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Quarterly Force Performance Update – October 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 1.2% increase in all recorded crime this year compared to last year. This means there have been 211 more victims of crime compared to the same period in 2014. It should be noted however, that this figure includes the high profile operations at Twyford Wood (illegal rave) (139 offences) and Operation Pottery (over 50 modern day slavery offences). I am pleased to report that the 5 year trend for all reported crime continues to decrease positively and the latest data available shows that Lincolnshire Police is ranked 8th out of all 43 forces in England and Wales. We are currently at the mid-point of the year and I continue to meet with the Chief Constable on a monthly basis to discuss the performance figures. I am assured that officers and police staff are doing all they can to prevent, investigate and detect crime in the county. I am kept abreast of the initiatives in place to improve the service that is provided to local communities including the 'Policing Model' project that will focus efforts to tackle 'emerging' crime types such as cyber crime, child abuse and grooming and also the Improvement Group, set up to improve the quality of investigations.

House burglary is showing a reduction of 6.3% (63 fewer crimes this year compared to last) and the overall 5 year trend is declining over the long term.

Latest figures show that Lincolnshire Police is 4th out of all 43 forces in the crime category: Violence against the person (with injury)¹. In the national context, this is clearly good news, I am however maintaining a close watch on the local data. There has been an increase of this type of crime this year compared to last. There have been 181 more crimes recorded in the year to date compared to the same period in 2014/15. Operation NOVA (No to Violence and Abuse) is Lincolnshire Police's response to the increase in these types of offences, aiming to

¹ This crime category includes assault with injury, death by dangerous driving, attempted murder and endangering life.

reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour and reduce the violence in the night time economy and in the home.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents also continue to decrease with 1076 (8.8%) fewer incidents this period compared to the same period last year.

The latest resolution² figures show that Lincolnshire Police is recording a rate of 31.1% for all crimes, 13.2% for burglary dwelling crimes and 47% for violence against the person with injury crimes.

I continue to watch closely the overall user satisfaction and 'kept informed' performance figures as these areas continue to be below expected levels. A working group is in place to understand the issues and drive improvement.

On a positive note, the number of people who have been killed or seriously injured (KSI) on our roads has decreased by 17.6% (46 fewer KSIs) reported this calendar year compared to last.

I am also including a number of specific case study highlights from the Force (covering the period July - September 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 January 2016, covering the period from April 2015 – December 2015. 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 2015 – September 2015)

Recorded Crime

All recorded crime is **up 1.2% with 211 more crimes** in the period April to September 2015 compared to same period last year with an improving 5 year trend.

Violence against the person (with injury)³ crime is **up 10.7% with 181 more crimes** in the period April to September 2015 compared to same period last year.

Burglary dwelling offences are **down 6.3% with 63 fewer crimes** in the period April to September 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 8.8% (1076 fewer incidents in the period April – September 2015 compared to same period last year) with an improving 5 year trend.

For the period April – September 2015, the Force has recorded 2576 instances of **Criminal damage and Arson Crime**. This is down 2.7% compared to the same period last year (71 fewer crimes). The 5 year trend is one of improvement.

Solving Crime

The latest resolution figures (in the period April – September 2015) show that the Force is recording a rate of 31.1% for all crimes, 13.2% for burglary dwelling crimes and 47% 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 September 2015) shows that 81.2% of victims surveyed were satisfied⁴ with the service they received. The current 12 month rolling figure for the satisfaction rate of victims in relation to being 'kept informed' is 70.2%.

³ This crime category includes assault with injury, death by dangerous driving, attempted murder and endangering life.

⁴ 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 73.3%. The satisfaction rate for ASB 'kept informed' is 62.9%. 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 2015) who agreed or strongly agreed with the following question: 'Taking everything into account, I have confidence in the police in this area' is 72.2%. The next release of data is expected towards the end of October 2015, this will cover the period to June 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 215 (for the period January – August 2015) this is down 17.6% (46 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: July – September 2015

Serious Assault at Boston: On 12th September police were called to an address at West St where upon it was established that two persons had been seriously injured and required hospital treatment. Three arrests were made soon after and the case remains under investigation.

