



LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

Friday, 25 September 2020 at 10.00 am

Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing.

Agenda

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Deputy Chairman.
3. Introductions
4. Minutes of previous meeting. (Pages 3 - 10)
5. Matters arising
6. LSCSB Action Log. (Pages 11 - 16)
7. Declarations of interest
8. Glen Parva Prison Update - Ministry of Justice. (Pages 17 - 20)
Raj Singh, Ministry of Justice, will provide a presentation.
9. LSCSB Performance 2020-21 Q1 report. (Pages 21 - 26)
This report will be presented by Rik Basra, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Leicestershire County Council.
10. Partner Update: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. (Pages 27 - 30)
Victoria Charlton, OPCC, will present this report.
11. Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference. (Pages 31 - 34)
Detective Chief Inspector Lucy Batchelor, Leicestershire Police, will present this report.



12. Partner Update - Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

(Pages 35 - 38)

This report will be presented by Simon Holden, LFRS.

13. Modern Day Slavery.

A presentation will be provided by Detective Inspector Jen Heggs, Leicestershire Police.

14. Other business

15. Dates of future meetings.

Future meetings of the Board are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

Friday 11 December 2020 at 10:00am

Friday 19 March 2021 at 10:00am

Friday 18 June 2021 at 10:00am

Friday 24 September 2021 at 10:00am

Friday 10 December 2021 at 10:00am

16. County Lines - Operational Learning.

(Pages 39 - 46)

A presentation will be provided by Supt Shane O'Neil, Leicestershire Police.

It is likely this agenda item will be exempt from the public under Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board held at County Hall, Glenfield on Friday, 26 June 2020.

Present

Mr. I. D. Ould OBE CC (in the Chair)

Cllr. Deborah Taylor	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – Charnwood Borough Council
Cllr. Les Phillimore	Community Safety Partnership Chair – Blaby District Council
Cllr. Michael Mullaney	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Cllr. Andrew Woodman	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - North West Leicestershire District Council
Superintendent Adam Slonecki	Leicestershire Police
Mr. T. Parton CC	Combined Fire Authority
Rachel Garton	Clinical Commissioning Groups
Andy Galway	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Joshna Mavji	Public Health, Leicestershire County Council

Officers

Julie Robinson	Charnwood Borough Council
John Richardson	Blaby District Council
Andrew Cotton	Melton Borough Council
Rik Basra	Leicestershire County Council
Chris Thomas	Leicestershire County Council
Ellie Lowe	Leicestershire County Council
Thomas Day	Harborough District Council
Rachel Burgess	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Gurjit Samra-Rai	Leicestershire County Council/Violence Reduction Network

Others

Peter Flynn	Leicestershire Police
Raj Singh	Ministry of Justice
Sabrina Dullah	Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service
Rita Patel-Miller	Lend Lease

Apologies for absence

Cllr. Kevin Loydall	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
Mark Smith	Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
Lord Willy Bach	Police and Crime Commissioner

Victoria Charlton	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Paul Hindson	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Grace Strong	Violence Reduction Network
Bob Bearne	The Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company
Rebecca Woollock	Leicestershire County Council

45. Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

46. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2019 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

47. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 6 December 2019.

48. LSCSB Action Log

The Board considered the LSCSB Action Log, a copy of which, marked 'Agenda Item 4', is filed with these minutes.

With regards to Action no. 1: Use Leicestershire Matters and Social media to publicise car thefts, it was noted that an article relating to car thefts had not been able to be put in the latest edition of Leicestershire Matters due to there being no space because of the amount of Covid-19 related articles. It was intended that there would be an article in the next edition of Leicestershire Matters on car theft. There had been no social media messages disseminated relating to car theft and Rik Basra agreed to find out what progress had been made and report back to the Board. It was suggested that in future every edition of Leicestershire Matters should contain an article highlighting a topical community safety issue.

With regards to Action no. 2: National MARAC figures, it was noted that the proportion of MARAC cases in Leicestershire involving people of Black and Minority Ethnic origin was 18% which was high comparatively. Concerns were also raised that the percentage of repeat MARAC cases in Leicestershire - 47% - was higher than the SafeLives upper threshold (40%) and higher than many other MARACs and this could result in reputational damage for Leicestershire. In response to these concerns it was explained that not all MARACs were set up the same, for example Leicestershire had moved to holding MARACs on a daily basis, therefore meaningful comparisons between MARACs could not always be made. Furthermore, there had been a change in definition nationally for what constituted a repeat MARAC case and the definition now included any further contact from the offender. This new definition was being applied more strictly in Leicestershire than elsewhere in the country which could account for Leicestershire having more repeat MARAC cases than anywhere else. Nevertheless, a member was of the view that 47% repeat MARAC cases was too high regardless of how it compared with

other regions. In response it was explained that the MARAC Manager Kevin Wright had been scheduled to take part in the Board meeting on 26 June 2020 and provide an outline of the local processes and procedures but had been called away at short notice. Kevin Wright would be attending the next Board meeting instead to provide some reassurance

RESOLVED:

That the status of the Action Log be noted and new Actions be added as per the comments above.

