

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – July 2010
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WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE – COUNTY DIVISION

Good performance in reducing crime and securing detections has been maintained by Wiltshire’s County Division.

Crime is down 14%. Whilst there has been an 11% fall in the number of detections, a detection rate of 29.1% has been achieved. It is in the top quartile for key crime categories in comparison to the 15 most similar policing divisions. Performance data for the twelve months to May 2010 are given below.

The Division is keeping the level of violent crime comparatively low, currently in 3rd place, and is in 2nd place for violent crime detections. In respect of serious acquisitive crime, which includes burglary of dwellings, vehicle crime and robbery, County Division compare favourably its most similar Basic Command Units and is ranked 2nd. During the twelve months May 2009 to April 2010 there has been a 14% reduction in criminal damage. However, in the same period there has been a 2% (55 crimes) increase in serious acquisitive crime category.

There are some areas where performance can be improved and where the County Division is giving priority. In respect of dwelling burglaries there has been a series of these in West Wiltshire.

Crime Types	Similar Areas (out of 15)	Comparison: May 09 - April 2010 to same period 08/09
All Crime	1st (1 st)	-5% (1,183 fewer crimes)
Overall Sanction Detections	4th (1 st)	-11% (834 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	3rd (2 nd)	+ 2% (Up 110 crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	2nd (1 st)	-5% (118 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime	2nd (1 st)	+2% (55 more crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections	1st	+14% (67 more detections)
Criminal Damage	3 rd (3 rd)	-14% (837 fewer crimes)

User Satisfaction (Victims of Crime)

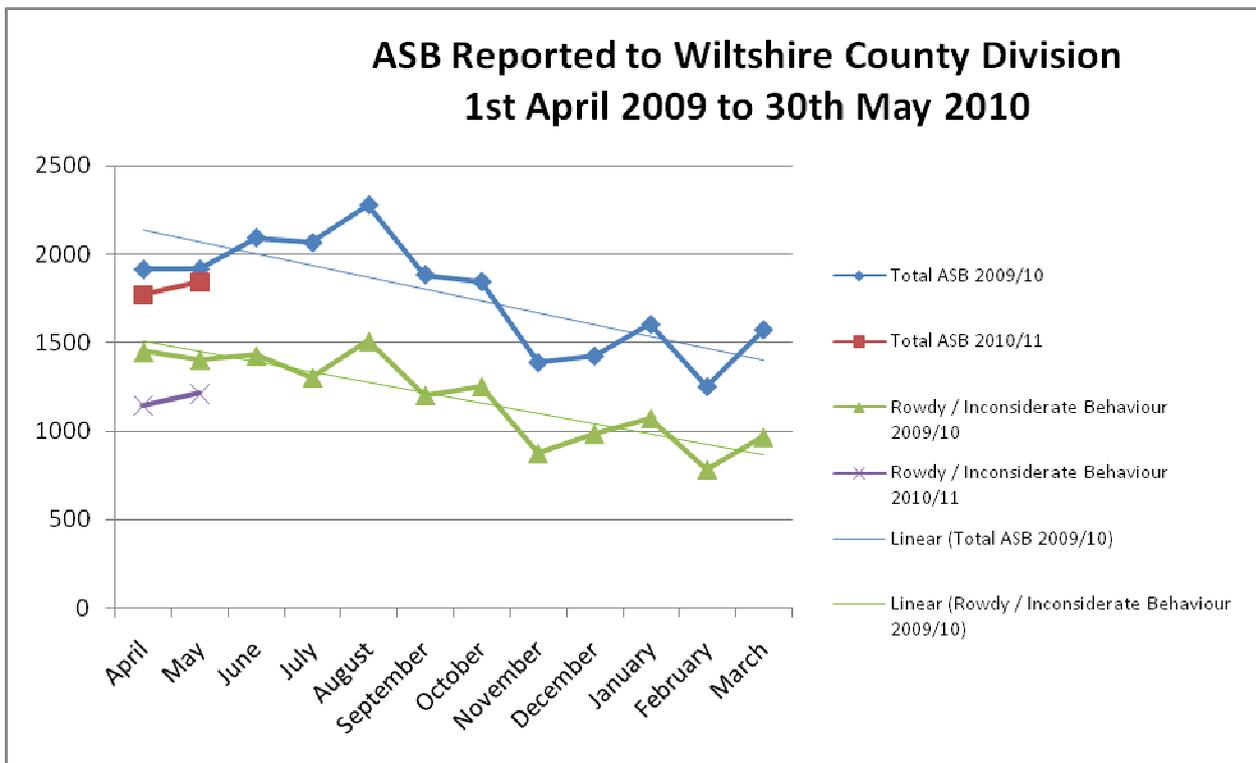
Comparison with Most Similar BCU’s (MSBCU): 12 months ending 31st December 2009			
Measure	Wiltshire % Satisfied	MSBCU Av. % Satisfied.	Wiltshire County BCU Position (Out of 15)
SPI 1.1 Overall experience of the Police	84.9%	85.7%	Down from 9th to 10th

Neighbourhood Policing Team Abstraction Rates

Wiltshire Police Authority set a target of a minimum of 80% for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. County Division has consistently achieved this target since April 2009.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Reported to the Police

The level of antisocial behaviour reported to Wiltshire County Division fell during the year 2009/10 and the monthly figures are given in the graph overleaf. So far this year the monthly figures are below those of April and May 2009.



Appointment of Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)

In my last report, I reported that the Authority was advertising for a second ACC. Wiltshire initially had five applicants for this post but this was reduced to three when two were successful elsewhere. Three candidates were shortlisted, but shortly afterwards Chief Superintendent Julian Kirby withdrew following his appointment as ACC to South Wales Police. WPA was not prepared to proceed with the recruitment process with only two applicants.

Revenue Shortfall

On 27th May 2010, the Policing Minister, Nick Herbert, wrote to all Police Authority Chairmen advising them of the Home Office's requirement to save £125m from the policing budget during this financial year. As a result of this, the Police Grant to WPA has been reduced by £1m. An Extraordinary meeting of the Authority is due to be held on 21st July 2010 at which the implications of the emergency budget will be discussed.

Police Authority Meetings

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Police Authority will be held on 21st July 2010 to discuss the implications of the emergency budget.

16th September 2010

2nd December 2010

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