Large scale fraud in Lincolnshire: Lincolnshire Police, supported by NHS Protect and colleagues from the East Midlands Special Operations Unit and Guernsey Police conducted a major investigation involving offences of fraud and money laundering. The investigation, Operation Tarlac, commenced in September 2011 when Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust reported being the victim of a fraud. Since such time the investigation has linked 18 other offences where the victims have included other NHS Trusts and different public bodies throughout the UK, together with the States of Guernsey Government. Approximately £12m was diverted from these organisations. As a result of this investigation fifteen suspects were charged on 3rd and 4th September with fraud and money laundering offences.

Distraction burglary at Gosberton Clough: On 9th September at a property in Clough Road. A man came to the door claiming to be from the waterboard and stated that he needed to find the stop tap in order to deal with a neighbour's burst pipe. The man was allowed into the house and kept the couple occupied in the kitchen while another offender gained entry to the bedroom via a rear window. An amount of cash was stolen, along with a wallet and bank cards. Officers continue to investigate.

Misuse of Drugs Act warrants at Lincoln: on 28th August warrants were executed under Misuse of Drugs Act at addresses on Cannon Street, Lincoln and elsewhere in the city. Officers from search teams and local community officers executed the warrants and carried out searches. The warrants were in response to concerns amongst the local community of drug related activity in the area and resulted in the arrests of five persons.

Premises alcohol licence revocation at Spalding: On 19th August a hearing by South Holland District Council Licensing Sub-Committee revoked the premises licence of Europe Store, 46 Holbeach Road, Spalding following a multi-agency enforcement visit by police and trading standards who recovered large quantities of contraband tobacco and alcohol. Sergeant Kim Enderby from the Alcohol Licensing Department said, "Working in Partnership with Trading Standards we conducted an investigation and discovered that no duty had been paid on the alcohol and the cigarettes were foreign branded, not compliant with the safety laws in this country. None of these products would have been available from a legitimate wholesaler; they are distributed by criminal gangs via the illegal black market.

Attempted robbery at Wainfleet: On 8th July a very slim man wearing, a crash helmet, thick black rimmed spectacles and dark clothing, entered the Post Office in possession of a meat cleaver. He grabbed hold of a woman customer and held the cleaver to her throat, whilst throwing a plastic bag at the staff, ordering them to fill it with cash. Staff activated the panic alarm and the offender ran empty handed from the location. Following an investigation local man Damon Upton was charged with the offence.

Notable convictions

Sexual Offences, Skegness: Michael Baggaley of Lindis Road, Boston had been on trial charged with the following offences Three offences of Assaulting a child. Four offences of Gross Indecency with a girl under 16 years. Two offences of the Rape of a female under 16

years. He was found guilty and the jury delivered unanimous verdicts on all counts. Baggaley was sentenced to 24 years in prison.

Murder at Louth: Lynn Stallard who had previously denied murdering 68 year-old Louis Spires at their home address in Eastfield Road on the afternoon of 15th May pleaded guilty to his murder. The prosecution case was that Stallard and Mr Spires had a volatile relationship and that, on the day of the incident, the pair had argued and Stallard had snapped and smothered Mr Spires with a pillow. Judge Michael Heath adjourned sentence to allow psychiatric reports to be prepared and Stallard was remanded in custody.

Violence at Skegness: Bradford men Thomas Barraclough, Nadeem Sheikh and Jamil Sheikh were sentenced to 12 years, 10 1/2 years and 9 years respectively after pleading guilty to Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH) with intent. Zakir Hussain and Mathew James, received sentences of 33 months and 38 months respectively for violent disorder. Barraclough also pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of heroin and crack cocaine, with intent to supply. The five men had travelled from the Bradford area to Skegness where they broke into a flat in South Parade, around 4.25 pm on Saturday 7th March 2015 and attacked two men.

Blackmail at Spalding: Michael Young demanded £50,000 from Spalding grower David Bowman warning that he had injected his pumpkins with deadly potassium cyanide. Young, of Alfred Street, Boston, admitted a charge of blackmail between 1 and 5 September. He was sentenced to eight years in jail. The court heard the 53-year-old issued his threat just a week before Mr Bowman, one of the largest pumpkin producers in Europe, was about to harvest. He was forced to plough up a field losing £120,000 worth of crops, but tests later revealed Young had injected some of the vegetables with water. A letter said that the pumpkin crop had been selectively poisoned and warned Mr Bowman not to attempt to harvest or sell a single pumpkin until the blackmailer's demands were fully met.

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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