49. Declarations of interest

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

50. Ministry of Justice Update - New prison at Glen Parva.

The Board considered a report of Sabrina Dullah, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service which provided an update on the development of a new prison at Glen Parva in Leicester. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 6' is filed with these minutes. The report was presented by Raj Singh, Principal Project Sponsor – Ministry of Justice, and Rita Patel-Miller, Business and Community Development Manager at Lend Lease.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Feedback from the public and stakeholders regarding the proposed design of the prison, and particularly the fencing, had been taken into account and changes had been made to the design as a result.
- (ii) Work was taking place to remove asbestos from the site which had been contained within the previous building.
- (iii) The spread of Covid-19 had had some impact on progress with the prison build however the Government had made the new prison at Glen Parva a priority and taken the necessary steps to ensure that work on the prison could continue in a safe manner.
- (iv) It was expected that the building of the prison would be entirely completed by spring 2023 before the first prisoner was admitted.
- (v) There was a target to spend almost a third of the budget with Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs). It had been intended to hold local 'meet the buyer' events to promote opportunities for local businesses to submit tenders and although the first of these events had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown, further events were being arranged. In addition, meetings were taking place with Blaby District Council, Oadby and Wigston Borough Council and Leicester City Council regarding other ways of spreading the message regarding tendering opportunities to local businesses and it was intended that more local advertisements would take place. Cllr. Les Phillimore offered his assistance in his capacity as a representative

of the Federation of Small Businesses and it was agreed that his contact details would be passed onto Rita Patel-Miller after the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

51. Election of Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. I.D. Ould CC had to leave the meeting due to business of a personal nature therefore a new Chairman was required to be appointed for the remainder of the meeting. There was no Deputy Chairman in place as the previous Deputy Chairman Cllr. M. Rickman was no longer the Harborough District Council representative on the Board.

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Cllr. D. Taylor be appointed Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. I.D. Ould CC left the meeting

Cllr. D. Taylor in the Chair.

52. LSCSB Performance Update - Quarter 4.

The Board considered a report of Rik Basra, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Leicestershire County Council, the purpose of which was to update the Board regarding Safer Communities Performance for Quarter 4 2019/20. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 7', is filed with these minutes.

In response to a question regarding Violence with Injury rates and whether any particular weapons were being used regularly, it was agreed that further detail of the data would be obtained and reported back to the Board.

RESOLVED:

That the 2019/20 Quarter 4 performance information be noted.

53. Change to the Order of Business.

The Chairman agreed to vary the order of business from that set out in the agenda, taking agenda item 9: Police and Crime Commissioner and Strategic Partnership Board Update ahead of item 8. Covid19 Crime and ASB.

54. Police and Crime Commissioner and Strategic Partnership Board Update.

The Board considered a report from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) which provided an outline of the current and planned developments within the OPCC for 2020/21. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 9', is filed with these minutes.

The report was presented by Gurjit Samra-Rai, Head of Service Design and Implementation, Violence Reduction Network, OPCC.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Virtual 'What Matters To You' meetings had begun to take place to gain feedback on community safety concerns in communities. In response to a question from a member it was agreed that a report would be brought to the next meeting of the Board regarding the key themes that came out of the 'What Matters To You' meetings and the issues that community and faith leaders were concerned about.
- (ii) Virtual meetings and Question and Answer sessions with the PCC had been carried out, in conjunction with the Violence Reduction Network (VRN), amongst youth councils in both the county and city. These were extremely positive and resulted in some good questions being asked by young people relating to knife carrying and why people carried weapons and got involved in gang culture. It was intended that this feedback would be fed into violence prevention strategies and work.
- (iii) The Violence Reduction Network had applied for £880,000 of funding for 2020/21 and this application had been approved and commended by the Home Office. The Violence Reduction Network had recruited a new officer Dr Stevie-Jade Hardy who would be looking at data and monitoring reports.
- (iv) The Hospital based service where specially trained workers engaged with people who were treated in the Leicester Royal Infirmary Emergency Department for stabbing type injuries had been put on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic, however consideration was being given to resuming the scheme with a more scaled back service and only one officer attending the Emergency Department. Other referral pathways and methods of engaging with the same cohort were also being considered.
- (v) The Ministry of Justice had a fund of £76 million nationally for victims of Domestic Abuse, and a Leicestershire partnership involving Leicestershire Womens Aid and Living Without Abuse had been awarded £445,000 out of the total fund.
- (vi) The Home office had recently advised that the Leicestershire OPCC were being awarded £75,000 to allocate to small community voluntary sector organisations with a turnover of less than £100,000 over 3 years to support vulnerable people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Board members were asked to help spread the news of this funding that was available.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

55. Covid19 Crime and ASB

The Board considered a report of Superintendent Adam Slonecki, Counties Superintendent and Operational Policing Lead, Leicestershire Police, which provided a summary of the operational work and response that Leicestershire Police had undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic within Leicestershire. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 8', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Special Constables had carried out 10,000 additional policing hours and had been able to take on grade 3 and 4 types of response actions such as policing Covid-19

restrictions and breaches as well as more serious tasks such as arresting burglars. The Board thanked Leicestershire Police officers, staff and Special Constables for their work in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- (ii) Twenty one police staff had tested positive for Covid-19 however many of these had been able to continue working from home whilst isolating by carrying out desk based inquiries.
- (iii) Reports of drug dealing were usually classified as drug offences rather than Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) though it would depend on the precise nature of the incident that was reported. The ASB figures more commonly related to noise and disputes between neighbours.
- (iv) There had been a significant increase in Assaults on Emergency Workers (AEW) and this included spitting and biting. In order to evade arrest criminals were claiming to have contracted Covid-19 and threatening to spit at police officers. Nevertheless, these individuals were still being dealt with robustly by the police and Magistrates were referring some of these offenders to the Crown Court to receive sterner sentences.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board notes:
 - (i) The update provided in the report;
 - (ii) The implementation of Operation INTEGRATE and the approach being taken by Leicestershire Police to begin to plan for and implement the recovery phase of the COVID-19 lockdown;
- (b) That Leicestershire Police be requested to provide a report to a future meeting of the Board regarding lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic and how the Force will operate in future.

56. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences.

The MARAC Manager Kevin Wright was no longer able to take part in the meeting due to other commitments so it was decided to defer this agenda item to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the report on Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) be deferred for consideration by the Board on 25 September 2020.

57. Children and Family Wellbeing Service

The Board considered a report which provided an update on the Children and Family Wellbeing Service at Leicestershire County Council. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 11', is filed with these minutes.

The report was presented by Ellie Lowe, Service Manager, Children and Family Services.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

58. Cyber Crime.

The Board considered a report of Detective Inspector Peter Flynn, Digital Hub, Leicestershire Police, which provided an update on the ongoing work to tackle cyber-crime in Leicestershire. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 12', is filed with these minutes, as is the presentation slides which were shown during the meeting.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Incidents of fraud could either be reported to Action Fraud via the Action Fraud website or phone number, or by calling Leicestershire Police on 101. Generally the service provided by Action Fraud was for incidents which were not live whereas 101 was for more urgent matters, but 101 could be used to report any type of fraud incident if that was the reporting method the victim felt most comfortable with.
- (ii) The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) Fraud and CyberCrime dashboard which contained a variety of data around numbers of offences and the locations was now publicly available and the weblink to it would be circulated to Board members after the meeting.
- (iii) In response to a request it was agreed that Peter Flynn would forward some cyber protect advice and awareness raising documents to the Board so that the Board could circulate to contacts within Leicestershire.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the adoption of Cybercrime as a strategic priority across all local authorities be supported;
- (b) That the setup, advertisement and successful utilisation of a Cybercrime Prevent referral process across Leicestershire be supported;
- (c) That Board members be requested to ensure staff within all stakeholder organisations receive Cybercrime prevention advice in order to keep themselves safe online.
- (d) That membership of the Cybercrime Strategic Oversight group be encouraged to help ensure effective information sharing and collaborative working of all parties involved.

59. Domestic Abuse Recommissioning.

The Board considered a report of the Public Health department at Leicestershire County Council which provided an update on the progress and plans in relation to the re-procurement of domestic and sexual violence and abuse services (DSVA) for Leicestershire. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 13', is filed with these minutes.

The report was presented by Joshna Mavji, Consultant in Public Health, Leicestershire County Council.

In response to a question it was clarified that the specification for the Safe Accommodation/Refuge service was being expanded to also provide accommodation for males.

RESOLVED:

That the work being undertaken to recommission the domestic and sexual violence and abuse services for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland be noted.

60. Other business

It was noted that Mr. I. D. Ould CC was standing down as Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Lead Member for Children, Young People and Community Safety as of 8 July 2020 and would therefore no longer be attending Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board meetings.

The Board thanked Mr Ould CC for his Chairmanship over the previous two years of the Board. It was reported that Cllr. Kevin Loydall also gave his thanks to Mr Ould CC for the way he had Chaired the Board.

Mr Ould CC thanked Euan Walters, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Leicestershire County Council and Rik Basra, Community Safety Coordinator, Leicestershire County Council for their support to him as Chair.

61. Date of the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Board take place on 25 September 2020 at 10:00am.

10.00 - 11.50 am
26 June 2020

CHAIRMAN

No.	Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Status
				<p>services to support the principle of acquiring a standing article. And is under active consideration. Next publication is in Dec. and subject to Board feedback an article regarding DA which sees a rise during this time period is being proposed.</p>	

No.	Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Status
2.	06.12.19	National MARAC figures so that they can be compared with regional figures.	Rik Basra	<p>In addition to the Leicestershire data the Performance Portal now includes both regional and MSFG 'Most Similar Force Group' data. SafeLives produces the National MARAC Dataset and can be viewed at https://safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings/latest-marac-data</p> <p>National data is produced annually, and the 2018/19 has been circulated with this agenda pack.</p> <p>It should be noted that MARACS are set up differently across the country and direct comparisons will be problematic.</p> <p>Further Update: A planned June input from the MARAC manager was cancelled at short notice, members requested clarification regarding repeat referral rates with an outline of mechanisms in place to deal with them... an input from MARAC is included for the Sept Board meeting.</p>	Green

No.	Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Status
3.	06.12.19	Op Lionheart to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting and partners to answer questions raised by Chris Brown of NWLDC at the meeting on 6 December 2019.	Rik Basra	<p>An input is planned for a future Board meeting. The questions posed by Chris Brown related lessons from Op Lionheart, lessons learnt and feedback processes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of the operation, what community work was required? • What planning can be put in place to deal with any issues that come to light at the time the operation becomes live? • What intelligence is required to assist this type of operation, • Can this be made routine to ensure we are sharing the right type of information? • Is information pre and post Op being shared effectively? Any lessons from this? <p>Update: C/Supt Shane O'Neill is giving an input regarding the above to the Sept. Board meeting.</p>	Green

