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Quarterly Force Performance Update – July 2016

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 in the period April to June 2016 all recorded crime showed a 1.5 % reduction compared to the same period last year and the 5 year trend continues to show crime is reducing in Lincolnshire. The latest data shows that Lincolnshire Police is ranked 6th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales and 1st amongst the forces in our region.

I am encouraged by the fact that house burglary continues to show a reducing 5 year trend with 6.1% fewer offences recorded in the year to date, (28 fewer crimes this year compared to last). In addition, good performance continues to be seen in the drive to reduce the incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) these continue to fall, with 181 (3.4%) fewer incidents this period compared to the same period last year and an improving 5 year trend.

Of concern is the national increase in the violence against the person (with injury) category of offences, with all forces having seen notable rises. Lincolnshire has experienced 167 additional offences compared to the same period last year. However, Lincolnshire Police continues to perform better than most and is ranked 3rd out of all 43 forces in England and Wales and 1st amongst the forces in our region. The force continues to focus its response to this type of offending through Operation NOVA (No to Violence and Abuse).

The latest resolution¹ figures show that Lincolnshire Police is achieving a rate of 30% for all crimes, with a 17.6% resolution rate for burglary dwelling crimes, which represents an improvement of 5.8% on the same period last year, and 45.9% for violence against the person with injury crimes.

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.

The total number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads in this calendar year stands at 140 (calculated to the end of May) this represents a rise of 12% or 15 people compared to the same period last year. However, overall there is an improving 5 year trend and the Force is on track to meet its aim of reducing the numbers of those killed and seriously injured by 20% by the year 2020.

A number of specific case study highlights, covering the period April to June 2016, are included with this report to 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.

The next quarterly update will be issued in October 2016, covering the period from July – September 2016. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at www.police.uk.

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Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **down 1.5 % with 136 fewer crimes** in the period April 2016 to June 2016 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

Violence against the person (with injury)² crime is **up 20% with 167 more crimes** in the period April 2016 to June 2016 compared to same period last year.

Burglary dwelling offences are **down 6.1% with 28 fewer crimes** in the period April 2016 to June 2016 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 3.4% (181) fewer incidents in the period April 2016 to June 2016 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April 2016 to June 2016, the Force has recorded 1,299 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This has reduced by 0.2 % with 2 fewer 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 2016 to June 2016) show that the Force is recording a rate of 30% for all crimes, 17.6% for burglary dwelling crimes and 45.9% 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 June 2016) shows that 81.7% 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 73%.

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).

The current 12 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 71.5%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 63.1%. 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 2015) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 75.3%. Lincolnshire Police's aim is to improve on the 2015/16 confidence percentage of 70% with an improving 5 year trend.

Killed and Seriously Injured

The number of people killed and seriously injured (KSI) on the roads in the county is 140 (for the period January – May 2016) this is up 12% with 15 more compared to the same time last year. The Force remains on track to achieve the joint aim set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership of a 20% reduction in KSI by 2020.

Case Study Highlights: April 2016 - June 2016

26 Year sentence for Lincolnshire Sex Offender

John Stephen MacPherson, from the Wisbech area, stood trial at Lincoln Crown Court on 4 April 2016. The Jury found Macpherson guilty of all 13 offences he was charged with.

After sentencing Detective Superintendent Rick Hatton spoke of the compassionate and professional investigation that had been undertaken by his colleagues.

Judge Pini described the defence put forward by the perpetrator during the trial as one of the most odious and repellent defences he had heard of in 35 years working in the criminal justice system.

DC Scott Miller, the Investigating Officer, from Operation Emerald said: "I'm so proud of the victim and her family for having the courage to come and give evidence at court. Justice has been served. This despicable, calculating person isn't going to be able to cause any more harm. This has been the worst case I have investigated in my entire career"

Speaking after sentencing Detective Superintendent Richard Hatton said: "The most important person in this deeply disturbing case is the young girl who has shown courage and strength beyond her years. She has been supported throughout by the Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (CISVA). I hope the excellent support she has received by everyone will help her as she carries on with her young life. The perpetrator has been put in the place he deserves to be and will not be able to offend against children again. I am deeply proud of my staff and our colleagues within other agencies for the compassion and professionalism they have shown in this investigation within which the depravity and truly horrible attitude of Macpherson has left me lost for words"

Judge's Praise for Emerald Team

Judge Simon Hirst has praised Lincolnshire Police and cited DS Tim Wilkinson and DI Simon Lovett specifically in his gratitude for the sensitive handling of a historic sexual abuse case.

When asked what he thought of the Emerald Team, one victim said simply, "they were brilliant, I couldn't fault them."

John Edward Bates, 68, was sentenced to 20 years for a series of sex offences that dated back to the 70's and 80's. He will serve up to 10 years in prison and a further 10 years on licence.

