

Police and Crime Strategic Board



Chief Constable's Report

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1. Public

1.1 Street to Suite

To further promote public safety, the Force has invested in an additional Street to Suite (S2S) vehicle to be run from Mablethorpe during the summer season. The proposed model has been designed to provide two fully trained Escort Officers and a specialist S2S Vehicle on a 12 hour shift. This will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 16:00 to 04:00 hours. This initiative, which has already seen success in the Spalding and Boston areas, allows officers to remain visible and on patrol whilst the S2S van conveys any arrested persons to the nearest custody suite, maintaining service on the street.

1.2 Rural Crime

1.2.1 Hare coursing – Op Galileo

The Hare Coursing Season is likely to start earlier than normal due to the hot weather and associated early harvest. Feedback from farmers over the past couple of weeks has been positive and it has been clear that last year's efforts were very much appreciated.

Lincolnshire Police will continue to take a positive and robust approach in preventing offences and prosecuting offenders.

Op Galileo was launched on 7th August and a series of Enforcement Days have been set for coming months. Lessons learnt from last season will be built on, so Seizure of Dogs will continue, a major contributory factor to the 30% reduction seen in Hare Coursing incidents in 2017/18.

Plans are also in place to work more closely with the Economic Crime Unit to take a more proactive and preventative stance in combatting Hare coursing. Suspects will be arrested and offences such as those relating to money-laundering will also be taken into consideration resulting in the use of powers to search the homes for prolific offenders where appropriate.

1.2.2 National Farmers Union (NFU)

Lincolnshire Police continue to work closely with the NFU to develop better feedback to their members of what the Force have been doing and liaising with media local to where Offenders live to raise awareness of the proactive measures Lincolnshire Police are taking such as use of the NFU sponsored Crimestoppers reporting number and the intention to contact neighbours of our top offenders from last season informing them of our intention to offer up to £1000 for information leading to a prosecution.

1.3 Our Communities

1.3.1 Summer Policing

During the first two weekends of the initiative the team have been utilised proactively and have provide excellent support to the summer policing on the coast. There have been 440 calls for service between 1900 and 0700 over the two weekends for coastal resources.

1.3.2 Public Space Policing

Lincolnshire Police continue to work closely with partners to tackle the issue of drug possession and supply within Lincoln City Centre. It is recognised that there is a real need to balance the support for individuals, many of whom are vulnerable adults with complex needs, with robustly enforcing against those individuals who are supplying the drugs. During just five days of enforcement activity in August Fifteen people were arrested as part of on suspected drug-dealing adding to the 139 drug-related arrests already made in the city centre this year.

Lincolnshire Police form an integral part of the Intervention Team with the City of Lincoln Council, which ensures that there are effective mental health and addiction outreach services in place to help those individuals affected by drugs to access support and treatment. Individuals acting in an anti-social manner are dispersed from the city centre and a number of Criminal Behaviour Orders and civil injunctions are in place. Additional resources have been put into place to tackle this issue, and there have been a number of individuals charged with possession and supply of drugs offences.

1.4 Our People

1.4.1 National Police Wellbeing Service

Lincolnshire will be running two pilots on behalf of the national service in 2018/19. The first is the provision of a mobile wellbeing 'check in' service making use of the Wellbeing Vans provided by the national service with the potential to extend the Supporting Minds pilot. The service will be targeted at Response officers. The second is the provision of an online self-assessment wellbeing tool, designed by College of Policing with advice from

clinical psychologists and directed towards officers working in the Public Protection arena. These officers have been part of the Supporting Minds pilot and will therefore already have an understanding of the benefits of psychological self-care. National funding will also enable us to recruit a Deputy Force Chaplain to provide resilience and 'surge capacity' for the expected extra demand that these two services will cause.

1.4.2 Wellbeing Education and Training

The force is running some trial workshops on Emotional Fitness for Response and Neighbourhood officers at West Parade, Lincoln. These will focus on building personal and emotional resilience and will be evaluated following the initial 'taster' sessions.