No.	Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Status
4.	26.6.20	Circulate Glen Parva Prison presentation slides to all Board attendees. Pass on the contact details of Cllr. Les Phillimore to Rita Patel-Miller	Euan Walters, Democratic Services, LCC Euan Walters	Euan Walters chased MOJ for presentation slides several times and they said they had been sent but were never received by Euan Walters. Contact details shared 29.6.20	Amber Green
5	26.6.20	Further detail on Violence with injury rates and whether particular weapons are being used.	Rik Basra	Update: To be included in the performance input Sept.	Green Green
6	26.6.20	Report to Board on the key themes from the 'What Matters to You' feedback.	Gurjit Samra-Rai	Update: Report compiled and will be presented by Victoria Charlton (OPCC) to Sept Board meeting.	Green
7	26.6.20	Leicestershire Police to provide a report to a future meeting of the Board regarding lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic and how the Force will operate in future.	Rik Basra/Adam Slonecki	This will be an item for a future Board meeting	Amber
8	26.6.20	Link to the cyber crime stats to be circulated to the Board.	Peter Flynn/Euan Walters	Link sent to LSCSB attendees in email 7/7/20	Green
9	26.6.20	cyber protect advice/leaflets/awareness raising documents to be circulated to the Board to share with contacts.	Peter Flynn/Euan Walters	Documents sent to LSCSB attendees in email 7/7/20	Green

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HM Prison &
Probation Service

Leicestershire safer communities strategy board

New prison development at Glen Parva update

Raj Singh and Nick Dann – Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

Progress so far...



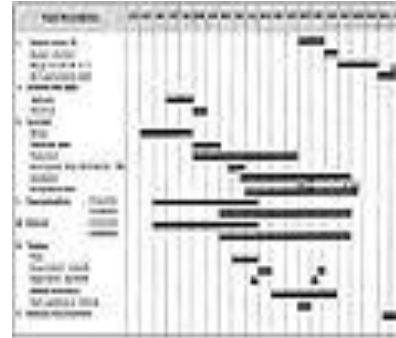
May 2020

Early works began on site to prepare for the main works



Sept 2020

Announcement of signed contract with Lendlease for the main works



Sept 2020

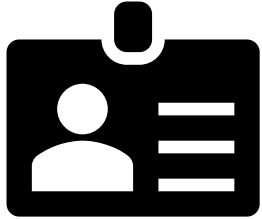
Main works have continued on from the early works which started in May.



TBC 2020

Preparations for a ground breaking ceremony to mark the commencement of construction are underway

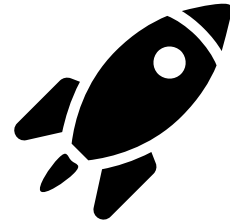
Upcoming milestones



Winter 2020

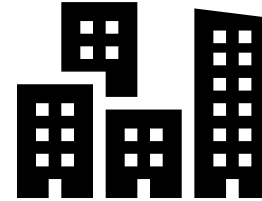
Launch of renaming process including:

- Article in local media and writing to key stakeholders – invitation to submit names
- Shortlisting proposals to 5 names
- Shortlisted to panel of local community representatives to decide on the final name



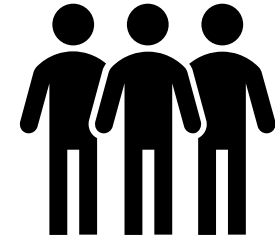
TBC 2021

Operator mini-competition launch



Spring 2023

Construction completed



Summer 2023

First prisoner being received

Glen Parva Prison Project

Social Value Aspirational
Targets



Aspirational Targets



25%

**Local
Employment**
(within 25 miles of site)



40%

**Local
Employment
(offsite)**
(Off site Manufacturing
within a 40- mile radius of
the site)



100 New jobs
created

25% of which are
Ex-Offenders or prisoners
on ROTL



1750

**Work
Placement Days**



50

Apprenticeships
or jobs with a
structured training
programme



1000

people upskilled



30%

SME spend
with Small and
Medium Enterprises
(SME)



25%

Local Spend
(within 50 miles of
site)



1

**Community
Project per
year**



£50,000

spend with VCSEs
Social Enterprises
throughout the project



15

Targeted events
for those who have low
representation in the construction
industry over the period of the
project

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

25 SEPTEMBER 2020

SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2020/21 Q1

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2020/21 Q1.
2. The Safer Communities dashboard is now available as an interactive online dashboard [here](#).

https://public.tableau.com/views/SaferDashboard/LeicsSaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&:display_count=y&publish=yes&:showVizHome=0#

Dashboard development is ongoing with new key performance indicators (KPI's) being introduced. The underpinning data can be viewed by hovering the cursor over relevant points in the performance graphs.

3. The dashboard includes a rolling 12 months comparison with the direction of travel for that indicator. The bar charts give a district breakdown and where available the regional average is also shown.
4. The online performance portal gives ready access to data under each category. The dataset is becoming increasingly complex which makes routine reporting across all performance areas impractical, unwieldy and unnecessary. This report therefore will focus on exception reporting supplemented by a brief position statement under each performance category.
5. Some performance datasets remain unchanged since the last report due to data collation timeframes.
6. It is to be noted that the reporting period covers Q1 up to the end of June. The figures will therefore include some Covid-19 effects.

