

Community Safety Partnership Board Performance Report Final

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1. PURPOSE

This report gives an overview of the performance data in the community safety partnership performance framework. It is combined with commentary provided by agencies to add context to the information presented and should be read in conjunction with the performance framework document.

It is the responsibility of the agencies to ensure that key information is included in this report and highlighted to the board.

2. SUMMARY

Priority: Overall crime is reduced

At the end of 2012/13 the **overall crime rate per 1000 population** (56.3 per 1000), showed a significant decrease from previous years, however this performance year there has been a slight increase in the overall crime rate, with quarter 3 performance at 44.2 and an estimated outturn of 58.0 per 1000 for 2013/14. The highest categories of offence type were shoplifting and theft (other) which includes metal thefts, and theft from a vehicle. The approach to shoplifting and business crime is being reviewed/re-invigorated. .

The **rate per 1000 of violence against the person (VAP)** with injury recorded is predicted to continue falling. Quarter 3 performance was 4.7 per 1000 with an estimated outturn of 6.3 per 1000 (2012/13 outturn was 6.6 per 1000). Numbers between April and December 2013 were lower than the same period last year, (791 in comparison to 830). Steady progress is being made towards national levels.

The **rate per 1000 of violence against the person where alcohol was recorded as a factor** also continues to decline. Quarter 3 performance was 2.0 per 1000, with the number of VAP offences linked to alcohol as a proportion of all VAP offences reducing from 43% to 42% from 2012/13 to the end of Quarter 3 in 2013/14.

The **rate of serious sexual offences** in the borough is similar to the previous year's performance. The absolute numbers are low and there is a continued effort to build confidence to report matters.

The number of **serious acquisitive crimes** as at the end of December 2013 was slightly higher than for the same period in 2012 (1154 to 1141 respectively). Robbery and burglary of a dwelling continue to be at reduced levels when compared to the previous year, offset by increases in theft from a motor vehicle. All robbery and burglary offences are subject to comprehensive investigations and oversight.

A modest reduction in **domestic burglaries** is predicted, with quarter 3 performance at 2.7 per 1000 (453), in comparison to 509 for the same period in 2012. There was a strong start to the performance year which was weakened by softer performance in quarter 2 and 3. Daily tasking and dedicated teams are allocated to this, and there is strong strategic oversight and supervision.

Domestic violence offences and incidences continue at similar levels to the previous year, with emphasis on building confidence in the reporting of this.

The number of **MARAC** cases discussed in the 2013-2014 compared to 2012-2013 has increased and once the final quarter is established will see an increase of approximately 26 cases. Repeat cases will also see an increase of 17.

Issues which have influenced the number of MARAC cases over this period are:-

- MARAC has pleasingly seen an increase of cases being referred by other agencies. Figures show an increase from 28% referral to 33% referrals. The biggest referral increase is from Accident and Emergency. This shows a growing confidence in the MARAC process from agencies
- The repeat cases have risen during the period. The rise can again be related to agency referrals, together with a greater confidence in bring cases to MARAC.
- The threshold for cases has been tightened within PVP by the Detective Sergeant and assessors. Despite this there has still been this increase.

The number of **hate crime offences and incidences** also continues at a comparable rate to previous years. Quarter 3 performance was 0.5 per 1000 for crimes and 0.3 for incidences. There were spikes of recording at the time of the Drummer/Rigby murder. Continuation to build confidence to report matters.

The number of **arson incidents (deliberate secondary fires)** has increased (226 at the end of quarter 3 in comparison to 183 during the same period last year). The very hot summer in July and August last year saw an increase. Several offenders were identified in Telford and a Police/Fire intervention led to a large decrease in deliberate fire setting through the remainder of the summer.

There was also an **increase in secondary accidental fires**, with 50 fires at Quarter 3 2013/14 in comparison to a total of 43 for the whole of 2012/13. Bonfire night saw a large number of fire incidents in and around Brookside and South Telford. Shropshire Fire Service would recommend that Telford & Wrekin partners seriously consider adopting Shrewsbury's limited bonfire tolerance party, which has been a success for five years.

Deliberate vehicle fires were considerably lower at the end of quarter 3, with a figure of 23 recorded in comparison to the same period in 2012/13 when 42 deliberate fires were recorded. During 2012/13 the higher numbers were due to a large number of fires in the Leegomery area which resulted in convictions.

There has been an improvement in the **proportion of all in treatment who successfully completed treatment and did not re-present within 6 months (non-opiate clients)**, with 49.5% at quarter 3 not re-presenting themselves within 6 months. The number of **opiate clients re-presenting** was 8.5% at quarter 3 which was higher than the 12/13 outturn.

The number of people admitted to hospital due to alcohol related diseases (**Admissions for alcohol-attributable conditions DSR per 100,000 population**) has increased. The quarterly figures are not cumulative and relate to the quarterly rate, but give an indication that the final cumulative figure will be worse than the 2012/13 outturn.

Priority: Anti Social Behaviour is reduced to include environmental crime

The **ASB rate (per 1000) population** is based on Police data. The rate has declined significantly since 2010/11 when 80.5 per 1000 population incidents were reported to West Mercia Police, in comparison to 57.1 per 1000 incidents in 2012/13. It is likely to continue to decline and the estimated outturn for 2013/14 is 52.0 per 1000. ASB continues to be reviewed on a daily basis and is tackled through SNT, partners and the daily ASB car.

Priority: Reduce the fear of crime

The number of children/young people killed/seriously injured in road traffic accidents has **reduced** from 7 at 2011/12 year end to 0 at 2012/13 year end (please note that this covers the 2012 calendar year). The number of child casualties from road traffic accidents has also decreased from 62 at 2011/12 year end to 39 at 2012/13 year end.

The **percentage of residents with a fear of crime** has significantly reduced since 2010/11, however quarter 3 data for 2013/14 (which is based on data from quarter 3 2012/13 to quarter 2 2013/14) has increased from 39.2% at the end of 2012/13 to 46.8%. Satisfaction and confidence continues to be a key area. Brookside has been identified as a key geographic area and activity is focused there at the moment.

3. Barriers encountered

Environmental Crime Data: Commentary regarding environmental crime has not been submitted by Neighbourhood and Leisure Service. This will be investigated further prior to the next partnership meeting.

4. Looking forward

- a) Good progress has been made in terms of provision of a strategic commentary to underpin the data collected from partners, which adds significant value to the framework.
- b) Further development is required around the polarity of the indicators and what constitutes positive performance. Input will be required from key partners on this, as it will be dependant on the purpose of the indicator in terms of performance management. Targets will also need to be provided/determined, where available.
- c) Further work needs to be completed in the further development of the Community Safety Partnership Framework in ensuring that the data collected and reported on is in line and underpins all aspects of the community safety plan 2013-2016 and that they are fit for purpose, and are the best measures for the priorities in the plan. Gaps in the framework as it stands are around business crime and sexual exploitation.

5. Recommendations/Decisions Required

- No recommendations or decisions required were highlighted by partners.