

**A meeting of the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee will be held on Thursday 19 November 2020 at 3pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.**

**This meeting is by remote online access only through the videoconferencing facilities which are available to Members and relevant Officers. The joining details will be sent to Members and Officers prior to the meeting.**

**In the event of connectivity issues, Members are asked to use the *join by phone* number in the WebEx invitation.**

**Please note this meeting will be recorded.**

GERARD MALONE  
Head of Legal and Property Services

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**Inverclyde Performance Report  
1st July 2020 - 30th September 2020**



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# Inverclyde Performance Report

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# Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan Priorities

The Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan has been developed to set out the priorities and objectives within Inverclyde and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely with our partners in Inverclyde to ensure we are all “**Working Together for a Safer Scotland**” through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.

The plan has been developed to complement key partnership activity embedded across Inverclyde Community Plan and associated Delivery and Thematic plans. Through partnership working we will seek to deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde identified six areas for demand reduction and is subject to regular monitoring and reporting through the Police / Fire and Rescue Committee. A summary of the priorities and current activity is detailed below with further detail and analysis contained within this performance report.

	Accidental Dwelling Fires	Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties	Unintentional Injury and Harm	Deliberate Fire Setting	Non-Domestic Fire Safety	Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
Inverclyde Central	4	1	0	14	0	11
Inverclyde East	2	0	2	9	0	7
Inverclyde East Central	2	0	1	10	0	11
Inverclyde North	6	0	1	14	2	32
Inverclyde South	2	0	0	15	1	13
Inverclyde South West	1	0	2	13	0	5
Inverclyde West	3	0	3	2	0	10

<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Year on Year Change</b>	67%	0%	0%	13%	-63%	-25%
<b>3 Year Average Change</b>	-9%	-50%	-20%	-1%	-18%	-3%

## About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Activity levels have reduced by more than 5%

Activity levels have reduced by up to 5%

Activity levels have increased overall

# Inverclyde Activity Summary



108

fires  
primary &  
secondary



59

special  
services



176

false  
alarms



343  
total number of  
incidents



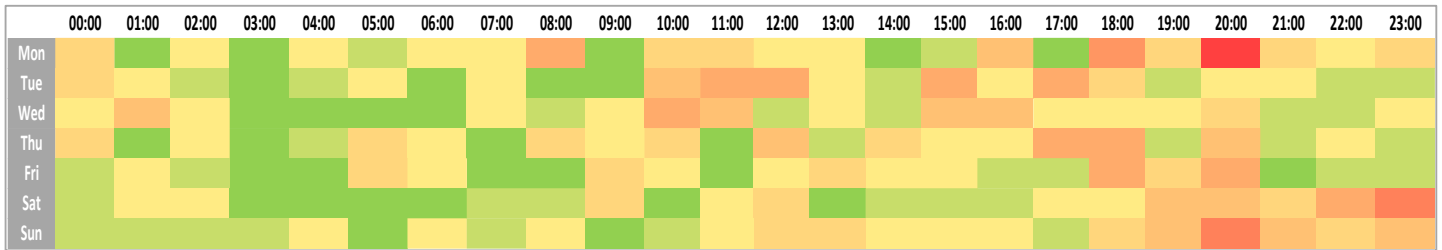
17  
fire & non-fire  
casualties



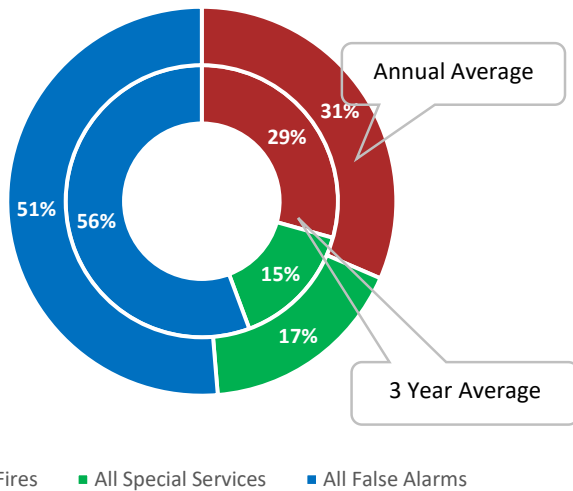
£175,330  
economic cost of  
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\*data above is year on year change

