



Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



Overall, Group 1 Crimes of Violence have increased by 20 crimes to a total of 60, including ten additional robberies and five additional serious assaults.

There were no murders / culpable homicides in the reporting period.

173 fewer disorder complaints (-11.4%)

227 common assaults recorded (eight fewer victims) - down 3.4% on the previous year. 46 assaults targeted police officers, and 13 occurred while the offender was in police custody.



The detection rate for serious assaults stands at 54.3%, down 22.4 percentage points on PYTD. Meanwhile, the robbery detection rate is 86.7%, up from 60% last year.

Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting has increased 6.7% to a total of 128 crimes



68 housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) - down 20.9%, with 18 fewer crimes. 68% of HBs targeted dwelling houses.

While crimes of dishonesty overall remain at a similar level to the previous year, significant decreases in motor vehicle crime, housebreaking and other acquisitive crimes have been offset by an increase in fraud, common theft and shoplifting.



There have been two reported bogus workmen crimes - indicating one additional victim of this crime compared to the previous year. Tactics used by suspects included posing as utilities workers to gain access to properties and steal from within, and overcharging complainers for construction work which was thereafter not completed.

Public Protection



Reported sexual crimes are following a downward trend, with 38 reported YTD - nine fewer than the same period last year.

74% of sexual offences occurred in dwelling houses and other private settings. Meanwhile, 59% of reports were non-recent in nature.

45% of victims were aged 10 years or less. However, there was a notable increase in complainers aged 11 - 15 years compared to the previous year.

The detection rate for sexual crime is 33.3% - down from 49.1% last year.



86 missing person incidents have been reported year-to-date - up from 44 the previous year. Nearly half of these incidents related to the top five repeat missing persons. Children's Homes were the most common location for people to go missing from.

583 adult / child concern Vulnerable Person forms submitted year-to-date - down 2.5% on the same period last year.

292 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down 4.6% on the previous year. 38% of these incidents resulted in a crime report being raised - a decrease on the 47.4% conversion rate recorded last year.

Ten complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Inverclyde (12.5 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 11 allegations have been made.

Inverclyde

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)
Reporting Period - 1 April - 31 July 2018

Major Crime & Terrorism



As at 30th July 2018, 29 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested (three more than the previous year). £418,994.64 has been seized under POCA, an increase of 6.7% on the previous year.

15 drug supply charges have been raised year-to-date, nine fewer than the previous year. Cannabis was involved 60% of supply charges, with cocaine, heroin and diazepam also featuring.

There have been six confirmed drug - related deaths between January - July 2018 - four fewer than the previous year. However, toxicology is awaited for several more suspected DRDs.



Seven cybercrimes recorded year-to-date, one fewer than the previous year. Reported crimes included threats and menacing communications, online fraud and sending sexually explicit images.

Road Safety & Road Crime



No road fatalities were recorded in the period April - July 2018. While there were four serious road injuries (one more than last year), slight injuries fell by 23 in volume, to a total of 11.



Proactive road policing has resulted in an increase in driving licence, insurance and disqualified driving offences. Speeding, seat belt and mobile phone offences continue to follow a downwards trend.

POPULATION

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Wellbeing Matters - The wellbeing of our officers and staff is fundamental to the delivery of policing in Scotland. 'Your Wellbeing Matters' is a national initiative aimed at ensuring officers and staff who need support or assistance have access to it. We have a number of partner organisations who offer specialist support on a wide range of issues. K Division have identified 'Wellbeing Champions' across the Division to provide officers and staff a point of contact and to assist in signposting them to appropriate services. During August, 'Health Screening' appointments were offered to staff across the Division and a Wellbeing Roadshow took place at Greenock Police Office.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) - Police Scotland Inverclyde has recently recruited a group of 23 local young people aged between 13 - 17 years to form the first PSYV group in the area. The young people are currently nearing the end of the initial training programme where they have learnt about volunteering, police standards and social values through inputs from police and partners. A pass out parade to mark this achievement will take place over the next few weeks following which the young people will attend local and national volunteering events representing Police Scotland. The aim of the project is to break down barriers between young people and the police, promote positive role models and good citizenship.

Serving a changing Scotland - Cybercrime makes up an increasing proportion of the total crime we aim to prevent and investigate. Procurement is underway for 40 "Cyber kiosks" which will enable local officers to triage electronic devices, resulting in quicker investigation of devices, faster return of devices to victims and witnesses and reduce the demand on central digital forensic teams.

