

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – November 2012 REPORT BY CAROLE SODEN

WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE

The performance in this report relates to the period September 2011 to August 2012 and gives comparisons with the same period in the previous year. Figures relate to Force level performance and give a comparison against our Most Similar Forces (MSF). Crime groupings have changed slightly to reflect the new HMIC crime tree.

Overall Crime

- The total number of **All Crimes** has increased by 1% which equates to 495 more crimes with Wiltshire Police currently performing in line with peers and better than the MSF average.
- The rate at which crimes have been detected and resolved has improved to 28.4% which is slightly above the MSF average of 28.3% equating to 595 more detections. Local Resolutions (low level crime and anti-social behaviour settled locally between victim and perpetrator) are now included in all crime detection rates and are therefore reflected in the above figures.

Violence Against the Person

- The incidence of **Violence Against the Person** has risen by 8% (456 more crimes). This increase is being attributed to an under recording issue last year which has now been addressed. The Force is currently performing in line with peers and better than average with a total of 9.157 per 1,000 residents compared to an MSF average of 9.225.
- The rate at which Violence Against the Person has been detected and resolved has improved to 44.8% which is better than the MSF average of 42.8%. This equates to 99 more detections compared to last year.

Vehicle Crime has risen by 16% (541 more crimes) with performance in line with peers and worse than average (5.999 offences per 1,000 population compared to an MSF average of 5.540).

Domestic Burglary is performing better than peers with Wiltshire maintaining first position in their MSF grouping. Performance reflects a 14% decrease (207 fewer crimes) compared to last year which equates to 4.852 crimes per 1,000 residents against an MSF average of 7.172.

Criminal Damage and Arson has decreased by 3% (228 fewer crimes) but is performing above the MSF average at 9.953 per 1,000 residents compared to 9.372.

	Rolling 12 Months Sep 2011 - Aug 2012	MSF Average	Most Similar Force Position	Most Similar Force Position Previous Financial Year 2011/12	Sep 2011 - Aug 2012 compared to Sep 2010 - Aug 2011
All Crime	54.327	55.568	↔	↔	1% (495 more crimes)
All Detections*	28.39	28.25	↔	↘	+6% (595 more detections)
Violence Against the Person	9.157	9.225	↔	↔	+8% (456 more crimes)
Violence Against the Person Detections	44.77	42.78	↔	↔	4% (99 more detections)
Acquisitive Crime	28.608	29.026	↔	↔	0% (35 fewer crimes)
Acquisitive Crime Detections	17.41	18.26	↘	↘	+2% (56 more detections)
Vehicle Crime	5.999	5.540	↘	↔	+16% (541 more crimes)
Domestic Burglary	4.852	7.172	↑	↑	-14% (207 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage and Arson	9.953	9.372	↘	↔	-3% (228 fewer crimes)

*Includes Local Resolutions

Key			
Better than Peers			↑
Inline with peers - better than average			↔
Inline with peers - worse than average			↘
Worse than Peers			↓

Wiltshire Police Performance

On a national level Wiltshire are performing well in relation to rates of Violent Crime for the 12 months from September 2011 – August 2012, currently recording the ninth lowest rate nationally at 11.560 offences per 1,000 population. This is 15.05% lower than the national average of 13.608.

Police and Crime Commissioner

This will be my final report to you as Police Authorities are shortly to be replaced by elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs). Elections take place on Thursday 15th November 2012. In Wiltshire, the ballot papers will be counted that night with results expected around 4am on Friday 16th November. The PCC will take up Office on 22nd November.

Decisions and actions taken by the Commissioner will be reviewed and scrutinised by the Police and Crime Panel of Wiltshire and Swindon. The Members of the Panel have been appointed. There are 13 Panel Members – 11 Councillor Members (reflecting the political make-up of Wiltshire and Swindon) and 2 Independent Members.

The Panel will review the budget and precept that is proposed by the Commissioner in February 2013. The Panel will also consider and comment on the Police and Crime Plan which the PCC is required to produce and publish by the end of March 2013.

A website for the Wiltshire and Swindon PCC is being created and will be launched on 22nd November. The address for this is: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk.

Police Authority Meeting

The final meeting of the Authority was held on 1st November 2012. The minutes of that meeting will be published on the WPA website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk) prior to the 22nd November and on the PCC website after this date.

Carole Soden, WPA Vice-Chairman