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Equality Impact Assessment

Operation Luscombe is designed to tackle begging and in doing so provide support to individuals before prosecuting. When dealing with any person begging there are different characteristics including gender, ethnic background and age of the people who beg. When dealing with each individual there maybe vulnerabilities that are deemed by the officer for them to complete a Public protection notice (PPN) for the individual. Begging is not subjective and there is no clear evidence that any characteristic is targeted in regard to going through the Luscombe procedure.

Tickets issued since January 2024 to 14th February 2024

Green- 5 (issued to individuals identified as begging for the first time and to those that have not previously been involved with the process)

Amber – 1 (issued to someone who has previously had a GREEN ticket (within 12 months) or been through the whole of the system and the previous RED ticket has expired)

Red- 4 (issued to any person begging who has had an AMBER ticket within a 12-month period)

No breaches or court dates

We have been working with British Transport Police (BTP) around joint patrols for Op Luscombe. I don't have their number of tickets issued at this stage but may have by time of meeting.

Hub

At the hub, outreach are still attending and Turning Point have been attempting to send staff but have been short so we have had a workaround where if someone has drug or alcohol dependency, we can take details and send information to Turning Point.

We still have food donated by Andaz Hotel which consists of cold sandwich, fruit and a drink we also have soup which is made by them which can be warmed up and hot drinks.