

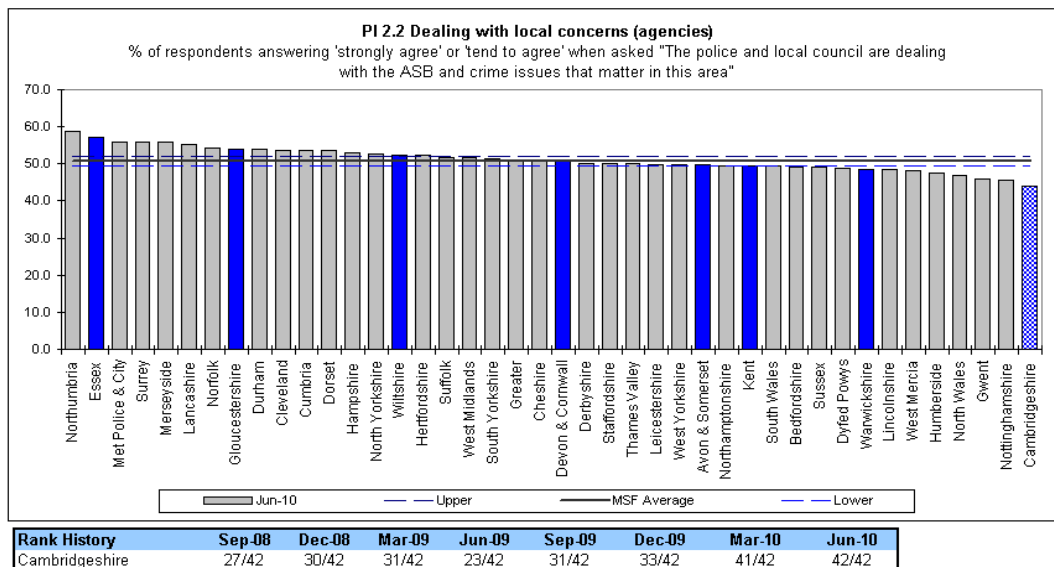
CONFIDENCE IN POLICE AND LOCAL COUNCILS TO DEAL WITH ASB AND CRIME

1. Introduction

1.1 In 2009 a single overarching target was set to improve confidence that the police and local councils are dealing with ASB and crime issues that matter in their area. Earlier this year the target was removed by the new government. Currently Cambridgeshire has the lowest level of confidence as measured by this indicator in the country. This report seeks the Community Safety Partnerships' views on the relevance of this finding.

2. Confidence Targets

2.1 The most recent British Crime Survey found that 44% of respondents in Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough) agree that the police and local councils are dealing with crime and ASB that matter locally. This figure, which cannot be broken down to give district level figures, is the lowest in the country.



Source: iQuanta BCS data for year ending June 2010

2.2 A Cambridgeshire Constabulary telephone survey asking the same

question to a random sample of local residents have shown a slight improvement over the year increasing from 61% to 62%.

- 2.3 Another question from the BCS reports on respondents that answer good or excellent when asked 'Taking everything into account, how good a job are the police doing in this area'. This indicator has improved from 48.9% in December 2008 to 53.6% in June 2010.

3. What next

- 3.1 There are many indicators, which attempt to measure people's perceptions; the varying results from these make interpretation difficult. However a historically key national indicator implies confidence in the ability of the police and councils to deal with ASB in Cambridgeshire is lower than national and, unlike in other areas, has not improved significantly over the last 2 years.

4. View of Community Safety Partnership

- 4.1 The views of the Community Safety Partnership are sought on:
- the continued relevance of the single confidence indicator and
 - action that should be taken in view of the current poor position nationally.

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