

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – May 2012
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WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE

The performance in this report relates to the period April 2011 to March 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).

Overall Crime

- The total number of **All Crimes** has decreased by 4% equating to 1,450 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 fallen slightly to 24.4% compared to 25.5% last year equating to 765 fewer sanction detections. As previously reported Local Resolutions (low level crime and anti-social behaviour settled locally between victim and perpetrator) are not currently reflected in detections. However, our own internal measures show that Local Resolutions have increased from 1.5% of total crime in 2010/11 to 3.3% for 2011/12.

Violent Crime

- **Violent Crime** has also fallen by 6% (463 fewer crimes). The Force is currently performing in line with peers and better than average with a total of 11.243 per 1,000 residents compared to a MSF average of 12.133.
- The rate at which Violent Crime has been detected and resolved has fallen to 42.0% compared to 47.1% last year with the MSF average currently at 41%. This equates to 599 fewer detections compared to last year. However, this is expected as the volume of crime reduces.

Vehicle Crime has risen by 4% (145 more crimes) with performance in line with peers and better than average (5.410 offences per 1,000 population compared to an MSF average of 5.474).

Dwelling Burglary is performing better than peers with Wiltshire currently first in their MSF grouping. Performance reflects an 18% decrease (294 fewer crimes) compared to last year which equates to 4.929 crimes per 1,000 residents against an MSF average of 7.493.

Criminal Damage is down 4% (274 fewer crimes) and is performing just above the MSF average at 10.416 per 1,000 residents compared to 10.160.

	Most Similar Force Position	Most Similar Force Position Previous Financial Year 2010/11	Apr 2011 - Mar 2012 compared to Apr 2010 - Mar 2011
All Crime	↔	↔	-4% (1,450 fewer crimes)
All Detections	↘	↘	-8% (765 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	↔	↔	-6% (463 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	↘	↘	-16% (599 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime	↔	↔	-4% (211 fewer crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections	↘	↘	-7% (51 fewer detections)
Vehicle Crime	↔	↔	+4% (145 more crimes)
Dwelling Burglary	↑	↑	-18% (294 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage	↘	↔	-4% (274 fewer crimes)
**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	↓		

Wiltshire Police Performance

Wiltshire are performing well on a national level in relation to rates of Violent Crime for the 12 months from March 2011 to February 2012, currently recording the sixth lowest rate nationally at 11.212 offences per 1,000 population. This is 21.2% lower than the national average of 14.229.

Details of Wiltshire Police performance for the 2011/12 financial year will be sent with the next report.

Appointment of Chief Officer Team

Following the secondment of Brian Moore to the UK Border Agency, the Chief Officer team has changed and is now:

Temporary Chief Constable Pat Geenty

Temporary Chief Constable Mike Veale

The appointments have been made until March 2013 in order to provide some stability for the Force but to also allow the Police and Crime Commissioner to appoint their own Chief Constable when they are elected in November later this year.

A temporary appointment to the Assistant Chief Constable post is due to be made shortly.

Transition to Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

A PCC Partnership Board has now been established and met for the first time on 28th March 2012. The Partnership Board includes representation from local authorities, partners, and the voluntary sector. The main responsibilities for the Board include the development of a framework between the PCC, the Police and key partners, and the development of support to partners in community safety, criminal justice and voluntary sectors.

WPA Service to the Community Award

Earlier in the year, WPA sought nominations from the public to recognise individuals within a Neighbourhood Policing Team that had provided exceptional service. Over 40 nominations were received which the Judging Panel reduced to a shortlist of 5. The shortlisted nominees were invited to attend a presentation at Police Headquarters on 27th March and were presented with a certificate recognising their achievements with the overall winner, PCSO Kuy Harrison, also being presented with a trophy.

Two of the shortlisted listed candidates were from Wiltshire – PCSO Jo Atkinson from Amesbury and John Todd (a member of the public) from Durrington. Full details of the press release can be found on the News section of the WPA website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk).

Police Authority Meeting Dates in 2012

14th June

20th September

1st November

Carole Soden, WPA Vice-Chairman