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## **Quarterly Force Performance Update – April 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](http://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.

I am delighted to report a further consecutive annual overall reduction in recorded crime for the year 2014/15. The end of year figures show a reduction in crime of 2.1% which means there have been 744 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. Another year of crime reduction is great news and testament to the hard work and commitment of officers, PCSOs, volunteers and staff pulling out the stops to prevent, reduce and resolve crime, all in the context of significant financial challenge. I'm pleased to restate that the county remains one of the safest places to live in the country and performs exceptionally well compared to other forces (5<sup>th</sup> out of 43).

One area where the Force has made a particularly good turn-around is in relation to house burglaries. Earlier in the year, I reported some increases in burglaries, especially in the Lincoln area and both the Chief Constable and I maintained a close watch on this. The end of year position reflects the proactive work of the burglary teams to tackle the issue, with the number of burglaries being about the same as last year (29 more crimes compared to last year).

The Force has continued to see a decrease in high volume crimes such as 'other theft including shoplifting' which is down 10.8% (1,287 crimes) compared to last year. Anti-social behaviour incidents also continue to decrease, with 487 (2.2%) fewer incidents this period compared to the same period last year.

I have also continued monitoring violence against the person with injury crimes. The latest figures up to March 2015, show an increase of 7.8% (235 crimes) compared to the same period last year but the Force has maintained a very good national position (3<sup>rd</sup> out of 43 forces) and regional position (1<sup>st</sup> out of 5 forces).

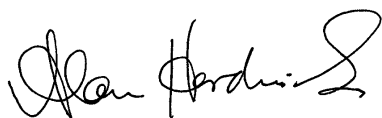
I continue to be concerned about the overall user satisfaction and 'kept informed' performance figures. The end of year position is yet to reflect the significant work that the Force is implementing. The position has not improved and is not good enough, but I am confident that the Force will recover the situation and improve satisfaction levels for victims and witnesses moving into 2015/16.

The end of year resolution<sup>1</sup> figures show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.6% for all crimes, 15.1% for burglary dwelling crimes and 46.6% for violence against the person with injury crimes. This is a good result for overall crime and violence against the person resolutions and a mixed story for burglary dwelling resolutions with some excellent returns in the Lincoln and Boston area and further improvement required in other areas.

The number of people who have been killed or seriously injured (KSI) on our roads is reported on a calendar year basis. For the 2 months, January - February 2015, the number of KSIs has decreased by 40.9% (27 fewer KSIs) this calendar year compared to last. This is a notable start to the year.

I am also including a number of specific case study highlights from the Force (covering the period January to March 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 July 2015, covering the period from April 2015 – June 2015. You can find local crime rates and trends via the crime mapper website available at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).



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<sup>1</sup> 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 – March 2015)

### Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **down 2.1% with 744 fewer crimes** in the period April 2014 to March 2015 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

**Violence against the person (with injury)<sup>2</sup>** crime is **up 7.8% with 235 more crimes** in the period April 2014 to March 2015 compared to same period last year.

**Burglary dwelling** offences are **up 1.6% with 29 more crimes** in the period April 2014 to March 2015 compared to same period last year with an **improving** 5 year trend.

**Other theft/Shoplifting** crimes have **decreased** by 10.8% (1287 crimes) in the period April 2014 – March 2015 compared to same period last year.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Recorded incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour** have reduced across the county by **2.2%** (487 fewer incidents in the period April 2014 – March 2015 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April 2014 – March 2015, the Force has recorded 5,314 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This is down 3.4% compared to the same period last year (188 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 31.6% for all crimes, 15.1% for burglary dwelling crimes and 46.6% 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 March 2015) shows that 80.4% of victims surveyed were satisfied<sup>3</sup> with the service they received – this is lower than the figure for the previous year (83.4%). The 5 year trend is static. The current 12 month rolling figure for the

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

<sup>3</sup> 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).

satisfaction rate of victims in relation to being 'kept informed' is 69.7%. Last year's 'kept informed' satisfaction level was 74.5%.

The current 12 month rolling figure for overall satisfaction levels in relation to Anti-social behaviour is 73.6%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 63.6%. 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 September 2014) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is **70.7%**. The next release of data is expected towards the end of April 2015, this will cover the period to December 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 39 (for the period January – February 2015) this is down 40.9% (27 fewer) compared to the same time last year. The Force's joint calendar year target set with the Lincolnshire Roads Safety Partnership is 417.

## Case Study Highlights: January – March 2015

**Murder at Boston:** Police were called to an address in St Anne's Wharf, about 6.45pm on 1 January, where paramedics were treating a 41 year-old man for injuries. Sadly the man was pronounced dead at the scene. Following an investigation Ricardas Mazeika (30), of Loughton Road, Boston, was charged with murder and remanded into custody.

**Burglaries at Horncastle:** Officers, including a police dog handler, attended a commercial premise on Boston Road shortly after midnight on 11 January, in response to an alarm activation and discovered entry had been gained via a smashed window. The three juveniles - all aged 15 and from Horncastle, Mareham On The Hill and Chapel St Leonards - were arrested soon after at a nearby address on suspicion of burglary. All three were additionally arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary in relation to an earlier incident at a convenience store in the Bull Ring where the door was smashed.

**Hare coursing at Quadring Fen:** At 11.26am on 12 February, police were alerted to a Subaru Legacy motor car in the area of Quadring Fen, Spalding. After failing to stop for Police, it is believed the vehicle entered Leicestershire before being stopped by Police in Northamptonshire. A helicopter assisted the search. Three men were arrested on suspicion of hare coursing and failing to stop, enquiries continue.

