

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2016/17 Q2

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2016/17 Q2 Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome with measures to November 2016. It also includes rolling 12 months trend data. Where collated comparative data is also included showing most similar group (MSG) ranking and more locally charts showing how districts compare with each other.

Overall Performance Summary

4. Where performance information is available the majority of performance indicators have stabilised or continued the improving trend outlined in the 2015/16 year-end report.
5. The trend regarding hate incident reporting has previously been falling short of target. Although Q2 initially appeared to have shown improvement, closer examination however shows a rise in reports in June/July following the 'Brexit' referendum result. The increased reporting however appears to have been short lived and has again stabilised to previous levels.
6. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

7. Reported crimes in Leicestershire County in 2015/16 showed a slight increase on the previous year with a 3% increase. The upward trend however stabilised in Q1 and this levelling trend has continued in Q2.
8. The number of reported sexual offences during 2015/16 had shown an increase. The trend however appears to have stabilised but at a higher level. There were 142 reports in Q4 2015/16; Q1 has seen this figure fall to 117 which is an 18% reduction on the previous quarter. Q2 shows a rise of 5% on the previous quarter to 123.

9. Similarly reported rapes had been on the increase last year; this trend has also levelled off. Most recently there were 59 reports in Q4 2015/16 with exactly the same number in Q1 and 55 in Q2 of this year; reassuringly the ongoing overall statistical trend is downward. Leicestershire has the 2nd lowest rate per 1000 population for sexual offences and Rape in the region.

Reducing Re-offending

10. As previously advised, updated statistics on Integrated Offender Management (IOM) re-offending for the County as a whole are now not produced. IOM data monitors the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland wide overall reoffending rate amongst a representative cohort of offenders (163). Q4 2015/16 reported a 40% reduction in re-offending, and Q1 shows a slight improvement to a 41% reduction. Q2 data was not available at the time of writing.
11. The 2015/16 yearend report specified 68 (37%) fewer first time entrants to the CJS than the previous year with a 2015/16 total of 190 entrants. This was building on the lowest numbers recorded in 2014/15 since the baseline year in 2005. Latest data shows first time entrants in Q1 (28) and Q2 (26) which equates to an extremely encouraging rolling 12 month total of 124.
12. The data pertinent to young people's re-offending is also extremely positive with reoffending rates reducing after a significant increase in 2014/15; this was showing 1.25 offences per offender. The rolling rate shows 0.82 offences per offender compared to 1.0 for the same period the previous year.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

13. Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals in the county have shown a steady increase throughout 2014/15. Repeat referral rates to MARAC increased slightly from 27% in Q4 2015/16 to 28% in Q1 2016/17. Q2 continues the trend with a further slight increase to 30%.
14. Comparative figures for referrals to domestic abuse support services are problematic, chiefly due to the change in service providers. Referrals to domestic abuse support services for 2015/16 are estimated at around 1,400 based upon the incomplete data we have which is an upward trend.
15. In order to remedy the data gap The Joint Commissioning Assurance Board (JCAB) has now filled the position of project analyst. Going forward work is currently under way to compile comparative data sets with agreed methodology and due provenance which can accurately reflect contract performance.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

16. The Community Based Survey (CBS) data shows that the proportion of people reporting they have been affected by anti-social behaviour in the past year remains stable at a low of just over 5.5%.
17. The CBS also shows the proportion of people reporting that they feel the police and local authorities are addressing local crime and disorder remains high although there is a reducing trend, reducing from 92.7% (Q4 2015/16) to 89.9% in Q2.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

18. Despite a recent increase in reports of Hate Incidents the overall trend continues to show a sustained reduction. The Hate and Prevent Delivery Group will oversee a multi-agency action plan, the aim is to ensure an effective response to reported hate incidents, promote confidence in communities and encourage reporting.

Recommendations

19. The Board notes 2016/17 Q2 performance information;

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