

# Community Safety



## **Reference Number: P34**

This is South Yorkshire Police's Statement of Agreed Policy on Community Safety. This policy relates to localised procedures only and therefore not supported by Authorised Professional Practice (APP).

## **Safer Neighbourhoods**

The policy is to set strategic parameters for the structure of Neighbourhood Policing Teams within South Yorkshire.

The associated documents that support this policy are listed below:

- [Pi34.1 - Abstractions for Safer Neighbourhood Team Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers](#)

## **Community Tension and Impact Assessment**

South Yorkshire Police follow a process to risk assess potential and ongoing tensions and its impact, which identifies best practice in response by Police and partners based upon this assessment. The assessment will assist with the management and rapid deployment of officers to such incidents.

- [Pi34.5 - Completion of the Tactical Community Impact Assessment \(TCIA\) form - Gen116](#)

## **Special Constabulary**

The policy sets out that Special Constables are a valued policing resource and assists the regular force in seeking to achieve its policing objectives.

The associated procedural instruction that support this policy are listed below:

- [Pi34.4 - Special Constabulary Instructions](#)

## **Pedal Cycles**

The policy states that the use of pedal cycles in routine patrol activity can be used as an alternative to foot patrol in completing routine enquiries.

The associated procedural instruction that support this policy are listed below:

- [Pi34.2 - Police Pedal Cycles within South Yorkshire](#)

### **Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)**

This procedure gives clear principles for the deployment and management of a PCSO. They form part of a Local Policing Team and will be deployed on high visibility patrol and in support of partnership working as they are crucial to the success of neighbourhood policing.

The associated procedural instruction is:

- [Pi34.3 - Police Community Support Officers \(PCSOs\) - Principles of Deployment](#)

### **Equality Act 2010**

The Act creates a statutory requirement for all Functions and Policies (Including Procedural Instructions) to be analysed for their effect on equality, diversity and human rights, with due regard to the [General Equality Duty](#).

In principle, this document has been assessed for discrimination, which cannot be justified, among other diverse groups.

The [Code of Ethics](#) published in 2014 by the College of Policing requires us all to do the right thing in the right way. It also recognises that the use of discretion in Policing is necessary but in using discretion, states that you should, "*take into account any relevant policing codes, guidance, policies and procedures*."

### **Human Rights/Discretion**

The purpose of providing policy is to give an indication to staff of the expected course of action. However it is not possible to cater for every possible combination of factors that would justify a departure from stated policy. The Human Rights Act 1998 requires the proper use of discretion at all times and nothing within this policy and associated procedural instructions prohibits the proper use of discretion in appropriate circumstances.

Where action is taken that has the potential to interfere with an individual's Human Rights, the reasons behind the making of the decision to act in that way should be recorded on the appropriate forms, or where this is not practicable, in pocket books or policy logs.

### **Rights of redress for members of the public:**

Anyone who feels that a member of staff has behaved incorrectly or unfairly, or who is dissatisfied with organisational matters, service delivery or other operational policing issues, has the right to [make a complaint](#).

Initial action should be taken in one of the following ways:

- Complain in writing or in person to the Senior Officer at the appropriate police station or to the Chief Constable of the force concerned.
- Visit a local Citizens' Advice Bureau
- Contact a Solicitor

**Rights of redress for South Yorkshire Police personnel:**

South Yorkshire Police personnel who feel they have grounds for concern in relation to the implementation of policies may, as appropriate:

- Pursue concerns through their line manager.
- Contact a First Contact Advisor.
- Pursue a grievance formally through the South Yorkshire Police Grievance Resolution Procedure.
- Seek advice from their staff association or trades union.

Use procedural instruction [Pi23.11 - Management of Complaints](#), in the section entitled Handling Complaints relating to Direction and Control.

**Start Date:** 17/11/2016

**Review:**

This statement of agreed policy is managed by Superintendent, Community Safety.

This policy and its Equality Analysis were last reviewed on: 21/03/2019

The date for the next review of this policy and Equality Analysis is: 21/03/2021