

From Sgt Julian Mason BTP – (provided after, not at, the meeting)

My team consists of:-

1 Sgt, 7 PC'S and 4 PCSO'S. I currently have 4 PC's though due to vacancies/illness.

Richmond Proactive Team have been collaborating with Metropolitan Police over the past few months. We have conducted Operation Valve at Twickenham (response to a murder of a college student in October 2021) and operation Cerium (operations targeting Violence against women and girls along with recent upside in Spiking offences).

During OP Valve at Twickenham there have been 4 deployments between October 2021 and January 2022. During these a corkscrew, a lock knife and drugs have been seized from college students. We have also had several seizures of drugs from other members of the public, feedback from station staff and members of the public has been very positive. We utilised a knife arch and a Passive DRUGS DOG at the station, there were a number of Stop & Searches between BTP & Metropolitan Police. The operation is continuing due to its success.

During OP Cerium at Richmond on 14/01/2022, 300 of the attached leaflets were distributed along with 200 oyster card wallets with the 61016 number on. 10 persons were dealt with for drugs offences. A number of Stop & SEARCHES were carried out as a passive drugs dog was deployed. Again we received very positive feedback from staff and the travelling public about this activity.

Richmond

10 offences in the last 2 weeks, 1 Sexual Offence, 1 pedal cycle theft and the rest were drugs offences largely from the operation.

Twickenham

2 offences, both pertain to OP Valve the drugs offences identified on 21/01/2022

Teddington

No recorded crime in last 2 weeks

St Margarets

No recorded crime in last 2 weeks.

We have more upcoming operations across the borough and line of route with partner agencies but for obvious reasons I am not willing to disclose the dates/times or locations in order to ensure the integrity of the operations. We also have cycle marking surgeries across the borough, the best way to see these and any subsequent results is via Twitter @BTPLONDON.