

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – July 2012 REPORT BY CAROLE SODEN

WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE

The performance in this report relates to the period May 2011 to April 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 fallen by 3% which equates to 1,299 fewer 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 risen to 27.88% compared to an MSF average of 30.00 equating to 680 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 also fallen by 4% (217 fewer crimes). The Force is currently performing in line with peers and better than average with a total of 8.845 per 1,000 residents compared to an MSF average of 9.179.
- The rate at which Violence Against the Person has been detected and resolved has risen slightly to 44.63% with the MSF average currently at 44.12%. This equates to 23 more detections compared to last year.

Vehicle Crime continues to rise by 5% (183 more crimes) with performance in line with peers and worse than average (5.921 offences per 1,000 population compared to an MSF average of 5.772).

Domestic Burglary is performing better than peers with Wiltshire maintaining first position in their MSF grouping. Performance reflects an 18% decrease (287 fewer crimes) compared to last year which equates to 4.881 crimes per 1,000 residents against an MSF average of 7.456.

Criminal Damage and Arson has decreased by 5% (329 fewer crimes) and is performing slightly above the MSF average at 10.284 per 1,000 residents compared to 9.894.

	Most Similar Force Position	Most Similar Force Position Previous Financial Year 2011/12	May 2011 - Apr 2012 compared to May 2010 - Apr 2011
All Crime	↔	↔	-3% (1,299 fewer crimes)
All Detections*	↔	↔	+7% (680 more detections)
Violence Against the Person	↔	↔	-4% (217 fewer crimes)
Violence Against the Person Detections	↔	↔	+1% (23 more detections)
Acquisitive Crime	↔	↔	-4% (719 fewer crimes)
Acquisitive Crime Detections	↔	↔	+8% (186 more detections)
Vehicle Crime	↔	↔	+5% (183 more crimes)
Domestic Burglary	↑	↑	-18% (287 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage and Arson	↔	↔	-5% (329 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 May 2011 to April 2012, currently recording the ninth lowest rate nationally at 11.264 offences per 1,000 population. This is 19.88% lower than the national average of 13.927.

Full details of Wiltshire Police performance for the 2011/12 financial year will be published on the WPA website in due course.

Appointment of Temporary Assistant Chief Constable

Following the appointments of Pat Geenty and Mike Veale as Acting Chief Constable and Acting Deputy Chief Constable respectively, Mr Steve Hedley has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Chief Constable. All the Chief Officer appointments are until March 2013 due to the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner in November this year who will appoint their own Chief Constable.

Transition to Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

The PCC Partnership Board continues to meet in the run up to the election of PCCs in November 2012. Wiltshire Council are organising the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel which should be in place by the end of June. Panel Members will be invited to attend and observe Police Authority meetings as part of their training and induction.

A PCC microsite has been launched and can be found by following the link below. The microsite provides information to prospective candidates and the public about the roles and responsibilities of a PCC and where to go to find out further information.

<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc>

WPA Community Award

The Authority has recently recognised the work of those charities and groups supported by WPA and Wiltshire Police. Seven organisations submitted entries and were invited to attend a presentation ceremony on 14th June 2012. Each organisation was presented with a certificate, with the winner being presented with a Rose Bowl. The work of the Life Education Centre was highly commended by the Judging Panel with Bluez 'n' Zuz the overall winners. Further information and photographs from the ceremony are available on the WPA website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk).

Councillors may also like to note that Pc Michael Diffin (Community Beat Manager for Swindon) has been awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to policing.

Police Authority Meeting Dates in 2012

20th September

1st November

Carole Soden, WPA Vice-Chairman