

Additional PCSO Powers;

- Seize drugs and require name and address for possession of drugs
- Photograph persons away from a police station
- Issue fixed penalty notices in respect of offences under the dog control orders
- Stop and search in authorised areas
- Enforce cordoned areas
- Stop vehicles for testing
- Direct traffic for the purposes of escorting abnormal loads
- Carry out road checks

The new standardised set of powers also includes powers that are at the discretion of the Chief Constable, including the power to:

- Issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling (local authority)
- Issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti / fly-posting (local authority)
- To enter licensed premises (limited)
- Search for alcohol and tobacco
- Issue penalty notices for disorder for: sale of alcohol to a person under 18: purchase of alcohol for under person under 18: delivery of alcohol to person under 18: drinking in a designated area; consumption of alcohol by person under 18 or allowing such consumption; buying or attempting to buy alcohol by a person under 18 and sells or attempts to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk
- Deal with begging
- Issue penalty notices for breach of fireworks curfew; possession of a category 4 firework; possession by a persons under 18 of an adult firework; supply of excessively load firework
- Detain

Whilst PCSO's have been given a number of powers, it should not be forgotten that there primary role is to provide reassurance through enhanced visibility and community engagement.