

22 July 2014**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee on key Community Safety matters.

Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) Quarter 4 Performance

2. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board Quarter 4 performance report summarises performance by Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) for the year 2014/15. The following extracts taken from this report highlight progress against targets (*Source SNB – Qtr4 Performance report*).
3. The Partnership Plus Areas (PPAs) highlighted within the SNB Strategic Assessment 2013/14 provided the focus to reduce all crime by 18%, which is a 10% stretch on the all crime reduction target. In order to achieve the 8% county reduction target, it was highlighted a further 10% stretch was needed in bringing crime down in aforementioned areas.
4. Areas of improvement:
 - Vehicle crime continues to be the best performing crime group, following a reduction of 21.9%.
 - Drug offences have reduced overall in the County by 0.3% (5 offences) and the CSP Area which shows the greatest reductions is Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood (BNS). However, this could also be due to a switch from purchasing classified drugs, to an increasing trend in New Drugs (commonly known as ‘Legal Highs’).
 - Common assault is the only reduction noteworthy in this 12 month monitoring period (April 2013 – March 2014). Ashfield/Mansfield show a cumulative reduction of 29.2% (374 fewer offences), BNS have seen a decrease in common assault of 25.4% (222 fewer offences). South Notts shows a decrease of 16.6% (155 fewer offences). Overall, the County has reduced

this crime type by 24.3% (751 fewer offences).

- Nuisance anti-social behaviour (ASB) has achieved the target for 2012/13 and shows a downward trend in all CSPs. Targets for secondary fires have been achieved in Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, Newark and Rushcliffe in terms of district performance. The only areas of concern are Bassetlaw and Mansfield, in terms of their performance against target.
- Hate crime incident reporting targets have been achieved, for this financial year. The County levels show a vast improvement, compared to target (levels have risen by 6.7% from 2012/13). Inferences can be made that the positive work done in partnership is starting to have an encouraging impact on levels of incident reports.
- Furthermore, the all crime reduction target (i.e. 18% reduction) is also being achieved CSP-wide and countywide. The reasons for this are due to the positive reductions made with reducing repeat victimisation, in the problematic localities.
- Domestic and sexual abuse (DSA) incident reporting to Nottinghamshire Police has risen, with regards to overall incident reports. This is a clear indication that the continued focus on increasing the levels of incident reports appears to be having an impact countywide.
- Bassetlaw, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe show declining proportions of repeat victimisation (between Qtr1 12 month rolling to Qtr4 12 month rolling).
- Ashfield has achieved their recorded crime target reduction. Mainly this is due to a general reduction in violence against the person within the Ashfield South beat area and Ashfield in total.
- However Ashfield is seeing a downward trend in domestic violence (DV) crimes (6% reduction comparing 2012/13 to 2013/14). This is an excellent achievement, as Ashfield and Mansfield were both set a 4% reduction target on the 2012/13 baseline figures. Ashfield's positive performance can be further linked to the reduction of 97 common assault offences and the total DV crime reduction, in this area, of 7.1% (down by 46 offences).

Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA)

5. The local alcohol action areas (LAAA) project has been set up to tackle the harmful effects of irresponsible drinking, particularly alcohol-related crime and disorder, and health harms.

6. Twenty areas across England and Wales have been established as local alcohol action areas. These are areas in which local agencies, including licensing authorities, health bodies and the police will come together with businesses and other organisations to address problems being caused by alcohol in their area.
7. Local Alcohol Action Area is a 12 – 15 month project and brings no additional funding.
8. The aims of the LAAA are to help areas suffering from social problems related to drinking by developing projects to:
 - tackle alcohol-related crime and disorder
 - reduce alcohol related health harms
 - promote growth by establishing diverse and vibrant night-time economies.
9. The 20 areas selected will receive support from the Home Office, The Department of Health and Public Health England (PHE) as well as mentor support from 'mentor areas' where similar alcohol-related issues have been tackled.
10. Nottinghamshire is one of 20 LAAA in the country and work so far has consisted of:
 - production of a problem profile highlighting the priority areas for action as Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Worksop and Newark
 - work on improved data sharing especially with A&E
 - identifying links into the Police and Crime Commissioner's Alcohol Strategy
 - work to introduce the "Best Bar None" scheme (part funded from the Community Safety Budget) in Mansfield, adding to this agenda.
11. Progress will be tracked via the Substance Misuse Strategy Group, with update reports taken to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB).

Car Cruising: Netherfield and Colwick and Junction 27 of M1

12. The current injunction preventing car cruising at the Victoria Retail Park Netherfield runs out in December 2014. Although there has been a slight re-emergence of the problem, the menu of actions successfully deployed two years ago will be used again.
13. Work is progressing in getting procedures in place to refresh the injunction in December 2014 ensuring a joined up approach with other areas of the county at risk of car cruising – notably the area around Junction 27 of the M1 motorway.

14. Time scales and evidence is currently being reviewed for applying for a County Court injunction with a view to extending the Netherfield injunction in terms of the period of its validity and the geographical area to include the Junction 27 area.

Notts Police Cadet Training

15. Plans are in place to deliver training to Nottinghamshire Police Cadets relating to key community safety messages. The training will include awareness raising around doorstep crime and scams, and training the trainer input from Crime Stoppers on the “Fearless” resources and campaign. The training will enhance the skills and knowledge of the cadets to support any future community safety initiatives which might be happening across the county. The outcomes of this event will be reported back to this committee.

Domestic Violence Campaign around World Cup Activity

16. A county-wide campaign being led by Nottinghamshire police was launched at the start of the World Cup with posters distributed across the county together with a comprehensive social media programme.
17. Posters have been adapted for use on plasma screens in public areas with an integrated social media campaign planned by Nottinghamshire police, with messages being re-tweeted, liked and shared on Facebook by partner organisations.
18. A Facebook advert will run for the duration of the World Cup, using the Domestic Violence poster visual, and will link through to the Alliance Against Violence Facebook page in monitoring how effective the advert is.
19. This campaign is not saying football causes domestic abuse, but acknowledges that the World Cup intensifies triggers for domestic abuse, such as increased alcohol consumption and high levels of emotion.

Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

20. Amendments to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 came into effect in England and Wales on 13th May 2014. This law applies to all dog owners no matter what size or breed.
21. In summary Section 3 of the Act applies to every single dog owner in England and Under this section, it is a criminal offence for the person in charge of the dog to allow it to be ‘dangerously out of control’ in a public place. *NB: A dog doesn't have to bite to be deemed dangerous in the eyes of the law* further information can be accessed via: <https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview>.

Business Crime

22. In February 2014 The Association of Chief Police of Police Officers (ACPO), together with the National Business Crime Forum (NBCF) formally agreed a definition of business crime that will allow the impact of business crime to be accurately measured.
23. In moving this agenda forward, work has commenced with the County Retail Crime group who met on the 25 June 2014 and discussed the outcomes of the Retail Crime Event held on the 16 June 2014.
24. The County Retail Crime Group agreed to work with partners to develop a County Retail Action Plan to provide support and improve understanding of retail issues and crimes against business.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

25. This report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of developments in our community safety work.

Statutory and Policy Implications

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

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Constitutional Comments

As this report is for noting no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments

There are no financial implications attached with this report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.