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The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

Quarterly Force Performance Update – July 2015

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.

In this period there has been a 1.3% reduction in all recorded crime. This means there have been 116 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. House burglary is also showing a reduction of 14.9% (76 fewer crimes this year compared to last). Data from the last five years shows that all recorded crime, burglary and violence against the person (with injury) are also all declining over the long term.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents also continue to decrease with 549 (9.5%) fewer incidents this period compared to the same period last year. Year on year, we are seeing fewer incidents of ASB in our communities. Lincolnshire Police is committed to reducing ASB by working closely with partner agencies to identify incidents at an early stage, listening to local people to understand the issues and providing tailored support to victims and perpetrators. The approach to managing ASB in Lincolnshire ensures that community priorities are tackled effectively.

The latest resolution¹ figures show that Lincolnshire Police is recording a rate of 31.3% for all crimes, 12% for burglary dwelling crimes and 48.6% for violence against the person with injury crimes. The Chief Constable is implementing a plan to improve the quality of investigations and setting up a Board with a long term plan to improve investigative performance.

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.

I continue to closely watch the overall user satisfaction and 'kept informed' performance figures. Work is ongoing to improve performance in this area with some encouraging signs being reported in the monthly figures for overall user satisfaction (nearly 85% for June 2015). ASB victim satisfaction will form part of the new multi-agency 3 year ASB delivery plan and be incorporated into the existing crime victim satisfaction work. I look forward to seeing improvements in this area.

The number of people who have been killed or seriously injured (KSI) on our roads is reported on a calendar year basis. For the 5 months, January – May 2015, the number of KSIs has decreased by 28.7% (119 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 April - June 2015). 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 October 2015, covering the period from April 2015 – September 2015. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at 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 2015 – June 2015)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **down 1.3% with 116 fewer crimes** in the period April to June 2015 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

Violence against the person (with injury)² crime is **up 4.2% with 34 more crimes** in the period April to June 2015 compared to same period last year.

Burglary dwelling offences are **down 14.9% with 76 fewer crimes** in the period April to June 2015 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 9.5% (549 fewer incidents in the period April – June 2015 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April – June 2015, the Force has recorded 1250 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This is down 3.1% compared to the same period last year (40 fewer crimes). The 5 year trend is one of improvement.

Solving Crime

The latest resolution figures (in the period April – March 2015) show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.3% for all crimes, 12.0% for burglary dwelling crimes and 48.6% 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 2015) shows that 81.5% 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 70.3%.

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 72.5%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 62.8%. 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 2014) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 72.7%, an increase of 2%. The next release of data is expected towards the end of July 2015, this will cover the period to March 2015. Lincolnshire Police'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 119 (for the period January – May 2015) this is down 28.7% (48 fewer) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year aim set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 417.

Case Study Highlights: April – June 2015

Murder at Lincoln: On 17th April officers were called to Walnut Place, Lincoln following reports that a man had been stabbed; sadly the man, identified as Robert Taylor, subsequently died from his injuries. Officer commenced a murder investigation and as a consequence of which Kieley Davis from Lincoln, has been charged with murder and remanded in custody.

Burglaries at Mareham le Fen: On 14th April, Michael Jason Harrison of Nottingham was charged with four burglaries that took place in Mareham Le Fen between 3rd March and 11th April 2015 Harrison allegedly posed as a doorstep seller, peddling wares before tricking victims out of or stealing money.

Large public event at Lincolnshire Showground: Over the Whitsun bank holiday Lincolnshire hosted the annual 'Harley-Davidson' superbike rally at the Lincolnshire Showground. The event was attended over 8,000 enthusiasts from around the world and included a procession of over 150 motor cycles from Donington, near Spalding, to the Lincolnshire Showground. Lincolnshire officers were supported by colleagues from around the country to ensure the event passed off peacefully.

Illegal Rave at Twyford: On 23rd May officers responded to reports of an unlawful gathering at Twyford Woods near Bourne. Upon arrival officers encountered several hundred people who had gathered and began actively resisting police attempts to bring order to the situation, which was dangerous for all those present. 21 police officers were injured and there were 48 arrests; enquiries continue.

Stabbing at Boston: On 20th June Police officers were called to a disturbance at West St, Boston. Upon arrival officers found a man with stab wounds to the abdomen. A 30 year old woman was later charged with causing Grievous Bodily Harm. Enquiries revealed that this incident was a domestic related incident and are not looking for any other persons in relation to matters.

Notable convictions

Sexual Offences, Skegness: In May Dwayne Arnold, aged 32, was sentenced to 7 ½ years' imprisonment after he was found guilty by a jury for offences against a child, committed in July and August 2013 in Skegness. The offences included three counts of

sexual assault of a child under 13, cause or incite a child to engage in sexual activity, cause a child to watch a sexual act and engage in sexual activity in the presence of a child.

Murder at Gainsborough: Martynas Kupstys and Andrus Giedraitis have both been jailed for life after being convicted of the murder of Ivans Zdanovics in Gainsborough 2014. The two men were convicted by a jury at Lincoln Crown Court after denying murdering 24-year-old Mr Zdanovics at his terraced house home in Etherington Street by setting the building alight whilst the victim was inside.

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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