

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2017/18 QUARTER 2**

#### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) on the Safer Communities performance for 2017/18 Q2. The Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
2. The dashboard shows performance of each key performance indicator (KPI) 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.

#### **Overall Performance Summary**

3. All crime reduction performance categories continue to follow a downward trend in Q2, as detailed below in paragraphs 7-11. Regional comparisons show vehicle crime is increasing and performing worse than the regional average, whilst other crime performance indicators, although on an upward trajectory, are performing better than the regional average.
4. Regarding Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), changes to the Community Based Survey (CBS) have necessitated utilising a new ASB performance indicator. This shows public perceptions regarding ASB levels are on a sustained downward trend as detailed at paragraph 18.
5. Hate incident reporting; which initially fell short of target during 2016/17, has recovered with a 19% increase compared to the previous 12 months. Reporting numbers however, are small and fluctuations can disproportionately affect statistics.
6. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

#### **Ongoing Reductions in Crime**

7. Domestic Burglary rates have increased compared with the previous year. However, changes to recording practice may at least partially account for the increase. In May 2017, burglary dwelling classification changed to incorporate structures within the curtilage of a dwelling (sheds, out-buildings, garages). A year on year comparison therefore is not possible until there is a full year's data under the new classification. Q1 shows a rate of 4.38 burglaries per 1000 population; Q2 shows a rate of 4.82. Although increasing it is a relatively small increase.

8. The current offence rate for all Burglary, incorporating both residential and commercial burglaries, is 7.96 per 1000 households. This is a 17% increase on the previous rolling 12 months, which is in-line with the regional average of 7.5.
9. Vehicle crime is continuing its increasing trend with a 32% increase compared to the same period last year. The Q2 rate of 8.48 crimes per 1000 population is higher than the regional average of 7.4.
10. The upward trend in violence with injury rates has continued in Q2 with 4.35 offences per 1000 population. Increases have been seen nationally; to add context, the regional average is 7.7 per 1000 population.
11. In summary, reported crimes in Leicestershire County in 2016/17 showed an increasing trend with an overall year on year increase of 21%. Q1 and now Q2 continue the upward trend with a current overall rate running at 56.4 crimes per 1000 population. This is, however, below the regional average of 67 crimes per 1000 population.

### **Reducing Re-offending**

12. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) data monitors the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland wide overall reoffending rate amongst a representative cohort of offenders (163); Performance is measured annually and 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.
13. With regard to the number of first time entrants (FTE) into the criminal justice system aged 10-17, there were 32 FTE's in Q1 2017 (data is collected a quarter in arrears), which was a reduction of 4 young people (22.2%) in relation to the same quarter last year (36 FTE's). This KPI has shown continuous improvement; to add context, 2014/15 set a baseline figure of 190 entrants with a sizable fall to 126 FTE by 2016/17.
14. Reoffending rates for 2016/17 was 0.91 compared to 0.82 in 2015/16. This is ahead of the regional (1.26) and national (1.11) performance.

### **Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims**

15. The rolling 12 month figure as at June 2017 for Repeat Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals is 27%. This is just below the SafeLives recommended threshold of between 28% and 40%.
16. The number of referrals to United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) in the 12 months up to June 2017 was 1448. This is an increase on the end of year figure of 1174 referrals. Data for district services has not been provided.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction**

17. In 2017/18 the Community Based Survey (CBS) was recommissioned with a new question set agreed. The two questions previously used as a KPI “% 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. Another question is now used to assess perceptions of ASB going forward: “% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same”.
18. In relation to the question above, the Q2 figure shows that 81.5% of respondents agreed that ASB had decreased or remained the same. This value is down 13% on the comparable value in Q2 2016/17. The established quarter response to this question is usually between 92% and 97%, which shows a marked decrease for the current quarter.

### **Preventing terrorism and radicalisation**

19. Reported hate incidents had previously shown a sustained, albeit slow, 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. Q2 trend data shows further increases in reporting with 0.84 reports per thousand population. To add context, reporting numbers are relatively small and as such small changes disproportionately affect the overall trend data.

### **Recommendations**

20. That the Board notes the 2017/18 Q2 performance information.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1- Safer Communities Performance Dashboard Quarter 2, 2017/18

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