



AREA BOARD REPORT – October 2017

For some time Wiltshire Police have attributed increasing crime to better crime recording, so the recent Crime Data Integrity Inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) that rates Wiltshire as *Good* is positive news. Accurate recording of crime is important as it opens doors to support investigations and victims as well as identifies our demand profile and consequently our resourcing. The recording of crime is an objective test applying the National Standard of Crime Recording (Home Office Counting Rules) to the circumstances identified or reported to determine the offence recorded and the number of offences. To put these results into perspective, Wiltshire are one of only 3 forces to have been rated as *Good*, showing significant improvements from the last review, with no force attaining *Outstanding* overall, although Wiltshire were identified as *Outstanding* when demonstrating leadership and culture necessary for meeting the National Standard of Crime Recording. There are areas that we need to improve and the report does project that approximately 4100 offences were not recorded appropriately last year. To clarify, this figure is based on 90.9% recorded correctly extrapolated across the Force. We are determined to reduce the error rate as we continue to move away from a culture of chasing performance targets to that of accurate and meaningful data collection.

The below figures have been provided as a snapshot of what is happening in the South CPT area. August is traditionally a busy month, but against the trend of rising crime and the *Good* Crime Data Integrity report above, we in the South have seen a dramatic drop in both crime and incident rates (the drop in crime numbers July to August is greater in South CPT than in the entire Force!). The reason for this will of course be down to a number of factors, but I believe the recent proactive investigations (updates below) will have had a significant impact and demonstrate my belief that looking for longer term solutions and targeting the most serious of offenders is the way forward.

Last 12 Months	Wiltshire Force	South CPT	Salisbury	Southern	Wilton
12 Month Recorded Crime	43,012	5,083	3,751	873	459
12 Month Recorded Incidents	190,295	21,582	15,996	3,857	1,729
June Crime/Incident	3,787 17,098	466 2,059	355 1,587	74 321	37 151
July Crime/Incident	3,852 17,058	467 1,971	346 1,496	76 318	45 157
August Crime/Incident	3,797 16,667	384 1,794	289 1,352	66 318	29 124



Many of you will I'm sure, have been watching the Channel 4 series '999: What's Your Emergency?' with great interest. For me, this further demonstrates a change in our culture and leadership, empowering our staff to show it how it really is. The cameras may not have come to Salisbury, but the issues in Swindon and Trowbridge are not dissimilar to those that my officers experience on a day to day basis. Topics so far have included: Hate Crime, Violence, Drugs, Taking the law into your own hands, Burglary and Children. It demonstrates the variety, complexity, volume and breadth of what we have to deal with, which challenges perceptions and promotes Wiltshire Police as a wonderful career choice.

999/101 remains a constant theme of discussion. I have spoken previously at the drive to reduce demand to provide the Frontline an opportunity to deliver. The role of the Police has widened from just crime and disorder into diverse topics, such as terrorism, modern slavery, human exploitation, safeguarding adults, missing people, events, etc. Last year, Wiltshire Police received:

- 72,272 calls to 999. This equates to one call every 7 minutes and 13 seconds.
- 320,713 calls to 101. This equates to one call made to 101 every minute and 36 seconds.

Attrition rates for 101 (those people who hang up whilst waiting) has improved from approx. 25% to 10%. We are getting better, although there is more that is needed to be done. We have learned that our Call Handlers are a rich source of PC/PCSO/Investigators recruitment and so we are recruiting across the board to reduce this impact.

Resourcing remains on my focus. We have welcomed 5 new Constables (one per team) and 1 new PCSO (Simon Nash) to join our Community Police Team in the South and we are currently open to recruitment to key frontline roles including Constables, PCSOs, Investigators and Control Room Operators. The recent 'pay-rise' offered has done nothing to help this agenda as the 1% 'bonus' must come from within our existing budget, estimated to be an additional £800,000 saving that Wiltshire will need to make this year on top of the previous austerity savings.

There is no gain in PCSO numbers at this time as PCSO Simon Nash replaces PCSO Jamie Boyland who took responsibility for the Castle Road and Bishopdown Beat Area. I thank PCSO Boyland for his service to the City and his Beat Area and wish him well as he embarks on training to be a Constable and perhaps we will see him return to our streets in the not too distant future.

We have taken this opportunity to redistribute our PCSO in recognition that the City Centre requires greater presence. PCSO Simon Nash will take the City Centre Beat and the Castle and Bishopdown Beat will be shared between PCSO Jo Atkinson and PCSO Jenny Moss. I intend to continue to review the demand and when the next recruitment of PCSOs arrives I will revisit this alignment again.



Salisbury City Centre, Friary and Southampton Road	ES11 & ES12	PCSO Valarie Brown PCSO Simon Nash PCSO Laura King
Harnham	ES17	PCSO Simon Ward
Bemerton Heath	ES15	PCSO Candida Jackson
St Paul's, Churchfields and Castle Road	ES16 and ES14 (part)	PCSO Jo Atkinson
Old Sarum, Laverstock and Bishopdown	EU11 (part) and ES14 (part)	PCSO Jenny Moss
Rural – Alderbury and Downton	EU11 and EU12	PCSO Tina Roylance PCSO Matt Smith
Rural - Wilton	EW11 and EW12	PCSO Nicola Clark

This month we see a further change within our structure. Supt Sue Austin has moves from the South and East Command to take up a HQ post responsible for Justice and Custody. The South and East will now join with West and North to form a Wiltshire Command that will be managed by Supt Chris Chamings and Supt Sarah Robbins who have responsibility for Community Policing and Crime Investigations. PS Sarah Mackett leaves her role as my Deputy to return to CID as a Detective Sergeant and my new Deputy will be PS John Hutchings, who most recently has held the post of Staff Officer to the Chief Constable. I thank Sarah for the support she has provided during the implementation of the Community Policing model.