He was found guilty by jury at Lincoln Crown Court of 16 charges of indecent assault and two charges of indecency with a child.

Bates, who had been living in Camden, North London, is formerly of Spalding, Lincolnshire where he was a scout master. He served with Lincolnshire Police between 1976 and 1983. He was also a scout leader in Wittering where he served in the Royal Air Force.

Judge Simon Hirst said Bates was utterly unconcerned about the effect on his victims, and that he abused the trust placed in him "in the most grotesque way possible." The Judge praised the bravery of the victims and the sensitivity with which Detective Sgt Tim Wilkinson, and Lincolnshire Police Emerald Team, handled the case.

Audrius Zauka sentenced to life with a minimum tariff of 16 years.

A jury at Lincoln Crown Court returned a guilty verdict in a Boston murder trial.

Audrius Zauka (41) was on trial for murdering 53 year-old Sigitas Kirkickas at Zauka's home in Ingelow Avenue on October 23 2015.

The prosecution's case was that Zauka had killed and stamped on Mr Kirkickas, causing severe injuries which led to his death.

Senior Investigating Officer DCI Martin Holvey of EMSOU Major Crime said: "Zauka is a cold and calculating man who, although undoubtedly grieving the recent loss of his partner, subjected Mr Kirkickas to a sustained and horrific attack in which he suffered severe head and chest injuries, including 28 fractures to his ribs".

After the murder, Zauka fled the scene and was arrested almost a week later.

DCI Holvey continued: "Zauka's actions following the attack necessitated huge resources being deployed to Lincolnshire from the East Midlands region to locate and arrest him six days later.

"During this time, we were greatly assisted by the public in Boston and I thank them for their help. It demonstrates the importance of close liaison between police and the community in order to bring offenders to justice.

Operation Aardwolf

A proactive patrol reunites stolen garden machinery with its rightful owners.

On 29th May, Louth CBM Rachel Dobson and PCSO Dean Warrilow were on self-initiated Operation Aardwolf patrols in the Louth rural area. Using their local knowledge they checked an isolated woodland area between Binbrook and Brookenby.

They discovered what appeared to be discarded stolen property: chainsaws, hedge trimmers and a quad bike. Despite enquiries at the scene, they were unable at that time to establish where the property had come from.

The following day PC Dobson undertook a number of extensive enquiries with suppliers of similar garden machinery and was able to identify some of the items as being from a burglary at Woodhall Spa. Further enquiries resulted in an 83 year old resident discovering that his mower, which he had left insecure in his back garden, had in fact been stolen. Further enquiries over following days also identified the loser of the Quad bike in Market Rasen,

As a result of this excellent pro-active work, and in particular the tenacious subsequent enquiries by PC Dobson, we now have a number of items of stolen property that will be returned to their rightful owners and four satisfied victims.

Diligent work results in arrest of Ingoldmells caravan thief.

On Wednesday 4th May, PC Dan Healey attended a report of a stolen caravan in Ingoldmells. He attended the site identifying a potential suspect and their vehicle. Work was conducted on the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system as the vehicle had activated the camera at Wragby prior to the theft being reported. PC Healey was just about to go off duty when he was notified that the suspect had returned to the site. He had no hesitation in attending and other officers went to support him. PC Healey arrested the suspect for the caravan theft. The enquiry was then handed over to PC Gibbs and his student officer, PC Revitt.

Whilst visiting the site, PC Gibbs and PC Revitt saw a further caravan and van which belonged to the suspect. On examination, their Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) had been altered. They were subsequently seized and the suspect was further arrested for the theft of both vehicles.

PC Gibbs and PC Revitt executed a search warrant on the seized caravan as there had been a number of caravan burglaries near to where the suspect had been staying. 95% of the items stolen from the recent burglaries were recovered from the caravan.

Their early intervention has resulted in stolen property being recovered and the arrest of a travelling criminal who may otherwise have evaded justice.

Operation REVIVE

The purpose of the **REVIVE** scheme is to befriend, support, advise, liaise with and target harden vulnerable and elderly members of the community who have been identified by crime reports, Neighbourhood Policing Teams or partner agencies as being victims of crime or potential victims of crime.

Some members of the community are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and certain types of crime including; Doorstep crime; Hate and Mate crime; Scams and fraud; Financial exploitation.

Operation Revive has been operational for just over four months, during which time 19 volunteers have been recruited, 8 of which are active with clients.

Cases range from repeat victims of Hate crime, Mate crime or scams through to people who have not been a victim but have been identified by local policing teams as vulnerable or frightened.

Operation Revive has recently been a success for a 57 year old gentleman who has mental health issues. He was lonely and made bad choices when choosing his 'friends' and his trusting nature led to him handing over money to people who were targeting him.

