

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2015/16 QUARTER 3

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2015/16 Quarter 3 Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and the performance measures to December 2015. 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. Where performance information is available the majority of performance indicators are on track. Vehicle crime and hate crime are the main exceptions. Early indications are that young people's re-offending has reduced.
5. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

6. Crime figures show fairly stable crime levels, though vehicle crime remains higher than last year, particularly in North West Leicestershire, Hinckley & Charnwood. This is in the context of a number of previous years of reducing vehicle crime. Police Significant Change Charts for theft from motor vehicle for two of the County areas (attached at Appendix 2) demonstrate longer-term trends. Domestic burglary has increased in North West Leicestershire and Oadby & Wigston. In Oadby & Wigston this is affected by a significant spike in August 2015, and in North West Leicestershire this follows notable reductions in domestic burglary in 2014/15.
7. The number of reported sexual offences is now lower than last year, and the increasing trend of the number of reported rapes has halted, at least temporarily, and for the last 12 months the number is 7% higher than last year (13 more).

Reducing Re-offending

8. Updated data on Integrated Offender Management re-offending is not available yet due to the change in police systems.

9. The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice system is 68 fewer than last year to date. This is a further 43% reduction on last year's figures, following the lowest numbers recorded in 2014/15 since the baseline year in 2005.
10. After a significant increase in young people's re-offending last year, the first quarter of 2015-16 showed some improvement with a rate of 0.22 compared to 0.35.

Repeat Victimization and Vulnerable Victims

11. The number of referrals to MARAC (Multi-Agency-Risk-Assessment-Conference) in the county has continued the steady increase seen during 2014/15, however in Quarter 3 the percentage of repeat referrals has remained level at 26.5%. The Domestic Violence Delivery Group is considering the capacity of the MARAC.
12. Referrals to domestic abuse support services in the County increased in quarter 1 and anecdotally have remained high in quarter 2 and 3, with the introduction of the new service in December 2015. A single figure cannot be reported at this time due to the change in services, however the referrals for the year will be calculated for the end of the year and the capacity of the new Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland service will be reviewed in May 2016.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

13. The Community Based Survey data shows that the proportion of people reporting that they have been affected by anti-social behaviour in the past year has reduced slightly this year. The proportion reporting they feel the police and local authorities are addressing local crime and disorder has increased.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

14. Reports of Hate Incidents have reduced further this year. This will be considered further at the Hate Incident Steering Group's planning meeting in April.

Recommendations

15. That:
 - (a) The Board notes 2015/16 Quarter 3 performance information;
 - (b) The Board continues to monitor performance trends.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - 2015/16 Quarter 3 Safer Communities dashboard
 Appendix 2 - Police Significant Change Charts for theft from motor vehicle