

## Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary – District Commander Summary

As the district commander for Winchester I am pleased to present the Winchester police data which serves as comprehensive review of the challenges and opportunities facing our communities. This data reflects our ongoing commitment to public safety, collaboration, and the delivery of effective policing strategies tailored to the needs of the district.

This report underscores our shared responsibility with communities, businesses and partner agencies in creating safer neighbourhoods. By continuing to work together we can proactively address the challenges we face and build on the success we have achieved.

Scott Chilton, our Chief Constable's vision for Hampshire remains 'We want people to not just be safe but to feel safe as well.'

The service we provide to our communities must be visible, connected and trusted, achieved through listening to what our communities are telling us and helping to solve their problems.

We are committed to delivering a quality and timely response to the public and ensuring all our frontline staff are trained and equipped to deliver a professional response – focused on a preventative and investigative mindset, to reduce crime, harm and anti-social behaviour.

It is not just what we do that is important, It is also how we do it. Our expectations need to be clear. That is why we now have a simple vision and just three priorities. If we get these things right across all of our business areas, we will deliver an excellent service for the public.

Three priorities are

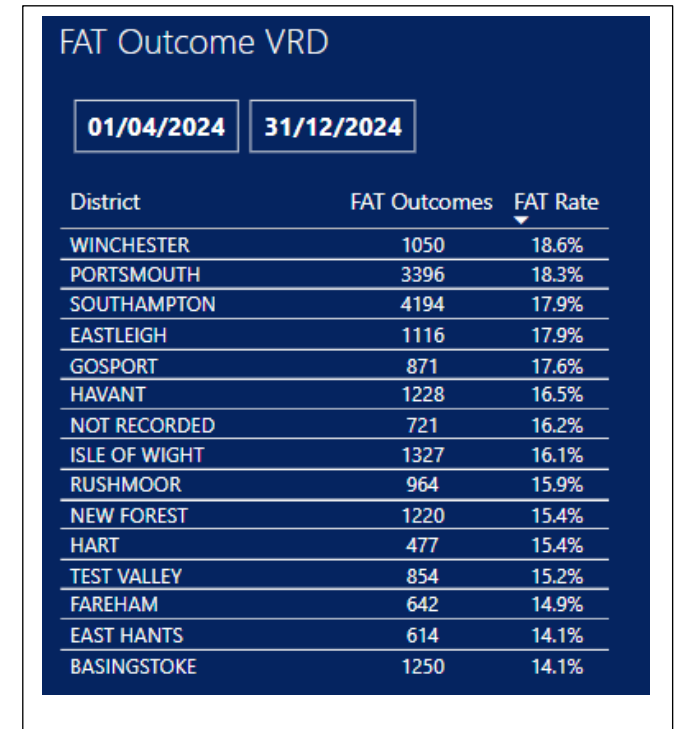
- Relentless pursuit of criminals
- Putting victims first
- Exceptional local policing

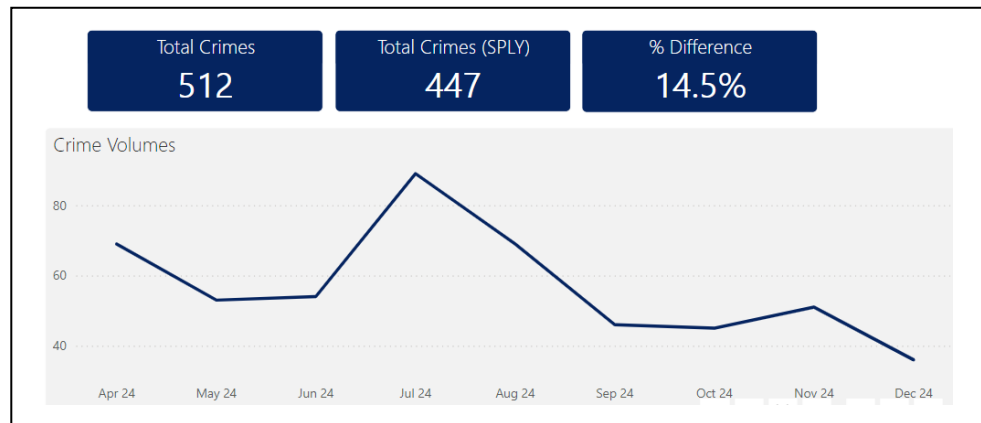
As the district commander I want to make sure I deliver against these force priorities. What I would ask from the public is to report all crimes and suspicious incidents to enable us to build a profile of offending in the Winchester area.

