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## Quarterly Force Performance Update – October 2013

### *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](http://www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk/Policy/Performance.aspx).

From the performance statistics overleaf, 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, the Force has returned excellent reductions in recorded crime. In this period, there has been a 3.1% reduction in overall recorded crime – this means there have been 587 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. The continuing downward trend of recorded crime in the county has been seen across a range of crime groups including our priority categories such as burglary dwelling and violence against the person with injury and also in robbery, vehicle crime and criminal damage.

I am continuing to push for improved performance in detecting and solving crimes. The latest resolution figures show that the Force is recording a rate of 30.7% for all crimes, this includes traditional detections such as charges, summons, cautions, penalty notices and also community based resolutions (known as 'restorative justice'<sup>1</sup>). I will keep a close watch on the work of the Crime Resolution Group which has been set up by the Force to address areas that require improvement.

Performance in relation to levels of Victim Satisfaction continues to be on track and work is ongoing in the Force, working with G4S, to develop new ways to ensure that victims and witnesses have better ways of keeping informed and up to date with progress of their particular crime or incident.

I am also pleased to include a number of specific case study highlights from the Force (covering the period May – September 2013). I hope that these provide some additional

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<sup>1</sup> Restorative justice is a more formal course of action administered by trained practitioners whereas less formal community-based resolutions are where the offender has made an admission and the victim is satisfied that such a resolution may be used. The resolutions are variable and may amount to an apology to the victim or agreement to carry out some activity such as repairing damage caused.

colour 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 and bringing offenders to justice.

I will issue my next quarterly update in January 2014, covering the period from April – December 2013. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at [www.police.uk](http://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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## Quarterly Force Performance Update (April 2013 – September 2013)

### Recorded Crime

**All recorded crime is down 3% with 587 fewer crimes** in the period April to September 2013 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend line. As of September 2013, Lincolnshire was nationally ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of 43 forces<sup>2</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 5 East Midlands regional forces<sup>3</sup>.

**Violence against the person (with injury)**<sup>4</sup> crime is **down 12.2% with 213 fewer crimes** in the period April to September 2013 compared to same period last year. Performance data shows an improving 5 year trend line. The Force is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> nationally, 1<sup>st</sup> out of 5 regionally and 1<sup>st</sup> out of 8 within the Most Similar Force group<sup>5</sup>.

**Burglary dwelling** offences are down **18% with 189 fewer crimes** in the period April to September 2013 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend line. The Force's crime prevention strategy and delivery plans continue to be delivered on a local level through district leads.

**Robberies** are down 5.6% with 5 fewer crimes in the period April – September 2013 compared to the same period last year.

**Vehicle Crimes** are down **13.7% with 236 fewer crimes** in the period April – September 2013 compared to same period last year.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by **18.8%** (2,888 fewer incidents in the period April to September 2013 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend. The Force continues to work with partners to tackle ASB and the outlook for further reductions is positive.

For the period April – September 2013, the Force has recorded 2,995 instances of **Criminal damage**. This is down 6.7% compared to the same period last year (216 fewer crimes). The 5 year trend line is one of improvement.

### Solving Crime

The Force is showing an **overall crime resolution** (including Restorative Justice<sup>6</sup>) rate of 30.7% in the period April to September 2013. This is slightly down compared to the

<sup>2</sup> National rankings in this update give the national position of Lincolnshire Police as of September 2013.

<sup>3</sup> East Midlands region – Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire

<sup>4</sup> This crime category includes common assault, assault with injury, harassment, wounding, death by driving, manslaughter and murder.

<sup>5</sup> The Most Similar Force group includes Cumbria, Devon and Cornwall, Norfolk, North Wales, North Yorkshire, Suffolk and West Mercia.

<sup>6</sup> In some cases, community resolutions known as Restorative Justice can be used. Restorative Justice gives victims the chance to tell offenders the real impact of their crime, to get answers to their questions and to receive an apology. It gives the offenders the chance to understand the real impact

same period last year (-0.9%). The Force's use of Restorative Justice in this period is 5.4% which equates to 1012 offences.

The resolution rate for Burglary Dwelling for the period April – September 2013 is 19.7%, an increase of 4.1% compared to a rate of 15.6% in the same period last year. The latest performance data for Violence against the person with injury resolutions is 43.2% (in the period April – September 2013, this is slightly down compared to the same period last year (44.1%).

