



# 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 15 crimes to a total of 73, including six additional attempted murders and seven additional robberies.

There were no murders / culpable homicides in the reporting period - two fewer victims than the same period last year.

330 fewer disorder complaints (-15.2%)

324 common assaults recorded (35 fewer victims) - down 9.7% on the previous year. 53 assaults targeted police officers, with nine further assaults on other emergency workers. 16 police assaults occurred while the offender was in custody.



The rate of Group 1 Crimes of Violence per 10k population in Inverclyde is 5.6 - slightly above the national average of 5.5. Meanwhile, the detection rate stands at 67.7%, compared to a national average of 72%. In the reporting period, there was one taser deployment - drawn on 14/08/2018 in relation to threat of males in possession of weapons.

## Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting has increased 8.6% to a total of 201 crimes - 16 more than last year. Food and grocery thefts are up 35%.



88 housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) - down 28.5%, with 35 fewer crimes. 70% of HBs targeted dwelling houses.

While the majority of crimes of dishonesty have fallen considerably on the previous year, an increase in fraud (+119.2%) has offset this decrease to a degree, resulting in an overall decrease of two percent in acquisitive crimes. Retail fraud (returns scams, label swapping etc) and automated checkout fraud were the main areas of increase.



There have been three reported bogus workmen crimes - an increase of one on the previous year. Tactics used by suspects included posing as utilities workers to gain access to properties and steal from within, and charging complainers for construction work which was thereafter not completed.

## Inverclyde

### Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

Reporting Period: 1 April - 30 September 2018

### Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes have increased slightly on the previous year, to a total of 89 - four more than 2017/18. In Inverclyde, 3.4 sexual crimes are reported per 10k population, less than half the national rate per 10k.



83% of sexual offences occurred in dwelling houses and other private settings. Meanwhile, 48% of reports were non-recent in nature. Of the 89 crimes, only ten 'recent' crimes occurred in public

60% of victims of sexual crime were aged 15 years or less at the time of the offence. However, nearly three-quarters of these crimes were non-recent in nature.

The detection rate for sexual crime is 32.6% - down from 37.7% last year.



116 missing person incidents have been reported year-to-date - up from 98 the previous year. A total of 38% of all incidents related to the top five repeat missing persons. Crosshill Children's Unit, was the most common location for people to go missing from.

838 adult / child concern Vulnerable Person forms submitted year-to-date - down 6.8% on the same period last year.

427 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down 4.9% on the previous year. 39.8% of these incidents resulted in a crime report being raised - a decrease on the 47.7% conversion rate recorded last year. Meanwhile, of the total 11,573 recorded police incidents, there were 426 public safety incidents - up 4.2% on last

15 complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Inverclyde (13 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 19 allegations have been made.

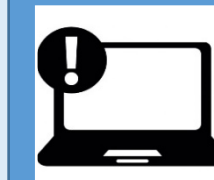
## Major Crime & Terrorism



28 individuals linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division. In addition, £481,600.14 has been seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

There have been 32 drug supply charges raised year-to-date, five fewer than the previous year. Cannabis was involved 58% of supply charges, with cocaine and crack cocaine featuring in 26%, a notable increase on the previous year (11%).

There have been nine confirmed drug - related deaths between April and September 2018, with five further suspected and awaiting toxicology results. Etizolam and methadone both featured in the majority of these deaths.

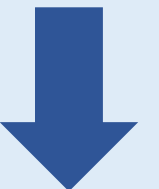


17 cybercrimes recorded year-to-date, five more than the previous year. Recent crimes include fraud, sending of sexually explicit images, possession of indecent images of children and sexual communications with children.

## Road Safety & Road Crime



No road fatalities were recorded in the period April - September 2018. While there were eight serious road injuries (three more than last year), slight injuries fell by 26 in volume, to a total of 27.



While offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen 14.4% on the previous year, proactive road policing has contributed to an increase in license offences in addition to dangerous and disqualified driving offences.

