

Police and Crime Panel

28th October 2016

Quarter 1 Performance Report 2016-17

Report of Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner



Purpose

1. To provide Police and Crime Panel Members with the Quarter 1 2016-17 Public Performance Report published by the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner.

Background

2. The report contains key performance data for the headline measures: Victim Based Crime, Public Confidence, and Victim Satisfaction, and performance information on each of the key areas of focus, as set out in the refreshed Police and Crime Plan 2015-17.
3. The interactive document is updated and published publically quarterly. The latest report, attached in summary in appendix two and in full in appendix three, was published on the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's website on 7th September 2016. The majority of the data spans the 12 months to end of June 2016.
4. The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner will be in attendance at the meeting to provide an overview of the report and respond to any questions that Panel Members may have.

Performance Headlines

5. Public perceptions of how easy the police are to contact and awareness of PACT meetings have declined. There is a disparity between this and the victim satisfaction surveys. A discussion has taken place at Executive Board with the Chief Constable about the need for the Constabulary to work on this area.
6. Racial prejudice hate crime has increased in the wake of the EU referendum but not on a scale as large as other areas in the country and the level is still lower than 2 years ago. Consensus on the frontline is that perceptions of the increase are higher than the reality but this is still an area to be closely monitored to ensure it does not continue to rise.
7. Negative perceptions of alcohol have started to increase again. The number of alcohol related incidents has been discussed. It appears that a change in drinking patterns has been identified (more weekend daytime drinking) and officer shift patterns are being amended accordingly.
8. Anti-social behaviour has reduced force-wide by 14% and has reduced in every neighbourhood policing area. However, victim satisfaction has reduced. Further investigation shows this to be particularly due to 'follow up' and the Executive Team confirmed they will look into this and address it.

9. The Crime Survey England and Wales has found a 2% increase in confidence in Durham but <1% nationally.
10. Victim-based crime has increased by 20% when comparing the last 12 months with the previous 12. Roughly half of this increase is due to a change in the recording of harassment (this is now recorded as a crime at the first report rather than waiting for a number of incidents). An increase in recording compliance of 'violent' crimes and an increase in confidence for victims to report in some areas are also contributing factors.
11. However, burglary and criminal damage have increased across the force area. A discussion took place about this with the Executive Team and the investigative process has been reviewed, and research is being carried out into the number of crimes believed to be attributed to the same repeat offenders and how to break this cycle of offending. Detection rates in Durham are double the national average and a number of repeat offenders have just received lengthy prison sentences.

Recommendations

12. Panel Members are recommended to consider the information contained in this report, and the information provided within the meeting, and comment accordingly.

Next Steps

13. The public performance report will continue to be produced on a quarterly basis until the new Police and Crime Plan is implemented. At this point the report will be amended in line with the content of the new plan, and this will be brought to the first Police and Crime Panel meeting after the Plan is published.

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Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

Finance

n/a

Staffing

n/a

Equality and Diversity

n/a

Accommodation

n/a

Crime and Disorder

n/a

Children's Act 2004

n/a

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

The publication of the Performance Report and the promotion online, in the media, through social media and at events constitutes part of the community engagement programme.

Environment

n/a

Collaboration and Partnerships

The performance report acknowledges that many of the Police and Crime Plan objectives can only be achieved by working together in partnership/ collaboration.

Value for Money and Productivity

n/a

Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Key Areas of Focus

The Performance Report shows the progress towards made towards the achievement of the Police and Crime Plan Key Areas of Focus.

Commissioning

n/a.

Other risks

n/a

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