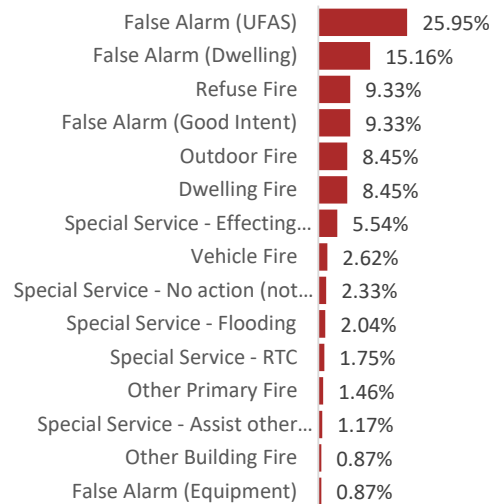
## Activity by Time of Day



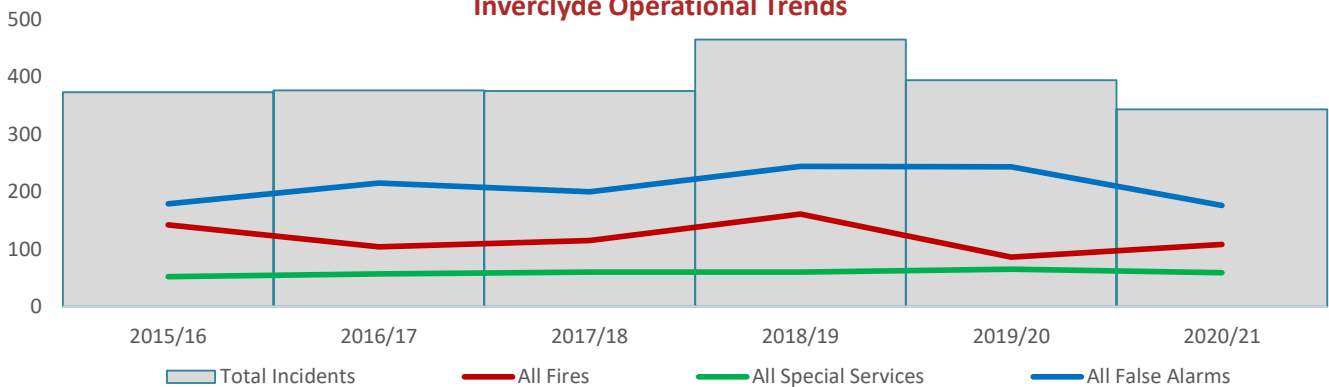
## Incidents by Classification



## Top 15 Incidents Types by %



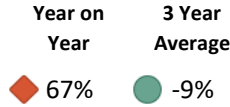
## Inverclyde Operational Trends



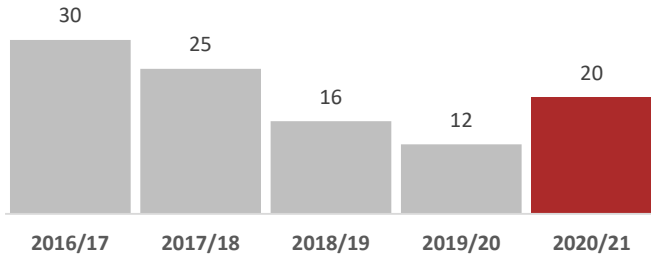
# Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fires



