

Police and Crime Panel

5th January 2017

Supplementary Performance Report

Report of Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner



Purpose

1. To provide Police and Crime Panel Members with additional performance information that is not included in the public performance report.

Background

2. At the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 28th October 2016, the members requested some crime and incident trend data over time for each of the neighbourhood policing areas. Additional comparison data with other forces was also requested.

Current Position

3. Attached is a series of graphs showing data for each neighbourhood policing team over the past two and a half years, for: all crime, burglary, criminal damage and arson, and anti-social behaviour.
4. All areas show a gradual increase in all crime over time. Some areas have seen a steeper increase than others, with Consett having a much smaller increase. This is likely due to the fact that the number of incidents under Medomsley already increased the baseline in Consett.
5. The number of burglaries across the force area fluctuates much more across time and location. Despite the 12 month to date figures showing an increase, Crook, Newton Aycliffe, Chester le Street, Stanley and Consett have reduced over time. Spennymoor has remained consistent.
6. Similarly to burglary, offences of criminal damage and arson vary over the months, but all areas have seen a slight increase over time.
7. All areas are showing a downward trend in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and share a general trend in the times of year at which peaks and troughs are experienced.
8. Attached is also a table showing the percentage change in crime types reported to Durham Constabulary compared with the national average and the other regional police forces. It can be seen that Durham has seen a higher increase in violence against the person than the average but lower than Northumbria. This could be partly attributed to high compliance to recording standards. The other crime type that stands out is burglary, as there has nationally been a decrease but Durham has experienced a 15% increase.

Recommendations

9. Panel Members are recommended to consider the information contained in this report and comment accordingly.

Next Steps

11. If members would like to view further national comparisons, the full data from the latest CSEW can be viewed at:
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/datasets/policeforceareadatatables>

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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

The report sets out the latest crime and anti-social behaviour figures.

Children's Act 2004

n/a

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

n/a

Environment

n/a

Collaboration and Partnerships

The report acknowledges that a lot of Durham Constabulary's work 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

n/a

Commissioning

n/a.

Other risks

n/a

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