

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2014/15 QUARTER 3**

#### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2014/15 Quarter 3 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. Young people's re-offending has increased compared to last year.
7. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

#### **Ongoing Reductions in Crime**

8. Overall crime levels are similar to, but slightly lower than the same time last year. There have been 976 fewer crimes reported (3.1% reduction), and the majority of crime types are seeing a reduction or stabilising this year following increases last year. However vehicle crime has increased and is 99 crimes more than last year (2.7% increase) in the County. There are variations in local areas, which are being addressed by CSPs.
9. As reported to the Board at the last meeting reports of rape and other sexual offences continue an upward trend in the County. For the 12 months to December 2014 the number of reported rapes has increased by 26 (15% increase), and the number of reports of other sexual offences has increased by 55 (14% increase) compared to last financial year.

#### **Reducing Re-offending**

10. 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.

11. The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System is now just 8 higher than this time last year (157 compared to 149) after increases earlier in the year, however the number remains almost half that of 2012-13 and previous years. However the re-offending rate of young offenders has increased and is now higher than this time last year.
12. The highest re-offending category is still around those Young people who are subject to community penalties. However, with the introduction of the live tracking element of the re-offending toolkit this is showing significant reductions in re-offending rate, which is now 1.91 offences per offender compared to 2.77 for the same period last year. We are targeting those young people with high risk needs and using the toolkit to enable the service to bring to light those with emerging risks.
13. The re-offending rate of young people receiving First-tier penalties has significantly increased to 1.06 offences per offender from 0.68 for the same period in the previous year. This is affected by a small number of young people who the Youth Offending Service do not work with (due to the nature of their order) and therefore further efforts are to be made to influence the decision making in courts where possible.

#### **Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims**

14. The proportion of repeat domestic abuse cases at MARAC has stayed level, higher than last year, but within the nationally expected range for MARACs of 25% to 30%. As previously reported the Domestic Abuse Partnership have considered this and identified it is because of more consistent referral processes into MARAC, rather than more repeat incidents.
15. The number of reports of domestic abuse to the police remain lower overall compared to last year, and the number of victims assessed by the police as at high risk of harm has reduced.
16. Following ongoing decreases the number of reported hate incidents to the police and Hate Incident Project have now increased compared to last year. Police and partnership awareness campaigns will be joined up more closely this year.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction**

17. 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 continue to improve this quarter.
18. Reported criminal damage incidents continued to reduce further across the county in quarter 3.

#### **Locality comparisons**

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

## **Recommendations**

20. That:

- (a) The Board notes 2014/15 Quarter 3 performance information;
- (b) The Board continues to monitor performance trends.

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