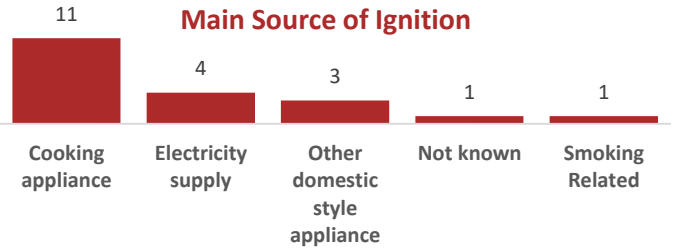
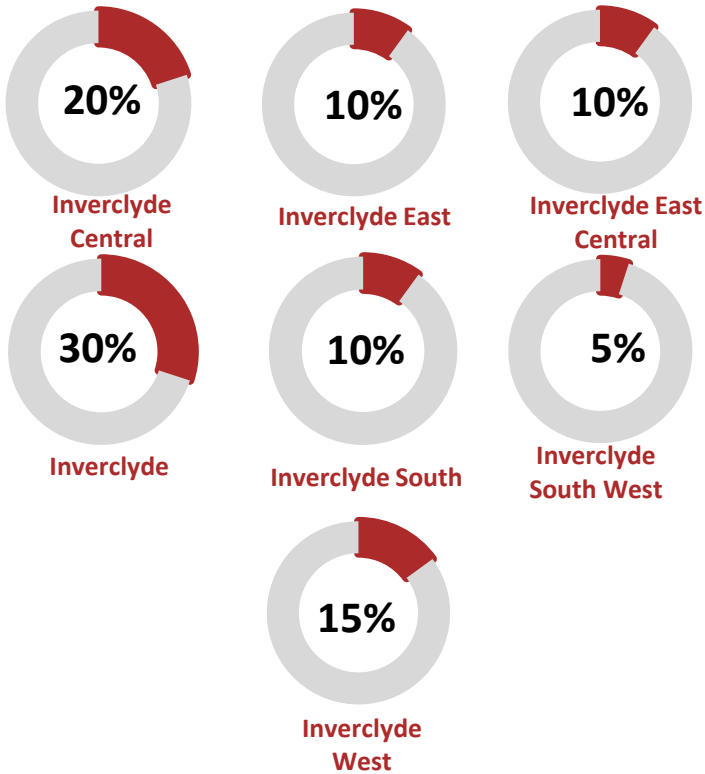
## Performance Summary



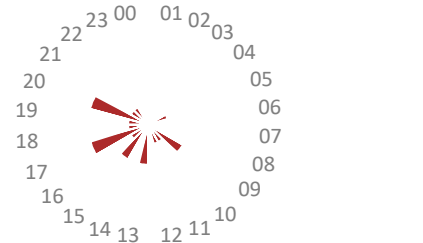
## Accidental Dwelling Fires



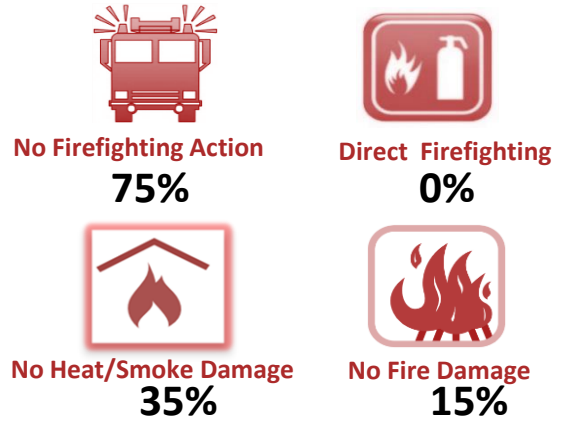
## Accidental Dwelling Fires Activity by Ward (% share)



## Accidental Dwelling Fires by Time of Day



## Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires



## Human Factors



## Automatic Detection & Actuation



In keeping with Q1 data, we have seen an increase in activity as a result of more residents being at home. Whilst there has been an increase in activity, it is pleasing to see that no direct firefighting took place at any of the incidents. This is due in part to early warning through effective detection and a high proportion being systems linked to an alarm receiving centre.

