as close as you can find) to 10, 20, 30, 40 year's ago to see if there is much difference, over time, in how community policing is being delivered?

The reason I ask is I haven't seen any police officers on a day to day basis out on the beat walking or cycling within community areas outside of town or the bridge area for a long time.

It would be a good investment to the island to have more visible community policing interacting and engaging with the public around higher populated areas and recreational areas like parks.

Response:

1. The Neighbourhood Policing Team work in specific areas to engage with the local community & partner agencies to address long term problems and issues that affect people's quality of life. Through close links with statutory and voluntary agencies, NPT officers link in with bodies such as Parish Constables and Douzaines, Housing,

Drug & Alcohol organisations, Youth & Education Organisations, Environmental Health & Waste Strategy groups, Safeguarding groups, businesses, and charities.

This includes working with schools, delivering lessons from Reception to Secondary ages, engaging with school communities around road & personal safety, and conveying important messages and awareness at events such as “Licence to Kill” and “Safety Calling”.

The 4 Constables in the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) cover 7 days a week, generally working shifts between 0700 x 2200hrs Sun - Thursday and 0700 x 0200hrs Fri & Sat. These officers are often on foot or bicycle, but because of the size of their areas they regularly use the electric NPT car (which has partial police livery) to be able to get from appointment to appointment etc.

Response officers also patrol in town on foot routinely, or if there is a specific problem or targeted area. Response officers patrol at night at weekends to police the night time economy.

2. 1 x regularly. The remaining 3 as above.
3. Yes. PC 182 Boughay – St Sampson & Vale, 204 Shields – St Peter Port including town, 30 Bell – Castel & St Saviours, 34 – Batten – St Martin, St Andrew, Forest, St Peters, Torteval.
4. As above. There are plans to better advertise these areas via the Guernsey Police website in the near future.
5. These statistics are not easily accessible, however when the Neighbourhood Policing Team was reintroduced in an official capacity in 2012, it had 1x Inspector, 1x Police Sergeant and 7x Police Constables.

Before that, in 2008, there was 1x PS.

In 2016 there was 1x Inspector, 1x PS, 5x PCs.

In 2021 there was a partial inspector (with duties & responsibilities for other areas in addition to NPT), a partial PS (with duties & responsibilities for other areas in addition to NPT), and 4x PCs.

These statistics do not include staff who previously, had been seconded to cover NPT duties, such as temporary cyclists.

The Crime Reduction Advisor also works closely with the NPT – recruitment is currently ongoing to fill this role. The fact that the officers within Guernsey Police all live and work within our community means that the organisation’s policing style is community focused.

It is worth noting that modern day policing is intelligence led and the demands of today's society and the resources available have become far more complex in terms of community safeguarding and public protection than in previous years.