

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2018/19 Q3

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2018/19 Q3. The Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
2. The dashboard shows the performance of each key performance indicator (KPI). It includes rolling 12 months trend data, collated comparative data showing most similar group (MSG) ranking and, more locally, charts showing how district councils compare.

Overall Performance Summary

3. Burglary, vehicle, and violence with injury offences have all stabilised with the current rolling 12 months showing fewer offences than the previous rolling 12 months. Overall crime however is still showing an increasing trend. Most crime categories are performing in line or lower than the regional average, (paragraph 7-11).
4. The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) key performance indicator (KPI) is drawn from a question in the Community Based Survey (CBS), *'the % of people that agree that ASB has decreased or stayed the same'*. This KPI had previously shown an adverse falling trend, this movement has slowed and is starting to level out, (paragraph 18-19).
5. Repeat Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals are 42% which is above the upper recommend SafeLives threshold of 40% (Paragraph 16).
6. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

7. Residential burglary rates fell between Jan - April 2018 and then stabilised for a few months. Levels began to rise again in September 2018. The current rolling 12 month figure is 4.9 offences per 1000 population which is lower than the previous rolling 12 months. Current rates are in line with the regional average.

8. The offence rate for all Burglary, i.e. both residential and commercial burglaries, is 6.81 per 1000 population. This is a 13% reduction on the previous rolling 12 months; the current rate is in-line with the regional average.
9. Vehicle crime incorporates theft of vehicle, theft from vehicle & vehicle interference. There was a seasonal peak in vehicle crime in October 2018, since then there has been a positive decreasing trend. The current rolling 12 months has 10% fewer vehicle offences than the previous rolling 12 months. The current rate per 1000 population is 7.2 which is in-line with the regional average.
10. The upward trend in violence with injury rates has stabilised and there has been a slight decreasing trend over the last 6 months to 4.65 offences per 1000 population. Leicestershire is well below the regional average of 8.9 offences per 1000 population.
11. In summary, total reported crime in Leicestershire County for Q3 2018/19 is continuing its upward trend with an overall year on year increase of 9%. The increase follows a regional trend. The current rate is 63 crimes per 1000 population which is better than regional average of 74 crimes per 1000 population.

Reducing Re-offending

12. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) data monitors the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) overall reoffending rate amongst a representative cohort of offenders. However, the data has limitations:
 - (a) Performance is measured annually across LLR and until recently had shown a positive trend with a reduction in reoffending over time: 2014/15 - 40%, 2015/16 - 41% and current rolling 12-month figure 26.4% reduction (age 18-24 48.33% reduction).
 - (b) The latter figure is clearly out of kilter with the data trend. This is attributed to a move towards managing and mitigating the harm caused by violent offenders as opposed to prolific offenders. The changes make current trend comparisons problematic.
13. Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company (DLNR CRC) has developed the 'Reoffending Analysis Tool' (RAT). The RAT re-offending rate for the two previous cohorts shows a relatively stable picture as follows:
 - Closed Sept 2018 for Leics 38.78% Notts 36% and Derbys 39.76%.
 - Closed Dec. 2018 for Leics 37.5 % Notts. 40.63% Derbys 38.74%.
14. The first-time entrants (FTE) entering the Criminal Justice System (CJS) aged 10-17; Over the previous three years the yearly cumulative FTE totals were, 190 in 2014/15, 124 in 2015/16, and 126 in 2016/2017 and a notable 104 FTE's 2017/18, which is the lowest recorded since 2005. For the current financial year latest figures April to Dec 2018 show there have been 76 FTEs.

15. The April 2017 to March 2018 re-offending rate by young offenders was 0.71. This was a notable performance improvement of 0.20 points when compared with the same period the previous year (0.91). The latest data Apr-Sept 2018 shows a stable rate of 0.72.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

16. The rolling 12 month figure as at September 2018 for Repeat Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals are at 42% which is above the SafeLives upper recommend threshold of 40%. This is an increase of 8% when compared to the yearend figure at March 2018. SafeLives is a national charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse (DA). Enquiries regarding this rise reveals it is mainly attributable to a change in the definition of a repeat referral. Previously Violence or threat of violence was required, now all repeat contact at standard risk meets the threshold for repeat referral.
17. The number of United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) referrals has increased to 1235. Part of this increase is due to a change in the raw data extraction in Quarter 3, which now includes all referrals to services, including those awaiting acceptance.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction

18. In 2017/18 the Community Based Survey (CBS) was recommissioned with a new question set agreed. The question used to assess perceptions of ASB going forward: is "*% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same*".
19. In Q3 79% of respondents agreed that ASB had decreased or remained the same. This value is down 2% on the comparable value in Q3 2017/18. The rate of decline has slowed with only a 1% difference over the last 3 quarters. The established quarter response to this question is usually between 92% and 97% the current figure therefore shows a sustained and marked downward trend in this KPI.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

20. Hate incident reporting at 0.83 incidents per thousand is similar to the previous rolling 12 months (0.81). The figures show that 70% were racial in nature, 14% were classified as sexual orientation and 8% were classified as disability. Numbers remain relatively low.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Development

21. The current reporting regime has utilised the same KPI's for some time and feedback suggests a review and update is due.

22. The proposal to update performance indicators is twofold;
- (a) Retain the current five performance category's but broaden the breadth and range of performance indicators within each. e.g. Under the 'Reducing ASB' outcome supplement the current CBS survey question with additional KPI's such as the number of ASB reports, ASB trend/seasonal data etc.
 - (b) To improve partner access to the performance data with localised breakdown where available. Some preliminary work has commenced with a draft framework available to view here...
https://tableau.leics.gov.uk/views/DraftSaferPerformanceDashboard/SaferDashboard?iframeSizedToWindow=true&:embed=y&:showAppBanner=false&:display_count=no&:showVizHome=no

Recommendations

23. The Board;
- (a) Note the 2018/19 Q3 performance information.
 - (b) Approve continued development of the online portal and additional key performance indicators.

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Appendices

Appendix 1- Safer Communities Performance Dashboard Quarter 3, 2018/19