

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – May 2011
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WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE – COUNTY DIVISION

Overall the County Division within Wiltshire Police has maintained a good performance in 2010. Comparing figures for the 12 months 1st March 2010 to 28th February 2011 with the calendar year 2009/10:

Overall Crime

- The incidence of Overall Crime has fallen by 5% (1,133 crimes) and County Division is currently performing better than peers in the most similar Basic Command Units (BCUs) for overall crime with 48.4 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The detection rate for overall crime has fallen over the last year with 24.6% detected compared to 29.0%. However, if disposal by Local Resolutions¹ were included this would increase the detection rate by 1.7%.

Violent Crime

- The incidence of Violent Crime has fallen by 9% (451 crimes).
- The detection rate for violent crime over the last year was 48.8% compared to 51.2% in 2009/10. The inclusion of Local Resolutions as a method of detection would increase the detection rate by 2.7%. From 2011/12 Forces will be able to submit cases resolved by local resolution to the Home Office as a non-sanctioned detection.

Vehicle Crime has increased by 1% (21 crimes) whilst **Domestic Burglary** has reduced by 4.0% (38 crimes).

	Most Similar BCU Position*	Most Similar BCU Position 2009/10	Comparison March 2010 - Feb 2011 to same period 2009/10
All Crime	↑	↑	-5% (1133 fewer crimes)
All Detections	↘	↘	-25% (1768 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	↑	↑	-9% (451 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	↘	↑	-17% (464 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitve Crime	↘	↑	0% (5 more crimes)
Serious Acquisitve Crime Detections	↘	↘	-14% (65 fewer detections)
Vehicle Crime	↘	↑	1% (21 more crimes)
Dwelling Burglary	↘	↘	-4% (38 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage	↑	↘	-17% (907 fewer crimes)

* Position at 28th February 2011

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

¹ **Local Resolutions:** Dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour by engaging with victims and witnesses.

Wiltshire Police Performance (County and Swindon)

I previously reported that Wiltshire were the top force in the County with regard to the lowest rate of violent crime per 1,000 population for the three month period October to December. The Force has maintained this position for the three months between December 2010 and February 2011 at 2.156 crimes per 1,000 population.

Deputy and Assistant Chief Constable Posts

Members will be aware of the sad news of David Ainsworth's death. In order to ensure adequate resilience within the Chief Officer team, ACC Pat Geenty has been appointed by WPA as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable for a minimum of six months and James Vaughan has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Chief Constable. The Authority is looking to recruit a substantive Assistant Chief Constable and will be interviewing for this position in June.

WPA Annual Policing Plan 2011-2014

The WPA Annual Policing Plan for 2011-2014 has now been published and can be viewed on the Authority's website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk) (please see Downloads and then Publications). The Plan sets out the Strategic Objectives the Authority has set the Force in 2011-12. These are:

- Reduce violent crime
- Tackle the people who cause the most harm in our communities
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Develop sustainable policing

The Plan also sets out the Service Delivery Standards. These are Standards that the public can expect from the police locally.

Vision Wiltshire Consultation

A summary of the consultation recently run by WPA is currently being prepared. This will be used to provide feedback to the public and Area Boards of the findings of the consultation. One of the key outcomes from the consultation was an overwhelming agreement that reducing Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers from neighbourhoods should be done as a last resort. The results of the consultation were used to inform our Policing Plan by reflecting the public's ranked priorities in those WPA has set for the police.

Police and Crime Commissioners

Further to my report to the February meeting, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill completed its passage through the House of Commons on 31st March 2011. The first reading in the House of Lords has taken place, with the second reading planned for 27th April 2011.

Police Authority Meeting Dates

16th June 2011
22nd September 2011
3rd November 2011
8th December 2011

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