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Quarterly Force Performance Update – October 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.

In the period April to September 2016 all recorded crime showed a 1.1 % increase compared to the same period last year however the 5 year trend continues to show crime is reducing in Lincolnshire. The latest data shows that Lincolnshire Police is ranked 8th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales and 2nd amongst the forces in our region.

I am pleased to report a reduction in the number of house burglaries with 9.2 % fewer offences recorded in the year to date (87 fewer crimes this year compared to last) and this type of offending continues to show a reducing 5 year trend. In addition, positive progress continues to be made in tackling incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) these are falling, with 118 (1.1%) 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 continuing to see notable rises. Lincolnshire has experienced 196 additional offences compared to the same period last year. However, Lincolnshire Police continues to perform better than most and is ranked 5th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales and 2nd amongst the forces in our region. The force continues to combat 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 29.3% for all crimes, with a 16.8% resolution rate for burglary dwelling crimes, which represents an improvement of 3.6% on the same period last year, and 43.9% 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 291 (calculated to the end of August) this represents a rise of 29.9% or 67 more people compared to the same period last year. Overall there is an improving 5 year trend and Lincolnshire remains on course to meet its aim of reducing the numbers of those killed and seriously injured by 20% by the year 2020 but it is an area where LRSP and the Force need to continue to focus.

A number of specific case study highlights, covering the period July – September 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 January 2017, covering the period from October – December 2016. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at www.police.uk.

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Quarterly Force Performance Update (April 2016 – September 2016)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is up 1.1 % with 211 more crimes recorded in the period April 2016 to September 2016 compared to the same period last year however the 5 year trend continues to improve.

Burglary dwelling offences are **down 9.2% with 87 fewer crimes** in the period April 2016 to September 2016 compared to same period last year with an **improving 5 year trend**.

Violence against the person (with injury)² crime is **up 10.4% with 196 more crimes** in the period April 2016 to September 2016 compared to the same period last year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by 1.1% (118) fewer incidents in the period April 2016 to September 2016 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April 2016 to September 2016, the Force has recorded 2,703 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This has increased by 4.2 % with 109 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 2016 to September 2016) show that the Force is recording a rate of 29.3% for all crimes, 16.8% for burglary dwelling crimes and 43.9% 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 September 2016) shows that 80.4% 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 73.1%.

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 71.9%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 62.9%. 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 March 2016) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 77.7%. 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 291 (for the period January – August 2016) this is up 29.9% with 67 more compared to the same time last year. The Force remains on course to achieve the joint aim set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership of a 20% reduction in KSI by 2020.

Case Study Highlights: July 2016 - Sept 2016

Operation Nesbitt

The Alcohol Licensing Team joined officers from HMRC and Trading Standards to carry out a series of county wide raids at stores believed to be selling illicit alcohol and cigarettes.

Operation Nesbitt took place on 27 and 28 September 2016 with thirty six stores being raided. By pooling the resources of three agencies the maximum amount of disruption to illicit trading was possible, resulting in some excellent enforcement activity and seizure of goods. This approach allowed quick identification of criminal offences being committed and ensured that the correct agency could take immediate action.

The following goods were seized:

Lincoln

- 87,740 cigarettes with an estimated £28,165 duty and VAT evaded.
- 23 kilos of hand-rolling tobacco, with an estimated £5,612 duty and VAT evaded.
- 16.25 litres of spirits and wine, with an estimated £83 duty and VAT evaded.
- 1 vehicle seized.

Spalding

- 36,260 cigarettes, with an estimated £11,639 duty and VAT evaded.

- 1.4 kilos of hand-rolling tobacco, with an estimated £342 duty and VAT evaded.
- 12.6 litres of spirits, with an estimated £162 duty and VAT evaded.
- 2 vehicles seized.

Grantham

- 5,820 cigarettes with an estimated £1,868 duty and VAT evaded.
- 6 kilos of hand-rolling tobacco with an estimated £1,464 duty and VAT evaded.
- 3,482 litres of beer and 6 litres of spirits with an estimated £3,280 duty and VAT evaded.

