

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 2017/18

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board on the Safer Communities performance for 2017/18 Q1. The Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
2. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and includes rolling 12 months trend data. Collated comparative data is also included showing most similar group (MSG) ranking and, more locally, charts showing how district councils compare with each other.

Overall Performance Summary

3. Where data updates are available most performance indicators remain stable; however there is a downward trend across crime reduction performance categories as detailed at paragraphs 8-11 below.
4. Changes to the Community Based Survey (CBS) have necessitated utilising a new Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) performance indicator. In brief the new indicator shows public perceptions regarding ASB levels are presenting an adverse trend as detailed at paragraph 18.
5. Hate incident reporting, which initially fell short of target in early 2016/17, recovered with an 18% increase compared to the previous 12 months. Reporting numbers, however, are small; Q1 shows 0.78 incidents per 1000 population which is an upward reporting trend.
6. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

7. Domestic Burglary rates had increased by 11% compared with previous year with rates higher than the regional average. However, direct annual comparisons are misleading... in May 2017 burglary dwelling classification changed to incorporate structures within the curtilage of a dwelling such as sheds, out-buildings and garages. As a consequence of the change it was anticipated burglary dwelling rates would rise making annual comparisons problematic in the current year. Q1 shows a rate of 3.12 burglaries per 1000 population; a slight improvement of the negative trend.

8. Vehicle crime last year had increased by 10% in line with the regional average. Q1 shows an upward trajectory with 8.08 offences per 1000 population. This is a 25% increase compared to the same period last year.
9. The violence with injury rates in 2016/17 increased by 33% compared with the previous 12 months. To add context, this equates to 3.93 offences per thousand, which is below the regional average of 7.0 per 1000 population. The upward trend has continued in Q1 with 4.05 offences per 1000 population.
10. In summary, reported crimes in Leicestershire County in 2016/17 showed an increasing trend with a year on year increase of 9%. Q1 has continued the upward trend with a current overall rate running at 53.98 crimes per 1000 population. This is below the regional average of 65.12.

Reducing Re-offending

11. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) data monitors the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland wide overall reoffending rate amongst a representative cohort of offenders (163); separate county figures are no longer produced. The percentage reduction in reoffending has shown a slight improvement with the 2014/15 figure sitting at 40%, a 2015/16 figure of 41% and current rolling 12 month figure of 42.8% reduction.
12. The additional two dashboard indicators in relation to reducing re-offending are produced in arrears and remain unchanged from the previous report. The figures are extremely positive.
13. With regard to the number of first time entrants (FTE) into the criminal justice system aged 10-17, there were 126 FTE in 2016/17 compared to 124 FTE in 2015/16; a 1.61% increase which in itself is not statistically significant. This is still much lower than the 2014/15 baseline figure of 190 entrants and thus warrants the green 'RAG' rating as a consequence.
14. Data pertinent to young people's re-offending has continued to be positive. Reoffending rates in 2015/16 were at 0.82 offences per offender. 2016/17 continues the improvement on previous excellent results with April-Dec tracking results showing 0.58 offences per offender.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

15. Repeat Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals for 2016/17 are 30%. This is an increase of 2% on the previous financial year and is within the SafeLives recommended threshold of between 28% and 40%.
16. Comparative figures for referrals to domestic abuse support services are problematic, chiefly due to the change in service providers but also as a result of additional district based services. In 2016/17 there were 1174 referrals to United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA), 287 referrals to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council & Blaby support services and 150 referrals to the

Living Without Abuse (LWA) lottery funded outreach services, making a total 1611 referrals.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

17. In 2017/18 the Community Based Survey (CBS) was recommissioned with a new question set agreed. The two questions “*% of people stating that they have been a victim of anti-social behaviour in the past year*” and “*% of people stating that they feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area*” are no longer asked in the survey. It is proposed another question in the CBS survey be used to assess perceptions of ASB going forward: *% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same*.
18. In relation to the above question, the Q1 figure shows that 80.27% of respondents agreed that ASB had decreased or remained the same. This value is down 11% on the comparable value in Q1 2016/17. The established quarter response to this question is usually between 92% and 98%, which shows a marked decrease for the current quarter.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

19. Reported hate incidents had previously shown a sustained overall downward trend with a 2015-16 figure of 0.58 reports per thousand. However, recent figures show a very slight improvement with a 2016/17 rolling figure of 0.66 reports. To add context, reporting numbers are small and as such small changes disproportionately affect the overall trend data. Q1 trend data shows 0.78 reports per thousand population.

Recommendations

20. That the Board notes the 2017/18 Q1 performance information.

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