

To: Cambridgeshire Police Authority

From: Chief Constable

Date: 30th September 2009

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (CSAS) UPDATE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a brief progress report on the CSAS pilot at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

2. Background

- 2.1 After consultation with the Police Authority and local authorities, using powers under the Police Reform Act 2002, the Chief Constable has authorised a 12 month CSAS pilot at Addenbrookes Hospital.
- 2.2 Other than two Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Officers, the Addenbrookes pilot is the only CSAS within the Force area. Eight managers at the hospital have been formally approved as Accredited Persons (AP) following stringent vetting, interviews and training, all to a level above national ACPO standards. Formal Operating protocols, information sharing agreements and media strategies have also been agreed between the hospital and Constabulary. There is also specific linkage to Cambridge City Council and CDRP.
- 2.3 The 12 month pilot is overseen by a partnership implementation team including police analysts. At a local level specific Southern BCU staff have been identified and briefed as liaison Officers and management representatives.
- 2.4 Part of the CSAS pilot has seen the Chief Constable confer limited powers on the APs, namely; to demand names / addresses where offences are suspected and to issue police Penalty Tickets (PNDs) for low level public disorder.

In order to issue PNDs it is essential the AP first checks (via Police National Computer - PNC) that the subject is suitable to be dealt with by way of ticket. APs in our pilot have no direct access to PNC or any of our systems or records; instead they are required to go through a secure validation process and the decision to share Police records rests with Police staff.

Each AP has received extended training on use of such powers and we have built in 4 layers of quality control to monitor such use.

- 2.5 The object of CSAS is to impact on community safety; established CSAS elsewhere find that it is an increase in quality intelligence, joint cooperation and promotion of public reassurance which are the true benefits of the scheme, not any real increase in the number of tickets issued.

3. Progress

- 3.1 Although as a brand new business venture several Constabulary and hospital staff have been working for some considerable time on the 'backroom' preparations and planning for the Addenbrookes pilot, the scheme actually only went public on 21st July 2009.

This was around three months later than originally envisaged. As such there is insufficient operational activity to provide a reliable interim review by the end of September as first planned. However a more in depth interim report will be completed in January (6 months into the pilot)

- 3.2 In the period to the end of August 2009, no tickets have been issued, however the status of the AP e.g. threat of application of powers, has helped on several occasions to prevent an escalation of problems.
- 3.3 Relationships between the hospital and BCU continue to improve, including joint (Police / AP) high visibility patrols. Considerable CSAS signage has been erected on site and both local media (e.g. paper, radio and TV) and internal marketing has followed.

4. Expansion

- 4.1 At this stage we do not intend to expand CSAS until the Addenbrookes pilot is evaluated, including reviewing resource demands against organisational benefits. Only then will informed recommendations be made as to expansion or cessation for Cambridgeshire.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Authority is recommended to note progress in what is still the very early stage of the live pilot at Addenbrookes.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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