Summary

7. Due to the current pandemic there are several notable changes for Quarter1 2020/21. Overall crime has decreased in most areas except for violence with injury which has shown an increase. Domestic crime and incidents have remained stable except for domestic violence with injury which has increased.

Reported ASB has increased particularly Environmental ASB. The insight survey results support this with fewer percentage of survey respondents agreeing '*ASB has decreased or stayed the same*' and fewer respondents '*feeling safe outside after dark*'. Reported hate crimes to the police have increased along with racially or religiously aggravated offences.

Ongoing trends in Crime

8. Ongoing trends in Crime are as follows:
- The residential burglary rate has improved over the last four quarters with a large reduction over the last quarter.
 - Burglary Business & community offences remain stable with the current rolling 12 months similar to the previous rolling 12 months.
 - Violence with injury offences have continued to rise over the last four quarters to 5.8 offences per 1000 population. Leicestershire is performing better than the Regional average of 8.9 offences per 1000 population.
 - Vehicle offences have been reducing over the last four quarters with a large reduction over the last quarter. The Leicestershire rate 7.0 offences per 1000 population is higher than the regional average of 6.0 offences per 1000 population.
 - Overall Crime has reduced over the last four quarters with a larger reduction over the last quarter.

Reducing Offending and Re-offending

9. There is nothing exceptional to report although we are starting to see the first signs of the previously excellent reductions in reoffending levelling off.
- (a) The rate of first-time entrants (FTE's) entering the criminal justice system (CJS) aged 10-17 is stabilising; The 2019/20 figures have been added since the last report showing a small upward trend.
- FTE totals for Leicestershire only were,
- | | |
|-----|------------|
| 190 | in 2014/15 |
| 124 | in 2015/16 |
| 126 | in 2016/17 |
| 101 | in 2017/18 |
| 100 | in 2018/19 |
| 111 | in 2019/20 |
- (b) The rate of re-offending by young offenders likewise is showing early signs of levelling. To add context this stabilisation follows a sustained and lengthy positive downward trend.

The April 2018 to March 2019 re-offending rate by young offenders was 1.37. This is an increase on the previous year's performance of 0.71. The latest data for nine months Apr-Dec 2019 shows a rate of 0.51.

10. As reported in Q4 2019/20 a new indicator has been added to the dashboard “Education, Training and Employment (EET) of Young Offenders. This indicator measures the proportion of young people on relevant youth justice disposals who are actively engaged in suitable education, training and employment (ETE) when the disposal closes. Active engagement is defined as 25 or more hours for young people of school age and 16 or more hours for those above statutory school age. The Youth Offending performance figure for young offenders actively engaging in education, employment and training (EET) is 59% for the period April – March 2020. This is lower than the end of year figure for 2018/19 of 64%.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

11. There is nothing exceptional to report; although the MARAC repeat referral rate is above the ‘SafeLives’ upper threshold of 40%, for this reason a separate more detailed Board input has been arranged regarding local arrangements.
12. MARAC repeat referrals continue to increase (51%) however a recent change in the criteria for referral has been identified as responsible. Previously any violence or threat of violence triggered a repeat referral, this threshold has been superseded by ‘any further contact’.
13. UAVA referrals for financial year (1772) are higher than the previous year (1627). UAVA referrals for quarter1 2020/21 are similar to the previous quarter.
14. Several additional indicators have been added to the performance dashboard to supplement the MARAC repeat referral data and UAVA referral numbers already reported upon. These include domestic crime and incident rates, domestic violence with injury rates, sexual offence rates and hospital admissions for violence. The new KPI’s focus on providing a broader understanding of performance across domestic and sexual abuse. All indicators have remained stable except domestic violence with injury which has been steadily rising over the last financial year and seen a larger increase during quarter1 2020/21.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction

15. The previous ASB performance data has now been expanded to cover two broad areas;
- (a) Survey Data - there are two questions in the Community Based Survey (CBS) relevant to ASB Satisfaction. “% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same” and “the % who feel safe outside in their local area after dark”. Responses to both questions have shown a positive upward trend in the last five quarters.
- (b) ASB Incident Data – this has been added to the online portal and there are now two sources as detailed below;

- i. Police Data; this covers ASB incidents gleaned from the police call management system, this is shown as 'Total ASB (rate per thousand population)' this is further broken down utilising the 'PEN' code and categorised as either 'Personal' 'Environmental' or 'Nuisance' ASB. This dataset is obtained when police call handlers deem a call is ASB and code the call accordingly. There is as such a caveat that calls are correctly categorised.
- ii. ASB recorded on Sentinel (the partnership ASB case management system). This dataset contains all case managed reports of ASB sourced from both Police and Local Authority partners.

The two data sources are not distinct and there will inevitably be some duplication, for example not all reports of ASB will be case managed and find their way onto Sentinel, likewise reports made directly to local authorities will obviously not feature on the police call handling system.

There has been a rise in all reported ASB to the police during quarter 1 2020/21. Environmental ASB increased from 1.12 reported incidents per 1000 population to 1.59 reported incidents per 1000 population, the highest level in four years. The number of ASB cases managed on Sentinel decreased slightly.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

16. The number of hate crimes reported to the police remains very low and is currently 0.99 offences per 1000 population. This is however higher than the previous year (0.78). The increasing trend has continued into quarter 1 2020/21. 65% were racial in nature, 17% were classified as sexual orientation, 8% were classified as disability, 5% were classified as religious and 4% were transgender related. Numbers remain relatively low.
17. Racially or religiously aggravated crime is very low with 0.32 crimes per 1,000 population across Leicestershire. Although number are very low there was still a slight increase in Quarter1 2020/21.
18. A question from the Leicestershire Insight Survey asks residents how much they agree that people from different backgrounds get on well. Latest figures show 95.1% of respondents agreed that people in their area get on well together. This is an increase compared to the previous year's response (93.5%).

