



LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2014/15 QUARTER 2

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2014/15 Quarter 2 Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and the performance measures. It also outlines whether performance is on track to meet targets, current trends based upon the past six months and how districts compare with each other.

Overall Performance Summary

4. There are no significant performance issues to report.
5. The majority of crime, disorder and survey measures are all at similar levels to the end of last year, or have improved slightly.
6. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

7. Overall crime levels are similar to, but slightly lower than the same time last year. There have been 827 fewer crimes reported (2.7% reduction), and most key crime types are seeing a reduction following increases last year. However vehicle crime has not seen a reduction and remains 11 crimes more than last year (0.2% increase) in the County. There are variations in local areas, which are being addressed by CSPs.
8. Whilst not reported regularly to the board reports of rape and other sexual offences continue an upward trend in the County. Reported rapes are up by 14 offences (8% increase), and reports of other sexual offences are up by 24 offences (6% increase) compared to last year.

Reducing Re-offending

9. Offending by Integrated Offender Management offenders, including Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs) in the County reduced by almost 56% in the first two quarters of 2014-15 compared to the previous year.
10. The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System is 32 higher than this time last year (110 compared to 78) after a significant reduction in 2013-14,

however the number remains almost half that of 2012-13 and previous years. The re-offending rate of young offenders is lower than this time last year.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

11. The proportion of repeat domestic abuse cases at MARAC has increased. This has now moved into the nationally expected range for MARACs of 25% to 30%, having been lower than this for many years. The Domestic Abuse Partnership have considered this and identified it is because of more consistent referral processes into MARAC, rather than more repeat incidents.
12. The number of referrals to domestic abuse services has increased slightly. Reports of domestic abuse to the police have decreased overall compared to last year and number of victims assessed by the police as at high risk of harm has reduced. This increase in referrals has meant that support services remain stretched, despite some increases in resources for 2014-15 only. This will be covered in more detail in the Domestic Abuse Partnership report.
13. Reported hate incidents to the police and Hate Incident Project have continued to reduce. The Hate Incident Steering Group are reviewing their awareness raising plans, and will be considering learning from the recent research into Hate Crime published by Leicester University in-depth at their meeting in February 2015.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

14. Community Based Survey measures of the proportion of people affected by ASB and the proportion who feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area have improved this quarter.
15. Reported criminal damage incidents continued to reduce further across the county in quarter 2, and CSPs have identified that there have been fewer anti-social behaviour reports following specific summer and Halloween campaigns to prevent ASB.

Locality comparisons

16. The charts outlining district comparisons show no significant changes compared with last quarter.

Recommendations

17. That:
 - (a) The Board notes 2014/15 Quarter 2 performance information;
 - (b) The Board continues to monitor performance trends.

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