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Quarterly Force Performance Update – January 2014

Foreword from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

A key aspect of my role as your Police and Crime Commissioner is to hold the Chief Constable to account. I am committed to reporting results back to you, and I will publish information about how well the Force is performing on a quarterly basis through my website, available at: www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk/Policy/Performance.aspx.

From the performance statistics overleaf, you can assess how well Lincolnshire Police is performing in key areas such as reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, solving crime, how satisfied victims are with the services they receive and how confident people are with the police service in Lincolnshire. I will also highlight areas of performance that are exceptionally good and also those areas that need further work.

Overall in this period, the Force, has once again, returned excellent reductions in recorded crime. There has been a 3% reduction in overall recorded crime, which means there have been 853 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. The continuing downward trend of recorded crime in the county has been seen across a range of crime groups including our priority categories noted in the Police and Crime Plan, including burglary dwelling (down nearly 14%), anti-social behaviour (down 18%) and violence against the person with injury (down 9.5%).

The latest resolution figures show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.4% for all crimes. This includes traditional detections such as charges, summons, cautions, penalty notices and also community based resolutions (known as 'restorative justice'¹). The resolution rate has been gradually increasing since I came into office and I will continue to closely monitor progress.

The latest data shows a 5.9% reduction (23 fewer victims) in the number of people who have been killed or seriously injured on our roads this year compared to last. The Force is currently on track to meet the joint target agreed by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

The number of recorded sexual offences continues to be higher this year than at the same time last year. It is thought that successful campaigns such as the Force's 'No Means No'

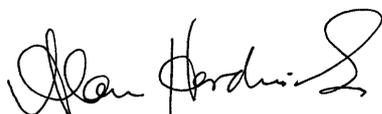
¹ Restorative justice is a more formal course of action administered by trained practitioners whereas less formal community-based resolutions are where the offender has made an admission and the victim is satisfied that such a resolution may be used. The resolutions are variable and may amount to an apology to the victim or agreement to carry out some activity such as repairing damage caused.

campaign may be raising awareness and reporting. There has been an increase nationally and this is thought to be partly related to the 'Yewtree effect', whereby greater numbers of victims of sexual offences have come forward to report historical offences to the police². I continue to push for improved crime resolution rates in this area.

The number of crimes relating to other theft/shoplifting has increased in this period compared to the same time last year. The Force is actively tackling this issue and I continue to closely monitor and review the situation. Increases have also been seen on a national level³.

I am also pleased to include a number of specific case study highlights from the Force (covering the period October to December 2013). I hope that these provide some additional detail in support of the plain numbers and percentages. These examples show just some of the good work that the Force has carried out in upholding the law, protecting the public and bringing offenders to justice.

I will issue my next quarterly update in April 2014, covering the period from April 2013 – March 2014. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at www.police.uk.



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² Source: Crime Survey for England and Wales see <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/get-involved/taking-part-in-a-survey/information-for-households/a-to-z-of-household-and-individual-surveys/crime-survey-for-england---wales/index.html>

³ Source: Crime Survey for England and Wales, year ending in June 2013

Quarterly Force Performance Update (April 2013 – December 2013)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **down 3% with 853 fewer crimes** in the period April to December 2013 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend line.

Violence against the person (with injury)⁴ crime is **down 9.5% with 241 fewer crimes** in the period April to December 2013 compared to same period last year. Performance data shows an improving 5 year trend line.

Burglary dwelling offences are down **13.7% with 216 fewer crimes** in the period April to December 2013 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend line. The Force's crime prevention strategy continues to be delivered on a local level through district leads.

Robberies are down **10.1% with 14 fewer crimes** in the period April – December 2013 compared to the same period last year.

Vehicle Crimes are down **13.4% with 358 fewer crimes** in the period April – December 2013 compared to same period last year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by **18.1%** (3,811 fewer incidents in the period April to December 2013 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend. The Force has plans to continue to work with partners to tackle specific types of ASB such as noise nuisance.

For the period April – December 2013, the Force has recorded 4,339 instances of **Criminal damage**. This is down 8.1% compared to the same period last year (382 fewer crimes). The 5 year trend line is one of improvement.

Solving Crime

The Force is showing an **overall crime resolution** (including Restorative Justice⁵) rate of 31.4% in the period April to December 2013. This is slightly up compared to the same

⁴ This crime category includes common assault, assault with injury, harassment, wounding, death by driving, manslaughter and murder.

⁵ In some cases, community resolutions known as Restorative Justice can be used. Restorative Justice gives victims the chance to tell offenders the real impact of their crime, to get answers to their questions and to receive an apology. It gives the offenders the chance to understand the real impact

period last year (0.9%). The Force's use of Restorative Justice in this period is 5.5% which equates to 1,508 offences.

The resolution rate for Burglary Dwelling for the period April – December 2013 is 18.7%, an increase of 5.1% compared to the same period last year. The latest performance data for Violence against the person with injury resolutions is 47% (in the period April – December 2013), this is slightly up compared to the same period last year (45.5%).

Satisfaction with Service

A telephone survey is carried out on a monthly basis that assesses the proportion of victims of burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime who answered that they were fairly, very or completely satisfied with their experience of the police.