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**Wellbeing Matters** - In October 2018, nine officers from Inverclyde attended a Wellbeing Weekend at the Police Treatment Centre in Auchterarder. The officers were all involved in the immediate response to the Gateside Gardens incident earlier in the year which resulted in two colleagues being seriously injured on duty. Officers had time to relax and reflect as a group with access to complimentary therapies and facilities to focus on their psychological wellbeing following trauma. In addition PC's MacKenzie and Sayer have each benefited from a two week residential stay at the Centre.

**Awards** - PC Kirsty Boyd was awarded the SWDF Police Officer of the Year for her commitment and enthusiasm for supporting vulnerable young people in Inverclyde along with her continued hard work within our schools. Sergeants David Tomlinson and Robert Adam and PCs Kenny MacKenzie, Laura Sayer, Finlay Dobson, Terry Murphy, Martin Stark, Gus McKay and DC Susan MacLennan have each been awarded Chief Constable awards for bravery due to their outstanding conduct and professionalism during the recent incident at Gateside Gardens Greenock.

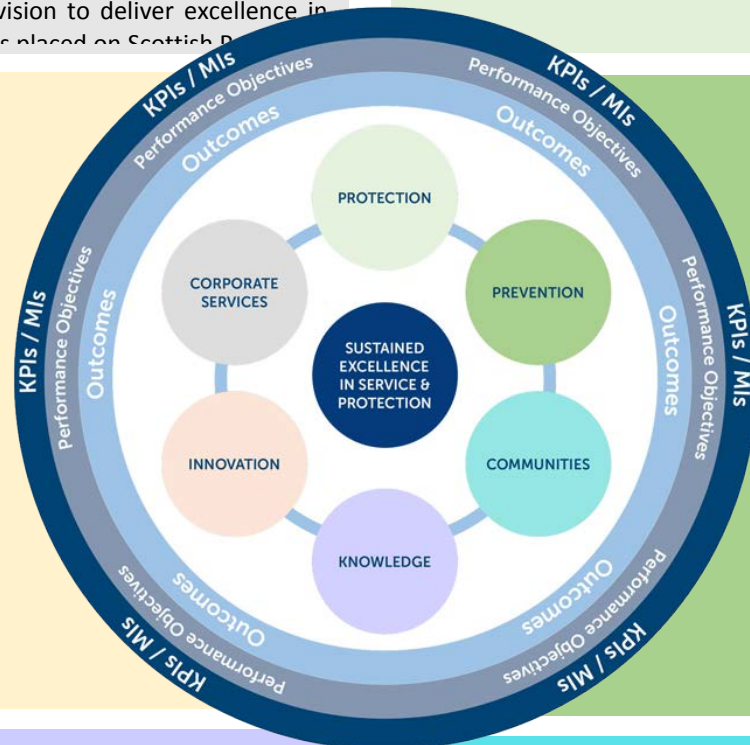
**New People Strategy** - In August 2018, Police Scotland introduced its New People Strategy which focuses on improving and encouraging leadership, creating a positive environment and becoming an agile, responsive organisation to empower, enable and develop our people. The strategy sets out the plans for all K Division to deliver excellence in service and protection and build on a modern workforce that will meet the future demands placed on Scottish Police.

**Protecting People at Risk of Harm** - Local officers regularly receive calls to assist people who are threatening to harm themselves. In October, officers responded to two separate and notable critical incidents in Port Glasgow where their quick decision making and excellent communication skills traced and supported two such individuals and ensured they received the necessary support from medical staff to help them at a time of mental health crisis. Quick action by officers undoubtedly saved the lives of these individuals.

**Notable Arrest - Protection of Life** - In September 2018 an off-duty officer was first on scene to a seriously injured man lying in a street in Greenock. He quickly administered CPR prior to colleagues attending who, in possession of medical kit, continued with more advanced first aid and were able to stabilise him prior to ambulance arrival. After diligent enquiry officers traced the blood back to a residential property nearby where a number of knives were recovered and the locus secured. A 24 year old male was subsequently arrested and charged with attempt murder.