Recommendations

19. The Board note the 2020/21 Q1 performance information.

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Appendices

The Safer Communities Performance Dashboard is no longer available as hardcopy. The current dashboard can be viewed via the 'Online performance portal' and is available [here](#).

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

25 SEPTEMBER 2020

LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Background

1. At the previous Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) meeting, in June, an action was taken to provide partners with an overview of the recent community engagement discussions carried out with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
2. Due to Covid-19 and the introduction of social distancing restrictions, the PCC has had to adapt and look at new approaches to the way he carries out his community engagement. This has largely meant utilising online platforms and increasing our digital capability. Since May 2020, as well as introducing a weekly blog, the PCC has hosted, several virtual What Matters To You (WMTY) discussions with representatives of the community.
3. The purpose of this report is to provide partners with an oversight of the key themes and challenges highlighted amongst faith leaders and young people during the online virtual WMTY engagement discussions.

Faith Leaders

4. On 4th June the PCC and the Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) met with the leaders of the faith communities from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). All of Leicestershire's major faiths were represented; including those from the Hindu, Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Sikh communities.
5. Discussions centred around the challenges facing communities, as a result of Covid-19, and the concern around the recent death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA.

Covid-19

6. General frustration was felt and questions asked as to why shops were allowed to stay open but places of workshop were not.
7. The closures of places of workshop have greatly impacted on the celebration of religious festivals and restricted numbers at funerals, cremations and burials. This was a general cause for concern as well as how this was negatively

impacting on the wellbeing of the community members who were unable to pay their last respects to loved ones.

8. In addition, the loss of social contact has hit close-knit groups within the faith communities particularly hard. It was widely agreed, the sense of community and belonging was very important to the overall wellbeing. Particular reference was made to elderly members who rely on these groups and were now becoming increasingly isolated.
9. There was wide concern with regards to where members of the community could go for support around issues of domestic abuse or mental health now that the places of worship were closed. Members of the community usually turn to places of faith to obtain counselling and support. This option is no longer available to them.
10. Concerns around funding were raised. Places of worship are hugely reliant on donations to support vulnerable people. This has dramatically reduced due to the closures. MP Jane Hunt has raised the matter of funding to the Houses of Parliament.
11. On a positive note, collective praise was given to the joint collaboration of faith leaders and police in managing the closure of places of worship as sensitively as possible. It was agreed that this was likely to have largely contributed and helped to maintain community cohesion, during this difficult period.

Hate Crime

12. Concern was raised about the rise in hate crime and the impact locally due to the death of George Floyd. The DCC confirmed that the police had responded instantaneously by providing assurance and outreach to minority and BAME community groups following the tragic killing.
13. Rabbi Pink confirmed that there had been a rise in anti-Semitic incidents since Covid-19, which the police are dealing with. The Jewish community have set up a system to ensure that everyone continues to be linked in and supported.
14. Praise for the faith cell was given for helping to feedback work and bring it all back together.
15. While community tensions are harder to deal with and resolve due to not being able to discuss issues face to face, it was widely acknowledged that there were some really positive examples of communities coming together and supporting one another. It was pointed out that Leicester has always been a good example of positive relations between diverse populations.

Young People

Pre Covid-19

16. As part of the PCCs drive to increase engagement and hear the views of young people, time has been spent visiting and forming links with a range of projects that work with young people. These include: youth clubs, charities and social enterprises as well as central and locally funded government projects.
17. Initial conversations with both the managers of these projects and some of the young people themselves have proved positive. There is an appetite and keenness for both to be involved to increase the overall youth engagement with the OPCC and Violence Reduction Network (VRN). These informal conversations were held pre Covid-19 as part of a piece of work to look at and develop youth engagement.

Current

18. To continue the work started before the introduction of social distancing measures, the PCC has held a number of Q&A sessions with youth council groups within both the city and county council and more recently with the newly formed group at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.
19. The aim of the online discussion was to, not only, provide young people with a platform to raise their concerns, but for the PCC to hear the views of young people.
20. The common themes and questions raised across each of the youth groups were:
 - Youth Violence – how has this been effected across Leicester during lockdown?
 - Knife Crime – has there been a reduction?
 - Domestic Abuse – how are the PCC and police dealing with this?
 - Covid-19 Guidelines/Restrictions – what is being done to ensure that young people are aware and understand the guidelines?
 - Youth Engagement – how is the PCC actively seeking the views of young people and those who won't engage, especially in relation to the criminal justice system (CJS)?
 - Mental Health – a lot of young people feel isolated and are not able to access support services
 - Education – many have found it difficult to access work experience with many companies either not responding or are not set up to provide it. It is likely that this will be worse due to Covid-19. What opportunities

will there be for young people to carry out work experience or access apprenticeships?

21. It was acknowledged that a variety of social media platforms needed to be utilised in order for more young people to be reached and engaged with.
22. The PCC asked how widespread drug taking was amongst young people. All groups confirmed that drugs were widely available and easily accessible. Most agreed that peer pressure was largely responsible along with the types of circles you socialised in. Education via campaigns, schools and life experiences to show the effects of drug taking was seen as a good starting point.