Boston

- 400 cigarettes, with an estimated £128 duty and VAT evaded.
- 11.8kg of shisha tobacco, with an estimated £1,127 duty and VAT evaded.
- 62 bottles of spirits, with an estimated £644 duty and VAT evaded.

Op Crampon Update

Operation Crampon was the investigation into the rave at Twyford Woods over the bank holiday in May 2015.

There are a couple of individuals left to go through the court process, but currently 22 individuals charged with violent disorder have received a total of 33.5 years imprisonment, with the sentences for violent disorder generally being between 12 months and 2 years. These are great sentences and in his summing up Judge Heath made it clear that “violence against Police in the execution of their duty will not be tolerated”.

From the evidence presented to the court it is clear that this was an incredibly violent and frightening deployment for the officers involved. The sentences reflect the severity of the violence that Officers had to endure, and they also reflect the huge amount of painstaking investigative work that was undertaken by officers from across the Force. The suspects were located all over the country and officers spent many days away from Force tracking down and interviewing them.

The sentences handed down send out a significant message that this behaviour will not be tolerated in Lincolnshire and that we will pursue those who show violence towards the police through the courts.

Understanding and Safeguarding Emerging Communities

The Understanding and Safeguarding Emerging Communities Team or USEC is now operational.

The team is a force resource working closely with the East Midlands Region intelligence community and partner agencies to give tactical advice and consult in areas of Foreign National Offenders, European & International Arrest Warrants and the Deportation and Removal of Foreign National Offenders. USEC will be tactical points of contact and force leads to provide real time advice in respect Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery incidents.

The team will also focus on achieving positive outcomes via engagement with vulnerable persons and onward signposting to external organisations such as P3 and the Salvation Army.

National Police Twitter Awards

The finalists of the National Police Twitter Awards have just been announced and this year Lincolnshire will be represented by Chief Inspector Jim Tyner in the 'Best Tweeting Senior Officer' category. He is one of three finalists in the category, who have been chosen based on nominations from the local community. The other two finalists are senior officers in the Metropolitan police. A panel of judges will make the final decision on who wins the coveted accolades in the awards and the winners will be announced in December. In 2014, Jim won the national award for 'Best Individual Tweeting Officer' in the UK.

Jim said: *"I tweet as a way of reaching our rural community so it's nice to be recognised at a national level. I believe that social media helps break down barriers and builds confidence because people can learn about our enforcement activity and our response to issues that concern them. Twitter doesn't replace other engagement activity but allows us to reach a wider audience"*.

Summer Drink / Drug Drive Campaign

The purpose of this national operation was to draw drivers' attention to not only the risks posed by drink/drug driving while in control of a vehicle, but the serious penalties which they will face if they are caught.

Collisions caused by drink and drug driving regularly result in serious injuries and deaths on our roads. Many drivers continue to ignore the risks and drive their vehicle after drinking alcohol or taking illegal drugs. Despite the recent fall in drink-driving convictions, the harm caused by those who still drink-drive remains. Combining illegal drugs with alcohol is especially deadly since it has been found that drivers who have consumed both are 23 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than sober drivers.

Engagement Events

Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones and his Deputy Stuart Tweedale met the crowds of visitors at the final engagement day of the summer series, which proved to be an outstanding success. Glorious sunshine and the week before the end of the school holidays was the perfect combination to complement the attractions sited in St Marks Square, Lincoln. The Chief Constable Neil Rhodes arrived at the event in the on-loan Ford Mustang decked out in police livery and the vehicle, normally in the care of EMOpSS, drew hundreds of visitors just wanting to sit in it. Crowds were also drawn by the big screen, information on wildlife crime, a roads policing vehicle and the road crash simulator which combined to make a great display. The Force's engagement officer John Horton commented that, *"Thousands of people will have directly engaged with a wide cross section of the force since the events started in July"*. In all six events were held starting at Spalding, followed by Grantham, Skegness, Alford, Sleaford and ending in Lincoln.

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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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