

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2017/18 QUARTER 4

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2017/18 Q4. 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.
3. Crime data is now regularly updated for the previous financial year 2016/17. This will mean the baseline year end rates will show small variations when compared to previous reports.

Overall Performance Summary

4. All crime reduction performance categories continue to follow an adverse trend in Q4. Crime levels across all KPI's are increasing, although vehicle crime has begun to stabilise over the last 6 months. To add context, most categories are performing in line or lower than the regional average.
5. The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) indicator 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 question seeks an insight into public perceptions regarding ASB levels. Responses are on a sustained downward trend as detailed at paragraph 18.
6. Hate incident reporting at 0.8 incidents per thousand has shown an encouraging 11% increase compared to the previous rolling 12 months. However, reporting numbers are small and fluctuations can disproportionately affect statistics.
7. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

8. Residential Burglary rates have shown large monthly variations since April 2017, with a peak in October 2017 and troughs in June, August, December and February. Overall the trend is stable and rates are at the regional

average. A change in the way Domestic Burglary is classified means a year on year comparison is not possible.

9. The offence rate for all Burglary, i.e. both residential and commercial burglaries, is 7.6 per 1000 population. This is a 5% increase on the previous rolling 12 months; the current rate (7.6) is just above the regional average of 7.3 burglaries per thousand population.
10. Vehicle crime incorporates theft of vehicle, theft from vehicle & vehicle interference. At 8.31 offences per thousand vehicle crime is above the regional average of 7.6. Overall vehicle crime is up 15% on the previous rolling 12 months. There was a peak in vehicle crime in October 2017, since then there has been a positive decreasing/stabilising trend.
11. The upward trend in violence with injury rates has continued in Q4 with 4.9 offences per 1000 population. This is a 26% increase on the previous rolling 12 months. Increases have been seen nationally; to add further context, Leicestershire is well below the regional average of 8 offences per 1000 population.
12. In summary, reported crime in Leicestershire County in 2017/18 is continuing an upward trend with an overall year on year increase of 17%. The increasing trend follows the regional trend. The current statistical rate is 60 crimes per 1000 population which is better than regional average of 69.7 crimes per 1000 population.

Reducing Re-offending

13. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) data monitors the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland wide overall reoffending rate amongst a representative cohort of offenders; 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 41.8% reduction.
14. Going forward the intention is to supplement the relatively small cohort making-up the IOM dataset with additional reoffending indicators collated by probation services provider DLNR Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC).
15. With regard to the number of first time entrants (FTE) into the criminal justice system aged 10-17 the yearly cumulative total was a notable 104 FTE's, which is the lowest recorded since 2005. This represents a significant decrease of 22 FTEs (17.5%) from the yearly cumulative total of 126 FTE's for the same period last year (2016/2017). Over the previous three years the yearly cumulative FTE totals were, 190 in 2014/15, 124 in 2015/16, and 126 in 2016/17. Future yearly cumulative FTE performance is likely to level out.

16. In relation to the local indicator the 'rate of re-offending by young offenders' the latest figures from April to December 2017 shows 0.60 offences per thousand population. This is slight reduction in performance of 0.02 points when compared with the same period last year (0.58). Comparable national/regional data in this area is no longer collated.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

17. The rolling 12 month figure as at December 2017 for Repeat Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals sits at 30%. This is within the SafeLives recommended threshold of between 28% and 40%.
18. The number of referrals to United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) in 2017/18 number 1274 referrals. This is 200 more than in the previous year.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction

19. In 2017/18 the Community Based Survey (CBS) was recommissioned. Previously used data became unavailable and as a consequence an alternative question was utilised to gauge public perceptions of ASB. The CBS question being "*% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same*".
20. Q4 shows that 80.7% of respondents agreed that ASB had decreased or remained the same. This value is down 13% on the comparable value in Q4 2016/17. The established quarter response to this question is usually between 92% and 97% the current figure therefore represents a sustained and marked downward trend in this KPI.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

21. Reported hate incidents have shown an 11% increase compared to the previous rolling 12 months. 69% were racial in nature and 13% were due to sexual orientation. Although a positive trend numbers remain relatively low.

Recommendations

22. The Board notes the 2017/18 Q4 performance information.

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Appendices

Appendix 1- Safer Communities Performance Dashboard Quarter 4, 2017/18

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