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Dear Cllr Cartwright

Delivery of PSA1 Crime Reduction

I would like to congratulate you on your partnership's performance on achieving the PSA1 BCS Comparator Crime target. You are one of only 17 partnerships in the South East to achieve their targets. This means that the hard work you, as a partnership, have undertaken has reduced crime significantly in your area and it is now a safer place for your communities. Effective partnership working will have made a large contribution to meeting the challenging crime targets agreed three years ago and I encourage you to reflect on how this was achieved. I would be very keen to understand what you think has worked well so that GOSE can disseminate any good practice across the region.

Please could you pass on my thanks to colleagues for their hard work on this agenda. It is important to remember that these are not just dry statistics but represent real crimes and real people. The joint working of partners means that fewer people have been victims of crime in your area.

Overall, the South East found the target challenging, but we approached the final year with a new vigour and focus which has resulted in a marked turnaround in performance and I thank you for your efforts in supporting this. The South East needs to continue with this trajectory so that together we regain our reputation as being one of the leading regions for crime reduction. We will have to wait until the British Crime Survey is published in July to find out whether the national crime reduction target was achieved.

New PSAs

As you know, April 2008 saw the start of the new PSA period. Key PSAs for Community Safety include:

- PSA 23 – Making communities safer
- PSA 24 – Deliver a more effective, transparent and responsive Criminal Justice System for victims and the public



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- PSA 25 – Reduce the harm caused by Alcohol and Drugs¹

These set out new challenges that build on the reductions in crime achieved over recent years. The PSAs will deliver in the areas that matter most to the public:

- A reduction in serious violent crime;
- A reduction in serious acquisitive crime;
- A focus on local priorities in crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour;
- A reduction in the number of re-offenders; and
- A long-term and sustainable reduction in the harms associated with alcohol and drugs.

GOSE will continue to support partnerships in delivery of these priorities, and will also continue to use the e-forum as the primary method of disseminating information. If you have not subscribed to the eforum please follow this link. <http://eforums.gos.gov.uk/gose>. You may also want to see our 'new look' website which will be reviewed and updated regularly. This can be found at <http://www.gos.gov.uk/gose/communitySafety/>

Yours sincerely

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¹ The full documents can be found at: http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/pbr_csr/psa/pbr_csr07_psacommunities.cfm.



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