

COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2007/08 PERFORMANCE MONITORING – EXCEPTION REPORT

Introduction

There are a total of 48 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2007/08. 32 of the targets have been achieved (green), 8 are slightly below expected performance (amber) and 5 have not been achieved (red). The remaining 3 targets are not due an update.

The red and amber targets are addressed below under the objective headings.

1. Total Crime

There are six targets in total, however one target only relates to 2005/06 and another target is only calculated annually and an update is not available until July 2008. Out of the remaining four targets one is green and 3 are red.

The red targets are as follows:-

1.2 – To stay out of the worst quartile for the following two years. Unfortunately in the last quarter we have moved to 89th out of 371, which is a drop in 4 four places and now puts us in the worst quartile. At the end of March for iQuanta we were 6th out of 15 and slightly below group average. Disappointing for this to happen in the final quarter of the Plan, but should be noted that although we haven't performed badly other partnerships have done significantly better which is always a risk when measuring a target of this kind.

1.3 – To reduce total crime. Total recorded crime stands at 17,653 for April 2007 to March 2008. This is an increase of 0.1% on the same period last year, and means that we are 7.5% above the target set for this year. The reduction on the 2003/04 baseline now stands at 14%, as opposed to the 20% set as the target. The biggest increase this year is for Other Theft offences, which has seriously impeded our performance in reaching the target.

1.6- Visit all premises licensed under the Motor Salvage Operators Regulation 2002 at least annually. No further visits were scheduled in during the final quarter of the Plan which means that no premise was visited in the year 2007/08, they will continue to be visited on an ad hoc basis.

2. Anti Social Behaviour

There are 13 targets, of which eight are green, three are amber, one red and one target was not due an update.

The red target is as follows:

2.4 - To achieve a 15% reduction in criminal damage. although target was not met, it has been highlighted as amber as funding to assist with this target was only granted in September and full benefits have not been seen. There were 5246 offences recorded in 2007/2008. This is an increase of 0.1% on last year. This is due to 3 extra incidents recorded compared to last financial year. but is over the target for this year by 28%. The criminal damage think tank is still in place, and funding has been received from the Home Office this will be used for more operational work and CCTV.

The amber targets are as follows:

2.5a & b – To increase the number of dog fouling and litter FPNs by 25%. There have been 13 FPN for dog fouling issued and 117 FPNs for litter issued between April and March 2008. This is well below the target figure, which was re-set in March 2007 with 2006/07 as the new baseline figure. Performance is 46% below target for dog fouling and 42% below target for litter, these targets have not been met. The target is amber because this could be interpreted as positive in that there are less dog fouling and litter incidents occurring in the Borough due to the known presence of NES Officers who act as a valuable deterrent.

2.12 – To obtain 15 ASBO/CRASBO's per year. There have been eight CRASBOs granted in 2007/08 and one ASBO, so the target set has not been achieved. Work is ongoing to identify suitable candidates for orders. This is regarded as amber because it means that lower level interventions have been successful. It is also crucial to note that we have a further 13 cases pending; these include those with a full package prepared who are awaiting a court date or are currently in custody, as well as those where evidence is still being gathered for the full package.

3. Drugs

There are 11 targets of which seven are green, three are amber and one is red.

The red target is as follows:

3.9 – To achieve a year on year reduction in the number of positive drugs tests on arrest for trigger offences. The baseline was re-set using 2006/07 due the changes in test on charge to arrest. The current total for April – March 2008 is 875, which is a 6.7% increase on the baseline, target not achieved. This is a relatively new target; the baseline was only set last year due to changes in legislation and we are still establishing the actual extent of positive tests. An average of the last two years is to be used as a baseline for the target in the forthcoming plan, which is a more valid benchmark of performance.

The amber targets are as follows:-

3.3 – To increase the number of arrests for Class A supply offences by 5% from baseline of the average of the last 3 years. There were 41 arrests in Q3 with 155 for the year 2007/08 which is 3.8% slightly below the target set.

3.5 - To support the provision of 'drugs in the workplace' training to at least 5 local employers per year. A new training programme has been designed but the contract has not yet started. A Modernisation Manager is now in post and will take this forward.

3.6 – To ensure 100% of needles are being exchanged by March 2008. The exchange rate for 2007/08 was 91%. Therefore target not quite reached, but this is the best result we have had throughout the year with a 78% average exchange rate in previous quarters. The DAT had reported issues with some chemists not recording the needle exchanges correctly and these had been given extra training. The last quarters figure suggests this training has worked, but the previous issues may have hindered the overall yearly exchange rate.

4. Dwelling Burglary

There are two targets, both of which are green – excellent!

5. Violent Crime

There are nine targets of which seven are green, and two are amber.

The amber targets are as follows:

5.1 – Reduce violent crime recorded by A&E statistic. There has been a problem for some time with getting A&E stats. This has been a problem since the A&E department introduced a new computer system called EDIS. Target has not been reached, but is marked as amber because work is now in progress to transfer information onto EDIS planned to be in place by end April 2008.

5.3 – Improve position to be in top five of MSCDRP group. Stockton is now 7th of 15 MSCDRP, and just below the group average.

6. Deliberate Fires

There are seven targets of which all are green – well done!