



## Communities are safe and protected

### Our communities are safe and protected from harm

#### Protecting the public

The purpose of this commissioning strategy is to create an environment that enables the people of Lincolnshire to succeed and prosper, to ensure the public feel protected and secure and that those that are most vulnerable are safeguarded.

#### Outcome

### Improve public safety by the reduction in drugs and alcohol misuse, focussed on town centre alcohol fuelled violence and

#### Measure

### Intelligence reports relating to legal highs

This measure is a count of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS aka legal highs) intelligence submissions to Lincolnshire County Council and the Police logged intelligence. Intelligence is used to track and predict crime and criminal activity. In context of NPS, intelligence submissions can come from any agency that may come into contact with information about legal highs and its usage. Intelligence can contain details of NPS packets that have been found, user reported experiences and details of where NPS is sold amongst other information.

Improving but  
not achieved

See the Data



245

Number of reports

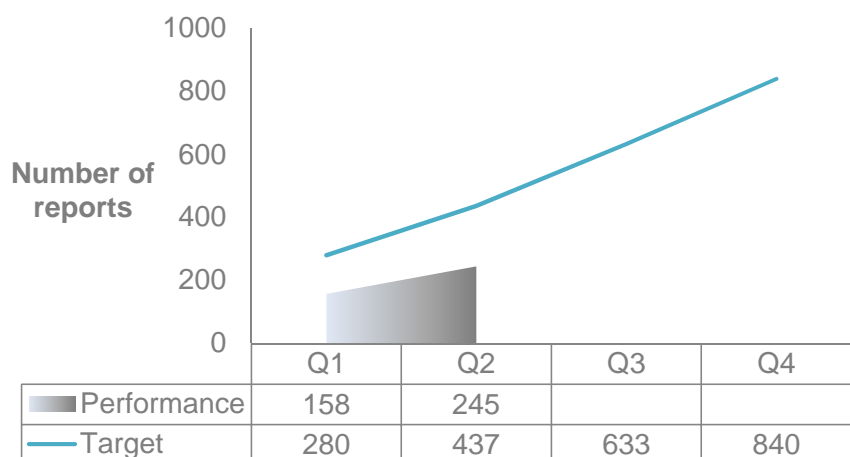
Quarter 2 September 2015



437

Number of reports  
Target for September  
2015

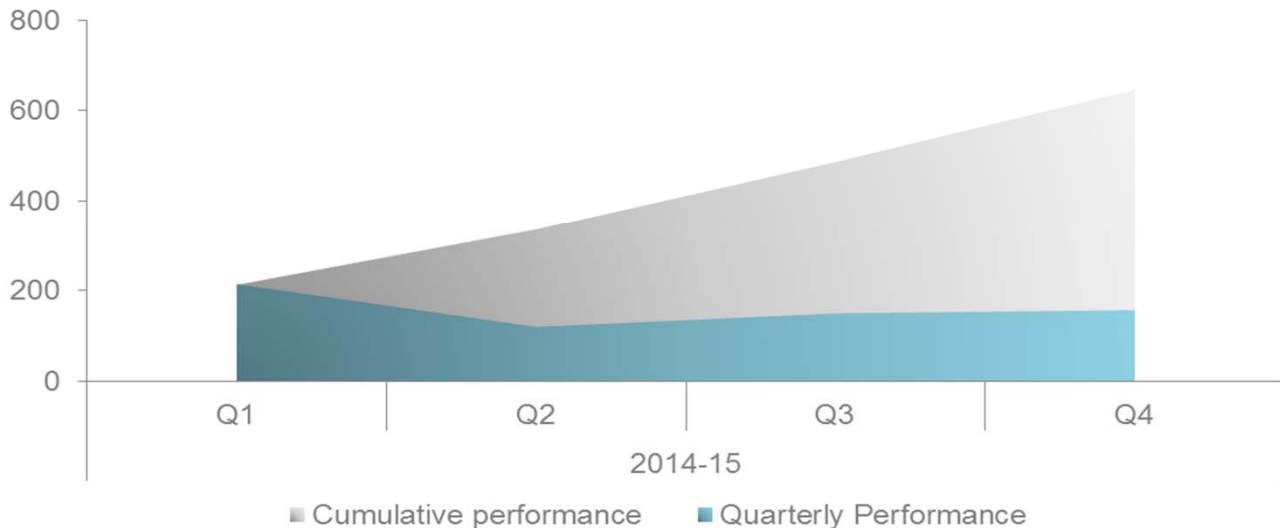
#### Intelligence reports relating to legal highs



Due to the closures of the two main headshops supplying NPS in Lincoln there has been a significant decrease in ASB related to those areas therefore a reduction in NPS related reports. Much of the intelligence came from local residents from around the headshops and the local supported housing facility which provided the bulk of intelligence. Since the closures reporting has gone down. Since the Public Space Protection Order which highlighted to the public through the media which 'banned legal high use' in the city centre there has also been a reduction in the open presence of legal high use. Whilst accepting legal highs will still be used the visual impact in our society has significantly reduced.

**Further details**

**Number of intelligence reports relating to new psychoactive substances (legal highs)**



| Measure Name           | Intelligence reports relating to legal highs |    |    |    |         |     |     |     |  |
|------------------------|--|----|----|----|---------|-----|-----|-----|--|
|                        | New measure in 2014/15                       |    |    |    | 2014/15 |     |     |     |  |
|                        | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1      | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  |  |
| Cumulative performance |  |    |    |    | 215     | 336 | 487 | 646 |  |
| Quarterly Performance  |  |    |    |    | 215     | 121 | 151 | 159 |  |

**About the target**

Increase New Psychoactive Substances (legal highs) intelligence submissions by 30%. The intention is to significantly increase the number of intelligence submissions which will improve the quality of information and analysis allowing for better targeting of prevention, education and enforcement work within the county.

**About the target range**

The target range for this measure allows for some fluctuation against the target increase of 30%.

**About benchmarking**

This measure is local to Lincolnshire and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.