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CITY OF MANCHESTER DISTRICT – CITY CENTRE NPT – NEW CHIEF INSPECTOR

Message from Chief Inspector Mike Tachauer



I feel privileged to have been entrusted with the task of leading the Neighbourhood Teams in the City Centre. Our City Centre is the jewel in Manchester's crown, and we have a fantastic group of skilled and motivated officers within our GMP Neighbourhood team who are committed to making it a safe place to live, work and visit.

I have come to the City Centre after a period of time working over the Central Neighbourhood teams based out of Longsight Police Station and that gave me a really good grounding in the key tenants of Neighbourhood Policing; Prevention, Engagement and Targeted Action. I'll be looking to transfer that grounding into the context of the City Centre to effect meaningful progress against the issues that our community have highlighted to me as being important.

There is a strong existing partnership framework in the City that I will be looking to build on and expand as we all recognise that these priorities cannot be tackled by policing alone. We have a fantastic working relationship with Manchester City Council, and I am already hard at work with them looking to make progress on a number of fronts on issues such as violence against women and girls, rough sleeping, antisocial behaviour, road traffic and retail crime.

I have mentioned Engagement already, but I make no apologies for focussing on it again. It is critical that we understand what our communities need and want from their policing teams, and we will continue to offer PACT (Police and Community Together) meetings for both our Piccadilly and Deansgate wards as well as Coffee with Cops events. There are also opportunities to interact with our policing team through our Independent Advisory Group and via our social media channels and Bee In the Loop app. I would encourage you to sign up to Bee In the Loop in particular as that is the main way we will be interacting with our communities going forward.

If anyone would like to get in contact with me directly please contact citycentre@gmp.police.uk and I would happy to hear from you.

Chief Inspector Mike Tachauer



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This Month has seen the formation of the new City Centre Proactive Team. The team consists of 1 Sgt and 7 PCs and will be focusing on current and emerging threats within the City Centre.

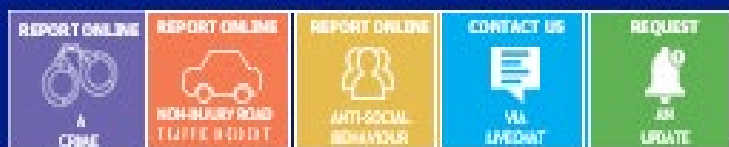
These will include, but will not be limited to, robberies, vehicle crime, drug supply and other theft offences. The team will also focus on ASB hotspots and use crime trends to disrupt any identified threats. The team have a wide range of skills and tactics to assist in warrants, intel development, surveillance operations and covert patrol. In the first 4 days the team have made 8 arrests including 2 for possession with intent to supply, 2x recalled to prison and a prolific theft of pedal cycle offender who was found with bolt cutters.

The team have already seized over £12k in illegal drugs and £5k in suspected illicit cash that is going through POCA proceedings to be forfeited.

The VRE have this month welcomed PC Harry Beninson back to the Town Hall team. Harry has previously worked in the city centre on Piccadilly Gardens as part of the Proactive Team. PC Bennison now joins the Violence Reduction & Exploitation Unit and will cover missing from homes and delivering the OP MAKESAFE training in the city centre.

The VIOLENCE REDUCTION & EXPLOITATION unit (VRE) have this month continued to promote OP MAKESAFE in the city centre. OP MAKESAFE is the Forces response to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) within the city's hotels. Officers from Manchester Town Hall train front line hotel staff on how spot the Signs of CSE, safeguarding of potential victims and how to report this to the Police. In the last 12 months over 300 hotel staff in the city centre have received this training.

OP SAFER STREETS continues to run in the city centre at weekends. This operation focuses on VAWG Offences (Violence Against Women and Girls) during the nighttime economy venues around Peter Street and Deansgate. This month officers have been concentrating on upskirting and the filming of females on nights out without their knowledge.



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The next Coffee with a Cop is to be conducted by Chinatown Neighbourhood Officers PC Chiu and PC Tang.

Your Local Neighbourhood Beat Officers have been made aware of continued pickpocketing around the area. To combat this, officers will be conducting both plain clothes patrols & uniformed patrols in pro-active operations to actively deter pickpocketing.

