

Front Counter and Estates Organisational Reviews Final decisions

CENTRAL DIVISION

Details highlighted in red show where a change from the recommendations has been made

	Decision
Operating Centre	Remains open as a Front Desk. Base for police officers and staff.
Town Hall	Front Desk will close.
Fulwood	Front counter is already closed and building will close completely and be sold off.
Lea	To be kept as a base where police officers will work out of
Broughton	No front desk provision but will be kept as a base where police officers will work out of. (The station had been earmarked for complete closure but due to potential developments in the area, will be kept open).

- In **Central Division**, there will continue to be Neighbourhood Policing Officers available at the following locations irrespective of the decisions taken around front counters / estates;
 - University, Adelphi, Preston
 - St Augustine's, Avenham
 - Brookfield
 - Goosnargh Village Hall
 - Hartington Road Pavilion
 - Minerva Centre, Preston North End
 - Preston Hospital (Sharoe Green)

The Chief Superintendent responsible for Central Division, James Lee, thanked people from in and around Preston who had taken the time to express their views about the front counter and estate proposals. He said: "One of the misconceptions that came out consistently throughout the period of consultation was that response times to incidents would suffer with the closure of Fulwood Police Station but what I have been reminding the public of is that response officers have not been based there for around the past five years so the closure will not have an impact in this sense.

"Response officers have been, and will continue to be, deployed from a variety of locations and so I am confident in offering reassurance to the public that the time it takes us to respond to calls for help will not be affected by this closure.

"The officers based at Fulwood will move to the Operating Centre less than two miles away and in fact, this will mean that they are closer to some of the communities than they were at Fulwood so it's not all bad news."

Chief Superintendent Lee added: "There is very little change for Central Division as a result of these decisions, particularly given that we will be keeping the Broughton station open as an operational base for at least the next two years.

"Whilst there will be a little disappointment for some in relation to Fulwood, the majority of people will see no change whatsoever which given the very difficult financial decisions the Constabulary is having to take at present, has to be good news."