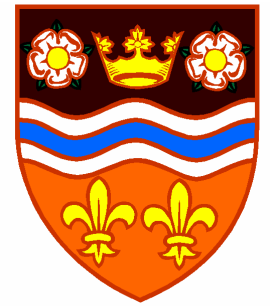


PRESS INFORMATION



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Fewer Victims of Crime in Humberside as Police Performance Improves

Figures released by Humberside Police Authority show that police performance over the last twelve months has continued to improve substantially. The total number of recorded crimes dropped by 14.1% (15,922) compared to 2006-2007, while sanction* detections rose from 24.5% to 31%.

This is the fourth consecutive year to show a fall in the rate of crime in Humberside.

In the last year, domestic burglary, one of the Authority's key targets, fell by 18.5% from 6705 to 5466 recorded incidents - meaning 1239 fewer victims. The figure is even more impressive compared to ten years ago, when there were 13,488 domestic burglaries in the area.

Another key area, vehicle crime, has dropped by over a quarter in the year, with figures reducing by 25.5% from 13,761 to 10,255 – a fall of 3,506. Ten years ago this figure stood at 25,330, highlighting the success of the force's strategy to address vehicle related criminality.

In addition, the last year saw violent crime fall by 18.7% while the number of robberies came down by 16.3%. Life threatening and gun crime dropped by 16.5%.

Congratulating the force on its achievements, Chair of the Police Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, said that the force's commitment to delivering improvements was impressive. "In the last year there were nearly 16,000 fewer victims of crime in Humberside," she said. "This is good news for the force, the Police Authority and most importantly of all, for our customers - the people who live and work in Humberside. Crime has been falling steadily over the last four years and these results clearly highlight the improvements being made.

"The fall in volume crime can be attributed, in part at least, to the success of our Neighbourhood Policing Programme, in which the Authority is investing over £13M and the challenging targets we agreed with the force.

"I really hope that people will feel safer, there is no doubt that they are safer, and the figures should give people confidence that this is the case."

“On behalf of the Police Authority I would like to place on record our thanks to everyone on the force whose hard work and dedication has brought about such excellent results.”

DCC David Griffin added: "We are very pleased with the sustained and dramatic falls in almost every category of crime in the Humberside area.

"This has been the result of a sustained and determined effort by all the officers and staff working for Humberside Police in conjunction with our partners and the public.

"We have also had tremendous support from the Police Authority who working closely with us, have given us the resources we need to do the job effectively.

"Through a combination of relentlessly targeting prolific criminals in particular and building effective neighbourhood teams, we are bringing to justice more criminals than ever before.

"Criminals are getting the message that their chances of being caught for the crimes they have committed in the Humberside police area are greater than they have been for many years.

"Of course we are not complacent and there still remains a lot of work to be done to further reduce crime and build community confidence in Humberside Police but I am proud of what has been achieved in the last three years which has gone a long way to restoring the force's reputation back where it belongs."

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Editor Notes:

Below please find chart showing the key performance figures for the last twelve months

| Performance Indicator | April 06 - Mar 07 | April 07 - Mar 08 | % Change | Target April 07 - Mar 08 |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Recorded domestic burglaries | 6,705 | 5,466 | - 18.5% | 6,649 |
| Domestic burglary sanction detection rate | 14.5% | 14.3% | - | 19.5% |
| Recorded vehicle crimes | 13,761 | 10,255 | - 25.5% | Not a Statutory or Local PI |
| Vehicle crime sanction detection rate | 10.3% | 11.1% | - | |
| Recorded robberies | 1,200 | 1,004 | - 16.3% | Not a Statutory or Local PI |

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| Robbery sanction detection rate | 18.3% | 24.6% | - | |
| Recorded violent crime | 26,255 | 21,358 | - 18.7% | 22,865 |
| Violent crime sanction detection rate | 44.7% | 58.0% | - | 48.5% |
| PPAF recorded violent crime (excluding Harassment PNDs) | 23,647 | 17,324 | - 26.7% | - |
| Sanction detection rate | 24.5% | 31.0% | - | 27.0% |
| Number of sanction detections | 27,595 | 30,042 | + 8.9% | Not a Statutory or Local PI |
| All recorded crime | 112,753 | 96,831 | - 14.1% | |

Figures for the last four years show the sustained progress achieved:

| Measure | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 4-Year Change |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Domestic Burglary | 7776 | 7290 | 6705 | 5466 | 29.7% fall (2310 less) |
| Vehicle Crime | 17279 | 15599 | 13761 | 10255 | 40.7% fall (7024 less) |
| Robbery | 1258 | 1180 | 1200 | 1004 | 20.2% fall (254 less) |
| Violent Crime | 26778 | 25040 | 26255 | 21358 | 20.2% fall (5420 less) |
| Sanction Detections | 17.2% | 20.4% | 24.5% | 31.0% | 13.8 percentage points rise (6372 more sanction detections) |
| Killed/Seriously Injured | 727 | 685 | 597 | 605 | 122 less people killed or seriously injured on our roads |
| Life Threatening and Gun Crime | 548 | 437 | 395 | 330 | 218 less life threatening or gun crimes |
| Total Crime | 123873 | 115941 | 112753 | 96831 | 21.8% fall (27042) |

* Sanction Detections: Sanction detections can be defined as those where an offender has been charged, cautioned, reported for summons, reprimanded, the offence has been taken into consideration or where a fixed penalty notice has been issued in relation to a notifiable offence.

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