



REPORT TO: SAFER AND STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP 19 FEBRUARY 2009

SUBJECT: PROGRESS REVIEW AGAINST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RELATING TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2008 TO DECEMBER 2008.

BY: ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COORDINATOR

1. REASON FOR REPORT

The reason for the report is to provide the Committee with an update of service performance against indicators relating to the Safer strand of the Safer & Stronger Community Planning theme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to scrutinise and note the update of Service Performance regarding the Performance Indicators relating to Antisocial Behaviour and Community Safety.

3. BACKGROUND

There are 4 priority areas within the Safer strand of the Safer & Stronger Community Planning theme: Antisocial Behaviour, Fire & Home Safety, Road Safety and Violence Reduction. A business plan, containing performance indicators and action measures, was created for each priority and approved at the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group meeting on 21st August 2008. There are currently no statutory performance indicators for this service area, however the indicators included within each business plan provide an assessment of service delivery against set targets and also form part of the Performance Management Framework. Copies of the Appendices referred to in this report are available on request from Committee Services.

4 Executive Summary of Performance

4.1 Performance Indicators (see Appendix 1)

Safer Priority Areas	Number of PIs	Green - Performing well	Amber - Close Monitoring	Red - Action Required	Data only indicator
Antisocial Behaviour	16	13		1 (note 5.1.1)	2

Fire & Home Safety (Qtr 2)	5	2		1 (note 5.1.2)	2
Road Safety	11	6	1	4 (note 5.1.3)	0
Violence Reduction (note 5.1.4)	9	5	1	3 (note 5.1.4)	0
Total	41	26	2	9	4

Out of a total of 41 indicators relating to the Safer strand, 28 (68%) are achieving, or within an acceptable threshold of, targets for the quarter. 9 (22%) indicators are significantly below targets; these are discussed in section 5.1. The remaining 4 (10%) indicators are data only indicators.

4.2 Action measures (see Appendix 2)

Safer Priority Areas	Number of Action measures	Green - Performing well	Amber - Close Monitoring	Red - Action Required	Data only indicator
Antisocial Behaviour	26	3	1	4 (note 5.2.1)	18
Fire & Home Safety	14	1	0	5 (note 5.2.2)	8
Road Safety	10	0	0	0	10
Violence Reduction	8	5	0	1 (note 5.2.3)	2
Total	58	9	1	10	38

Out of a total of 58 action measures, the vast majority, 38 (66%), are data only measures. Of the remaining 20, 10 (17% of total) are achieving, or within an acceptable threshold of, targets for the quarter, while 10 (17% of total) indicators are significantly below target; these are discussed in section 5.2.

5 COMMENTS ON EXCEPTIONS

5.1 Performance Indicators

5.1.1 Antisocial Behaviour

CECP015 – 'Total number of incidents of dog fouling'

The increase in the number of dog fouling incidents reflects the continuing anti-dog fouling campaign, encouraging people to report incidents, thus increasing the figures. Improved procedures for recording complaints received by Environmental Health have also contributed to the small increase. However, despite the increase this year, the total for the year to date is 43 incidents (22%) lower than in the corresponding period last year.

5.1.2 Fire & Home Safety

CECP107 – 'Number of accidental dwelling fires'

This figure is influenced by many external factors, e.g. weather, which will cause a variance in the quarterly figures. As quarterly figures have not been previously

identified a more accurate comparison can be made for this year when the annual figures are identified. However, there were fewer incidents than in quarter 1.

CECP109 – ‘Number of falls’

CECP110 – ‘Number of unintentional injuries to under 5s at home’

Progress reports at the end of quarter 2 indicated that much discussion and groundwork had taken place regarding the implementation of falls prevention initiatives, but no activity had so far taken place. Progress in relation to home safety initiatives for the under 5s was at a similar stage. Despite repeated requests for quarter 3 updates, no response has been received from NHS Grampian.

5.1.3 Road Safety

CECP092b – ‘Number of Drivers aged 16-25yrs involved in collisions’

CECP092c – ‘Number of Drivers aged 26yrs or over involved in collisions’

CECP094a – ‘Number of Male Drivers involved in collisions’

CECP094b – ‘Number of Female Drivers involved in collisions’

The higher number of drivers involved in collisions reflects a higher number of damage only collisions, since there were just 2 fatal collisions and the number of serious & slight collisions is lower than previously. However, confirmation of this is awaited from the Roads Policing Inspector.