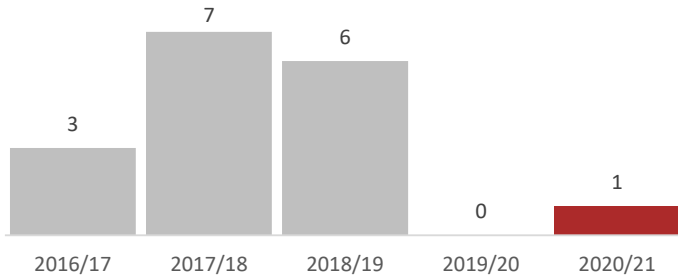
# Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties



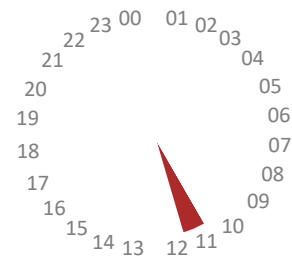
## Performance Summary

Year on Year ▲ 0%      3 Year Average ● -50%

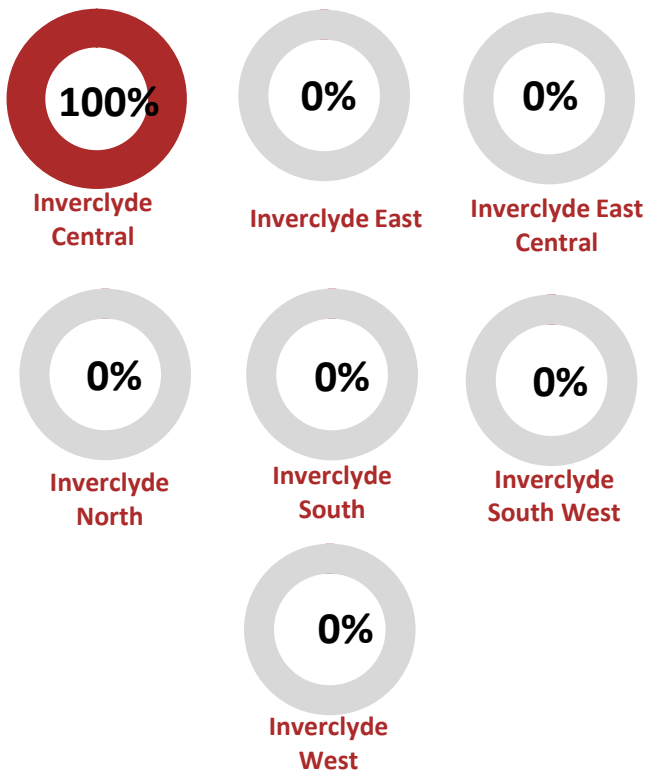
## Accidental Dwelling Fires Casualties



## Fire Casualties by Time of Day

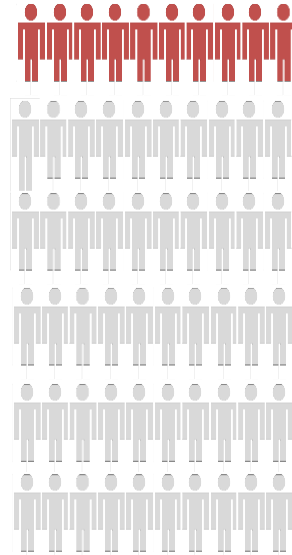


## Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)

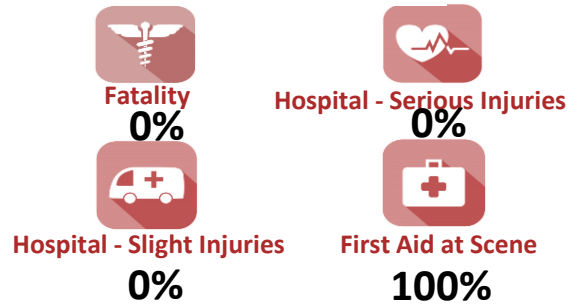


## Nature of Injury

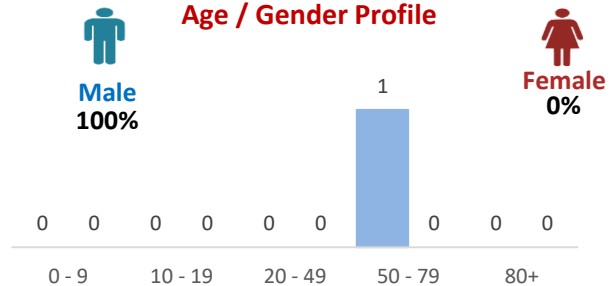
Smoke inhalation



## Extent of Harm



## Age / Gender Profile



Plleasing also to see that, despite an increase in activity, we recognise only one casualty receiving a precautionary check up on scene.