Assistant Chief Constable Roach is leading a Resolution task group to address areas of concern. I will continue to monitor progress closely to ensure that the Force is doing all it can to improve performance in this area.

### **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 September 2013) shows that 82.7% of victims surveyed are satisfied with the service they received compared to 82.6% during the same period last year. I am pleased to see that there is an improving 5 year trend.

The current 12 month rolling figure for the satisfaction rate of victims in relation to being 'kept informed' is 74.0%, an increase of 2.2% when compared to the same period last year. There has been a continued improving trend June last year.

The current 3 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 71.4%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 67.1%. 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 June 2013) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 68.7%. 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 252 (for the period January – August 2013) this is down 8% (23 fewer KSIs) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year target set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 437.

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of what they've done and to do something to repair the harm. Restorative Justice holds offenders to account for what they have done, personally and directly, and helps victims to get on with their lives.

## Case Study Highlights

### **Drugs possession/Fail to stop – 2 arrested**

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 a vehicle with markers for drug use entered Lincolnshire. Officers were deployed to locate the vehicle. It was found in Lincoln and failed to stop. The vehicle rammed a police dog mobile and both occupants ran. The police dog was deployed and one offender was bitten. Both were arrested for possession of cannabis and fail to stop offences. They were each fined £180 for the drug offence and one is currently on bail for dangerous driving.

### **Protest and Criminal Damage – 6 arrested, RAF Waddington**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 a group of people cut through the perimeter fence at RAF Waddington and stuck photographs on the walls of aircraft hangars on site. 6 people were arrested and charged with criminal damage. They are all currently on bail until Oct 2013. They stated this action was in protest to the drones allegedly based at RAF Waddington.

### **Rave, Bourne Woods – 1 drugs arrest**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013 an illegal rave was setting up in Bourne Woods with approximately 100-150 people present and others arriving. Police attended the site and positive action was taken. The sound system was dismantled and vehicles escorted from the county. One person was arrested for drug offences. Reassurance was given to the local community and the land owner was extremely grateful for the decisive action that was taken by officers.

### **False imprisonment/Firearms – 1 arrested, Lincoln**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013, an officer and special constable attended an address in Lincoln (block of flats) and were threatened with a firearm. The male had his ex partner and 4 year old son at the location and refused to release them. Authorised firearms officers attended and contained the address and immediate area. The neighbours were evacuated and taken to a place of safety. Hostage negotiators established contact and the male agreed to release his son. The male then left the property 4 hours after the initial incident, still in possession of his handgun and was tasered by officers. He was arrested for a multitude of offences and remains on remand until his next court date. The firearm was a powerful BB gun.

This incident involved local officers, armed police from Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, hostage negotiators and proactive work by Intelligence Support Officers (ISOs) and intelligence cells.

### **Missing Person, Croft, Skegness**

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Police received a call relating to a 73 year old vulnerable male with dementia who had left his home address at 03.00 in the morning. Officers searched the immediate area, Humberside helicopter was called out and Louth Search and Rescue were utilised.

The male was located 4 hours later by a member of the search and rescue. He was wet and cold but in good health. His family were very grateful with the police response and assistance of Louth search and rescue.

### **Violence against the person – 6 arrested, Grantham**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 Police were called to an urgent incident inside a public house. All customers had been asked to leave the premises following a power cut. 6 men refused and then attacked the 2 members of door staff causing injuries to both, one having to attend hospital. On Police attendance, the 6 men were arrested and remain on bail for causing violent disorder.

#### **Robbery – 1 arrested, Lincoln**

In the early hours of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 3 males smashed through the front door of a house. Armed with machetes and wearing balaclavas they woke the occupant and demanded money. They stole approximately £600 and ran from the property. 1 male has been arrested and is currently on bail.

#### **Mobile data unit – 1 arrested, Lincoln**

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013, Police attended Lincoln district hospital following reports of a drunken male causing problems. The male was located and gave false details to the police. Officers suspected this was the case and utilised their mobile fingerprinting machine to obtain his correct identity. It transpired the male was wanted for breach of a court order and duly arrested.

#### **Drugs possession and supply , North Hykeham - 3 arrests**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 Officers were informed that a vehicle had entered the county and may be in possession of controlled substances. The ISO proactively checked intelligence and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) activations in the county to narrow down their location.

The vehicle was located and followed. It was stopped safely and a large quantity of cocaine and heroin were recovered and seized. The 3 occupants of the vehicle were arrested and have been bailed until November allowing for further enquiries to be made.