5.1.4 Violence Reduction

CECP103 – ‘Number of serious assaults recorded’

CECP103a – ‘Number of accused persons involved in Serious Assault while under the influence of alcohol’

CECP104a – ‘Number of accused persons involved in Petty Assault while under the influence of alcohol’

The increases in the numbers of serious assaults, accused persons involved in serious assaults while under the influence of alcohol and accused persons involved in petty assaults while under the influence of alcohol reflect the seasonal variation seen over the festive period, but it should be noted that the number of serious assaults in Moray is very low compared to the rest of Scotland.

It should also be highlighted that there were no serious assaults and just 8 petty assaults within Elgin town centre where the Safer Streets campaign was carried out. This will be discussed at the next Safer Coordinating Group meeting at the end of February.

5.2 Action Measures

5.2.1 Antisocial Behaviour

CECP075 – ‘Number of Education Sessions carried out by Grampian Fire & Rescue Services’

The number of education sessions carried out by Grampian Fire & Rescue Services (GFRS) is dependent on the number of referrals received from other agencies, mainly Moray Youth Justice. GFRS is currently investigating reasons for the lack of referrals and is hoping to report to the Safer Coordinating Group meeting at the end of February.

CECP077 – ‘Number of ABC training days/promotional events’

CECP077a – ‘Number of ABCs negotiated’

The ASB Coordinator is actively working to address problems with the ABC process. Procedures are being reviewed to simplify the process and once completed, education sessions and a relaunch of the ABC intervention will be held.

CECP087 – ‘Number of offences of urinating/defecating’

The number of offences of urinating/defecating tends to be higher in quarter 3, possibly due to more people being out over the festive season and colder weather conditions.

5.2.2 Fire & Home Safety

CECP111 – ‘Number of home fire safety visits’

There is seasonal variation in the numbers of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs). However, there are currently no previous quarterly figures against which to compare this year’s statistics. A more accurate comparison can be made when annual figures are available. Various new initiatives are being adopted by Grampian Fire & Rescue Services to promote HFSVs and access previously uncontacted people.

CECP112 – ‘Number of “Hot Strikes” after fires’

This measure is dependent on many factors, such as type of fire, area and accessible audience, and will vary throughout the year. A lower number could actually reflect a reduction in fires and a more accurate comparison can be made at the end of the year.

CECP114 – ‘Number of smoke detectors fitted’

This has been an ongoing initiative for several years and as such the number of smoke detectors fitted previously may require less to be fitted in the future – this will be monitored. Grampian Fire & Rescue Services are still carrying out many new initiatives and working with partner agencies to maintain the fitting of smoke detectors as a risk reduction measure.

CECP115 – ‘Number of attendees at Firesetters programmes’

Grampian Fire & Rescue Services staff is currently investigating the reduced number of referrals.

CECP116 – ‘Number of pupils attending education programmes’

This is very dependent on the school rolls and attendees. All Moray schools are covered on an annual basis.

5.2.3 Violence Reduction

CECP134 – ‘Number of Breach of the peace offences during Safer Streets campaign’

The number of breach of the peace offences is higher than during last year’s Safer Streets campaign, possibly because this year’s campaign provided taxi marshals only, whereas last year there was also a late night bus service from Elgin to Forres and Buckie, reducing the number of people lingering in Elgin town centre. This will be discussed at the Safer Coordinating Group meeting at the end of February.

6 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) **Corporate Development Plan / Community Plan / Service Improvement Plan**

Safer performance contributes to delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

None

(c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

None

(d) **Consultations**

Safer priority lead officers were consulted in the writing of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

Overall, performance so far in 2008/09 has been encouraging, with 68% of performance indicators achieving, or within an acceptable threshold of, targets.

Some initial problems, such as delayed funding for Pubwatch campaigns, have been resolved, while others, such as timescale for receipt of data from Grampian Fire & Rescue Services, cannot be resolved at present due to internal reporting processes within their organisation. It is hoped that the problems currently being experienced in relation to Home Safety can be discussed further at the Safer Coordinating Group meeting at the end of February and corrective action(s) identified.

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