

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2014/15 QUARTER 4

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2014/15 Quarter 4 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. At the end of the year the only significant performance issue was a significant increase in vehicle crime.
5. The majority of other crime, disorder and survey measures are all at similar levels to the end of last year, or have improved slightly.
6. First Time Entrants have reduced, however 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 slightly lower than last year. There have been 908 fewer crimes reported (3% reduction), and the majority of crime types are seeing a reduction or stabilising this year following increases last year.
9. However, reported vehicle crime has increased further in the past quarter with 418 more crimes reported this year than last year (11.3% increase) in the County. Blaby, Charnwood, Hinckley & Bosworth & North West Leicestershire have all seen statistically significant increases in January to March of 2015.
10. The main issues regarding vehicle crime include theft of motorcycles and mopeds, thefts of tools from vans, insecure vehicles and items on display.
11. As reported to the Board previously, reports of rape and other sexual offences continue an upward trend in the County. For 2014/15 reported rapes increased by 30 offences (17% increase), and reports of other sexual offences increased by

64 offences (17% increase) compared to last financial year. This is in line with national increases in reports of these offences.

Reducing Re-offending

12. Offending by Integrated Offender Management offenders, including Prolific and Priority offenders (PPOs), reduced by around 55% in the first three quarters of 2014-15 compared to the same period the previous year. The Quarter 3 IOM performance report is attached at Appendix 2.
13. The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System was lower in 2014/15 than previous years, and less than half the number in 2012/13. However the re-offending rate of young offenders to the end of December 2014 is higher than the same period last year.
14. The highest re-offending category remains around those young people who are subject to community penalties, as reported last quarter. However, with working groups now in place supporting the data from the live tracking element of the re-offending toolkit this is showing significant reductions, down to 2.64 re-offences per offender compared to 3.31 for the same period last year. The Youth Offending Service 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.
15. The main increases in re-offending have been by those young people receiving Pre-court and First-tier penalties, which has very slightly increased compared to the same period in the previous year. Re-offending by those receiving pre-court penalties has increased from 0.39 last year to 0.59 this year, and for those receiving First-tier penalties re-offending has increased from 1.00 offences per offender last year to 1.29 this year. As reported last quarter the YOS does not work with those young people subject to all orders in these offending populations, therefore further work will continue to influence the decision making in courts where possible.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

16. The proportion of repeat domestic abuse cases at MARAC has stayed level, higher than last year, but below the nationally expected range for MARACs of 28% to 40%. 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.
17. The number of reports of domestic abuse to the police remain lower overall compared to last year, and alongside this the number of victims assessed by the police as at high risk of harm has reduced.
18. Referrals to the Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service increased this year. Due to recording differences numbers of referrals to other domestic abuse services in the County are not directly comparable with last year, though information from support services suggests the overall number of referrals to domestic abuse support services has increased slightly in 2014/15.

19. Following ongoing decreases the number of reported hate incidents to the police and Hate Incident Project increased in 2014/15 compared to last year. Police and partnership awareness campaigns will be joined up more closely this year.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

20. 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 further this quarter and for the year as a whole.
21. There was no significant change in the number of reported criminal damage incidents in January to March 2015. Overall there were 535 (11%) fewer incidents reported in 2014/15 than the previous year.

Locality comparisons

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

Recommendations

23. That:
 - (a) The Board notes 2014/15 End of year performance information;
 - (b) The Board considers countywide action to address vehicle crime
 - (c) The Board continues to monitor performance trends.

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