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Quarterly Force Performance Update – January 2017

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 December 2016 all recorded crime showed a 2.9% 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 6th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales and 1st amongst the forces in our region.

I am pleased to report a reduction in the number of house burglaries with 3.9 % fewer offences recorded in the year to date (54 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 285 (1.8%) 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 189 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 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 28.5% for all crimes, with a 15.2% resolution rate for burglary dwelling crimes, which represents an improvement of 3.6% on the same period last year, and 41.4% 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 the period January to November 2016 stands at 405 this represents a rise of 37.8% or 111 more people compared to the same period last year. Consequently Lincolnshire is no longer on course to meet its aim of reducing the numbers of those killed and seriously injured by 20% by the year 2020. Research conducted in response to this rise in numbers indicates that there is no single identifiable cause responsible for the rise. The LRSP and the Force will continue to focus their efforts on targeting the known locations and the groups of road users most likely to be involved in these types of incidents.

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

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(April 2016 – December 2016)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is up 2.9 % with 805 more crimes recorded in the period April 2016 to December 2016 compared to the same period last year however the 5 year trend continues to improve.

Burglary dwelling offences are **down 3.9% with 54 fewer crimes** in the period April 2016 to December 2016 compared to same period last year with an **improving** 5 year trend.

Violence against the person (with injury)² crime is **up 6.6% with 189 more crimes** in the period April 2016 to December 2016 compared to the same period last year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by 1.8% (285) fewer incidents in the period April 2016 to December 2016 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April 2016 to December 2016, the Force has recorded 4,067 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This has increased by 0.8 % with 32 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 December 2016) show that the Force is recording a rate of 28.5% for all crimes, 15.2% for burglary dwelling crimes and 41.4% 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.

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

Latest data (rolling 12 month average to December 2016) shows that overall 80.5% 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 74.2%.

The current 12 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 73.7%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 64.3%. 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 June 2016) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 79.5%. 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 405 (for the period April – November 2016) this is up 37.8% with 111 more compared to the same time last year. The Force is no longer on track to meet the joint aim set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership of a 20% reduction in KSI by 2020.

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).

Case Study Highlights: October 2016 - December 2016

Operation Leopard - Juveniles sentenced to 20 years

On Thursday 10th November two 15 year-olds were sentenced for the murders of Elizabeth Edwards and her daughter, Katie, in Spalding last April. The boy and girl were given life sentences with minimum terms of 20 years for what the judge described as 'a terrible crime which has few parallels in modern criminal history'.

The pair were just 14 at the time of the murders and are believed to be Britain's youngest double-murderers. Liz and Katie Edwards were repeatedly stabbed and the killings were described as 'brutal, in the form of executions'. Both juveniles pleaded guilty to manslaughter at a hearing in September but later the boy admitted to murder before the trial began. The girl had denied murder but admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility, a defence rejected by the jury, who found her guilty on both counts on 18th October.

The judge thanked the Senior Investigating Officer, DCI Martin Holvey, for 'the exemplary way he and his team conducted this investigation and the exemplary presentation'. He went on to pay tribute to all the police officers involved in the case.

Child Sexual Exploitation Team

Recent work by the Child Sex Exploitation (CSE) team has resulted in 3 separate perpetrators of sexual exploitation being sent to prison for a total of 39 1/2 years.

Jonathon Bedford received a 12 year sentence at Lincoln Crown Court on 2 November. Bedford was a football coach and used his position to offend against young boys over many years. His offences included rape of 15 year old boy, sexual activity with boys and indecent assaults on boys and indecent images offences.

Billal Amin received an 11 ½ year sentence at Lincoln Crown Court on 16 November. Amin picked up two 16 year old girls from a Children's home in Lincolnshire and took them to a hotel where penetrative sexual activity occurred. He was found guilty of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Alan McCarthy received a 16 year sentence at Lincoln Crown Court on 20 October. McCarthy offended against boys and girls over a number of years, offenders were as young as 9 years old. His offences include rape of a 12 year old girl, indecent assaults on boys/girls, causing children to engage in sexual activity and possession of indecent images of children (IIOC) offences.

Within Lincolnshire we have teams of specialist officers that are able to help and support victims through which ever path they wish to take in order to provide some form of closure on

their experiences. The recent sentences show the dedication of officers in these investigations that are often complex and involve non-recent offending.

Lincolnshire Police Alcohol Licensing Team.

A takeaway in Louth has had their licence suspended and an off-licence in Skegness has had their Licence revoked for employing illegal workers.

In Louth a joint raid by the Lincolnshire Police Alcohol Licensing Team and Home Office Immigration Officers discovered a male working at the premises who had entered the country illegally. Subsequent investigations revealed he had entered the country in 2011 and that he was living in accommodation above the takeaway.

On Monday 21 November 2016 the East Lindsey District Council Licensing sub-committee heard evidence that the premises owner had employed the male without making checks of his status in the country or his entitlement to work. As a result their licence was suspended for a three month period. During the suspension period the owner will also have to install a digital system to retain details of all his employees and ensure that the correct checks are put in place.

Sergeant Kim Enderby from the Alcohol Licensing Team said, *“This was a fast-moving operation based on intelligence received. Immigration officers detained the male and we started proceedings under licensing legislation. Employing illegal workers in this way exploits the worker, denies work to UK workers and legal migrant workers, whilst also giving the business unfair advantage over other legitimate businesses in the area”*.

Bargain Booze, 29-32 Roman Bank, Skegness, have had their Alcohol Premises Licence revoked by East Lindsey District Council. On Monday 14 November 2016 the East Lindsey District Council Licensing sub-committee heard evidence that the owner of the premises had employed a number of illegal workers and that the shop had been at the centre of anti-social behaviour (ASB) problems being experienced by the local community. Because of this they believed they were failing to promote the licensing objectives and their Licence was revoked.

Operation Blackwater: Christmas drink/drug drive campaign

Operation Blackwater, the NPCC Christmas drink/drug drive campaign, ran from 1 December 2016 – 1 January 2017. The purpose of this was to raise awareness, to not only the risks posed by drink/drug driving while in control of a vehicle, but also the serious penalties which result if a person is caught.

This is the second of two campaigns following on from the summer drink and drug driving campaign when 45,267 motorists were breathalysed with 4,539 (10.0 per cent) testing positive, refused to provide or failed. There were also 2588 drug screening device tests administered, 1028 of which (39.7%) were positive.

***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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