Each month I also review our district crime priorities. In 2024 we included tackling ASB, Drug related harm, Theft of pedal bikes, Burglaries, Theft from motor vehicles, Theft of Motor vehicles, High Risk Domestic Abuse. We will continue to review crime trends over 2024.

We will continue to work in partnership to ensure that Winchester is a safe place to live and visit.

Formal action taken was up 1.6% from the same period last year and sits at 18.6%. For the period of April 2024 – December 2024 Winchester is sitting at the top of force in relation to formal action taken. The force average was 16.7%. There has been a 2.1% decrease in Out of Court disposals and 21.1% increase in Charge and Summons, when compared to the previous reporting period.

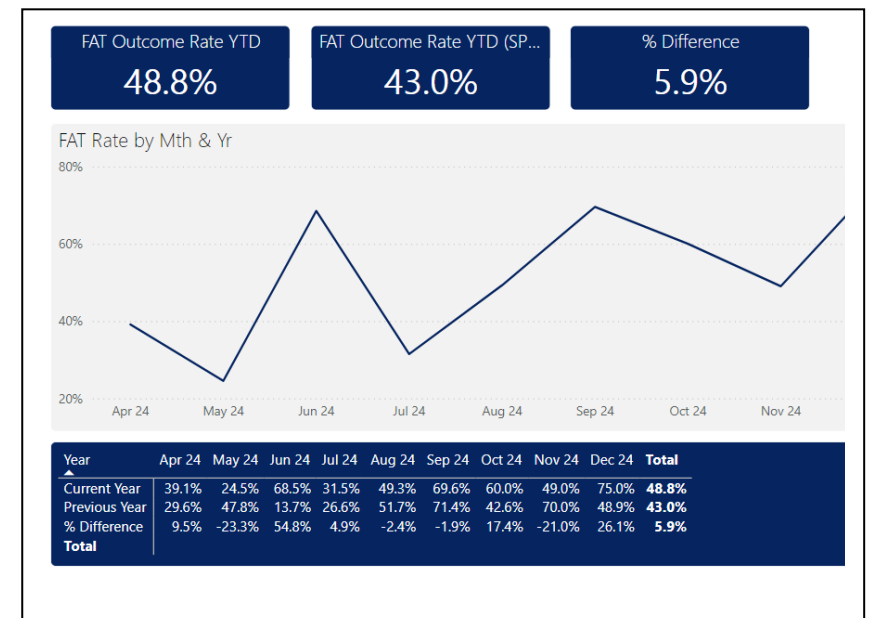




Shoplifting has seen an increase in commission from the same period the previous year, although you can see from the graph below that there was a sharp rise in the summer, however commission has continued to fall since.

Formal action taken in relation to shoplifting for April 2024 – December 2024 sits at 48.8% which top of the force in relation to performance. This is an increase of 5.9% from the same period last year.

We have 9 Community Behaviour orders in place for Winchester City Centre. There have been 24 reported breaches, and we have charged 17 of these. As a member of the board of directors for the Winchester Business Improvement District I will continue to support local business to tackle business crime.



The Night time Economy plan drives the Violence against women and girls strategy and alcohol related violence. This was in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership and Universities. Funding was agreed by the community safety partnership and Office and police crime commissioner to provide extra patrols from the BID rangers, bleed kits and training for door staff and licence premises.

A review of data for NTE economy related incidents is as follows - Number of Incidents reported has seen an increase of 3.66%.

I am quite comfortable with this increase as having police on scene when a crime happens encourages more reporting of incidents. What this also means is that being in the right place at the right time enables us to identify offenders as offences occur.

Policing NTE response now embedded within the district and monitored through licensing and Pub Watch. Response teams and Neighbourhoods carrying out patrols every weekend which is enhanced in high demand periods.

As a result we have seen an increase of charges up 11% relating to NTE reported offences and cautions up 64%, Community Resolutions increased by 16.90%.

Violence with injury is down 15.06%. Sexual offences are down 42.30%, Public Order offences are down 15.27%. Drug possession is up 60%, but this is seen a positive indicator as we are stopping and searching the right people.

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