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 – August 2007

Crime continues to fall across London, with a 5.8% reduction over the period April to August 2007, compared with the same five months last year. In addition, the MPS is just short of its 24% detection rate target at 23.9% and on target for the number of offences brought to justice. There have been some notable declines in crime this year: robbery down 14%, vehicle crime down 10%, and violent crime down 8%.

With respect to the Policing Plan, three of the 'critical 12' indicators are on target: OBTJ, BCS crime reduction, BCS violence reduction and criminal network disruptions. A further three are marginally off target: SD rate is 0.1 of a percentage point off target, domestic violence arrest rate one percentage point off target, and homicide detection rate within 10 percentage points.

Survey data for the first quarter of 2007/08 has now been released (in the case of the British Crime Survey, the full 2006/07 figures). The two critical areas, victim satisfaction overall, and the gap between white and BME victim satisfaction are currently off target. Confidence in local policing (BCS) continues to improve, with the Metropolitan Police the best performing force in its MSF group, and extending the gap between the MPS and the next best performing force.

There remain some performance challenges ahead: gun crime remains high compared with last year (although in the longer term, the picture is more healthy). Victim satisfaction is static compared with last year, and the rate of answering emergency and non-emergency telephone calls remains off target.