

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – July 2011
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WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE

Overall Wiltshire Police have maintained a good performance, comparing figures for 2010/11 with the calendar year 2009/10. Previously, data was available for comparison against Most Similar Base Command Units (MSBCU), however as the force moves towards a single BCU model, data is provided jointly with Swindon. As a result of this change it is no longer possible to provide MSBCU comparison. Comparisons will now, therefore, be made at force level with Most Similar Forces (MSF).

Overall Crime

- The incidence of Overall Crime has fallen by 3% (1,175 crimes) and Wiltshire is currently performing in line with peers and better than the MSF average for overall crime with 57.3 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The sanctioned detection rate for overall crime has fallen over the last year with 25.5% detected compared to 29.7%. However, if disposal by Local Resolutions¹ were included this would increase the detection rate by 1.8%.

Violent Crime

- The incidence of Violent Crime has fallen by 12% (1,064 crimes).
- The sanctioned detection rate for Violent Crime over the last year was 47.1% compared to 49.6% in 2009/10. The inclusion of Local Resolutions as a method of detection would increase the detection rate by 2.6%. Forces are now able to submit cases resolved by local resolution to the Home Office as a non-sanctioned detection.

Vehicle Crime has increased by 2% (63 crimes) whilst **Domestic Burglary** has reduced by 5% (86 crimes).

	Most Similar Force Position*	Most Similar Force Position 2009/10	Comparison 2010/11 to 2009/10
All Crime			-3% (1175 fewer crimes)
All Detections**			-17% (1938 fewer detections)
Violent Crime			-12% (1064 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections**			-16% (724 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime			0% (24 more crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections**			-14% (113 fewer detections)
Vehicle Crime			2% (63 more crimes)
Dwelling Burglary			-5% (86 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage			-15% (1258 fewer crimes)

*Position for full financial year 2010/11

**Includes sanctioned detections only, comparisons to MSF are not currently available for Local Resolution

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 Country with regard to the lowest rate of violent crime per 1,000 population for each three month period between October and February. The Force maintained this position for the final three months of the financial year, recording 2.472 crimes per 1,000 population. This compares to a national average of 3.555 crimes per 1,000 population in the final quarter of the year.

WPA Annual Report on Force Performance 2010/11

At the full Authority meeting in June, Members considered its assessment of the Force's performance for 2010/11 against four of the five Strategic Priorities set for 2010/11:

Strategic Priority	Grading
Tackling Violent Crime	Excellent
Protecting Vulnerable People and Reducing Road Casualties	Good
Tackling Local Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and Improving Confidence	Good
Tackling Organised Crime and the Supply / Use of Class A Drugs	Good

The fifth Strategic Priority (Creating a Sustainable Policing Model for Wiltshire) continues to be monitored by WPA through the Policing Plan for 2011/12.

The WPA report on the Force's Performance can be found on its website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk).

Appointment of Assistant Chief Constable

Following a recruitment process held in June, Mr Mike Veale has been appointed as Assistant Chief Constable for Wiltshire. Mike transferred to Wiltshire in 2005 from Avon and Somerset and has headed up Wiltshire's Protective Services Department and was the County Divisional Commander following Julian Kirby's transfer to South Wales. Mike's appointment is with immediate effect.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill – Police and Crime Commissioners

Councillors will be aware that this Bill is currently passing through the House of Lords. Since my last report, the House of Lords Committee has voted against directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners and is instead proposing the establishment of a Police Commission, who would then appoint a Police and Crime Commissioner from within its membership.

The House of Lords are due to conclude their consideration of the draft Bill on 20th July 2011, after the House of Commons begin their summer recess. Therefore, it is not likely that Royal Assent will be achieved before the summer break. This is a significant delay to the Government's timetable, although, the Bill could still get through in time for elections in May 2012. A further update will be provided at the September meeting.

Police Authority Meeting Dates

22nd September 2011

3rd November 2011

8th December 2011

9th February 2012

19th April 2012

Chris Humphries, Community Engagement Working Group Chairman