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Quarterly Force Performance Update – October 2014

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

Overall in this period, the Force has returned a small reduction in recorded crime. There has been a 0.4% reduction in overall recorded crime, which means there have been 82 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. This is in the context of a continual downward trend¹ of recorded crime in the county.

The Force has continued to see a decrease in high volume crimes such as 'other theft including shoplifting' which is down 9.3% (595 crimes) compared to last year. Anti-social behaviour incidents also continue to decrease, with 354 (2.8%) fewer incidents this period compared to the same period last year.

Both the Force and I continue to keep a close watch on two priority areas noted in the Police and Crime Plan that have seen increases. The number of recorded burglary dwelling crimes has increased as has violence against the person with injury crimes. I have attended an operational meeting to understand the issues around the current increase in burglary crimes and to assure myself that the Force is doing all that it can to address the matter. I was informed about the preventative work that a dedicated team of officers are engaged in and updated on the latest intelligence gathering and enforcement activity that has been undertaken. Initial results look promising and I will continue to monitor the situation.

There has also been an increase in the number of violence against the person with injury crimes. Despite an increase of 11.4% (172 crimes) this period compared to last year, the Force continues to perform very well nationally and against regional and 'most similar group' forces. I will maintain a close watch and oversight in this area.

¹ 5 year trend

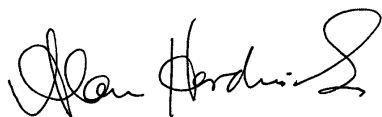
I am also concerned about the overall user satisfaction performance figures. Over the year, the Force surveys approximately 1,300 victims of domestic burglary, vehicle crime, violent crime and racist incidents and crimes to assess how satisfied they are with the service they receive from Lincolnshire Police. The Force's performance in relation to both 'overall satisfaction' and the satisfaction levels of victim's being 'kept informed' has dipped after a period of improvement. This gives greater significance to my plans for victims going forward – namely that from April 2015, I am responsible for commissioning local practical and emotional support services for victims of crime. Victims of crime are central to my Police and Crime Plan and I am committed to improving support for victims and witnesses. The Victims' Code of Practice explains what information, services and support victims of crime can expect to receive at every stage of their journey through the criminal justice system. Together with partners of the Lincolnshire Criminal Justice Board, I will ensure that victims receive the support that they are entitled to.

The latest resolution² figures show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.5% for all crimes, 15.8% for burglary dwelling crimes and 46.9% for violence against the person with injury crimes. I will continue to closely monitor progress and push for improvements in this area.

I am pleased to report that the number of people who have been killed or seriously injured on our roads has decreased by 8.4% (22 fewer KSIs) this calendar year compared to last.

I am also including a number of specific case study highlights from the Force (covering the period July to September 2014). I hope that these provide some additional detail 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, protecting the public and bringing offenders to justice.

I will issue my next quarterly update in January 2015, covering the period from April 2014 – December 2014. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at www.police.uk.



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² 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 (April 2014 – September 2014)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **down 0.4% with 82 fewer crimes** in the period April 2014 to September 2014 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend line.

Violence against the person (with injury)³ crime is **up 11.4% with 172 more crimes** in the period April 2014 to September 2014 compared to same period last year.

Burglary dwelling offences are **up 20.1% with 171 more crimes** in the period April 2014 to September 2014 compared to same period last year with an **improving** 5 year trend line.

Other theft/Shoplifting crimes have **decreased** by 9.3% (595 crimes) in the period April 2014 – September 2014 compared to same period last year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by **2.8%** (354 fewer incidents in the period April 2014 – September 2014 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April 2014 – September 2014, the Force has recorded 2,663 instances of **Criminal damage**. This is down 10.7% compared to the same period last year (320 fewer crimes). The 5 year trend line is one of improvement.

Solving Crime

The latest resolution figures (in the period April – June 2014) show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.5% for all crimes, 15.8% for burglary dwelling crimes and 46.9% for violence against the person with injury crimes.

Satisfaction with Service

A telephone survey is carried out on a monthly basis that assesses the 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 2014) shows that 83.1% of victims surveyed were satisfied with the service they received – this is slightly improved (0.4%) compared

³ This crime category includes common assault, assault with injury, harassment, wounding, death by driving, manslaughter and murder.

to the same period last year. The 5 year trend line is improving. The current 12 month rolling figure for the satisfaction rate of victims in relation to being 'kept informed' is 72.3%.