The Autumn First and Second Line Supervisors Seminars will include the launch of the Wellbeing Contract with focus on how managers can ensure an equal balance of the quality of service and wellbeing needs in their decision-making process.

1.4.3 Supporting Minds pilot

Evaluation is underway on the pilot and will be used as the evidence base to support future design and provision of wellbeing support. In the meantime, Supporting Minds continue to work with officers and staff who required support beyond the end of the six month pilot period.

1.5 Vehicles

1.5.1 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

The first installation of the new vehicle mounted ANPR system has been completed with the installation and equipment being reviewed before wider roll out over the rest of the vehicle fleet.

1.5.2 Electric Vehicles

Work continues on the installation of vehicle recharging infrastructure before the arrival of the first electric vehicles later in the year.

1.5.3 Driving School Refresh

Following a review conducted into the delivery and demand for driver training, Lincolnshire Police have taken a proactive approach to refocus the driving school over the next five months. This will be in order to train new driver trainers and refresh and standardise our training delivery. This will enable us to increase our capacity in 2019 onwards to deliver a wider portfolio of courses to our officers.

1.6 Regional Resources

1.6.1 Roads Policing

It continues to be a busy time of year for officers on our roads. During 2018 there have been a total of twenty-three fatalities. Latest figures from the summer drink drive campaign resulted in the following arrests from mid-June to mid-July:

- 93 Driving over the prescribed limit for alcohol and associated offences.
- 29 Unfit through drugs or over the drug drive.

2. Private

2.1 Victim Services

Contract Award has been made for the Victim Services provision. This has been supported by the Commercial Partnership Trust (CPT) working in conjunction with staff from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Engagement is now underway with the Criminal

Justice unit Manager as to how the Witness Care Team can work collectively with the other victim services to ensure the delivery of an aligned service for all victims and witnesses.

2.2 Medical Examinations

The Forensic Medical Examination contract transition has commenced with the workforce being informed of the new arrangements which will commence from Midnight on 31st August. The new service provider is filling in some of the existing gaps during the mobilisation period which is being well received. The CPT is managing the mobilisation of the new provider whilst ensuring the exiting supplier maintains service levels in the interim.

2.3 Bluelight

Work continues on the South Park build with the main steelwork being completed and the precast custody walls being installed. The next phase will be the brickwork and starting on the internals. The team continue to ensure that our requirements are met in the new building for all three services and are beginning to develop how the building and equipment will be managed. Progress is also being made with shared policies and memorandums of understanding. The initial plans have been made available at West Parade and will soon be included on the Force Intranet. Engagement will continue throughout the remainder of the programme up until the end of the decant phase and beyond.

Outside of the main South Park build, the programme team is endeavouring to consider further opportunities for collaboration, with all of our partners including Lincolnshire County Council, Fire and Rescue and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). A Symposium is being held in September to consider opportunities for wider interoperability and potential ideas for collaboration. This ongoing work around synergies and ideas has led to presentations to the Mental Health Practitioners Forum and benchmarking visits to other areas, most notably, South Yorkshire. Such work will continue as the programme moves to an additional focus in the coming months ahead of the move into South Park.

3. Democratic

3.1 Recruitment

A police officer recruitment campaign has been launched, in order to fulfil our recruitment requirements for 2019/2020. A recent intake saw six out of thirty police officers commence with second language skills. It is anticipated that this recruitment campaign will attract additional candidates with these skills in order to further complement our current workforce.

3.2 Data Quality

The Regional Data Quality team within the Information Management Unit (IMU) continue to be seen nationally as a benchmark team with constant interest from other forces as to the processes and practice in use. The team's supervisors have recently worked closely with the mobile data team to identify and drastically reduce the amount of duplicate addresses being created in Lincolnshire, seeing a significant improvement and reduction by a simple change of process. The team continue to look at ways of improving the quality of the data in the core regional crime and intelligence system using forty search scripts to find errors as well as assisting in the integration and de-duplication of other legacy databases.

