

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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PEEL Programme

- An annual assessment of police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy
- Draws together evidence from force inspections so that the public can judge the performance of their force and policing as a whole
- First assessment published 27 November 2014
- Thematic inspections will continue to be used to complement and contribute to the PEEL assessment



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Effectiveness - Good

The force has

- low overall crime levels and maintains high levels of victim satisfaction
- good understanding of local priorities and clearly targets resources at fighting crimes that matter most for local people
- managed to put extra staff in frontline roles and specialist teams investigating crimes such as child sexual exploitation and on-line grooming, in spite of financial austerity

£ Efficiency - Good

Thames Valley is on track to achieve its required savings of £58.9m over this spending review period, and to meet its further financial challenge in 2015/16

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Legitimacy

The force is acting to achieve fairness and legitimacy in most of the practices that were examined

The chief officer team provides strong leadership and their ethical stance is recognised across the force

The force is committed to embracing the Code of Ethics. There is good evidence of staff challenging unprofessional behaviour, and effective systems are in place to identify wrongdoing

The processes for identifying and addressing the risks posed by misconduct, unprofessional behaviour and corruption are effective

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Police Delivery Plan Strategic Objectives 2015 / 16

1. Cut crimes that are of most concern to the community
2. Increase the visible presence of the police
3. Protect our communities from the most serious harm
4. Improve communication and use of technology to build community confidence and cut crime
5. Increase the professionalism and capability of our people
6. Reduce costs and protect the frontline

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1 Cut crimes that are of most concern to the community

	Crime Reduction		Outcome Rate		
	Burglary Dwelling	Violence against the person	Burglary dwelling (20%)	Violence against the person with injury (52%)	Rape offences (23%)
Bracknell Forest	-14.1%	20.3%	38.8%	43.5%	12.5%
Thames Valley	-21.3%	10.6%	19.3%	46.8%	21.9%

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Bracknell Forest Crime Overview

Year	All Other Crime	Dwelling burglary	Violence against person
2012-13	4200	400	400
2013-14	4000	400	400
2014-15	3800	400	400

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1 Cut crimes that are of most concern to the community

Delivery Plan Aims 2015 / 16

- Reduce domestic burglary
- Increase the
 - volume of rape investigation which result in prosecution
 - percentage of rape prosecution files submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service assessed as trial ready
 - volume of domestic abuse investigation which result in charge or caution
 - percentage of violence with injury (excluding domestic abuse) prosecution files submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service assessed as trial ready

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1 Cut crimes that are of most concern to the community

Diagnostic Indicators 2015 / 16

We will monitor the

- repeat victimisation rate for domestic abuse related violent crime
- proportion of domestic abuse investigations and rape investigations which do not result in a prosecution
- levels of
 - victim satisfaction,
 - rural crime (based on NFU insurance claims)
 - dwelling burglaries / levels of violence at the CSP and Force level

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2 Increase the visible presence of the police

Special Constables

- 567 Special Constables • 22 active in Bracknell
- 125,254 hours policing in 2015 • 4,425 hours in Bracknell
- Provide support to Major Crime investigations
- Maintain public order - serials deployed to Henley Regatta and Reading Festival
- Provide visible presence to night time economy operations and visits to licensed premises
- Conduct Force-wide operations to execute arrest warrants
- New rural team in South Oxfordshire and the Vale
- 23 Police Cadets in Bracknell

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Mental Health

- Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat signed by 22 national bodies - in place from February 2015
- In the last 12 months
 - 1,172 people were detained under S136 of the Mental Health Act in the Thames Valley a reduction of 7.3%
 - 56 of those were detained in Bracknell (up 33%)
 - S.136 Custody detentions fell by 71% across the Force and by 50% in Bracknell
 - Patients were transported by ambulance in 65% of cases in the Force, 74% in Bracknell
 - Street Triage pilots have started in Berks West, Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes. Street Triage continues in Oxfordshire

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3 Protect our communities from the most serious harm

Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation

OPERATION SAFEGUARD

- Comprehensive CSE action plan includes awareness-raising and training
- Over £3.5m invested in dedicated resources since 2011
- MASH in Oxfordshire, Milton Keynes, Reading, Slough and Aylesbury
- 190 cases under investigation Force-wide in June 2015
- In 2014 - 250 referrals and 39 abduction notices in Berkshire
- Berkshire Local Authorities have met to identify how they can work together
- Police due to be co-located in Bracknell Forest's MASH arrangements

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3 Protect our communities from the most serious harm

Organised Crime Groups

- 153 Organised Crime Groups (OCG) mapped within the Thames Valley with 61 currently active
- 59 disruptions in 2013/14, 37 in the last financial year
- National Cyber Crime Unit Officers sit within our Regional Organised Crime Unit
- Op Lincoln in Bracknell – an OCG involved in the supply of MCAT
 - Principal nominal convicted in Sept 2014 – his brother took over
 - In house searches following arrest police seized 9.5g of MCAT, a Prada handbag, Prada wallet and Gucci bag which contained £16,760
 - He pleaded guilty to all charges and received a 16 month prison sentence




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4 Improve communication and use of technology to build community confidence and cut crime

Social Media

- Targeted communications to inform the public about
 - Crimes in their neighbourhood
 - Witness appeals
 - Crime reduction advice
- Provides information / reassurance to the public
 - Search for Jed Allen in May – 4 million
 - EDL marches
 - Reading Festival







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4 Improve communication and use of technology to build confidence and cut crime

- One IT system to link crime, intelligence and missing people. Business crime qualifier from April 2015
- South East Police Shared Network Services Agreement TVP, Hants, Surrey & Sussex Police, up to 20% savings
- 18 body worn video cameras in Bracknell with five docking stations
- Pilot enabling officers and staff to give evidence remotely without having to attend court in person
- New technology pilots - tough books to take electronic statements and tablets for effective working away from police stations





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5 Increase the professionalism and capability of our people

Code of Ethics

- Defines the principles and standards of acceptable behaviour expected
- Became statutory Code of Practice on 15 July 2014
- Applicable to all police officers and police staff
- Provides a framework to maintain the highest possible standards to uphold the reputation and legitimacy of the police
- Action plan to embed the Code includes Ethical Leadership Conferences in Spring 2015 and Professional Decision Making training from May 2015
- Misconduct hearings may be held in public from 1 May 2015





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6 Reduce costs and protect the frontline

Priority Based Budgeting (PBB)

- September 2014 – Force Strategy Group agreed to adopt PBB
- PBB methodology to be used as far as possible within existing productivity work streams
- PBB review of the force to be carried out by September 2015
- Consideration around the review of collaborative functions where other forces are not adopting PBB
- Explore opportunities to work with other partners or stakeholders to support the process

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6 Reduce costs and protect the frontline

	2011/12 - 2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Reduction in Govt Funding	38.8	11.6	8.5	8.2	67.1
% since 2010 /11	14.4%	5%	3.9%	3.9%	25%
Productivity	58.9	12.8	8.3	3.0	83
Funding Gap	00.0	00.0	11.7	10.2	21.9
Funding Available	383.1 – 389.5	382.6	378.1	375.7	

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