Boat Club Community Initiative - acting on concerns of local residents in relation to antisocial behaviour and vandalism around the model boat club in Murrleston Dam, neighbourhood officers initiated a primary school programme which encouraged P6/7's to visit the club, get involved in model boat building with an element of competition between local schools. This inter-generational collaboration between members of the club and school children has resulted in increased awareness of ASB amongst the younger children and in turn a reduction of complaints to the area.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - From 25 May 2018, Police Scotland have developed a new process for seeking views and consent from individuals in order to share their information with statutory agencies in relation to protection or wellbeing concerns to ensure that the requirements of GDPR are being complied with whilst still safeguarding vulnerable persons within our communities. A series of online training packages have been completed by K division officers in order to deliver the best service to the community with regards to information sharing.

Specially Trained Officers (STO) - Tasers - Training for STO's commenced in May 2018 whereby officers were thereafter deployed to the local community from early June. A Police Scotland priority is to ensure that at all times the safety of the public and the safety of officers who are attending incidents. Having these specially trained officers will improve our ability to keep the public and officers safe when attending incidents of a violent nature. These officers will be deployed at the heart of local policing in all 13 divisions across Scotland, helping to keep their colleagues and the public safe and bringing Police Scotland into line with forces throughout the UK. K division currently has 19 trained officers.

Protecting People - June 2018 - support requested by partner agency who were planning to detain an individual under Mental Health legislation. On attending, the individual's behaviour quickly escalated resulting in both officers sustaining significant injuries. In spite of this, both officers summoned assistance and pursued the individual who was quickly contained by attending colleagues. Given the state of mind of the individual, all officers' actions and presence of mind undoubtedly prevented members of the public coming to harm that day.

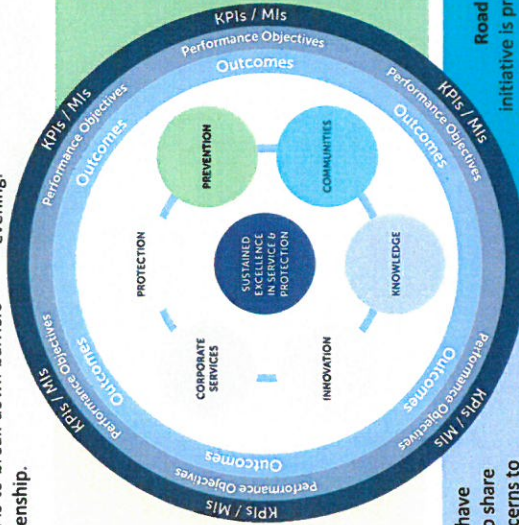
Protecting People at risk - Adult at risk - August 2018 There were concerns for a 33 year old man who phoned his partner stating he planned to commit suicide. Numerous units were deployed including the local community officer who made his way immediately to the coastline and located the man noting that he was walking further into the water by this time waist deep and was visibly shaking. Further information was broadcast regarding the males mind-set which clearly showed a threat to life resulting in the officer making the decision to enter the water and encourage and help him out. The man was subsequently taken to IRH where he was assessed by the mental health team. The officer's quick actions, presence of mind and courage prevented this young man being exposed to further harm that evening.

Notable Arrests - Violence/Significant Weapons recovery - July 2018 - following several reports of a large scale disturbance in a family residential area involving weapons, numerous officers were deployed including Armed Response. Incident was contained resulting in several arrests. A number of houses searched in the immediate vicinity resulting in several weapons being recovered including a crossbow, machetes, swords, BB gun and baseball bats. A 19 year old and 39 year old man charged with weapons and disorder offences, custody for court, currently awaiting trial.

Drugs Recovery - September 2018 - proactive directed patrols acting on intelligence and concerns from the community led officers to recover a quantity of heroin, crack cocaine and suspect amphetamine total value estimated to be in the region of £4000 concealed in a public area. Follow up with housing colleagues to cut back foliage, reduce similar opportunities and cause significant disruption to drug supply. Enquiries ongoing to identify offenders.

Road Safety - Following concerns from residents, a joint Neighbourhood and Roads Policing initiative is promoting safety and responsible driving around Inverclyde schools and key locations. Additional officers have been trained in the use of the Unipar (speed gun) to carry out checks in identified areas and through education, enforcement and positive media engagement it is aimed at changing driver behaviour and keeping vulnerable road users safe. In August, a 29 year old man has been reported for dangerous driving due to excessive speed with several other motorists warned since the beginning of the school term. The national speed campaign takes place from 17 - 23 September with continued work planned in our communities.

Youth Antisocial Behaviour and Safeguarding - the multi-agency youth ASB and Safeguarding initiative was a planned series of operations run over the summer holidays in Inverclyde. The initiative involved partners from Scotrail, BTP, Inverclyde Council Youth Workers, Inverclyde Council Warden, Anti-Social Investigators and Street Pastors. The purpose being a MA approach in diverting young people from congregating in large numbers and associated ASB whilst keeping them safe from harm. This is the third year we have brought together partner resources to tackle this issue which has resulted in positive community feedback and a reduction in calls to all agencies. We utilised local media and social media to keep the public informed of joint working over the summer period.



Included

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