IMU figures for June show the Unit provided information on 764 occasions to a variety of Partner Agencies for the protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, not only assisting partnership working but ensuring the most vulnerable in society are protected.

3.3 Crime Management Bureau

Lincolnshire Police continue to work in partnership with G4S, East Midlands Criminal Justice Service (EMCJS) and the CPS to improve quality throughout the Criminal Justice System. A File quality improvement plan has been developed alongside CPS which is being managed jointly through the performance management group.

A review of pre -charge processes continues to ensure the data is accurate and that we allocate resources efficiently and effectively in order to resolve any issues. Partnership work continues with EMCJS to understanding their remodelling and to ensure that we can obtain any future benefits from a changed structure within the CJU set up. One particular area of interest is the notion of CJU staff taking on the pre charge submission for officers thereby potentially reducing the administrative burden on officers. This would potentially improve the overall pre charge rejection rate. EMCJS will report on the findings and present a business case in due course.

3.4 Firearms Licensing Online System

Firearms Licensing Online has continued to be developed and its use by the public continues to increase – as at 23rd July 2018:

Accounts created: 2003 (Increase of 10% on last month)

Applications submitted: 1637 (increase of 13% on last month)

Payments made electronically for applications: 970 (increase of 15% on last month)

FLO Applications successfully completed: 1111 (increase of 22% on last month)

Since the introduction of the new Medical Verification Report from Lincolnshire's Certificate Holders' GPs, there has been very little push back from the applicants with it being largely well received. We are working with the shooting community to better educate them about honestly disclosing conditions on applications. There appears to be a perception that having a condition would automatically preclude someone from holding a licence whereas this is not true. Lincolnshire Police are continuing their work with the Lincolnshire Medical Committee to ensure that the reports are turned round in a timely manner.

New legislation has been introduced to allow electronic upload of photographs for grants and renewals of licenses, along with removing the need for a 'wet signature'. Changes have been made to the system and these aspects will be available to applicants in the near future.

3.5 Crime Data Integrity (CDI)

Following on from the publication of the Lincolnshire's CDI report by HMICFRS, Lincolnshire Police have continued to ensure that Fast track actions put in place are being progressed in a timely and efficient manner. All the concerns highlighted in the report have been addressed in a 26 point Action Plan with regular oversight and intervention from the Chief Officer Team. This includes changes in processes being supported by role specific training for those involved in Crime Recording decisions. Alongside this an Audit plan has been developed to better manage compliance and risk across the organisation including the development of the N100 process which looks at how rapes are recorded by the Force.

4. Our Technology

4.1 Direct Access

Purchase Orders have been raised for the new Direct Access Infrastructure that will provide secure and stable access to Force resources wherever Internet connectivity is provided.

4.2 Tech Futures

Over the previous four weeks Lincolnshire have been collaborating with Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Police in developing a three force mobile data platform that will enable Lincolnshire to make financial savings on network costs in order to enhance operational capabilities. Lincolnshire will go live on the single platform in August with Leicestershire and Northamptonshire joining in September. This will be a national first in policing where three forces are operating on a single mobile data platform to enhance the capabilities their staff and enable greater visibility in their communities.

4.3 Fingerprint scanners

In August Lincolnshire will be rolling out fingerprint scanners that enabling officers to check identities on the street. The fingerprint scanner is operated through the mobile data device and grants access to the national fingerprint database. Officers will be able to save time in identifying suspected offenders in the street thereby reducing the time they are away from their communities.

4.4 Intelligence sharing

Lincolnshire Police are enhancing our support to communities in the North of the County by working closely with Humberside Police in sharing intelligence information in a more effective and efficient manner. Since Humberside use a different system there are limitations in how easily information can be accessed. The two forces have been working towards finding a solution where the two system can communicate more effectively, allowing officers on patrol in Lincolnshire and Humberside to get instant access to operational data whilst out in our communities. A solution has been identified through the Pronto application which will allow for better information exchange

Work is currently progressing to agree, and put in place, appropriate sharing agreements. This will enhance our operational decision making and will reduce the bureaucracy of current data sharing methods.