# Unintentional Injury and Harm



## Performance Summary

Year on Year



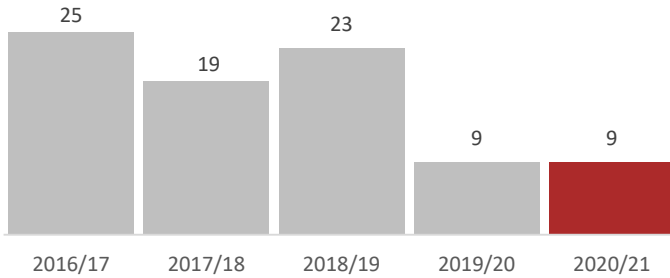
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3 Year Average

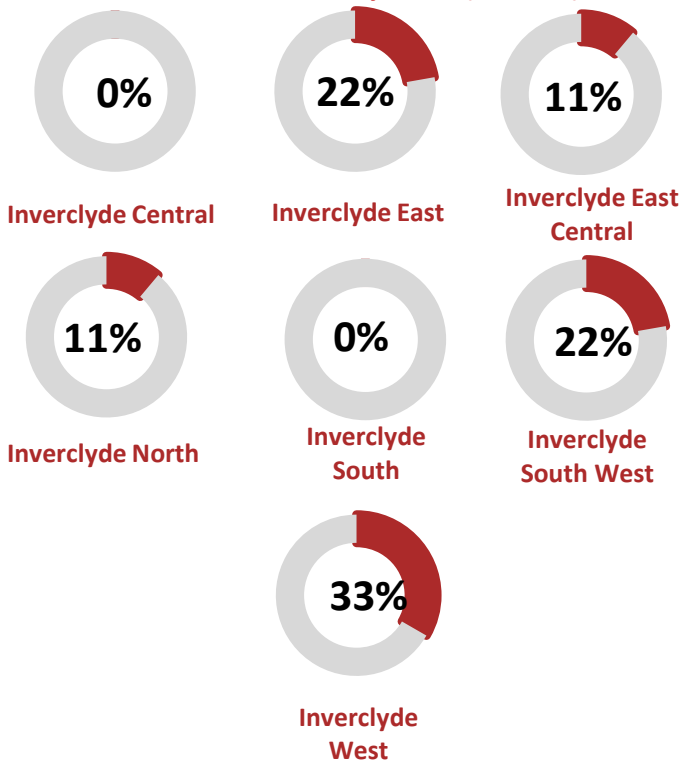


-20%

## Non-Fire Casualties

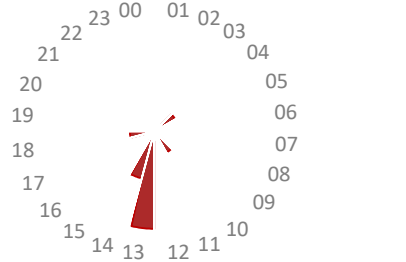


## Non-Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)

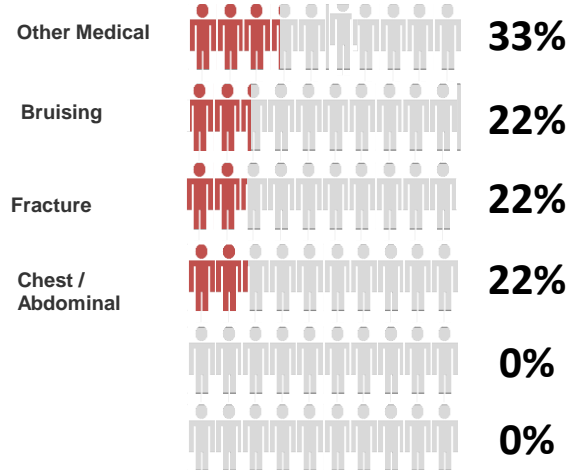


A consistent picture from the same period last year with the largest proportion of 9 incidents being Road Traffic collisions. Pleasing to see no water related incidents for the second quarter in a row during 2020.

