



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Public Show Confidence in Local Policing

Members of Humberside Police Authority have praised the significant increase in public confidence and satisfaction in local policing announced this month.

Figures to the end of December 2009 show the percentage of people in the Humberside police area who have confidence in the way the police and local councils are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues has now risen to 50.8%. This figure means that the Force has already surpassed the target set by the Police Authority for March 2011 and is well on its way to meeting the 2012 target of 55.7%. This result makes Humberside one of the most improved forces in the country.

Overall satisfaction in the service provided by Humberside Police also continued to rise, this time by 4.5% to 83%. The results, up to December 2009, are the best since these figures were first collected in 2006.

Vice Chair of the Police Authority, David Rudd said:

“These improvements are significant and demonstrate the force has listened and worked hard to meet the improvements the Police Authority has been looking for on behalf of local people.”

Members were also provided with other performance highlights. Serious Acquisitive Crime, which includes burglary, vehicle crime and robbery, showed a fall of 22.4% across the whole force – which equates to a drop of 3389 crimes compared to the previous year.

Other local priorities, set by the Police Authority after consultation with local people, also showed very positive results. Shoplifting has dropped across the force by 829 offences (11.2%) and the number of commercial burglaries has fallen by 310 (16.5%).

Criminal damage showed a fall of 1340 offences (7.1%) and anti-social behaviour a fall of 4807 incidents (13.9%). These successes are down to the Neighbourhood Policing Teams who have listened carefully to their communities and worked really hard to tackling these issues.

Mr Rudd concluded: "These reductions mean that there are now fewer victims of crime across the Humberside Police area, which is good news for everyone. We are particularly pleased to see that the Force has addressed issues that really matter to local residents."

"However, we won't stop there, we will keep up our work to see further improvements, thereby ensuring that local people receive outstanding policing. That's what the Police Authority is here to do."

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Note to Editors

- 1. Confidence in the work of the police and councils in England and Wales is measured quarterly by the British Crime survey (BCS) through national indicator 21 (NI21). The survey asks members of the public "Do you agree or disagree that the police and the local council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area?"*
- 2. The performance of forces in England and Wales is measured by comparison with other forces in a 'most similar group' (MSF). The other forces in the Humberside group are Derbyshire, Durham, Gwent, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and South Wales.*