The Princess Alexandra Hospital Police Beat (PAH Beat) was officially opened on the 16th November, 2005 by the Honourable Judy Spence, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Stephen ROBERTSON, Minister for Health. The PA Hospital is the first hospital in the Southern Hemisphere to have such a police station and was an initiative of a working group comprising officers from the South Brisbane District and took 2 years to come to fruition.

The PAH Beat’s area is located in the Dutton Park Division, within the South Brisbane District and was originally devised due to the large numbers of calls for service at the Hospital, The Buranda Plaza and the “Big Bed” Hotel.

The Princess Alexandra Hospital is a self sufficient Health and Learning Institution employing over 5,000 people and visitors per year numbering over 1,000,000. The Hospital administers health care to the Southern half of Brisbane south to Logan and east to Redlands. It specialises in Accident and Emergency Trauma Care, Brain Injury Unit, Mental Health, Spinal Unit and Intensive Care. The Buranda Centro Shopping Centre which is located opposite the PA Hospital incorporates Target, Woolworths and various specialty stores.

**BEAT DUTIES:**

Personnel attached to the PAH Beat have taken responsibility for the Hospital’s Inquiries from the South Brisbane District Inquiry Office, which include organising Doctor's statements, medical records and serving summonses. The responsibilities have been expanded to being the Liaison point for all members of the QPS regarding any contact with the hospital whatsoever. Regular duties also include being responsible for Coronial matters at the hospital, liaison with the various departments, obtaining information and assistance from doctors and medical staff in a timely manner, patrols and pro-active policing of the PA Hospital, Buranda Centro Shopping Centre and two major car parks. Beat members are involved in crime prevention education and presentations at Wards within the hospital.

**BEAT AREA:**

The PAH Beat area comprises the Hospital, Buranda Plaza, Buranda Multi-level carpark, 15 residential houses and a number of unit blocks and retail shops in Tottenham and Wolsley Streets, Woolloongabba.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:**

PAH Beat is within a short walking distance from Dutton Park and Buranda Train Stations. PA Hospital have a busway stop right next to the hospital and Brisbane City Council Bus Terminals stop at the front of the Hospital.

In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).