Updates

Op Karine

2 days of Action in July saw the arrest of 25 people for being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs in Salisbury. This was as a result of a lengthy investigation which focused on the practice of 'cuckooing' where suppliers come to communities from large urban areas to deal from the addresses of vulnerable people. These vulnerabilities can be due to health or addiction issues, but the common theme is that the individual is unable to prevent these people from gaining a local foothold from which to deal. Of these 25 arrests, 23 were charged with 11 remanded in custody. 16 of those arrested were local to the Salisbury area, with 5 from London, 3 Nottingham and 1 Portsmouth.

This investigation and subsequent patrol strategy was based around a multi-agency approach with help from Turning Point and Housing playing key roles in helping to support those who would be impacted by the loss of available drugs and to help protect and assist those who wished to seek help with rehabilitation from their addiction. 3 addresses received Closure Orders, banning the residents from having visitors to the address, providing additional measures to protect the most vulnerable.



Operation Meteor

This relates to a 69 year old man who has pleaded guilty at Winchester Crown Court to 12 sexual offences involving children. Sentencing has been deferred whilst further offences relating to 16 different children are considered. This is a resource intensive investigation, which as it remains live and sensitive it would be inappropriate to comment further.

Metal Thefts

We have seen a large rise in thefts of metals, particularly targeting our rural communities, with batteries and catalytic converters being a common target. At the end of July South CPT conducted 4 warrants across Salisbury based on an investigation that focused the attention away from individual offences and more towards where these goods get converted to money. 4 people remain on bail/under investigation and we can show that they have benefitted from their activities over a 6 month period by over £16,500 although the true cost to the victims will be considerably higher (10-20x). One bronze statue (£5,000) was recovered having been stolen in Dorset and a large quantity of items from building sites was returned to Hampshire. As a result of our activities we have managed to seize their van and one of them has been unable to make payments on a car seeing it repossessed. We will continue to work with our neighbouring forces and Environmental Services as we look for longer term solutions – without an outlet there is no point stealing. Again, this is ongoing work, so will look to provide more information when appropriate to do so.

City Centre Burglaries

There has been much effort put into night time patrols and investigation into the 'Fisherton Street' series (other city centre streets also involved). The series totals 36 premises in 2017. On the 1st September CPT and CID Officers arrested 2 suspects on forensic evidence who remain on bail whilst the investigation continues.

Street Drinkers

The presence of the security team working in collaboration with officers appears to have had an impact in reducing street drinking. We continue to use our powers appropriately, such as Section 35 dispersal notices where we can to remove offenders from the area. Two main individuals have been referred to ASBRAC, one of whom has been given the funding to enter rehab, the other has agreed to work with us. One individual has returned to Salisbury having previously left with a Criminal Behaviour Order. This is now in breach and we will be taking appropriate action.

We have been working with the council to address the sale of alcohol, particularly super strength or cheap prices, and working on an educational project to reduce the amount of alcohol sold to those that go on to commit ASB. This is a Wiltshire Council project that we are piloting in Salisbury focusing first on education



before any enforcement action is necessary with the Off Licences. So far 7 Off Licences have been visited with 3 requiring some extra attention/support/training.

Operation Artemis

Poaching takes many forms, from hare coursing, shooting deer at night, to using catapults to take pheasants. This type of offending is unique to the countryside and tends to be seasonal. The image of the poacher taking 'one for the pot' has long since gone, and poaching often involves groups or gangs who are members of Organised Crime Groups involved in all levels of criminality affecting all communities. Poaching tends to peak when the harvests come down at the end of the summer, reaching high levels between October and December. This year, the harvests have been early, meaning that access to fields is earlier than usual, so we are likely to see a longer sustained peak from September to December.

Operation ARTEMIS is Wiltshire Police's proactive operation to counter all forms of poaching, and sits within the national operation Project POACHER. Project POACHER aims to coordinate action across England and Wales through:

Prevention – Offering best advice to farmers, landowners, gamekeepers, and shooting and land management organisations regarding measures to prevent poaching, and proactive disruption procedures.

Intelligence – To allow the police to target offenders.

Enforcement – With good intelligence, the police can target poachers through the various rural and poaching based operations run throughout England and Wales.

Reassurance – By working together with communities, and by publicising activity such as operations, arrests, seizures and convictions.

Operation ARTEMIS is the word to be used when reporting all incidents of poaching, except fishing, within Wiltshire.

Officers from South CPT with support from Hampshire, Dorset, Special Constabulary and the Rural Crime Partnership have conducted 2 night time operations in recent weeks and we have seen 3 persons arrested between Salisbury and Amesbury for hare coursing resulting in Police seizing their dogs and car. We will continue to take positive action where opportunities present.

Graffiti Series

3 men were convicted of many offences of criminal damage in court on the 21st July. They were given a combination of community orders to carry out unpaid work (total of 300 hours), compensation and fines totalling approx. £4,000. There is still the longer term matter around a graffiti wall that needs to be addressed to help prevent similar 'art' appearing around Salisbury.

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