

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### LAA CRIME INDICATORS

The Chorley Partnership's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter performance report highlights Chorley's performance against the Local Area Agreement targets for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The two crime-related indicators showed an overall rise in crime in Chorley over the last quarter.

These figures can be broken down to compare against the same period last year to give a reflection of the trends in crime over the year.

The table below shows the numbers of Serious Acquisitive Crime recorded in Chorley over 2007/8 and 2008/9.

| NI16 – Serious Acquisitive Crime | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | % Change |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Quarter 1                        | 187     | 223     | +19.3%   |
| Quarter 2                        | 228     | 150     | -34.2%   |
| Quarter 3                        | 203     | 155     | -23.6%   |
| YTD (Apr – Dec)                  | 618     | 528     | -14.6%   |

Overall, this shows that Serious Acquisitive Crime in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008/9 is actually **23.6% lower than the same period last year, and 14.6% lower for the year to date** compared with the year to date figure at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter last year.

However, when you compare the difference between this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter performance with that of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, the number of instances of crime has **risen by 3.3%**, as opposed to the same period last year where crime fell by just over 10% between the second and third quarters.

*(NB. The big difference with last year's performance could be due to the miscalculation of the indicator, experienced by many Police Forces around the country, as a result of incorrect guidance from the Home Office)*

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The table below shows the numbers of Assault with Less Serious Injury recorded in Chorley over 2007/8 and 2008/9.

| NI20 Assault with less serious injury | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Quarter 1                             | 171     | 155     | -9.4%    |
| Quarter 2                             | 177     | 163     | -7.9%    |
| Quarter 3                             | 147     | 180     | +22.4%   |
| YTD (Apr – Dec)                       | 495     | 498     | +0.6%    |

This shows that for the third quarter, Assault with less serious injury is **22.4% higher than this time last year**. The Year to date figure 498 crimes is 0.6% higher than the year to date figure at the same time last year.

The table also shows that this type of crime **rose by approximately 10%** between Quarters 2 and 3 of this year, compared with a **fall of just under 17%** between the same period last year.