

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **SAFER COMMUNITIES' PERFORMANCE 2023/24 Q1**

#### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2023/24 Quarter 1 (Q1).
2. The Safer Communities dashboard for Q1 is now available as an interactive online dashboard via the link below.

[https://public.tableau.com/views/LSCBSaferDashboard/SaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&publish=yes&:display\\_count=n&:origin=viz\\_share\\_link](https://public.tableau.com/views/LSCBSaferDashboard/SaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&publish=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link)

3. The dashboard includes a rolling 12-month trajectory for that indicator. The bar charts give a district breakdown and where available the regional average is also shown.
4. It should be noted that the report presents broad county wide trends and the accompanying narrative reflects this. Performance within localities can differ, sometimes dramatically, and the report should be read with this in mind.

#### **Report Summary**

5. The overall trends follow previous reports with nothing exceptional to report. Most indicators are stable/levelling some after lengthy increases. Main points for Q1 2023/24 are summarised below.

(a) Crime:

- i. Total Crime; A fall on 'total crime' during 'Covid19' was followed by sustained increases to a current level well above pre-covid, this upward trend now appears to be levelling.
- ii. Burglary both commercial; and domestic and vehicle crime reports had followed the upward trend but overall remain below pre-covid levels.

- iii. The exception is the 'Violence with Injury' rate which has shown a sustained lengthy upward trend and sits well above pre-covid levels. There are initial signs of levelling for this indicator also.
- (b) MARAC repeat referral rates had previously risen to a peak of 51% in June 2020. A figure above the 'SafeLives' recommended upper threshold (40%); it has steadily fallen since and stabilised to a current rolling 12-month figure of 37%.
- (c) Accepting local anomalies, reports of Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) both directly to the Police and on 'Sentinel' (The partnership ASB management system) show reports reducing over time. Counter intuitively, survey results (Leicestershire Insight Survey) indicate the reductions in ASB are not reflected in public perceptions regarding ASB levels.

### **Ongoing Reductions in Crime**

6. Performance in each crime performance area for Q1 is summarised below:
- Overall crime is on the increase with 73.84 offences per thousand compared to 74.12 the same period the previous year.
  - The residential burglary rate had seen a slow but steady rise a trend that has levelled for the last two quarters. The current rolling 12-month figure is 2.99 offences per 1,000 compared to 2.28 the previous year. District breakdowns are broadly similar with two localities above the average.
  - Burglary Business & community offence rates broadly follow the same trend as Burglary Dwellings albeit at a lower rate with the trend plateauing over the last four quarters. The current rate at 1.18 offences per 1000 population compared to the previous year 1.19 per thousand population.
  - Vehicle offences had previously reduced over nine quarters but then increase for four quarters before levelling to 5.53 offences per 1000 population, this is almost the same as the same period the previous year (5.51).
  - Violence with injury offences have shown a steady rise for two years, the rate of increase had shown the first signs of slowing and levelling. The figure currently sits at 9.84 offences per 1000 population. The large sustained upward trend is reflected regionally and indeed nationally.

### **Reducing Offending and Re-offending**

7. The performance indicators relating to youth justice are collated in arrears, the latest available data is to Q1 2022/23 and remains unchanged from the previous report.

(a) **First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System**

The number of first-time entrants (FTE's) entering the criminal justice system (CJS) aged 10-17 has shown sustained falls, the table below

shows the extremely positive trend. Unsurprisingly, the reducing trend has eventually slowed and stabilised.

FTE totals for Leicestershire only were:

2014/15	190
2015/16	124
2016/17	126
2017/18	101
2018/19	100
2019/20	111
2020/21	88
2021/22	84

The 2022-23 Q1 figure (90) shows an increase albeit following sustained falls over many years.

(b) Reoffending by Young Offenders

The rate of re-offending by young offenders has shown a positive downward trend. The reoffending rate currently sits at 0.53 per thousand population compared to a previous rolling year figure of 0.77 offences.

