

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2013/14 END OF YEAR

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2013/14 Quarter 4 Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1
Interactive dashboards can be found at:
http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/crime_reduction_dashboards_march_2014
http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/anti_social_behaviour_dashboard_march_2014
http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/domestic_abuse_dashboard_quarter_4_201314
http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/hate_incident_monitoring_project_dashboard_quarter4_201314
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and the performance measure. It also outlines whether performance is on track to meet targets, current trends based upon the past six months and how districts compare with each other and the County figures.

Overall Performance

4. The overall end of year picture for performance is varied and has not changed significantly since Quarter 3. Overall levels of crime were higher than the previous year, particularly for Shoplifting and Burglary, other than from a dwelling. Re-offending by young people has increased in local and national figures.
5. Numbers of reports of domestic abuse and survey responses regarding Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) prevalence and confidence have improved compared to last year.
6. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Reducing Re-offending

7. Re-offending rates for adults remain low. No further updated data for adult re-offending is available since the last performance report.
8. Local data shows that while re-offending rates for young people remain higher than last year, they have levelled off in Quarter 3. As noted at the last meeting this continues a trend with the numbers of young people in the criminal justice system reducing, but with a small proportion that offend more prolifically.
9. Over the last quarter some analysis has been conducted into the top ten most prolific re-offending cases from the current performance cohort (January to March 2013). The analysis identifies that in respect of this cohort of young people, 70%

had periods of being Looked After Children, 50% had drugs, alcohol and prior CAMHs (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) involvement, and 50% had statements of special educational needs. Further qualitative analysis is being conducted into this cohort to assist in developing tailored local interventions linked to young people with similar identified characteristics.

10. The number of First-Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System was lower than last year, as seen throughout the year and expected with the simplification of out-of-court disposals since April. There were 186 fewer first time entrants in Leicestershire in 2013/14 compared to the same period last year, a 48% reduction.
11. Overall crime was 3.7% higher than last year (1,085 offences). Key areas of increase compared to last year include:
 - (a) Theft from vehicles and Burglary from a dwelling were 6% higher (179 and 122 crimes respectively);
 - (b) Other acquisitive crime including shoplifting and burglary, other than from a dwelling, were also higher (1,076 crimes);
 - (c) Violent Crime with injury was 18% higher than last year (350 crimes).
12. With regard to violent crime a review of police recording practices was carried out in 2013 and Assault without injury has seen a corresponding reduction (340 offences).
13. Community Safety Partnerships facing specific crime threats were invited to an LPU Commanders meeting on 20th May to discuss specific crime threats and consider partnership approaches to address these.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

14. The number of Hate Incidents reported to the police and the Hate Incident Monitoring Project were 21% lower than the previous year. Non-crime incidents reported to districts and the Hate Incident Monitoring Project are now managed through Sentinel to ensure an effective and consistent response, and use of satisfaction surveys by the project are being considered.
15. The number of reported domestic abuse incidents in the County increased by 9% (643 incidents) compared to the previous year. Following increases earlier in the year Quarter 4 figures were at the same level as the previous year. Referrals to all domestic abuse support services remain at the increased levels seen earlier in the year, and all services now have demand beyond their capacity.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

16. Community Based Survey data shows that the proportion of people affected by ASB and the proportion who feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area have both improved compared to last year.
17. Reports of ASB remain higher than the same period last year across most areas. However, criminal damage has remained fairly level (1.7% lower).

Locality comparisons

18. The charts outlining district comparisons show no significant changes to last quarter.

Recommendations

19. The Board is recommended to :
- (a) Note the 2013/14 End of Year performance information;
 - (b) Agree that acquisitive crime trends be reported to the Board during 2014/15.

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