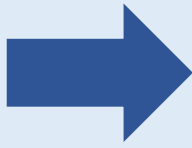


# Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

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

## Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



Group 1 crimes of violence have decreased by 21.3%, to a total of 70. One fewer attempted murder, six fewer serious assaults and six fewer robberies were recorded. The overall detection rate for Group 1 crime is 64.3%, down from 77.5% in the previous year. 43% of Group 1 crimes occurred within private households.

**Increase in recorded serious and minor violence.**

There have been 334 recorded common assaults, a decrease of 7.2% (26 fewer crimes) compared to the previous year. 102 (31%) of these assaults targeted emergency workers. These crimes are most commonly perpetrated against police officers.

26 fire-raising crimes have been recorded – a decrease of one crime on the previous year. The current detection rate is 23.9%, slightly below the previous year's rate (25.3%). 42% of fire-raising crimes targeted dwelling houses, with no change in the number of crimes targeting this property type compared to the previous year. Meanwhile, reports of disorder increased by 45.5%, with many of these incidents relating to COVID-19 restrictions.

## Acquisitive Crime



**50 fewer shoplifting crimes have been recorded YTD (n=207), while the detection rate increased from 80.5% to 96.6%.** **Housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) decreased by 8.8%, with a total of 83 crimes. 65% of HBs targeted dwelling houses.**

Motor vehicle crime decreased by three percent on the previous year to a total of 65 crimes, with the highest proportion of crimes involving thefts from insecure vehicles. The detection rate is 50.8%, considerably above the previous year's detection rate (37.3%).



One bogus caller crime has been recorded in Inverclyde. The accused took payment from an elderly complainer for unnecessary work, which was not undertaken.

## Inverclyde

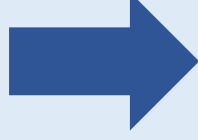
### Local Policing Plan (2020 - 2023)

**Reporting Period: 1 April 2020 to 30 September**

#### Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes decreased by 26.6% on the previous year, to a total of 58 crimes. This is also below the five year average (n=71.2 crimes). The detection rate for sexual crimes is 53.4%, up from 38% in the previous year.

Recorded rape and attempted rape rose by 26.7%, from 15 crimes in the previous year, to 19 in the current year. The detection rate increased from 30.8% to 52.9%.



22% of the sexual crimes recorded in the reporting period were against young people under the age of 16 years at the time of the offence.

Nearly 47% of sexual crimes were non-recent, with over a quarter of these non-recent crimes targeting victims aged under 16 years at the time of the offence being committed. Meanwhile, approximately 18% of sexual crimes were cyber-enabled.

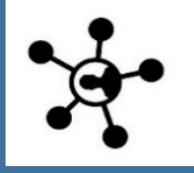


There have been 26 missing person reports in Inverclyde - a decrease of 67% on the previous year (n=79). While Looked After and Accommodated Children's Homes continue to account for the highest proportion of missing person incidents, a significant decrease has been observed in young people going missing from this type of premises compared to the previous year.

459 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 5.4% on the previous year. These incidents resulted in 264 domestic crimes and offences being recorded – seven percent below the previous year's volume.

**24 complaints were received about police during the reporting period. This equates to 20.8 complaints per 10,000 police incidents.**

## Major Crime & Terrorism



Targeting serious organised crime (SOC) continues to be a priority for the division. The Division continues to manage three serious organised crime groups, one of which predominantly impacts on Inverclyde.

YTD, there have been 19 detections of drug supply, production and cultivation offences have been recorded, down from 34 in the previous year. Seizures include diamorphine, etizolam, crack cocaine and herbal cannabis.



83 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' via application of the relevant cyber-crime marker in Inverclyde. Recent cyber-crimes include online 'social engineering' attacks to defraud complainers of money, voice phishing calls, and indecent online communications.

## Road Safety & Road Crime



One road fatality occurred within the reporting period – no change on the previous year. Meanwhile, serious road injuries fell by 50% (n=7) while slight injuries fell by 79.6%, to a total of 10. No children have been killed or seriously injured on Inverclyde's roads year-to-date.



Overall, offences relating to vehicles increased by 1.2% on the previous year, to a total of 609. This incorporates an increase in various road traffic offences including disqualified driving (+60%), licence offences (+19.5%), insurance offences (+07.8%) and drink/drug driving (+84.4%).

**Police Scotland National Recruitment Campaign October 2020** - Police Scotland has recently launched a recruitment campaign for Police Officers specifically within our increasingly diverse BME population. Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division is keen to support residents who are considering applying and are offering opportunities to participate in a Microsoft Teams event for advice on the role and recruitment process.

**Wellbeing Matters** - Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division has a new Divisional Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Insp James Kyle, who is motivated to help support and deliver on the organisationally wide wellbeing initiative. During these difficult times wellbeing is more important than ever to ensure that the mental and physical health of our officers is fully supported by providing support mechanisms and advice for a number of issues including health, finance and social support.

**Partnership Training Opportunities** - Officers in Inverclyde are being offered a range of opportunities to increase their knowledge on the ever-changing legislation and the roles of other agencies which will better enable them to provide a more efficient service to the public. Due to the changing working environments most learning is now predominantly virtual meetings or on-line training courses to still maintain continuous development.

