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Quarterly Force Performance Update – January 2016

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 also highlight areas of performance that are exceptionally good and also those areas that need further work.

I am pleased to report that the 5 year trend for all reported crime continues to show crime is reducing in Lincolnshire. The latest data available shows that Lincolnshire Police is ranked 4th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales, confirming Lincolnshire remains one of the safest places to live in the Country. In the period October – December 2015 all recorded crime showed a 1.3% increase compared to the same period last year. The majority of this increase, almost 200 offences, can be attributed to just two major operations; one to tackle modern slavery which is still progressing through the courts, the other being the large scale disorder that took place at an illegal rave in May last year. 27 individuals are due to appear at Court next month in connection with that incident, facing various charges related to drugs offences and violent disorder.

In more positive news, House burglary is showing a reduction of 5.9% (86 fewer crimes this year compared to last) and the overall 5 year trend continues to decline. Also, anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents, once a scourge of our communities, continue to decrease with 1032 (6.1%) fewer incidents recorded this period compared to the same period last year.

In the violence against the person (with injury) category Lincolnshire Police is ranked 9th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales. Despite this good performance, I am continuing to pay close attention to local performance figures which have seen a rise in recent months. This increase represents 385 more victims at this point in the year when compared to last. Led personally by the Chief Constable, Operation NOVA (No to Violence and Abuse) is Lincolnshire Police's response to the increase in these types of offences, aiming to reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour and reduce the violence in the night time economy and in the home.

The latest resolution¹ figures show that Lincolnshire Police is achieving a rate of 31.2% for all crimes, 11.6% for burglary dwelling crimes and 46.6% for violence against the person with injury crimes. Lincolnshire Police remains committed to continually improving performance in this area and ensuring that when crime is committed, justice is served.

Finally, I am also pleased to report that the number of people who have been killed or seriously injured (KSI) on our roads has decreased by 20.6%. This equates to 76 fewer reported this calendar year compared to last.

I am also including a number of specific case study highlights (covering the period October - December 2015). I hope that these provide some additional detail in support of the performance data provided. 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 2016, covering the period from January 2016 – March 2016. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at www.police.uk.



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¹ 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 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 (October 2015 – December 2015)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **up 1.3% with 363 more crimes** in the period April to December 2015 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

Violence against the person (with injury)² crime is **up 15.6% with 385 more crimes** in the period April to December 2015 compared to same period last year.

Burglary dwelling offences are **down 5.9% with 86 fewer crimes** in the period April to December 2015 compared to same period last year with an **improving** 5 year trend.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by 6.1% (1032 fewer incidents in the period April – December 2015 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April – December 2015, the Force has recorded 4022 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This is up by 0.7 % with 27 more crimes compared to the same period last year. The 5 year trend is one of improvement.

Solving Crime

The latest resolution figures (in the period April – December 2015) show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.2% for all crimes, 11.6% for burglary dwelling crimes and 46.6% for violence against the person with injury crimes.

Satisfaction with Service

A telephone survey is carried out on a monthly basis that assesses the extent to which victims of burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime are satisfied with their experience of the police.

Latest data (rolling 12 month average to December 2015) shows that 81% of victims surveyed were satisfied³ with the service they received. The current 12 month rolling figure for the satisfaction rate of victims in relation to being 'kept informed' is 69.6%.

The current 12 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 71.1%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 61%. The Force is aiming for an improving 5 year trend in these categories.

² This crime category includes assault with injury, death by dangerous driving, attempted murder and endangering life.

³ The figures represent the percentage of these victims who are satisfied (fairly, very or completely satisfied) with the overall service provided by the police (whole experience).

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 2015) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 72.1%. The next release of data is expected towards the end of February 2016, this will cover the period to September 2015. Lincolnshire Police'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 293 (for the period January – November 2015) this is down 20.6 % (76 fewer) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year aim set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 417.

Case Study Highlights: October – December 2015

Twenty-six charged and twelve still sought following illegal Rave in May

At earlier meetings of the panel there has been discussion about the vicious assaults on our officers and others from the region during the illegal rave at Twyford Woods on May 24th. I am pleased to be able to report that following the tireless efforts of the investigating team a number of people have now been charged with offences. Nine men ranging from 18 to 29 from across the country have each been charged with violent disorder and some additionally charged with drugs offences. They will appear at Lincoln District Magistrates Court on 11th February. A further seventeen men and one woman ranging in age from 18 to 34 have each been charged with violent disorder and some have been additionally charged with drugs offences. That group will appear in Lincoln Magistrates Court on 18th February. The investigating team have also issued photographs of a further twelve people they still wish to interview in connection with the illegal rave.

Swift Action Leads to Robbery Charges

Late on Christmas Eve, following an armed robbery at the Spar Shop on Withorpe Avenue, Skegness swift Lincolnshire police action supported by South Yorkshire Police led to a vehicle being stopped near Worksop and two men aged 34 and 33 and 47 yr old woman all from Sheffield being arrested. They were charged and remanded in custody at Lincoln Magistrates Court on Boxing Day.

Elderly Man Tricked Out of £23,000

There was much publicity for a crime which happened in a bank in Grantham less than two weeks before Christmas. A 93-year-old local man was in the bank entrance foyer withdrawing some cash at an ATM when he was distracted by one of three suspects. They were able to obtain the victim's bank card and PIN number and within just a few hours of the incident offenders were able to withdraw a total of £23,000 from the victim's bank account. The police investigation continues and in the meantime, the bank has refunded all the lost cash to the victim's account.

Successful New Tactics to Tackle Hare Coursing

The force's ongoing operation to tackle hare coursing has continued throughout the winter but with a complete change in tactics to last year resulting in a considerable amount of success. Previously, despite the hard work of what was a dedicated team the sheer logistics of policing such a huge rural area meant that hare coursing incidents increased in 2014/15. This season, following consultation with the Strategic Rural Crime Steering Group, which includes many farmers, the decision was made to equip and skill local neighbourhood officers in the powers and legislation which relate to hunting with dogs. Last year, for the whole September to March season, 65 men were reported for summons relating to hare coursing and six vehicles were seized by the former dedicated Galileo team. For the season up to the 22nd December, 131 men have been reported and 10 vehicles seized and a further 44 other men were dealt with by other enforcement action, such as direction to leave or traffic offences. Chief Inspector Jim Tyner who is the force's lead for rural crime says that Operation Galileo is here to stay. "By training our neighbourhood officers in the powers and legislation which relate to hunting with dogs, we are better equipped than ever before to tackle this scourge on farming and rural communities. Lincolnshire is closed to hare coursers," he said.

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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