**Theft of an ATM at Gainsborough:** Four men were arrested in connection with the theft of a cash machine from a petrol station at Lea Road, Gainsborough, on 23 February. Three of the men, aged 22, 18, and 55, all from Gainsborough, were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to steal as a result of warrants carried out by police. A fourth man, aged 47, was also arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to steal; enquiries continue.

**Violent attack at Skegness:** Around 4.25pm on Saturday 7 March Police and Ambulance were called to an address on South Parade in Skegness. Two victims, aged 23 and 18 respectively, were found injured at the location, one of whom had received significant injuries. The suspects had made off in a Ford Focus motor car; around 5.05pm the same day, police located the Ford Focus being driven at Ulceby Cross. The vehicle refused to stop for officers and was caused to stop, on the A16 near Burwell, after a managed pursuit. A total of five men, all aged between 20 and 30, were later charged with aggravated burglary.

**Robbery at Blyton:** Lincolnshire Police are investigating after receiving a report of a robbery at a mobile post office on the High Street in Blyton, Gainsborough, just before 9.30am 6 January. It was reported that a man carrying a knife had entered the premises and

demanded money before making off with a quantity of cash. Nobody was injured in the incident. The suspect is described as being aged in his mid-20s, around 5ft 8in in height, wearing pale grey tracksuit bottoms and a balaclava. An investigation was immediately launched and is ongoing.

**Missing person at Foston:** Officers searching for missing Long Bennington resident Jack (Derek) Foster found the body of a man in the area of Foston, Grantham, on the afternoon of Tuesday 6 January. The deceased man was discovered on the verge of the A1 Great North Road near to the Foston/Allington Lane turn off. Mr Foster, who had been missing since December 23<sup>rd</sup> was later, formally identified as the deceased. His death is not being treated as suspicious and a file is being prepared for the coroner. Lincolnshire Police would like to thank the public for circulating the appeal to find Mr Foster, including those who organised searches and went out in the area raising awareness, as well as the media who published the appeal

#### **Notable convictions**

**Murder at Lincoln:** Wai Hong Tsang, 33, has been jailed for life to serve a minimum of 28 years after being found guilty of the murder of Mingzi Yang. The body of 29-year-old Mingzi Yang was discovered on 17 June 2014 at her home in Sincil bank, Lincoln. She had been violently assaulted and suffered severe head injuries. Following a four-week trial at Lincoln Crown Court Tsang, who denied Ms Yang's murder, was convicted by a jury on 5 January. Sentencing Tsang Judge Michael Heath QC said of him: "You are a cold, calculating individual and a liar but you did not fool the jury as you mendaciously attempted to explain away the compelling evidence presented against you."

**Robbery at Boston:** 27 year-old Jamie Holland, of White House Lane, and Barnabas Wood, also 27, of Woodthorpe Avenue, pleaded guilty to the offence and appeared at Lincoln Crown Court on Thursday 9 January for sentencing; where they both received five-year terms of imprisonment. The robbery happened just before 5am on 3 November 2012 when jewellery trader, Stephen James (56) was loading his van before setting off for Boston market. Mr. James was pushed to the ground and Wood climbed into the driver's seat of the van and drove away the vehicle which contained £100,000 worth of jewellery, which was never recovered.

**Possession of indecent images:** Noah Yabbacombe, aged 24, formerly of Newport, Lincoln, was sentenced at Lincoln Crown Court, to one year imprisonment with a ten year sexual harm prevention order. He had been charged with: three counts of making indecent images of children in Lincolnshire, possession of 811 indecent images, possession of 21

extreme images (bestiality), possession of seven prohibited images, distribution of indecent images of children and two counts of attempting to incite a child into sexual activity

**Football banning orders at Lincoln:** Nine men have been fined and given football banning orders in relation to disorder that occurred during Lincoln City's home game against Doncaster Rovers on Saturday 12 July 2014. Incidents of disorder involved the group gesturing and shouting at Doncaster Rovers fans before, during, and after the pre-season friendly in the area of Portland Street and the rail crossing in Lincoln.

**Rape at Lincoln:** Michael Armitage, 44, from Oldham, Pawel Chudzicki, 49, and Rafal Segiet, 40, both from Lincoln, all pleaded not guilty to the offence, which took place in late October, 2012. Lincoln Crown Court heard that on the evening of 27 October the 23-year-old woman had been out drinking in a Lincoln bar with friends. As she was leaving in the early hours of 28 October she was introduced to the three defendants and went back to a nearby flat with them where a party was taking place. It was there that she was raped by all three men. The jury returned a guilty verdict and all men received six year prison sentences.

**Manslaughter at Louth:** Harry Scott was convicted of causing the death of 32 year-old Richard Woods, who died at his home in Spring Terrace, Louth, on 12 January 2014. Described in court as a vulnerable, shy and quiet man, Mr Woods died as a result of positional asphyxia after becoming wedged in the rungs of a ladder leading up to a room in the loft space. Mr Woods and Scott had spent the evening visiting pubs in Louth, after which Mr Woods returned to his home alone. Scott arrived at the address later and trapped Mr Woods in the loft room by drawing up the loft ladder. It was when Mr Woods tried to escape by climbing down through the rungs that he became wedged. The prosecution's case was that, instead of coming to his aid, Scott used a length of wood from the bedroom to assault Mr Wood, striking him a number of blows to his leg. Scott was given a three year prison term.

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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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