He worried about all manner of things and would constantly ring the local police to talk through his problems and concerns.

An officer referred the gentleman to Operation Revive and a volunteer was introduced to him. Arrangements were made for our volunteer to visit the gentleman fortnightly with a telephone call in between. Our volunteer suggested to this gentleman that he keep a diary of things worrying him that they could discuss at each visit.

The visits appear to have improved his depression and his confidence in saying no to the people who ask for money. He has also stopped calling the police and is keeping his diary and talking through it with our volunteer.

Our volunteer will keep going to see this gentleman as we assess progress every three months. As he gains confidence (indicated recently by visiting the shops, something he hadn't done for quite a while) we will gradually make the visits less frequent. Our volunteer has also sourced a drop-in centre that he may like to go to when he feels ready. This will make him less isolated and hopefully give him more confidence and better friends.

Overall Operation Revive has helped this gentleman to gain confidence, feel less isolated, feel more secure in his own home and given him the opportunity to choose where he goes and with whom.

Our Operation Revive volunteers also act as the eyes and ears for the local policing teams. They pick up intelligence such as who is trying to take money from whom or if there are rogue traders operating and what they are selling. This, and any other information, can be used to help prevent these people from victimising anybody else.

Action taken against breaches of alcohol licenses

East Lindsey Alcohol Licensing Committee has revoked the premises licence of Le Taj, 37 Upgate, Louth and Khushies, 34 High Street, Mablethorpe had its Designated Premises Supervisor removed and additional conditions added to its license.

This follows a raid on a number of restaurants in the East Lindsey area on 5 February 2016 by officers from the Alcohol Licensing Team, Immigration and HMRC. Acting on intelligence

received, officers attended and searched the restaurants. Checks were made on all workers present at the restaurants. None of them were legitimately employed at either of these premises.

Sergeant Kimble Enderby said: "These joint agency operations are all intelligence-led, targeting premises where we have received information that persons are being illegally employed or HMRC believe that there are financial irregularities in the way the business is being run. Overall we discovered thirteen workers illegally employed at these two venues. Employing workers "off the books" in this way gives the venue unfair advantage against other legitimate businesses in the area. It leaves the workers open to exploitation, denies them legal rights such as entitlement to a living wage and can lead to forced labour. Le Taj had its licence revoked the licence holder Gias Uddin failed to attend at the hearing or offer any explanation for what was discovered at the restaurant."

"In the case of Khushies, following the operation the Licence had been transferred to the ownership of Kurnia Intertrade Ltd, with Michael Kheng in the role of Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS). Whilst changes were made to how this business was run, the committee had no confidence in Mr Kheng carrying out the role of DPS, so removed him from that role. They also added a number of additional conditions designed to prevent crime like this occurring in the future".

The North Kesteven Alcohol Licensing Committee has revoked the premises licence of La Royale restaurant, Newark Road, North Rauceby.

In a similar joint agency raid on this restaurant on 27 November 2015 by officers from the Alcohol Licensing Team, Immigration and HMRC. Checks were made on all workers present. One male working in the kitchen was found to be illegally in the country and a second male, who due to his current immigration status was barred from any form of employment, was found to be working as a waiter.

Sergeant Kimble Enderby said: "The owner of the business Mr Mahmudur Rahman failed to do the simple checks required to prove a worker is lawfully able to work in this country. The decision of the Licensing Committee means that La Royale will no longer be able to sell any alcohol and will be unable to sell hot food past 11pm.

Illegal sale of alcohol to Children

Food Stop, Vauxhall Road, Boston and Bargain Booze, 67 Southgate, Sleaford have had additional conditions placed on their alcohol premises licences following police action.

Lincolnshire Police Alcohol Licensing Team submitted paperwork for Licence Review Hearings after the two stores failed a plainclothes test purchase operation, selling alcohol to underage volunteers.

The sanctions taken against the two stores included comprehensive staff re-training, removal of a designated premises supervisor and additional conditions relating to CCTV management.

Security marking of saddles in association with Lincolnshire Horse Watch.

A saddle makes up one of the most valuable pieces of tack for a horse and Lincolnshire Police would like to make this as unattractive to potential thieves as possible, without being detrimental to the value of the saddle.

We are now carrying out micro chipping of saddles which means any person can amend 'ownership' of the saddle should it be sold to a new owner. The saddles will be registered by us on the national database known publically as Immobilise, at the same time the owner will be registered on our community messaging system for Horse Watch called LincsAlert.

The procedure is being promoted by the Community Safety Department and supported by specially trained PCSOs across the region.

A security chipped saddle can be scanned with any animal chip scanner and the yellow sticker and metal/UV markings also serve to act as a visual deterrent for any potential theft attempt of the saddle.

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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