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Quarterly Force Performance Update – July 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 detailed in this document, 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 good reductions in recorded crime. There has been a 2.1% reduction in overall recorded crime, which means there have been 188 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. This is in the context of a continual downward trend¹ of recorded crime in the county. The Force has seen a decrease in high volume crimes such as 'other theft including shoplifting' which is down 11.6% (371 crimes). This is an excellent result and shows that the Force's 'challenge and prevent' initiative had a positive impact over the county. Anti-social behaviour incidents also continues to decrease, with 39 (0.7%) fewer incidents this period compared to the same period last year. ASB incidents have decreased significantly over the last 2 years with over 1,600 fewer incidents recorded this period compared to the same period in 2012/3.

Both the Force and I are keeping a close watch on a couple of priority areas noted in the Police and Crime Plan that have seen some increases. The number of recorded burglary dwelling crimes has increased as has violence against the person with injury crimes. Despite the increases, the 5 year trend line in both categories continues to be positively reducing. I continue to monitor performance in these areas to gain assurance that the Force is doing everything it can to a) prevent these crimes happening and b) dealing with them in the most effective way when they do occur.

The latest resolution² figures show that the Force is recording a rate of 32.4% for all crimes, 14.6% for burglary dwelling crimes and 51.6% for violence against the person with injury crimes. I will continue to closely monitor progress and push for improvements in this area.

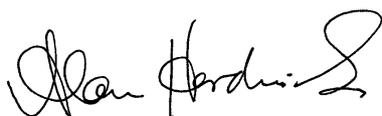
¹ 5 year trend

² The way that the Home Office records crime 'outcomes' changed in April 2014. Crime outcomes are now monitored as to whether they are 'resolved', 'un-finalised' (active investigation) or 'no crime'. The

The number of people who have been killed or seriously injured on our roads has slightly increased by 3.7% (5 KSIs) this calendar year compared to last.

I am also including a number of specific case study highlights from the Force (covering the period April to June 2014). 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 October 2014, covering the period from April 2014 – September 2014. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at www.police.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Hardwick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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resolved crime category used in this document include charge, summons, caution, taken into consideration, offender has died, penalty notices, cannabis warning, community resolution, prosecution not in the public interest.

Quarterly Force Performance Update (April 2014 – June 2014)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **down 2.1% with 188 fewer crimes** in the period April 2014 to June 2014 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend line.

Violence against the person (with injury)³ crime is **up 24.7% with 161 more crimes** in the period April 2014 to June 2014 compared to same period last year. Performance data shows an **improving** 5 year trend line.

Burglary dwelling offences are **up 22.1% with 93 more crimes** in the period April 2014 to June 2014 compared to same period last year with an **improving** 5 year trend line.

Other theft/Shoplifting crimes have **decreased** by 11.6% (371 crimes) in the period April 2014 – June 2014 compared to same period last year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by **0.7%** (39 fewer incidents in the period April 2014 – June 2014 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April 2014 – June 2014, the Force has recorded 1,298 instances of **Criminal damage**. This is down 16.6% compared to the same period last year (258 fewer crimes). The 5 year trend line is one of improvement.

Solving Crime

The latest resolution figures (in the period April – June 2014) show that the Force is recording a rate of 32.4% for all crimes, 14.6% for burglary dwelling crimes and 51.6% for violence against the person with injury crimes.

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 June 2014) shows that 83.7% of victims surveyed were satisfied with the service they received – this is the same level as the same period last

³ This crime category includes common assault, assault with injury, harassment, wounding, death by driving, manslaughter and murder.

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 73.6%.

The current 3 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 75.5%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 67.3%. 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 December 2013) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 71.7%. The next release of data is expected towards the end of July 2014, this will cover the period to March 2014. 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 141 (for the period January – May 2014) this is up 3.7% (5 fewer) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year target set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 427.

Case Study Highlights: April – June 2014

Murder- person charged. On 17th June officers were called to an address in the Sincil Bank area of Lincoln where the body of 29 year old student Mingzi Yang was discovered as such a murder enquiry was immediately launched. A 33 year old man from the Grimsby area, Wai Hong Tsang, has subsequently been charged with the offence and was remanded into custody.

