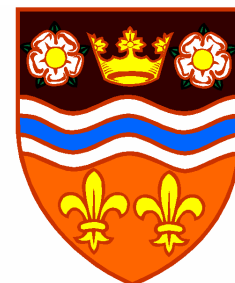


PRESS INFORMATION



HUMBERSIDE
POLICE AUTHORITY

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Police Authority Welcomes Latest Crime Figures

Humberside Police Authority has revealed that Humberside Police is bucking national trends when it comes to reducing crime.

The Authority, the independent body responsible for scrutinizing local police performance, has compared the recent national quarterly crime statistics with its own figures for local police performance.

The figures relate to the first quarter of the 2007-2008 year, April-June 2007, and compare against the same period in 2006-2007.

Nationally, the total number of recorded crimes is down by 7 per cent – in Humberside this figure is significantly higher, with a drop of 13 per cent.

Other key figures show:

	National Figure	Humberside
Domestic Burglary	down 3%	down 26.8% or 500 less incidents
Robbery:	down 9%	down 13.1% or 42 less incidents
Criminal Damage:	down 10%	down 15.3% or 1052 less incidents
Vehicle Crime:	down 12%	down 24.8% or 940 less incidents
Sexual Offences:	down 9%	down 15.3% or 57 less incidents

More serious cases of violent crime against the person are also falling dramatically, with a 21.7 per cent decrease in Humberside over the period, although the less serious violence offences did show a slight increase of 3 per cent.

Chair of the Authority, Alene Branton MBE, said that this was good news for everyone who lives or works in, or visits Humberside. “The Police Authority monitors all fluctuations in performance and we have been seeing improvements for some time, but it is good to have this verified by national statistics,” she added. “Local people should feel reassured that their local police are reducing the crimes that really make a difference to their quality of life.

“We will continue to set ever-more challenging targets to try and help this very positive trend continue. The officers and staff of Humberside Police should be pleased with the results of their efforts”

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