Latest data (rolling 12 month to December 2013) shows that 82.1% of victims surveyed were satisfied with the service they received compared to 83.9% during the same period last year. The 5 year trend line is improving. The current 12 month rolling figure for the satisfaction rate of victims in relation to being 'kept informed' is 74.3%, an increase of 1.7% when compared to the same period last year. There has been a continued improving trend since June last year.

The current 3 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 72.3%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 65.5%. The Force is aiming for an improving 5 year trend in these categories.

Confidence in local policing

The nationally run Crime Survey for England and Wales reports on the public's confidence in their local police service. The latest percentage of people surveyed (to June 2013) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 68.7%. The next release of data is expected towards the end of January 2014, this will cover the period to September 2013. The Force's aim is to maintain the levels of confidence recorded in 2012 (70%).

Killed and Seriously Injured

The number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads in the county is 365 (for the period January – November 2013) this is down 5.9% (23 fewer) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year target set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 437.

of what they've done and to do something to repair the harm. Restorative Justice holds offenders to account for what they have done, personally and directly, and helps victims to get on with their lives.

Case Study Highlights – October to December 2013

Murder – 1 arrested, Lincoln

On Thursday 31st October 2013, Police received a call from HMP Lincoln. They reported that an inmate had been assaulted and killed in his cell. Police attended and carried out a detailed investigation with the full assistance of the governor and staff at the prison. As a result 1 person has been arrested and charged with murder.

Armed robbery – 1 arrested, Grantham

On Tuesday 5th November 2013, a male in a balaclava entered a shop in Grantham and threatened staff with a knife. He stole some alcohol and tobacco. Police attended the area, including an officer and his police dog. Following the search by the dog and his officer, stolen property and clothing were recovered. A male was then arrested from a nearby property and remains on bail for this offence.

Theft of Motor vehicle - 5 arrested, Gainsborough

On Thursday 28th November 2013, Police received a call reporting some males acting suspiciously in a rural area of the county. Police attended and found a large lorry with 2 tractors waiting to be loaded. As a result of further investigation it transpired the tractors had been stolen. 5 People have now been arrested on suspicion of theft and remain on bail until the New Year.

Op Sandy – Boston Flooding

This operation relates to the flooding the east of the county suffered. A tidal surge was expected on Thursday 5th December continuing through to Saturday 7th December. A Strategic and Tactical Coordination Group was set up with all appropriate agencies being involved. Extra officers, including mutual aid from the regional counties, assisted by checking addresses and evacuating people from their homes when necessary.

Op Hartford – Conviction of Lincoln Football supporters

A football match between Lincoln and Luton took place in October 2013. Following a large scale disturbance in a local family orientated public house, 21 people were arrested. 12 people have since pleaded guilty to causing a violent disorder. These 12 appeared in court in December. The judge described them as acting like 'a pack of hyenas' following the CCTV footage that was shown. They were sentenced to a total of 31 years between them.

Rural Crime - HARECOURSING - Operation Galileo

Operation Galileo, the force strategy for combating hare coursing incidents is on-going at the moment. The Operation commenced in September and on the first day a prolific hare courser was stopped and his dogs were seized. There can be a large amount of intimidation shown by the people committing this offence. Of the 186 who were prosecuted in 2012, 184 of these had previous for burglary, assault and other serious offences. However, Lincolnshire Police continue to proactively search for those involved in order to stop this illegal activity taking place.

Figures have shown there is a 40% reduction in reported incidents. With 58 prosecutions over the period of 2012/13 and 54 prosecutions so far for this current time period of 2013/14.

Major Crime Investigations - Operation Lobby

On Sunday 21st April 2013 Police were called to an address in Boston following 3 999 calls. On arrival officers found a 'horrendous scene' of 3 people with stab wounds. One female was unconscious and despite officer's efforts to assist, she died at the scene, a male later died at hospital from the serious injuries he had received. A second female received treatment for her injuries and survived. The suspect – Mehmet Ozen, was arrested and charged with murder. He appeared in Crown Court in December and was found guilty of double murder. He received a minimum term of 27 years.

The judge praised the officers involved for 'a most impressive job' stating they 'displayed exemplary conduct'.

Notable Convictions

- A 26 year old man – James David Taylor, has been sentenced to 8 years in prison for attempted rape, robbery and threats to kill. He approached his victim in May in Sleaford, attempted to rape her, stole money from her and threatened to kill her.
- A county scout master – David Sewell (37), has been jailed for 18 years after pleading guilty to 49 child sex offences. The sentencing was the culmination of a complex fast-track investigation involving a huge amount of work for the forces Public Protection Unit and local community officers.
- A 69 year old man, originally from Derbyshire was sentenced to 18 years by Lincoln Crown court following a lengthy investigation by the Public Protection Unit. He had pleaded guilty to a number of sex offences against a child, including rape. These took place between October 2008 and May 2013.

Ends

Note:

Section 11 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act requires a local policing body to publish the information which the body considers to be necessary to enable the persons who live in the body's area to assess:

- (a) the performance of the body in exercising the body's functions; and
- (b) the performance of the relevant chief officer of police in exercising the chief officer's functions.

Such information will be published on the Commissioner's website at the end of each quarter.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/enacted>

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