8. A KPI introduced in Q4 2019/20 was in regard to “Education, Training and Employment (ETE) of Young Offenders. This indicator measures the proportion of young people on relevant youth justice disposals who are actively engaged in suitable education, training and employment (ETE) when the disposal closes. Active engagement is defined as 25 or more hours for young people of school age and 16 or more hours for those above statutory school age.
9. The Youth Offending performance figure for young offenders actively engaging in education, employment and/or training (EET) is 63.6% at ‘disposal’ which is up compared to the same period the previous year (52.90%).
10. Additional KPI’s regarding adult reoffending are in development in conjunction with the Probation Service locally and the data dashboard will be updated accordingly.

**Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims**

11. The MARAC repeat referral rate has come down from a 12-month rolling figure of 51% at its peak in June Q1 2020/21, there has been a steady reduction in repeat referrals since stabilising to the current 37%. As a reminder, the ‘SafeLives’ recommended upper threshold for repeat referrals is 40%.
12. Following a recommissioning process by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Public Health Services new arrangements have been put in place to support victims of domestic abuse. The Board will receive separate updates regarding these services from commissioners.
13. Several additional indicators have been added to the online performance dashboard. These include domestic crime and incident rates, domestic violence

with injury rates, sexual offence rates and hospital admissions for violence. The new KPI's focus on providing a broader understanding of performance across domestic and sexual abuse.

14. Of note is the 'Domestic Violence with Injury' rate per thousand (3.88), 'Domestic Crime and Incidents' rate (17.32) and the 'Sexual Offences' rate (2.77) per thousand population had all been steadily rising over the last year although now as with other crime categories, levelling off.

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

15. ASB performance data is separated into two broad categories, survey data and 'hard' figures in the form of incident reports.

(a) Survey Data – The last four quarters have seen a drop in positive responses. There are two questions in the Leicestershire CC Insight Survey most relevant to ASB Satisfaction.

- i. *"% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same"* survey responses give a figure of 69.70% which is notably fewer than in the previous year 90.35%.
- ii. *"the % who feel safe outside in their local area after dark"*. currently 70.61% which is less than the rate 12 months ago of 78.72%. The current national average is 71%.

(b) ASB Incident Data – the online portal has a detailed breakdown, in summary there are now two sources as detailed below.

- i. Police Data; this covers ASB incidents gleaned from the police call management system, this is shown as 'Total ASB (rate per thousand population)' this is in-turn further broken-down utilising the 'PEN' code and ASB is categorised as either 'Personal' 'Environmental' or 'Nuisance'. This dataset is obtained when police call handlers deem a call is ASB and code the call accordingly. There is as such a caveat that calls are correctly identified as ASB and categorised appropriately.
- ii. ASB recorded on Sentinel (the partnership ASB case management system). This dataset contains all case managed reports of ASB recorded on the system by both Police and Local Authority partners.
- iii. The two data sources are not distinct and there will inevitably be some duplication, for example not all reports of ASB will be case managed and find their way onto Sentinel, likewise reports made directly to local authorities will obviously not feature on the police call handling system.

16. To summarise the general trends in ASB incident reporting:

- (a) In relation to Police data total reports of incidents categorised as ASB to Q1 are relatively stable, reports are slightly down (6.57 per thousand) on the previous year (6.14), there are however significant differences in reporting across localities.
- (b) In relation to 'Sentinel' Case managed data the overall numbers of incidents managed on the system has continued a general downward trend, the most recent quarter showing 6.51 offences per thou. compared to 12.67 reports per thousand this time last year. Again, there are significant differences across localities.

### **Preventing terrorism and radicalisation**

- 17. The number of hate crimes reported to the police remains very low and is currently 1.75 offences per 1000 population. This is marginally higher than the previous year (1.73). The increasing albeit very slow upward trend has continued over the last two years.
- 18. Racially or religiously aggravated crime is very low with 0.83 crimes per 1,000 population across Leicestershire, marginally lower than last year (0.86).
- 19. A question from the Leicestershire Insight Survey asks residents how much they agree that people from different backgrounds get on well. Latest figures show 87.04% of respondents agreed that people in their area get on well together. This is slightly lower than the previous year's response (90.20%).

### **Recommendations**

- 20. The Board note the 2023/24 Q1 performance information.

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### **Appendices**

The Safer Communities Performance Dashboard is 'Online', the Q2 data is available via the link below.

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