Throughout March, officers will continue to proactively patrol around Chinatown and the surrounding area.

Officers will be in both a uniformed and plainclothes capacity.



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LOOK UP LOOK OUT

Thieves see your possessions differently.
Take care when they are on show.

Beware of thieves on bicycles and mopeds - 200 snatch thefts are reported every day in the UK - keep your phone safe and be aware of your surroundings.

Be aware of your surroundings and your valuables

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CITY OF MANCHESTER DISTRICT – CITY CENTRE NPT – COMMERCIAL TEAM

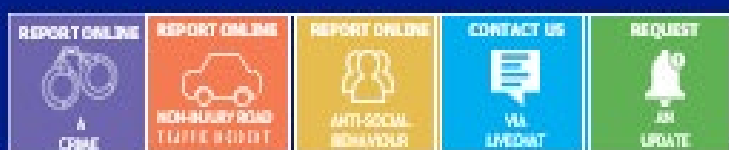
Officers from the Commercial Neighborhood Policing Team are continuing to police problematic areas on the commercial district.

We have received several reports from nearby businesses about issues along Market Street throughout the days, with reports of aggressive begging, street drinking, drug taking. Work is ongoing and several cases have been opened with the anti-social behavior action team at Manchester city council to try and identify the most problematic individuals, with work from greater Manchester police and the anti-social behavior team some individuals have received warning letters such as community protection warnings as well as injunction warning letters. This means if their behavior continues a full-time order will be put in place with conditions, banning them from the area. A few arrests have already been made.

A male has been arrested and charged for several thefts that occurred at the White company whereby he has taken items totaling thousands of pounds, the male is currently in HMP awaiting sentencing.

Officers from the Commercial Team have also arrested a male for a burglary that occurred at Ancoats, he was arrested charged and sentenced to 16 weeks within GMP. A criminal behavior order has also been applied for.

A known vehicle crime offender was spotted in one of the City Centre car parks and was swiftly detained a short time later for breach of his criminal behavior order, he received a 20-week custodial sentence!



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CITY OF MANCHESTER DISTRICT – CITY CENTRE NPT – LICENSING TEAM

We have continued to plan for a range of high profile football fixtures involving both Manchester City & Manchester United. This past month has involved visiting a range of on and off licensed premises in the lead up to and on the day of the matches, for the visits of fans from Plymouth Argyle, Liverpool, Leicester, Fulham and Ipswich.

This football planning work is ongoing with the team working with the licensed trade to prepare for the visiting Real Sociedad fans from Spain in March as well as for the Manchester derby match taking place at Old Trafford in early April. We make sure all those premises affected have as much information about the events as possible and they have appropriate safety and security measures in place.

In the past couple of weeks, we have attended various licensing committee hearings at Manchester Town Hall regarding applications to change premises licence conditions. In one case we successfully argued that a City Centre off-licence premises did not have appropriate measures in place to satisfy concerns around their wish to serve alcohol until 1am.

A licensed food takeaway premises has had its licence revoked after we applied for a review of the premises licence. Officers became aware that the premises had been used for drug dealing, so this action was taken to compliment the main investigation.



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PC Jackman your Neighbourhood Beat Officer for the Piccadilly Trading estate has been working closely with other police departments and partner agencies in relation Anti-Social Behaviour in the city Centre.

PC Jackman is also working closely alongside British Transport Police with the intention of hosting coffee with a cop meeting at Piccadilly Train station, nothing is confirmed yet. But we will post dates as and when they are being held. A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has also been set up for the area of Piccadilly Trading estate and surrounding area.

PC Awodiji & PC Livsey have been working closely with residents in the Northern Quarter who are reporting concerns about ongoing issues with groups congregating causing anti-social behaviour in and around Dale Street Chambers. Work is ongoing to identify the individuals involved with work also ongoing with the ASBAT Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team at Manchester City Council.



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CITY OF MANCHESTER DISTRICT – CITY CENTRE NPT – STREET ENGAGEMENT TEAM

We are seeing an increase in the number of people on the streets under the influence of drugs in catatonic states & displaying unusual behaviour. There have been instances of people taking critically ill which have led to the Street Engagement Team recovering samples of “Spice”.

