

OPERATION CLOSE PASS

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REQUEST

I am interested in understanding the operations you have run in regard to the 'Operation Close Pass'.

I would like to know how many operations and where you have run this scheme so far in the South Yorkshire Region, the outcomes so far (e.g numbers of drivers talked to or any potential action moving forward), additionally insights the team have learnt from the methodology and approach to this operation so far, and any future steps moving forward.

RESPONSE

I approached our Operational Support Unit for assistance with your request. An Inspector has supplied the below information in answer to your questions.

1. We have conducted 2 operations so far in South Yorkshire both in Sheffield
2. There is no definitive answer or recorded data with regards to how many people have been stopped and spoken to, nor is there any data on the total number of offences identified.

Officers conducted the first safe pass operation and offered advice to motorists who in their opinion were passing too close. The operation was developed further to include the NPCC Mobile Phone campaign which ran in January 2018 as officers identified a number of mobile phone offences. The second operation saw motorists stopped and spoken to with regards to passing too close and/or using a mobile phone whilst driving. Any substantive offences identified were dealt with by the officers on the day, however there are no recorded figures to give exact numbers.

3. Methodology and future steps are detailed above which include developing the OP to include mobile phone offences.
4. We intend to run future Operations this year.