



Dacorum Community Safety Partnership

3rd Quarter 2012-13 Performance Report (Overview & Scrutiny)

Introduction

Under legislation (Crime & Disorder Act 1998), the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has a responsibility to bring relevant agencies and bodies together with the aim of reducing Crime, Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour and the impact of the misuse of drugs and alcohol upon our communities.

In order to facilitate this, each year, a Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder is produced for the Borough and from this strategic priorities are agreed.

For 2012/13 the following are the strategic priorities for the partnership

Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage

Dwelling Burglary

Vehicle Crime

Alcohol Misuse

Drug Misuse

Managing Offenders/ Reducing Re Offending

In the current year, funding of £34,000 has been available to the Partnership to assist with initiatives to assist in reducing Crime & Disorder. Despite the reduction in size of this grant compared to previous years, performance continues to be strong. A summary of spend so far against this budget is included at the end of this report.

Performance

All Crime

All Crime in the Borough has reduced by 13% compared to the same period last year. In terms of numbers there were 5149 Crimes recorded so far this year, which means that there have been 798 fewer victims of crime across the borough compared to last year.

The performance of all CSPs in England and Wales is monitored by the Home Office and in order for meaningful comparisons to be made authorities are grouped together in clusters of the 15 most similar authorities. In the current year, Dacorum has moved from being the 6th best performing authority to the 4th best out of 15.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage

Records of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) cover a wide range of incidents and are collated by both Herts. Police and Dacorum Borough Council. Reports of ASB are classified in the following three categories; Environmental, Nuisance & Personal. Of all ASB recorded so far this year in Dacorum, 67% were Nuisance, 30% were Personal and the remaining 3% were Environmental.

In this current Period there have been 3655 reports of ASB across the borough which is a 27% reduction compared to the previous year, which equates to 1378 fewer incidents.

Initiatives of note in this period have included multi agency Community Safety & Drive Safe Events being delivered to all secondary state schools in Dacorum.

There is a close working relationship between the authority ASB Team and the local police Safer Neighbourhoods Team to ensure that issues are identified before they escalate.

Criminal Damage

In this current Period there have been 924 crimes recorded across the borough which is a 14% reduction compared to the previous year, which equates to 144 fewer crimes.

Dwelling Burglary

In this current Period there have been 308 Burglaries recorded across the borough which is an 11 % reduction compared to the previous year, which equates to 36 fewer crimes.

Vehicle Crime

In this current Period there have been 590 vehicle crimes recorded across the borough which is a 25% reduction compared to the previous year, which equates to 200 fewer crimes.

Tackling Alcohol & Drugs Misuse

On 1/4/12 the arrangements for delivery of Drugs Treatment Services changed within Hertfordshire. Whilst data is available, this CSP is working with the treatment provider (CRI) to obtain further datasets to provide a fuller picture of the drugs environment within Dacorum.

From the most recent figures available, Dacorum had 17 young people (Under 18s) receiving specialist/targeted treatment for drug issues. For those over 18 there were 268 clients in such structured treatment.

Treatment for those subject to alcohol addiction is provided by a range of agencies across the county, but figures indicate that there are around 175 clients over 18 in structured treatment for alcohol addiction/misuse.

Figures indicate alcohol related offences falling by around 14% with 70% of these offences relating to violence. Of the 10 local authorities in Herts. Dacorum sits 4th best in terms of these crimes per 1000 population.

Managing Offenders/Reducing Reoffending

Working on the principle that a small number of offenders commit the majority of crime which occurs in a locality, it makes sense to focus activity on deterring/preventing these individuals from committing further crime. This takes place in a variety of ways and is generally through multi agency activity coordinated by an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) approach which identifies Prolific & Priority Offenders (PPOs). Of the ten Herts Boroughs, Dacorum has the highest number (40) of such offenders. Adopting such an approach is contributing to the success in Crime Reduction achieved in Dacorum.

The CSP supports initiatives around the IOM approach and has recently provided funding for a project (Hemel Stags Rugby League Club) which provides work based skills for offenders.

Funding

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Safer & Stronger Communities Fund 2012-2013

Details of Bid	Amount Allocated	Comments	Balance
			Total allocated - £34,569
Letterbox Guards HF&RS	£999	Approved JAG 7/6/12	£33,570
Community Payback	£2,000	Approved RAG 1/10/12	£31,570
"Billy's Wish" – Associated costs to production of knife crime DVD	£1,500	Approved JAG 4/6/12	£30,070
Swan Project- Lighting Canal Fields Skatepark Lighting	£1500	Approved JAG 1/11/12	£28,570
Chaulden Adventure Playground – Equipment and renovation	£2828.87	Approved JAG 1/11/12	£25,741.13
Adeyfield Adventure Playground – Equipment and renovation	£3858.93	Approved JAG 1/11/12	£21882.20

Hemel Stags Rugby Club – PPO Project	£3,300	Approved RAG 3/12/12	£18,582.20
Letterbox Guards HF&RS	£1,400	Approved JAG 6/12/12	£17,182.20
Anti Theft Purse Lanyards Pc M Cann	£500	Approved JAG 6/12/12	£16,682.20
Vulnerable Victims Mobile Phones Pc S Latif	£200	Approved JAG 6/12/12	£16,482.20
Independence For Young Homeless People Deborah Beattie TYST	£500	Approved JAG 6/12/12	£15,982.20

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