

Police and Crime Panel

5th January 2017

Quarter 2 Performance Report 2016-17

Report of Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner



Purpose

1. To provide Police and Crime Panel members with the Quarter 2 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 22nd December 2016. The majority of the data spans the 12 months to end of September.
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. There was a full engagement programme throughout quarter two, which coincided with the public consultation period on the new Police, Crime and Victims' Plan. This involved attending many events over the summer and teaming up with local beat teams, which proved very effective.
6. By the end of quarter 2, VCAS had received nearly 700 referrals in the Durham Constabulary area. The Community Peer Mentor Scheme is also going from strength to strength and two advocacy services have been commissioned (one for hate crime victims and one for victims who have mental health difficulties).
7. A report into the sex industry in County Durham and Darlington was published, setting out a number of recommendations that are being considered.
8. Reported incidents of domestic abuse have reduced slightly. This is mirrored in the data from the Crime Survey of England and Wales (CSEW) (primary data not based on police reports) which suggests that the fall is not indicative of a reduction in the confidence of victims to report crime.

9. Recruitment is currently taking place to expand the Constabulary's Digital Investigation and Intelligence Unit, to help investigate and raise awareness of cybercrime.
10. Alcohol related incidents and the percentage of people who think that underage drinking and the sale of alcohol to youths is a problem have both increased. Detailed analysis of the incidents has highlighted a small number of key locations, of which Bishop Auckland is one. Therefore, the Harm Reduction Unit have developed a multi-agency plan to tackle the specific causes in this area, based on an amount of research. The plan will be put into place in January and the outcome monitored and evaluated.
11. Anti-social behaviour continues to decrease, and victim satisfaction has increased in quarter 2.
12. The total number of road traffic collisions and the proportion of which resulted in serious injury has decreased. However, the number of fatal collisions has increased by 3 in the last 12 months when compared with the previous 12 months. The percentage of people who think dangerous driving is a problem has increased, but those who think speeding is a problem has decreased.
13. The latest data from the CSEW shows that both the percentage of people who have confidence in the police and who think the police do a good job has increased locally. This means Durham are now ranked 12th nationally for public confidence.
14. In quarter 2, victim satisfaction has seen a drop across almost all of the questions. This is very disappointing, however it is understood that this is due to Durham Constabulary switching to a new ICT system during this period. Therefore, it is anticipated that the results will return back to the previously high levels in the next quarter.
15. Recorded victim-based crime has increased by 27.1%. This is partly due to changes in recording practices and compliance to national recording guidelines, but there have been increases in burglary, vehicle crime, shoplifting and criminal damage. However, the Constabulary have a number of plans in place to tackle these increases and burglary is reducing back to the previous level, suggesting these plans are being effective.

Recommendations

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

Next Steps

17. This is the final performance report in line with the old Police and Crime Plan. The new performance report will be in the same interactive format with a detailed look at each objective in the new Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

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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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