

Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership



2011/12 Quarter One Crime & Disorder Report

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Overall Crime Update

Recent Changes

The following changes have been seen in recorded crime for the year to date (Apr-Jun):

- Total crime reduced by 16% (a change of 588 offences)
- Dwelling burglary is down by 50% (from 243 to 122 offences)
- Total violent crime has decreased by 20.5% (a change of 158 offences)
- A six percent reduction has been recorded in criminal damage (from 397 to 374 offences)
- Theft of pedal cycles reduced by 24% (from 798 to 610 offences)
- Police recorded ASB incidents fell from 2,145 to 1,818 incidents
- Total drug offences recorded an increase of 61.5%

For a more detailed breakdown see appendix 1

Drug offences

The constabulary performance data shows an increase of 61.5% in total drug offences year-to-date compared with last year. This was an increase of 80 offences, from 130 to 210 crimes. The majority of these (71 crimes) were for simple possession offences. Breaking the offences down by month shows that compared to last year, a large increase was seen in June and a smaller increase in April. However, the level of offences recorded in June 2011 for simple possession are significantly lower than June 2009.

Table 1: Police recorded drug offences – Simple possession

Month	2009	2010	2011	Percentage Change 2010-2011	Number Change 2010-2011
April	31	29	53	+83%	+24
May	43	52	51	-2%	-1
June	323	38	86	+126%	+48

Comparison of the DIP caseloads in Cambridge city in Q1 this year and last year has not shown any significant differences (please see the highlighted data). However, the total caseload for the county is higher in this quarter compared to the same quarter last year.

Possible reasons for the differences between 2010 and 2011 are;

1. Lack of an official strawberry fair in 2010 meant a lower number of offences
2. Increased police activity resulted in higher offences recorded in quarter 1 2011/12
3. DIP clients committed offences in the city are resident within other districts across the county.

Either of these, a combination of them and/ or other factors are likely to have had an effect. Further work continues to understand the fluctuations in drug offences. However, 2007-2011 data shows this is second lowest figure for June and below the 5-year average. An update will be made available to the partnership in due course.

Areas of Concern

There are no areas of concern for the partnership from quarter one.

Appendix 1: CADET - Selected Highlights

Cambridgeshire Constabulary - Recorded Crime Data

Cambridge City CSP

If inaccurate dates are entered in the period searches (e.g. if the end date precedes the start date) all cells will display zeros.	Earlier Period		Later Period		Numeric Change	Apparent Change
	From	To	From	To		
	Apr-10	Jun-10	Apr-11	Jun-11		
All Crime	3,731		3,143		-588	- 15.8%
BCS Comparator Crime	2,277		1,742		-535	- 23.5%
Serious Acquisitive Crime	564		305		-259	- 45.9%
Burglary Dwelling	243		122		-121	- 49.8%
All Robbery	68		21		-47	- 69.1%
Vehicle Crime	253		162		-91	- 36.0%
Aggravated vehicle taking	1		0		-1	- 100.0%
Theft from vehicle	199		134		-65	- 32.7%
Theft of a Vehicle	53		28		-25	- 47.2%
Handling Stolen Goods	11		11		0	No Calc
Most Serious Violence	26		22		-4	- 15.4%
Homicides	1		1		0	No Calc
Wounding Endangering Life	17		13		-4	- 23.5%
Grievous Bodily Harm without Intent	7		8		1	+ 14.3%
Assaults With Less Serious Injury	212		167		-45	- 21.2%
All Recorded Violence with Injury	238		189		-49	- 20.6%
Serious Sexual Offences	30		31		1	+ 3.3%
Rapes	11		10		-1	- 9.1%
Sexual Assaults	19		19		0	No Calc
Other Serious Sexual Offences	0		2		2	No Calc
All Violent Crime	769		611		-158	- 20.5%
All Violence Against the Person	662		557		-105	- 15.9%
All Sexual Offences	39		33		-6	- 15.4%
All Robbery	68		21		-47	- 69.1%
Criminal Damage	397		374		-23	- 5.8%
All Damage to Dwellings	81		76		-5	- 6.2%
All Damage to Other Buildings	63		44		-19	- 30.2%
All Damage to Vehicles	146		144		-2	- 1.4%
All Other Damage	96		97		1	+ 1.0%
Arson	11		13		2	+ 18.2%
All Theft and Handling	1,962		1,662		-300	- 15.3%
Shoplifting	369		351		-18	- 4.9%
Theft from the Person	84		97		13	+ 15.5%
Theft in a Dwelling	46		31		-15	- 32.6%
Theft of Pedal Cycles	798		610		-188	- 23.6%
Other Classified Thefts & Handling	399		406		7	+ 1.8%
Vehicle Interference	13		5		-8	- 61.5%
All Racially Aggravated Crime	31		14		-17	- 54.8%
All Racially Aggravated Violence	28		13		-15	- 53.6%
All Racially Aggravated Harassment	0		0		0	No Calc
All Racially Aggravated Damage	3		1		-2	- 66.7%
All Drugs Offences	130		210		80	+ 61.5%
Drugs (Trafficking)	11		20		9	+ 81.8%
Drugs (Simple Possession)	119		190		71	+ 59.7%
Drugs (Other Offences)	0		0		0	No Calc

Categories coloured white constitute a breakdown of the category in grey immediately above it.

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