The current 3 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 69.1%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 61.4%. 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 2014) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 71.7%. The next release of data is expected towards the end of October 2014, this will cover the period to June 2014. 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 239 (for the period January – August 2014) this is down 8.4% (22 fewer) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year target set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 427.

Case Study Highlights: July – September 2014

Rail incident: On 10th July officers were called to a level crossing at Cherry Willingham where two persons had been struck by a train and had been killed. The incident is not being treated as being suspicious and officer from the British Transport Police are preparing a file for the coroner.

Football disorder: On 19th July disorder broke out between rival fans at the Lincoln City v Doncaster Rovers pre-season friendly fixture. Seven arrests were made for offences such as Affray and breach of a football banning order. A Youth was charged in relation to letting off a smoke bomb.

Flood: On 8th August, following a period of prolonged rain, areas of the county, particularly the Louth and Friskney areas succumbed to flash flooding. Lincolnshire Police, working with partner agencies, evacuated a number of people from their homes and businesses and assisted a number of people who were in varying forms of distress such as assisting those who had become trapped in their motor vehicles or were attempting to prevent water entering their properties.

Unexplained death: On 20th August Police were notified that the body of a male person had been located floating four and a half miles from the Skegness coast. The body was recovered and enquiries established that the deceased was missing Leicester man Dean Greenwood. A file is being prepared for the coroner.

Fatal Collision: On 25th August two vehicles collided on the A15 near to Scampton. The drivers of both vehicles, a man from Scunthorpe and another from Stainfield near Market Rasen were pronounced dead at the scene, both vehicles had a number of passengers, some of whom were seriously injured. Enquiries continue.

Modern Slavery: On 22nd September officers supported by colleagues from other forces and the National Crime Agency executed warrants at five locations in the Lincoln area seven persons were arrested for offences relating to slavery and a number of others were received into the care of adult safeguarding services and the National Health Service. Enquiries continue.

Murder: On 28th August officers were called to Coronation Close, Spalding, following reports that a man was being treated by ambulance for head injuries. The man, Mr Warren Fee died later in hospital and a murder enquiry commenced. Seven young people have been arrested and enquiries continue.

Rave: On 24th September eight men were charged with causing a public nuisance and possession of criminal property at the conclusion of a protracted investigation into an illegal rave that took place at Dunsby, near Bourne during January 2014. The men will all appear before Grantham Magistrates during October.

Burglaries: During September. Officers in Spalding took part in Operation Bonus; carrying out high visibility and plain clothes patrols in cars, on bicycles and on foot and have been utilising their stop and search powers to deter burglars, which has yielded significant results. Seven arrests have been made and a search warrant executed at an address and the occupant arrested on suspicion of the possession of stolen goods.

Notable Convictions

Infanticide: A teenager was convicted of infanticide at Lincoln Crown Court after she admitted to killing her new born son by pushing a tissue down his throat. She admitted a charge of infanticide in July following the death of the boy in September 2013. The girl, who was 16 at the time, was given a two year youth rehabilitation and supervision order.

Kidnap and Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation: On 24th July Stephen John Redhead was sentenced to ten years, Stephanie Coggan was sentenced to 15 months and Jonathan Paul Lindley was sentenced to seven and a half years following their abduction of a Skegness woman who they forced into prostitution in order to pay off a drugs debt.

Hare coursing: Following two separate trials during July Boston Magistrates convicted Alan Booth of Bacup, Lancs and Peter Cobley and Martin Bannister both of Ripley, Derbys of hare coursing at Freiston and Dogdyke respectively. The court heard what they discerned to be implausible excuses about the men meeting to sell the dogs and handed out fines and costs totalling over £1,200. Mr Booth was also handed a driving disqualification.

Drugs Supply: A Group of men from Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire received sentences of between four and nineteen years for their part in supplying cocaine into Lincolnshire. Between 2012-13 the gang was responsible for supplying 45kg of the drug to dealers Martin Cooper, Marc Fardell and Jas O'Connor who resided in the Grantham area. Proceeds of crime investigations will now be commenced in an attempt to seize the money the men made from their unlawful activity.

Rape: Newark men Tomas Kojelis, Kestutis Prakapas, and Mindaugas Prakapas, were each sentenced to ten years imprisonment at Lincoln Crown court on 19th September for the rape of a female at Monks Rd, Lincoln. Speaking about the offence, Andrew Vout, prosecuting said, "They were all part of a joint enterprise. She was subjected to a violent sexual attack by these three men. Afterwards she was extremely frightened and distressed." The victim was commended by the police for her bravery and courage in the circumstances.

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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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