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Policy owned by Neighbourhood and Partnership Public Transport Concession

1. Policy Purpose and key drivers

INTRODUCTION

This policy will clarify the use of public transport by Police Officers, Police Special Constables and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) whilst on duty or travelling to and from their workplace in the Staffordshire Police area, including concessions offered by stated public transport providers.

The purpose of this policy is to work with our partners in order to make the travelling public feel safer, to prevent crime and detect crime.

Intended Policy Audience:

- Police Officers
- Police Special Constables
- Police Community Support Officers (on duty in uniform)

This policy and the concession does NOT apply to Police Staff or to Police Officers/Special Constables/PCSOs when off duty or members of their family.

This policy stems from an agreement between Staffordshire Police, West Midlands Trains, Cross Country (Rail), Northern (Rail), Arriva Midlands (Bus), D&G Bus & Coach, First Potteries (Bus), National Express West Midlands (Bus), Midland Classic (Bus), Trent Barton (Bus), Diamond (Bus), Select Bus Services, Bennetts of Cranberry, High Peak Buses*, Aimee's Travel (Bus). These operators will be referred to as *Designated Transport Operators* .

Residents of and visitors to Staffordshire should be able to enjoy travel within the area which is both a safe and enjoyable experience. This Policy aims to increase the presence of identifiable Police Officers, Police Special Constables and PCSOs on public transport. This has been identified as a key factor in providing reassurance to communities and improving perceptions of safety.

Interventions by Police Officers and Police Special Constables witnessed by members of the community travelling on public transport will offer reassurance and make those members of the community feel safe.

All Drivers and Staff from Operators agreeing to concessionary travel have been briefed on this Policy by their management teams.

This policy does not apply in the event of Officers using public transport responding to an emergency or incident in progress.

Related Documents

Links to related documents:

[Public Transport Concession \(Procedure\)](#)

Gatekeeper - the Author suggested the following Procedure document(s) to link to.

Relevant Dates and Review Period

Effective Date:	23/05/2019
Review Date:	22/05/2020
Review Frequency:	Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

2. Legal Basis:	There is no legal basis or legislation to support this Policy or the implementation; it is entirely based upon concessionary travel offered by the participating travel operators. Officers will be expected to utilise their Police Powers appropriately if they witness an incident or are called upon to assist by a member of the public or transport operator staff.
3. Management of Police Information (MoPI):	MoPI Policing Purpose: Protecting Life and Property, Preserving order, Preventing the commission of offences, Bringing offenders to justice, Any duty or responsibility arising from common or statute law MoPI Review, Retention and Disposal addressed as follows: Retention, Review and Disposal processes and procedures will be carried out in line with the Staffordshire Police MOPI Review and Retention schedule. It is anticipated that information collected will be held on Staffordshire Police Command & Control system (STORM) and Police Officer and PCSO pocket note books (paper and e-PNB).
4. Associated Benefits:	Residents of and visitors to Staffordshire should be able to enjoy travel within the area which is both a safe and enjoyable experience. This Policy aims to increase the presence of identifiable Police Officers, Police Special Constables and PCSOs on public transport. This has been identified as a key factor in providing reassurance to communities and improving perceptions of safety. Interventions by Police Officers and Police Special Constables witnessed by members of the community travelling on public transport will offer reassurance and make those members of the community feel safe. In addition to addressing public safety, this Policy is also beneficial by getting Officers onto the buses during busy times and encourages use of Public transport instead of their own cars, which is good for the environment. It is also an alternative way of getting to/from work and travelling during work time if suitable.
5. Consultation:	The consultation period for this Policy has taken place from January to May 2019 inclusive. All of the 14 participating travel operators were consulted and agreed to concessionary use of their services by Officers. The Performance & Standards Unit (PSU) have also been consulted internally concerning the impact on the Gifts & Gratuities Policy.
6. Financial Implications:	There are no financial implications or budgetary costs for the Force. The Policy is a concessionary offer to Staffordshire Police and will have a positive impact financially and environmentally.
7. Human Resources / Training:	Student Officers to be made aware of Policy and benefits during initial training period.
8. Associated Policy:	None.

FOI, Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment Indicators

FOIA:	Release to Public		
ECHR:	Compliant		
EIA:	Compliant	Compliant with Code of Ethics:	Yes

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