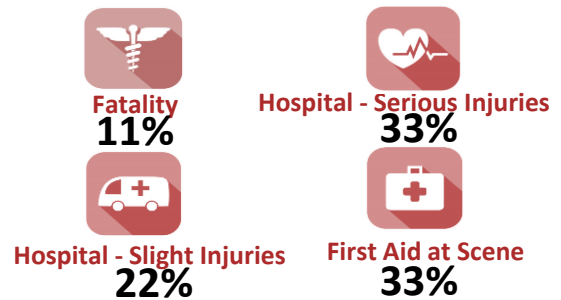
## Non-Fire Casualties by Time of Day



## Nature of Injury



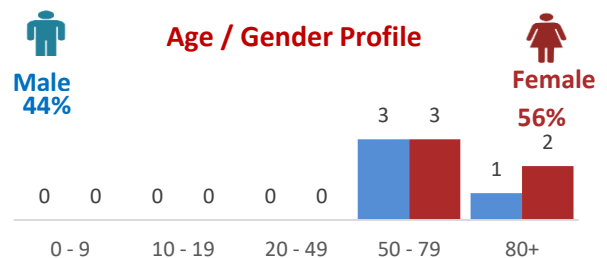
## Extent of Harm



## Non-Fire Emergency Activity



## Age / Gender Profile

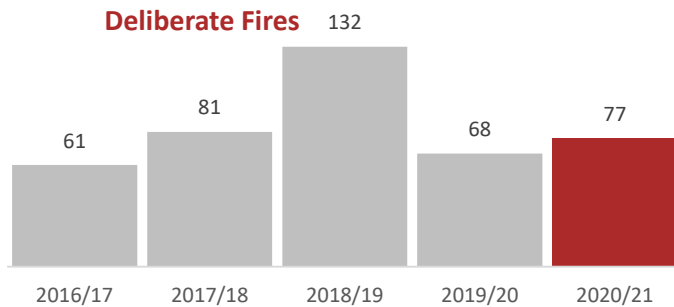
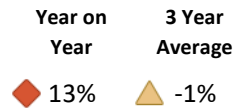