Manslaughter- person charged. On 1st June police were called to an address at North Somercotes following reports that a man had been injured as a result of a disturbance. Wayne Jennings, a 43 year old man, was found to have injuries consistent with an offence of Grievous Bodily Harm and following an investigation a 25 year old man, Jareth Wadner, was charged with this offence. Sadly Mr Jennings later died from his injuries and as such the suspect was further charged with the offence of manslaughter.

Robbery- investigation continues. During the evening of 27th June officers were called to the Portland St area of Lincoln following reports of a person having been robbed. It has been established that as yet unidentified person/s had pushed Michael Broxholme, 69, to the ground who was then robbed of personal belongings. Mr Broxholme was taken to Lincoln County Hospital but sadly died the following evening.

Robberies- person charged. On 30th April an unknown woman entered the Yorkshire Bank at Grantham and threatened staff to hand over money stating they were in possession of a firearm. The suspect made off with £2,375 cash. On 15th May a woman, matching the description of that involved in the first offence made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Santander Bank in Grantham. Following an investigation April Lehair, aged 28, of Grantham was charged with both offences.

Op Sylvan- burglary initiative. In response to an increase in burglaries in the Lincoln area officers have taken part in Operation Sylvan designed to reduce the opportunities for would be burglars with crime prevention advice given regarding properties being left insecure and the proactive targeting of offenders. 62 suspects have been arrested.

Operation Travis- Multi agency operation. A joint operation with Trading Standards and North Hykeham Neighbourhood Policing Team where officers acted upon intelligence that a person was selling cigarettes to school children. Following a successful test purchase operation officers executed a search warrant and seized a substantial quantity of counterfeit and contraband cigarettes from the suspect who was arrested. The contraband cigarettes included the 'Jin Ling' brand which have been blamed for the death of a victim in a house fire at an address in Spalding, due to the fact that these cigarettes do not self-extinguish.

Op Mermaid - Roads policing operation. On 17th June, as part of a regional initiative focussing on the safety of commercial vehicles using Lincolnshire's roads police undertook a day of targeted engagement and enforcement with hauliers in addition to work routinely undertaken. Officers reported 16 drivers for a number of safety related, driving offences.

Op Applaud- Anti-Social Behaviour. Acting on concerns from residents and visitors to the city officers in Lincoln have been taking part in the initiative to reduce anti-social behaviour related street drinking and aggressive begging over the summer months. So far officers have dealt with 23 individuals for begging and 7 for drinking in the streets.

F4TAL 4, Regional Roads Policing operation - On 20th June officers from four forces took part in the new East Midlands Operational Support Service's first roads policing operation since their launch in April 2014. The F4TAL 4 operation in Lincolnshire was policed by officers from Lincolnshire, as well as colleagues from Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

The operation resulted in 103 Traffic Offences Reports being submitted for motorists not wearing seatbelts, 29 for mobile telephone use, ten for excess speed and 11 for other issues such as smashed windscreens. Two vehicles were seized for no insurance / no driving licence. Two arrests were made. One motorist recorded more than three times the legal limit of alcohol and another man was arrested on suspicion of theft and possession of drugs.

Notable Convictions

Polish National Lucasz Jalocho left the country on 9th June subsequent to the granting of a deportation order following his latest conviction, this time, for a burglary of a commercial premise in Spalding. Orders of this nature are usually reserved for offenders who have served sentences of two years or more and Jalocho's maximum term had only been 15 weeks. However, as part of a newly developed referral process between Lincolnshire Police and the Home Office officers were able to apply to have Jalocho removed from the United Kingdom.

Matthew McNee of Louth appeared at Lincoln Crown court where he received a 7 year prison sentence after pleading guilty to attacking Andrew West in a flat in Newmarket, Louth on December 18th last year. The victim suffered serious facial injuries in the unprovoked attack and had footwear marks on his face and body when he was taken to hospital, consistent with being stamped on.

A group of people from Market Rasen have been convicted of tax evasion in a case that has lasted around four years. Following a trial that began in April the group were convicted in relation to a large-scale scam in which quantities of red diesel were being secretly sold on the black market. Michael Wilmot, 72, Michael Taylor, 38, and Tracie Morton, 50, were each convicted of conspiring to evade paying excise duty on Government-subsidised fuels between 2006 and 2012, and a second charge of conspiracy to cheat Her Majesty's Revenue. David Strachan, 50, was found guilty of conspiracy to evade payment but was cleared of conspiracy to cheat revenue. Two others were also convicted of offences relating to the case. The group will be sentenced on 10th July 2014.

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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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