**My Police** - Police launched our brand new 'MY POLICE' children's book which was written by one of our own officers, DC Stewart. The story was brought to life by the wonderfully talented Staci Jo Rowilson from the University of Stirling. The book introduces and explores the role of the police in protecting, supporting and keeping children safe. This has been an amazing project, involving Police Scotland and Barnardo's, funded by our local partnership and initiative fund in Inverclyde. Thanks to the support of local education, every nursery child was given a free copy of the book and it will be available in every library across Scotland. 'Read For Good' has also provide copies to children's hospital wards as well as including it in their Readathon kits UK wide!

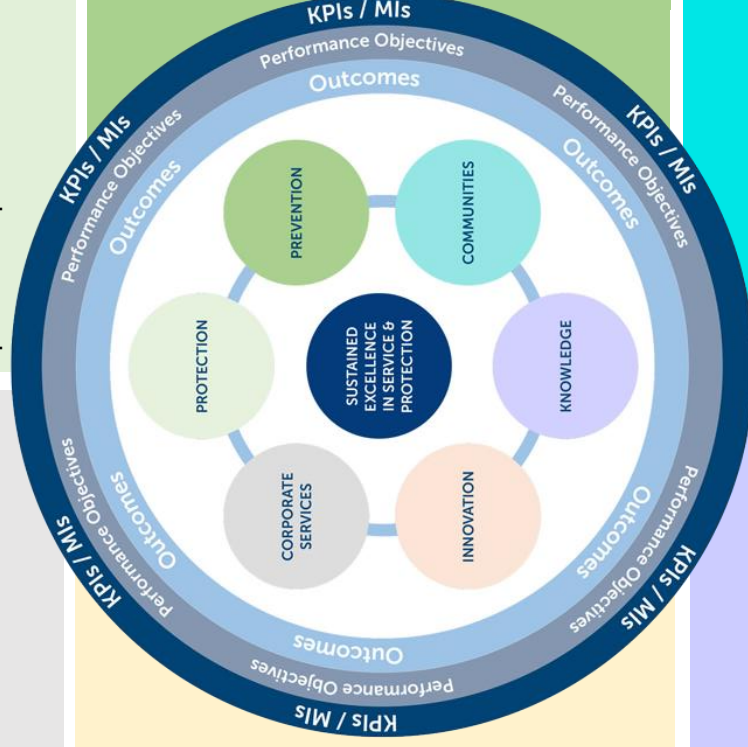
**School Engagement** - As part of Police engagement within schools in Inverclyde, our school liaison officer has continued to support our young people in schools while remaining COVID-19 compliant. The interactions with various year groups include Internet / Cyber safety advice to P6 & P7, being responsible in our community to P7s and personal safety talks to our new S1 pupils. This has been delivered in a variety of formats including the use of Social Media, outdoor spaces and video conferencing. Local Police remain committed to engaging and supporting our young people to keep safe in our schools.

**Notable Arrest** - On 4th October an elderly householder was awakened by someone at his door in Campbell Street, Greenock. As he went to investigate he observed a male had entered the house and was in a bedroom and began to rummage through items. The householder called the Police who attended immediately and apprehended the male as he was trying to leave. As a result a 36 year old male was arrested for allegedly being in a premises trying to commit theft and is currently awaiting trial.

**Anti-Social Behaviour - August 2020** - Police Scotland has been working together with River Clyde Homes and Inverclyde Council to tackle a number of properties regarding Anti-social behaviour and where the residents have been flagrantly in breach of COVID-19 regulations by a small number of their tenants. Combating this kind of persistent Anti-social Behaviour is a focus for all agencies. By working in partnership, we targeted the individuals involved by obtaining Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). This proved pivotal in dealing with this type of behaviour by giving Police additional powers to take action using the strongest possible legal action against them. This demonstrates the strength of our partnership working and the positive impact it can have on our communities.

**Joint Safety Visits** - In response to the well-publicised fire attacks in Inverclyde, Police Scotland and SFRS jointly visited almost 300 properties in Inverclyde to provide home and fire safety advice to ensure properties were up to the latest safety standards. Officers were fully supported by local housing providers and Inverclyde Council, who assisted in expediting property repairs or maintenance at short notice. This was one of a number of measures taken to help prevent further incidents while the investigation continues to bring those responsible to justice.

**Notable Arrest** - In the early hours of 7th October, officers on routine patrol had reason to stop a car on Lynedoch Street, Greenock which was observed trying to avoid officers. Due to the circumstances the car and five occupants were searched under misuse of drugs legislation. Four males and one female were arrested after a quantity of suspected cocaine was recovered. Two of the males were also found in possession of lock back knives. One male was remanded in custody and three males and the female were released on bail awaiting trial.



**Road Safety Awareness - August 2020** - Local officers have carried out a series of engagement and enforcement initiatives aimed at raising awareness about various aspects of road safety. These included high visibility patrols and static speed checks at various locations throughout Inverclyde with several drivers issued fixed penalties or reported for a number of road traffic offences.

**Supporting the New Scots Families in Inverclyde** - Since 2015, local officers have been regularly involved in supporting the New Scots Families who have settled in Inverclyde through both the Afghan and Syrian Refugee Schemes. Inverclyde is preparing to welcome additional New Scots Families to Inverclyde and in partnership with HSCP, local officers will continue to provide support, advice and a warm welcome to our community.