

Information Pack For Applicants

This pack has been put together to help candidates gain a better understanding of the Business Crime Reduction Centre (BCRC) and how it fits within the parent body People United Against Crime (PUAC)

PUAC was established in 1996 by South Yorkshire Police and is located in the centre of Sheffield. PUAC has extensive experience of working with companies, regeneration bodies, local authorities and government agencies to make business safer and therefore well positioned to contribute to the economic growth of the county.

In 2007, PUAC became the charitable arm of the four Police services in the region, fostering excellent links and relationships with them all.

PUAC is an acknowledged leader in the provision of crime reduction initiatives, which stimulate regeneration and encourage growth in the commercial sector. PUAC is currently working with businesses in a number of diverse ways through different projects. These are outlined on pages 2, 3 and 4.

David Ransom, the Chief Executive manages PUAC. The Board of Trustees, chaired by the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, has representatives from many well known businesses including Polypipe plc, Cadbury, Beatson Clark, Meadowhall Centre, Swan Homes, RJW Solicitors and Fretwell Downing.

PUAC's partners are many and include the four regional Police Services, Yorkshire Forward, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses, Business Link Yorkshire and the Road Haulage Association.

PUAC's corporate plan has currently four themes:

- Preventing economic crime, reducing the negative impact of crime against business.
- Preventing urban crime, creating safer and more harmonious communities, reducing the impact of anti-social behavior.
- Preventing drug related crime, reducing the impact of drugs and alcohol in communities.
- Project 2013 - developing European projects with the four police forces in the Yorkshire and Humber Region

Sitting beneath each of these themes are a number of projects described in the rest of this document.

Additional Information



History

BCRC was established in April 2007, to help SME's by providing free and impartial crime reduction advice in South Yorkshire. The project was funded by Yorkshire Forward and Objective One.

Working successfully with a number of partners across the region BCRC has grown in stature and achieved all performance targets set by the funding bodies.

Achievements

At the end of 2009, BCRC had assisted over 950 SME's, safeguarded over 400 jobs and had over 550 delegates attend its free security-based conferences. BCRC has gained national recognition and status, initially through securing funding from the Cyber Security Knowledge Transfer Network to produce e-crime reduction advice in the form of a booklet that won acclaim from many sections of the security and ICT communities (see page 4 for further details).

This and other innovative work led to BCRC winning the Best Security Initiative, as part of the Nominet Best Practice Awards in 2009. BCRC is also leading national e-crime work with SME's and spearheading the development of an e-Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to help focus and direct work with SME's.



Future

BCRC is seen by our funders as a high-performing project that consistently exceeds targets set. Having now gained a national reputation, it is important that BCRC goes on to break new ground, innovate and become the one-stop-shop for crime against business in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Through the Business Adviser network, BCRC will have the opportunity to deliver a level of service to SME's that is not available elsewhere in the UK, and ensure SME's are secure, and can continue to invest in their business with confidence.

BCRC will continue to be performance and target driven, with this leading to innovative solutions to address the security concerns of SME's. This will include offering:

- Recruiting SME's into 'Business Collaboration Networks,' where they can continue to benefit from the support of BCRC and our partners
- A service to secure insecure wireless networks

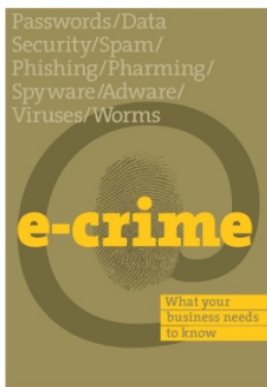
- Help and advice writing ICT Security and Password Policies
- Staff training to help understand the need for secure systems and how to use them effectively
- Assistance with all aspects of physical security, such as alarms, fencing, CCTV.
- Helping businesses make informed choices about investments in security



PUAC works closely with the four Yorkshire and Humber police forces to deliver community safety initiatives, which encourage collaboration, generate greater efficiencies and create public reassurance.



PUAC leads for the four police forces on Project 2013, which aims to capitalise on European funding opportunities. Project 2013 has successfully drawn in funding from a number of European sources. The three projects below are examples of successful initiatives being delivered, in part, through European funding.



BCRC successfully won a Cyber Security Knowledge Transfer Network competition to produce a guide for SME's on e-crime. 'e-crime – What Your Business Needs to Know,' gives straightforward, easy to follow guidance and advice to small businesses on how to ensure their business is protected from cyber criminals. Using case studies of how businesses have been attacked in the past, the guide helps SME's understand how to protect against threats. A copy of the guide can be downloaded from www.bcrc-uk.org



North Sea Freight Intelligent Transport Solutions (NSFRITS) is at Project 2013 initiative. PUAC is the project manager, with Humberside Police the lead force in the region. NSFRITS will produce an intelligent transport solution for freight entering North Sea ports, providing drivers and hauliers with crime and road safety information in a range of languages. For more information see www.nsfrits.eu



metal theft, which is a major problem in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

The Police-Private Partnership to Tackle Metal Theft (PoI-PRIMETT) is a transnational project involving six countries and led by PUAC. The aim is to share intelligence and best practice to reduce



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The Logistics Security Network (LSN) builds on the work of Yorkshire and Humber Truckwatch. The aim of LSN is to help reduce the impact of crime on the logistics sector. The LSN is free to join and offers members tailored crime reduction advice, crime hot spot alerts, and details on the impact of crime on business. A new web site will be launched



Sheffield Licence Watch (SLW) is managed by PUAC in partnership with South Yorkshire Police. SLW provides over 800 licensees with crime reduction information and guidance, and also runs a banning system to inform local areas and city centre premises of any individuals who have been barred from licensed premises in their area. For more information, please visit <http://www.people-united.org/licencewatch.htm>



PUAC is a founding partner of the Yorkshire and Humber Fraud Forum (YHFF). The Forum aims to inform businesses of all sizes of the constant threat of internal and external fraud. YHFF organises a series of masterclasses with highly respected speakers providing information on the most up to date fraud prevention techniques.