

Introduction

The report begins with a summary of performance against the “critical 12”, 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.

Performance: April – May 2007

The Metropolitan Police continues to reduce crime and to detect more of those crimes that are occurring. We are on target for 4 of the critical 12 indicators – the reduction in BCS comparator crime far exceeds the 5.5% reduction target at a 9.5% reduction. Within this, BCS violence is currently 10% lower than last year against a 5.6% reduction target. In addition, the detection rate of homicide is on target at 85%.

Some of the indicators are marginally off target, and are likely to be on target in the near future, notably criminal network disruptions (a large number are awaiting panel approval).

No survey data is yet available for 2007/08 (we are still in Q1, and as such still questioning) and so 3 of the critical 12 indicators, and many of the other policing plan indicators currently have no performance ‘traffic light’. It is notable though, that the MPS remains the best performing force in its similar force group for confidence in local policing.

There are challenges ahead: the MPS has a sanction detection rate target at a rate that has never been achieved in any month in recent years, although the rate is growing fast. Last year the MPS achieved 21%, the highest in comparable records, and the rate has been at 23% in the first two months of this year. Satisfying 82.5% of crime victims also presents a challenge – this level has also not been achieved since this survey began in 2004.