Coming Year

23. As we start to move in to recovery and social distancing restrictions ease; with schools re-opening and people start returning to work; the impact of Covid-19 is only just being realised. How will this look for our communities, and what do we need to do to support?
24. Another WMTY with faith leaders, the PCC and Chief Constable has been arranged for 5th October 2020.
25. A youth engagement strategy is currently being developed with the OPCC and VRN. Once completed this will require approval from the PCC. In the meantime, engagement with young people and linking in with various groups will continue.
26. Work is underway to develop the Legacy Programme which will mark the end of the current PCCs term of office. Areas of focus currently being developed and explored are: MUGA Courts, Ex-offenders Programme, Community Leadership Programme, People Zones, Exit Scheme.

Recommendations for the Board

27. The Board to note the contents of the report.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

25 SEPTEMBER 2020

LSCSB UPDATE: MULTI-AGENCY RISK ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE

Background

1. The MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is an information sharing and risk management meeting concerning high risk domestic abuse (DA) victims. It is attended by all key agencies, where cases are discussed/managed.
2. Repeat referrals to MARAC is a Board DA performance indicator. 'SaveLives' a national DA charity recommends repeat referral rates should range between 20-40%. Repeat referral rates in Leicestershire have shown a steady and consistent rise and currently sit above the SafeLives threshold.
3. This report outlines current arrangements in Leicestershire and provides an update to the Board to explain the Repeat MARAC rates.

Notable developments and challenges

The Past Year

4. The past year has seen implementation and continued development of the Daily MARAC.

Coming Year

5. Having established daily MARAC reviews, it is the intention to increase the independence of the MARAC and explore mainstreaming key MARAC roles to better support all the partners involved in the process.

Managing Repeat MARAC Referrals in Leicestershire.

6. The SafeLives definition of repeat referrals has recently changed; previously further contact required an element of violence or threat of violence to trigger repeat referral. This has changed in Leicestershire to follow SafeLives recommendations and a MARAC 'repeat' is now ANY instance of abuse between the same victim and perpetrator(s), within 12 months of the last referral to MARAC. There has as such been an increase in repeat referral numbers reflected in performance data presented to the Board.

7. There is understandably a requirement to ensure any changes to referral rates is scrutinised and defensible. Set out below is an extract of the referral process outlining the comprehensive scrutiny such referrals receive to ensure they are both appropriate and dealt with effectively;

Managing Repeat Referrals

- a) *What is the instance / incident / event of abuse and is it Domestic Abuse per the agreed **national definition**. If 'NO' then no requirement to continue, if 'YES' continue to Q2.*
 - b) *Has it happened within 12 months of the previous MARAC case between the **same** victim and perpetrator?*
 - c) *If the repeated case has been assessed as HIGH RISK then referral into MARAC required ensuring investigations and Safeguarding are the priority.*
 - d) *If the repeated case has been assessed as STANDARD or MEDIUM Risk then please look at the type of incident / event to consider appropriate referral to MARAC. Where a physical assault has taken place then this should be referred back in as a Repeat. If the incident / event is not physical assault then view this incident within the context of Coercive controlling behaviour.*
 - e) *If there is no ongoing controlling / coercive behaviour then there is no requirement to refer the case into the MARAC, where there is ongoing controlling / coercive behaviour please indicate When, where and how linking it to the definitions of either 'Safelives' or the 'Criminal Justice' criteria. (This needs to be clear in relation to what behaviour is being displayed)*
 - f) *Where it has been identified in any of the above processes that there is no requirement to refer the case to MARAC there is still a requirement to investigate and safeguard, part of this process should also include information sharing ensuring the partner agencies are aware of the ongoing incidents / events.*
 - g) *Where there is information of ongoing controlling / coercive behaviour the case should be reviewed using the 'Severity of Abuse Grid' where it is deemed to either be 'Unchanged' or 'Reduced' then partners should share the information and continue to investigate and safeguard the victim and their families, these cases would not be required to be referred back into MARAC. Where there is information / evidence that the situation is worse this should trigger a referral into the MARAC ensuring that investigations and safeguarding are the priority.*
 - h) *If there is evidence throughout this process of continued low level repeats happening then this should be reviewed and consideration to be referred to the MARAC.*
8. The above follows the guidance laid out by 'Safelives' in regard to how high demand cases should be managed, the characteristics of coercive control and

what to do if it is suspected that coercive control is taking place by referring to the 'Severity of Abuse Grid'.

9. The above process also indicates that in the absence of violence and/or threats of violence there needs to be an ability within the support process to gather information / evidence of ongoing controlling / coercive behaviour and should indicate exactly what is happening to assist decision makers with formulating effective 'Risk Management Plans'.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

10. MARAC has a significant impact for families living within High Risk Domestic Abuse situations. It is crucial that appropriate information is shared at the earliest opportunity with the MARAC to enable it to implement informed safety planning.
11. All cases of repeat incident / events within the previous 12 months of a previous MARAC being heard will have the information shared with partners whether it requires a re-referral or not. This is to ensure that those partners who have ongoing safeguarding are aware of what is happening within those family units.