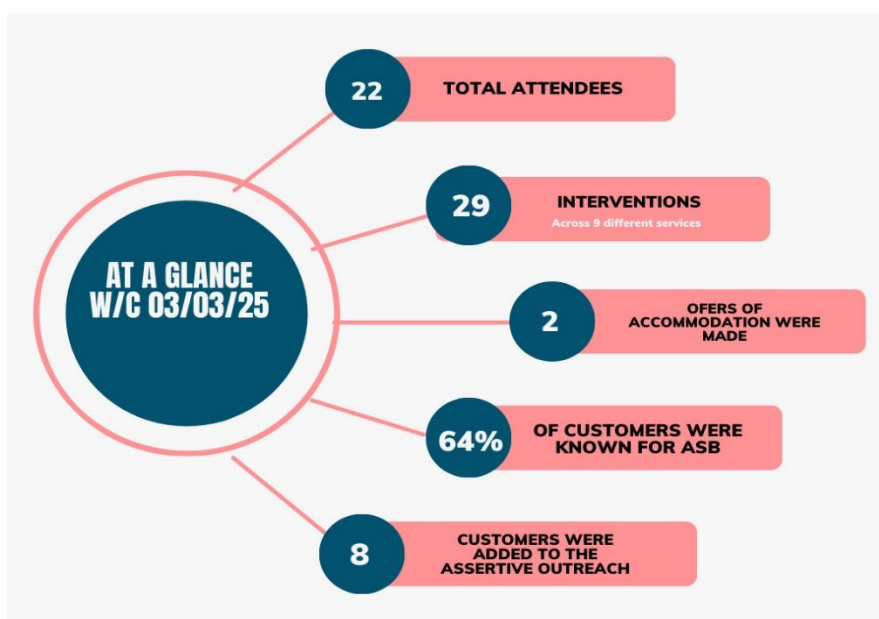
These samples have been delivered to Operation *MANDRAKE, for analysis by Manchester Metropolitan University with a hope of identifying toxic and dangerous substances, to assist with safeguarding and medical treatment. Any information about drugs supply should be called into **Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (100% anonymous)** /

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org> *MANchester DRug Analysis and Knowledge Exchange.

Good News & Targeted Activity

The SET attend regular safeguarding meetings with MCC & Partners. This will raise or lower risk of individuals from the City Centre’s Entrenched Rough Sleeper Target Priority Group.

We will continue to ask for your support and donations of items to stock up the Street Engagement Hub. Clothing for general welfare and looking forwards to winter 2025. See the below link to the Website: <https://orlo.uk/JJrG9>



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WINTER READY



Donate **high-demand clothes** items to the Manchester Street Engagement Hub. Help meet the need and provide dignity for people sleeping rough this winter.

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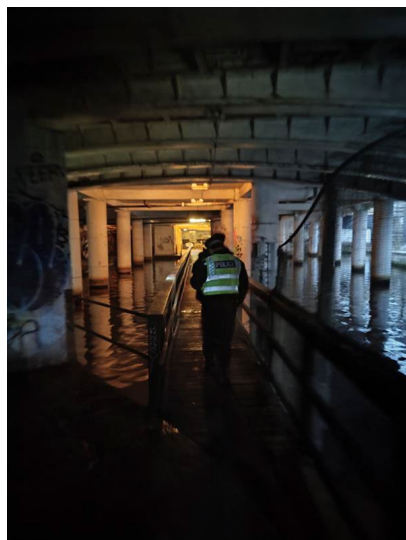
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PC Roberts from the Village Neighbourhood policing team along side his colleagues PC Sim and PC Gibson have proactively been policing around the Kampus and Sackville Gardens due to continuous reports of anti-social behavior. They have conducted several stops searches in the area some resulting in positive outcomes such as community resolutions and arrests.

PC Roberts arrested a male in Chorlton Street, car park after being shown wanted for breach of court order, another male has also been arrested for possession of a bladed article following on from a positive stop search.

Officers have liaised with Biffa the limited waste management company within Manchester City council regarding complaints about damaged and untidy waste bins in the village area. Biffa have attended and the waste bins will be replaced in due course, to help the area stay clean and tidy.



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