**Digital Transformation of Policing** - In September 2018, plans were agreed for the investment in Police Scotland's data, digital and ICT capability to allow for the modernising of our service giving us the tools we need to protect the public in the 21st century replacing and improving on our current aging digital, data and ICT systems. The plan will deliver improvement in phases, beginning with the roll out of mobile devices to K Division officers which will allow for officers to spend more time in their communities and reduce the need to return to stations.

**Scotland's Boat Show** - Over the weekend of 12-14th October local officers together with colleagues from Military of Defence Police, HM Coastguard and UK Border Force carried out joint patrols on the Clyde and around Inverkip Marina providing reassurance to the maritime community. This joint operation helped strengthen partnerships and raise awareness about appropriate responses to coastal emergencies and sharing of intelligence.



**Multi Agency Partnership Working - Youth ASB and Safeguarding** - As a result of ongoing collaborative working, the volume of calls relating to youth ASB in 'hotspot' areas is significantly lower compared with previous years. This area of work does however remain a priority in order to maintain this downward trend and over the last few months we have been continuing our work with partners to focus in particular on key areas of Gourock and Port Glasgow where we are aware of continued reports. A collective action plan bolstered by additional Police Scotland mounted resources and local and social media support was carried out over the October Holidays with regular weekend default patrols and information sharing an ongoing commitment.

**Multi Agency Partnership Working - Doorstep Crime** - Throughout October, Neighbourhood officers carried out a month long awareness raising operation working alongside Trading Standard and Victim Support officers to better inform people about doorstep crime and the risk of online fraud. Events at Morrisons Greenock and Cardwell Garden Centre and inputs to community groups across Inverclyde were positively received with leaflet drops and letters to key groups ensuring a wide coverage. A joint enforcement operation resulted in increased partner intelligence, one arrest, 23 vehicles stopped, 2 road traffic detections and corrective advice given to several motorists. A joint response to an ongoing report of a rogue trader in the Greenock area resulted in a positive intervention by trading standards which prevented the resident handing over any money and disrupted a known rogue trader operation. Local and social media

**Counter Terrorism Awareness** - In partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to raise awareness of Counter Terrorism, our Counter Terrorism Liaison officer has attended at the local fire stations in Greenock and Port Glasgow to provide NaCTSO developed CT presentations to frontline staff. These presentations have been extremely well received by all attendees who provided positive feedback stating it has made them more vigilant in regards to building and asset security and increased their confidence in reporting suspicious behaviour to the local police. We have continued to build on our partnership with Peel Ports at Ocean Terminal through the delivery of the maritime CT initiative Project Kraken and regularly liaise with them in relation to the Cruise schedule.

**Multi Agency Partnership Working** - In September 2018, Inverclyde Council CCTV operators and Community Wardens observed a male acting suspiciously in Kilblain Street Greenock. They quickly liaised with local officers which led to the arrest of a prolific offender for a sneak-in-theft at the home of an elderly vulnerable person. Further diligent enquiry and information sharing established that the same male was responsible for a similar offence the previous day as well as a fraud in Greenock Town Centre. The male appeared at court the following day and was sentenced to eight months imprisonment. This example of effective partnership working will reassure the public that we continue to work together to keep people safe in Inverclyde.

**Drugs and Weapons Recoveries** - Police in the Inverclyde area have seized a quantity of drugs in the last few weeks at various locations throughout the Inverclyde area.

Acting on information provided by members of the public, Inverclyde officers searched a number of properties, vehicles and individuals suspected in being involved in drug activity. The drugs seized are currently being forensically analysed but are believed to be controlled drugs with an estimated street value of over seven thousand pounds (£7,000). Weapons including adapted saw blades, lock-back knives, a machete, knuckle duster and baseball bats have also been seized.

**Notable Arrest - Housebreakings** - As a result of diligent and extensive enquiries into a number of housebreakings in the Greenock area, local response officers were able to identify and subsequently arrest and charge two prolific criminals. Officers worked tirelessly to obtain a sufficiency of evidence to obtain Sheriff search warrants for properties which provided the required standard of proof to arrest. Both individuals were held custody and remanded in custody.

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