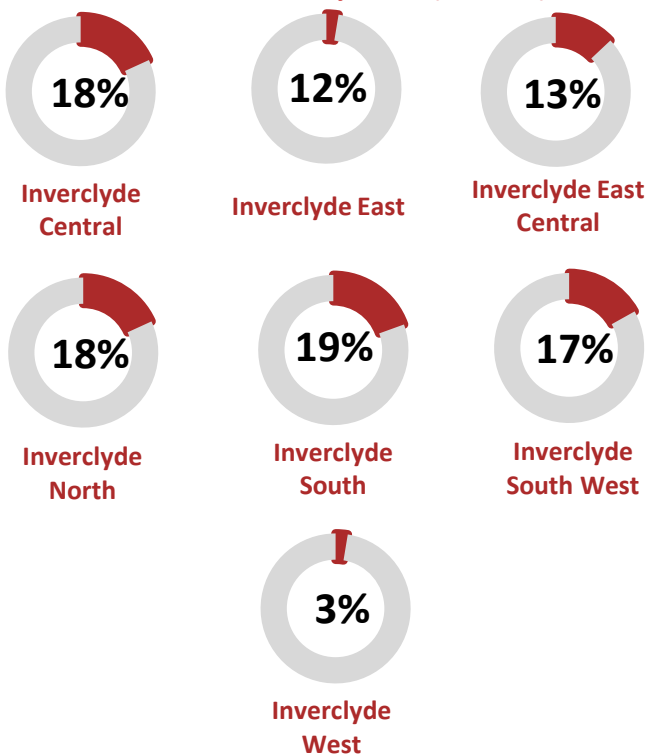
# Deliberate Fire Setting



## Performance Summary



## Deliberate Fires by Ward (% share)

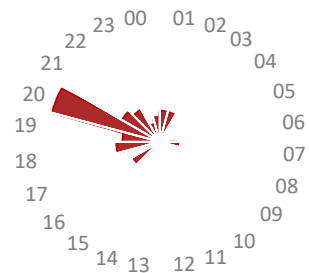


### Definitions

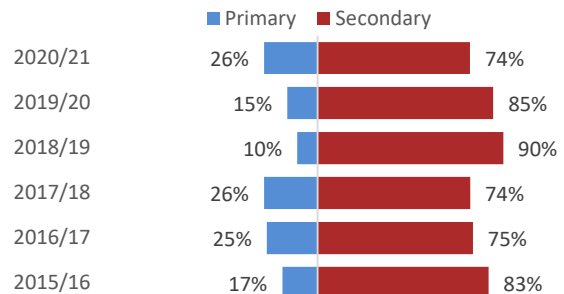
**Primary Fires** - all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fires attended by five or more appliances

**Secondary Fires** - fire incidents that did not occur at a primary location, was not a chimney fire in an occupied building, did not involve casualties (otherwise categorised as a primary incident) and was attended by four or fewer appliances.

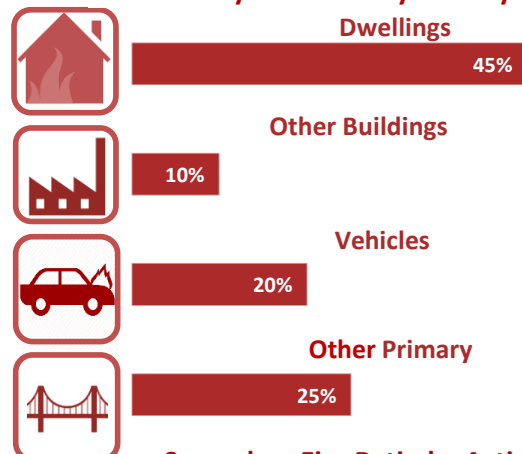
## Deliberate Fires by Time of Day



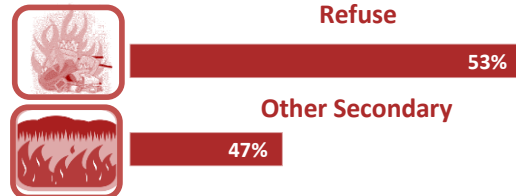
## Deliberate Fires by Classification



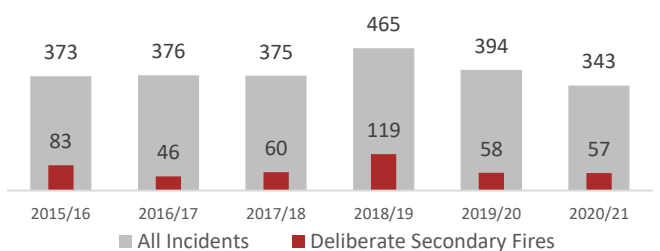
## Primary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



## Secondary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



## Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity

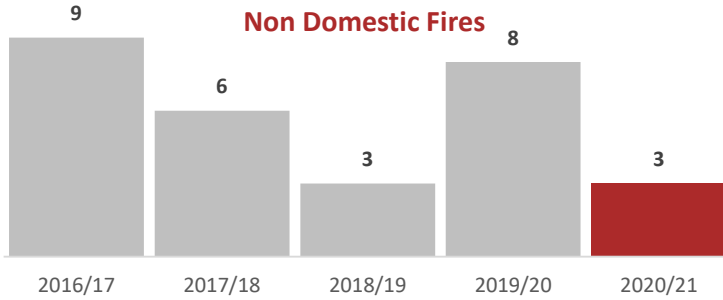
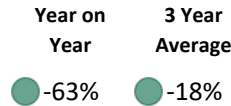


An increase in activity during this period with a marginal decrease over the 3 year average. Increase around dwellings identified as part of wider incident activity being addressed as part of a joint operation with colleagues in Police Scotland.