#### **Theft of motor vehicle/Fail to stop, Spilsby– 3 arrests**

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013 a car was reported as having been stolen from a farm in Spilsby. The vehicle had a tracker which was activated by the owner. Both Lincs and Humberside mobiles worked together and the vehicle was located in convoy with another and safely stopped. 3 males were arrested and remain on bail for the offence.

#### **Domestic assault, Lincoln**

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013 a call was received from a female stating she was being assaulted by her partner. On arrival it was believed the female had a broken nose and both arms were broken. Officers found the offender hiding in a neighbouring park and he was arrested. Following treatment, the victim's arms were severely bruised but not broken. The offender has been charged with assault and the victim is in close contact with the force domestic abuse officer.

#### **Armed Robbery, Lincoln – 3 arrests**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013, 3 males entered a shop wearing balaclavas and gloves. They were armed with a bat and iron bar. They assaulted the employee by hitting him with the bar causing injuries. They were disturbed when the owner came into the shop and they ran away. Police and dogs attended the area and succeeded in finding 3 suspicious males who were then arrested and remain on bail until December.

#### **Burglary, Louth – 1 arrest**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September, a male was seen in possession of a hammer by a witness. He smashed the glass door of a commercial property and climbed inside. He was challenged by the witness who was then threatened with the hammer. The offender ran

away and following a search was located and arrested. Further searches revealed some clothing and the hammer hidden in bushes. 2 properties had been attacked.

### **Op Glanford – snaplock Burglaries, Boston & Stamford RESULT!**

Since March 2013 The Boston Fusion team have been investigating a series of “snap lock” burglaries predominantly in the East of the county incorporating offences in West Norfolk and South Yorkshire. The offenders were clearly forensically aware so more sophisticated lines of investigation were adopted such as the use of Cell Site Data and ANPR.

Last month three men from the migrant community were charged with conspiracy to commit Burglary. Investigators found evidence linking this organised crime group to 36 offences of Burglary dwelling.

As a result of these charges the Fusion team are able to detect over 60 offences of domestic burglary in Lincolnshire and have also detected similar offences for our neighbouring forces. The three men remain in custody awaiting trial.

### **Rural Crime – Hare coursing**

#### **Operation Galileo**

Operation Galileo, the force strategy for combating hare coursing incidents concluded on 10th March 2013. In the period 07/01/13 to 04/04/13 there were **67** reported incidents amounting to an 8% reduction compared to the same period last year. An analysis of Operation Galileo is underway and will be published in due course but early indications suggest that there has been a significant decrease in incidents and over 168 prosecutions since September 2012.

The operation has now been running for one month and already there have been some positive results. 2 dogs have been seized as it was suspected they had been used in hare coursing and 5 individuals are currently being prosecuted for numerous offences. These offences include trespassing on a railway and trespassing on land in pursuit of game. One of these individuals is a prolific offender within the region and this positive action has disrupted potential further offences taking place.

The Op Galileo team is now equipped with the mobile fingerprint device and is taking part in the body work camera trial.

### **Major Crime Investigations**

#### **Operation Collingsworth**

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013 Police were called to Edinburgh Road in Grantham following reports of a fight. On arrival officers found a male unresponsive on the pavement. He went into cardiac arrest and was taken to hospital. 4 suspects were arrested and 2 have since been charged with murder and have been remanded.

#### **Operation Bulgari**

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 a male was assaulted with a claw hammer whilst out for the evening in Lincoln city centre. The hammer was left in the victim's head as the offender ran away. The victim was taken to hospital and the hammer was successfully removed; however the victim had also lost part of his brain due to the hammer being embedded 2.5cm into his skull. One offender has been charged with attempted murder and remanded. 2 further suspects are currently on bail.

### **Operation Chives**

On 4th of September 2013, paramedics attended an address in the Market Deeping area. A 16 year old had given birth and the infant was now deceased. She was taken to hospital for further treatment. Her family were unaware of the pregnancy. The female has now been charged with murder and remanded in local authority care.

### **Notable Convictions**

Prolific Lincoln criminal Danny Carey (30) recently accepted 30 TICs (taken into account) relating to theft from motor vehicles at court. This saved a large amount of work for officers in building the case file and thousands of pounds on forensic work.

Carey pleaded guilty and was given 22 months imprisonment. 30 victims were given closure that may not have happened otherwise.

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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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