

Introduction

The report begins with a summary of performance against the “critical 13”, the major indicators the MPS is to be monitored against in the Policing Plan (Appendix 2). Appendix 3 is a report of all of the other targets and Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) on which the MPS is monitored.

The information compares the target with the performance during the performance year to date (PYTD) and the rolling 12 months where this is available. The rolling 12 months figure balances the PYTD data, as it is not distorted by seasonal factors.

Performance against target is shown as a traffic light.

The Home Office iQuanta rankings (1 = best and 5 = worst) are now included where relevant. The MPS is compared against its Most Similar Forces (MSF) - Greater Manchester, Merseyside, West Midlands and West Yorkshire).

Further areas of investigation can be found in appendices at the end of the report. For January, the MPA asked for additional information on criminal networks (particularly around definitions & examples) and the Quality of Service Commitment (QoSC). Criminal networks have been covered in detail in the SCD performance report. Information on the QoSC can be found in appendix 4.

Performance – April to November 2006

Two-thirds into the performance year, the MPS is achieving six of the ten critical indicators in which it has targets. In addition, crime is down by 7%, over 45,000 fewer offences, and the MPS remains the best in its MSF group for confidence in local policing.

Of the critical indicators on target, BCS violence is note-worthy (reduction of 7% against a 5% target), as is the sanction detection rate for all crime (21% vs. 20% target). Some areas for improvement remain:

- Overall victim satisfaction (80% vs. 81% target)
- Criminal networks (7.1/month disrupted vs. 12.5 target)
- BCS crime basket (down 6.2% vs. 6.3% reduction target)

Performance Board considered a report on violent crime targets for 8 challenging wards that are the subject of special attention. The Board felt that setting specific targets would not be useful. More research on the definitions of violent crime and its underlying causes is needed to identify meaningful targets. The goal is to link the targets to the special activities that will be implemented in those wards. It was also thought that that the programme should include more than 8 wards.

In the meantime the Violent Crime Directorate will compare those wards against the MPS average reduction for the violent crime that is similar to that picked up in the British Crime Survey.