

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.

BCS refers to the annual British Crime Survey which asks around 50,000 respondents questions about a number of crime related topics, such as fear of crime, if they have been a victim of certain types of crime in a set period, prevalence of anti-social behaviour etc.

In order to translate the Home Office target for reducing crime measured by the BCS (PSA1), the Government set targets for police forces and authorities on the crime that was recorded by the police that was the equivalent to the crime picked up in the BCS. This crime is referred to in the text as BCS recorded crime. BCS recorded crime is only an issue for 2007/08.

Performance: 2007/08

For the sixth consecutive year, crime is falling in London, and detection rates are rising. Overall crime for 2007/08 is at a ten year low.

The MPS is on target for seven of the twelve critical indicators, notably on crime reduction, criminal network disruption, crime investigation and bringing offences to justice.

The latest British Crime Survey results (data year to Dec 2007) show that confidence in local policing now stands at 55.0% and has just missed the MPA target of 55.2%. However, confidence has been rising consistently since 2003/04 and the MPS currently ranks as the best performing force in its MSF group. Full 2007/08 BCS survey results are not expected until about July 2008.

The final 2007/08 quarterly results are now in for the Crime victim satisfaction survey. They show that the MPA targets for both overall and the gap between white and BME users have not been met.

Gun enabled crime was showing an increase in the first half of the year but 2007/08 ended up 1.4% lower than 2006/07 although the 5% reduction target has not been achieved.