

LATITUDE FESTIVAL 2016 – Public Space Protection Order – Police process

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1. Overview

- 1.0 On request of Suffolk Constabulary, Waveney District Council (WDC) and Suffolk Coastal Council (SCC) granted a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO.) The use of NPS and Nitrous Oxide has increased over recent years Nationally at music festivals. There is a high risk of harm that can be caused to health via misuse of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS.) The order recognises the use of NPS associated with anti social behaviour and the detrimental effect that the ASB have on the local community.
- 1.1 The order will be in place during the Latitude festival from Thursday the 14th of July 2016 and lasts for 3 years.
- 1.2 The order is a civil law and makes it an offence to be in possession or consume a psychoactive substance in the restricted area (see map.)
- 1.3 People found in possession of these articles can be dealt with via this method. Surrender bins are provided at the gates and the PSPO will be publicised.
- 1.4 Enforcement will be co-ordinated by the council, Police responsibility will be to gather the appropriate evidence
- 1.5 The single point of contact for the council will be Rachel Tucker
- 1.6 This order does not replace new offences created by the MPS Act 2016 (Details included in this order.)
- 1.7 Most of the site is under Waveney District Council, although Suffolk Coastal District Council covers a small part. Please refer to the Maps produced by local authority.

2.0 Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 The overall aim of the PSPO is for police to work with the festival organisers (Festival Republic), WDC and Suffolk Coastal Council to make the event a safe festival and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour linked with misuse of NPS. Those suspected of an offence will also be provided with educational material and sign posted to support agencies.

3.0 Process – Found by Security

- 3.1 A person who is suspected to be in possession of NPS by festival security will be brought to the Security coordinators. They will assess the circumstances and notify police. The security staff will have to provide a statement outlining the circumstances and proving continuity.
- 3.2 Police will attend and check details of the suspect. Police will seize/secure the evidence and carry out checks on the suspect to confirm name/address. If unable to confirm these details police should consider using powers under PACE.
- 3.3 Police will caution, report the suspect and complete form supplied by the local authority. The suspect will also be provided with health literature.
- 3.4 Police officers to complete a statement.
- 3.5 A Police Information Report is to be completed and officers will make an entry into their pocket note book about the incident and book property into the property system within the police pods.
- 3.6 The decision to evict from the festival will be for Festival Republic.

4.0 Found by Police

- 4.1 Officers to secure and preserve evidence.
- 4.2 Suspect to be reported and complete local authority forms.
- 4.3 Suspect to be provided with health care material
- 4.4 Officers to complete statement
- 4.5 Local authority will collect paperwork and deal with enforcement

5.0 Completion

- 5.1 The form provided by local Authority will demonstrate what options are available and will write to the suspect in due course to explain what will happen next. It is not the responsibility of police officers dealing to comment on possible disposal.
- 5.2 There is no requirement to enter any type of crime on Athena.
- 5.3 If the suspect is arrested then they should be dealt with in accordance with PACE.
- 5.4 The representative from local authority will collect the completed paperwork from the police pod.