Issues in local areas

12. The MARAC is designed to deliver the same service across LLR, there has been a noticeable decline in reports from Rutland and work has been completed with reviewing cases to ensure that appropriate referrals are being made. This is managed through the MOG (MARAC Operational Group)

Recommendations for the Board

13. The Board note the contents of the report.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview to the Board on the work that is currently being undertaken by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS).

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

2. LFRS has a dedicated Community Safety department within the organisation. The department focuses on two main areas of Protection and Prevention.
3. The Protection element allows for community and business engagement. This is a statutory duty of the Fire Service and LFRS is the local enforcement agency of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2004. This applies to commercial premises and buildings where members of the public may gather. This does not apply to single private domestic dwellings.
4. LFRS have an annual Risk Based Inspection Programme. The premises that are highlighted within this programme receive a fire safety visit where an audit of this premises fire safety arrangements is undertaken. As a result of this audit, a number of outcomes are possible, these range from delivering advice to the responsible person, through to informal and formal enforcement action. LFRS have the powers to immediately prohibit a building, if the fire safety arrangements are so lacking.
5. LFRS follow the 3 E principles to fire safety which are, to Educate, then to Encourage, and if necessary to Enforce the legislation.
6. In the 2019/20 financial year LFRS completed 501 fire safety audits. This resulted in 214 either formal or informal enforcement actions with 7 premises receiving prohibition notices. These premises/businesses were all supported so that they had the correct information and advice to comply with the legislation.
7. The Prevention element engages with a wide community audience across Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland and uses a blended approach of dedicated Community Educators and operational firefighters. These do include

entering the homes of members of the community and supporting them with advice.

8. The Prevention activities include Home Fire Safety Checks, a school's education programme, a Fatal Four/Biker Down education programme, youth engagement, the use of virtual reality as a delivery method, the reporting of vulnerable people on to partner agencies and numerous other activities.
9. As a result of these activities, LFRS carried out over 15,000 visits to homes which resulted in over 6400 Home Fire Safety Checks.
10. These Home Fire Safety Checks have now evolved into Safe and Well checks. This allows LFRS to deliver further quality safety advice and encourages follow up visits.
11. This work has just started to be evaluated using an app called 'Snap Survey'. As well as measuring customer satisfaction, we are now able to demonstrate what positive life style habits have been adopted that demonstrates we are achieving our corporate purpose which is 'Safer People, Safer Places'.

Coming Year

12. Protection - LFRS intends to expand its Risk Based Inspection Programme. Following the recent inspection from Her Majesties Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS), it was highlighted that there was a national issue around the reduction in team sizes in Fire Protection. This has resulted in reduced inspections that has been reflected by this reduction in capacity.
13. HMICFRS were clear that this needs to be addressed. LFRS has reallocated its resources to ensure that the capacity of the team grows to address this issue. Additional funding has also been made available to Fire and Rescue Services nationally to increase the capacity of their Fire Protection teams as a result of the Grenfell Towers disaster.
14. These additional resources will see a steady expansion of the Risk Based Inspection Programme over the coming years.
15. Prevention – LFRS will be increasing the number of successful interactions it has when carrying out 'Safe and Well' visits. There is an aspirational target to increase this by 46%. This will be challenging for the Service and will have a better chance of success if done in partnership with other agencies.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

16. If LFRS is able to increase its capacity and activity in both Protection and Prevention, it will support both the business community and vulnerable individuals within society.

17. To achieve both elements LFRS require support from our partner agencies.

a). **Protection:** LFRS has started to work with a number of our partners and we have delivered fire safety problem spotting training to them. This input is a simple 1-hour session from a Fire Protection officer.

This is aimed at those that will enter commercial premises or buildings where members of the public gather. By being able to understand some of the basic issues, we have started to receive referrals of Fire Safety issues from our partners.

This has meant that we are more targeted at dealing with problems, rather than adopting a scatter gun approach which can be time consuming for premises that are already complying to the fire safety requirements.

An internal process is in place to deal with these referrals as a priority.

LFRS would seek the expansion of this scheme and for partners to contact ourselves to receive this input.

b). **Prevention:** COVID-19 has had a serious impact on LFRS entering people's homes to conduct 'Safe and Well' visits. As such, innovative ways of interacting have been developed.

These innovative ways of interaction include carrying out door step visits, leaflet drops, developing a web based approach and telephone consultations.

By utilising the evaluation tool (the Snap Survey app) LFRS have been pleasantly surprised that the most successful approach is the telephone consultation. With COVID-19 likely to present within society for the foreseeable future, this area of work will be maintained and expanded to ensure that we offer the public of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland the best possible service.

To do this, LFRS need the assistance of our partner agencies. We require partners to refer on those that are regarded as falling into the vulnerability groups and in particular the contact details of these people.

LFRS does have information sharing agreements that can be put into place to ensure that there is no conflict with GDPR.

LFRS would seek the expansion of this scheme and for partners to contact ourselves to assist us with this and so we can fully explain what services we are able to offer to not only the members of the community, but also to our partner agencies.

Issues in local areas

18. LFRS attend regular Community Safety Partnership (CSP's) and Joint Action Group Meetings (JAG) which allow for a multi-agency awareness and proactive approach to any local issues that are highlighted. Inclusion also allows for any known future issues arising to be discussed.

Recommendations for the Board

19. The Board is recommended to:

- a) Note the content of the report;
- b) Encourage Partner Agencies to support the request from LFRS for support in carrying out the collaborative approach towards both Protection and Prevention activities.

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