

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2015/16 END OF YEAR

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2015/16 end of year Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and the performance measures to March 2016. It also outlines how performance compares with the previous year, 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 improved compared to last year. Vehicle crime and hate crime are the main exceptions.
5. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

6. Overall there were more reported crimes in Leicestershire County in 2015/16 than the previous year (929 crimes – 3% increase). There were more reported vehicle crimes and more burglaries in dwellings in 2015/16 compared to the previous year. Burglary saw a significant increase in December to March particularly in the north and west of the County, whilst vehicle crime saw a notable decrease across the County in January to March.
7. The number of reported sexual offences has continued to increase was is now lower than last year, and the increasing trend of the number of reported rapes has halted, at least temporarily, and in the last 12 months is the number is 9% higher than last year (19 more).

Reducing Re-offending

8. Updated data on Integrated Offender Management re-offending for the County as a whole is now not produced. Broader performance is included in the Reducing Adult Offending report to this meeting.
9. The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice system was 68 fewer than last year, this is a further 37% 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 re-offending rate has reduced this year. The rate to December 2015 is 0.62 offences per offender compared to 1.0 for the same period the previous year.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

11. The number of referrals to MARAC in the county has continued the steady increase seen throughout 2014/15, however in Quarter 4 the percentage of repeat referrals has remained level at 27%. The Domestic Violence Delivery Group has considered the capacity of the MARAC and is considering options for addressing the increasing demand.
12. Final figures for referrals to domestic abuse support services for 2015/16 are not yet available as data has not yet been provided for a couple of areas. It is estimated that referrals were around 1,400 based upon the incomplete data we do have. Key elements of output and outcome data for the UAVA service for December 2015 to March 2016 for each area of the County are shown at Appendix 2.
13. In summary all outcome measures are on track for the county, though numbers are based upon a small number of returns (around 30), as it is early in the service.
14. With regard to outputs there are a few points to note:
- (a) An increase in callers to the new helpline from Leicestershire County compared to the previous helpline.
 - (b) Increase in demand for support overall
 - (c) More telephone contacts than expected and less face to face contacts than expected with existing service users.
- It should be noted that the service now covers domestic abuse and sexual violence and the figures cover both areas of work. It should also be noted that the waiting list for support in the County is down to 9 people, compared to over 100 earlier in the year.
15. Demand and capacity with regard to the helpline is affecting other elements of service, including the levels of telephone and face to face contacts. The joint commissioners of the service are working with UAVA on solutions to this.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

16. The Community Based Survey data shows that the proportion of people reporting they have been affected by anti-social behaviour in the past year remains low at just over 5%. The proportion reporting they feel the police and local authorities are addressing local crime and disorder has increased further to 92.7%.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

17. Reports of Hate Incidents have reduced further this year. An action plan has been devised by partner agencies to ensure an effective response to the hate incidents that occur across the area. This will also look to raise awareness of hate and build increased reassurance and confidence in communities.

Future performance reporting

18. It is important that the Board keeps an overview of crime, disorder, re-offending and information with regard to victims of crime, to identify and respond to emerging county-wide priorities.

19. Current crime performance reporting, comparing current with previous years, is not fully in line with how the police now monitor performance on crime categories using statistically significant changes. A single approach to performance monitoring would aid clarity across partnerships. However existing police reporting is now more aligned with Neighbourhood Policing Areas (NPAs) which do not fully align with the County boundaries.
20. In light of its priorities and different approaches to monitoring crime levels the Board should consider how it needs information to be presented in future.

Recommendations

21. That:
 - (a) The Board notes 2015/16 end of year performance information;
 - (b) The Board considers what information it receives in future in order to monitor performance trends.

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