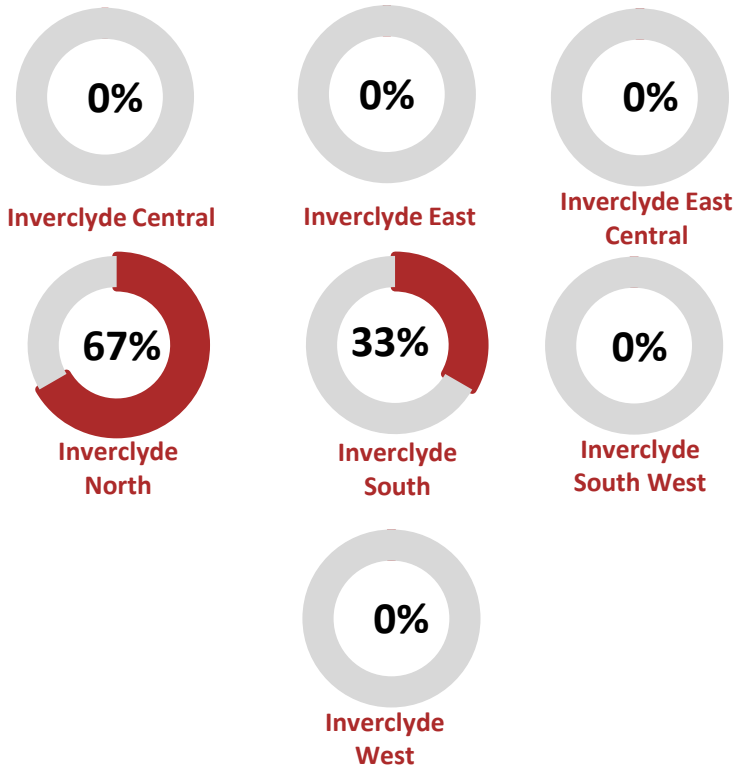
# Non Domestic Fire Safety



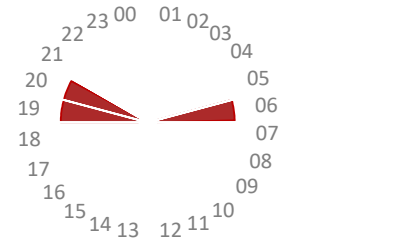
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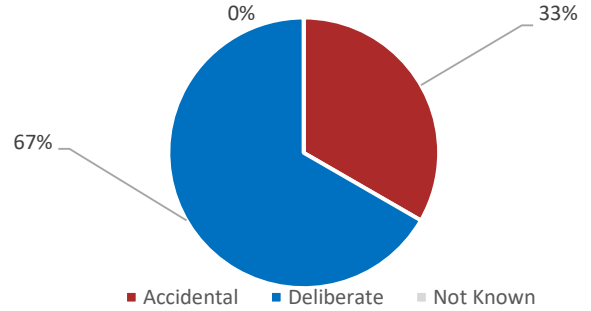
## Non-Domestic Fires by Ward (% share)



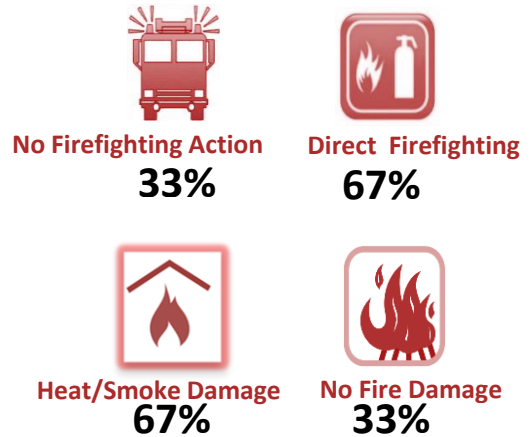
## Non-Domestic Fires by Time of Day



## Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



## Severity of Non-Domestic Fires



## Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



A decrease here on the same period last year and low activity in general over the quarter. Fire Safety Enforcement Officers continuing to engage with business owners, in a remote capacity at times, to continue audit work and provide safety advice.

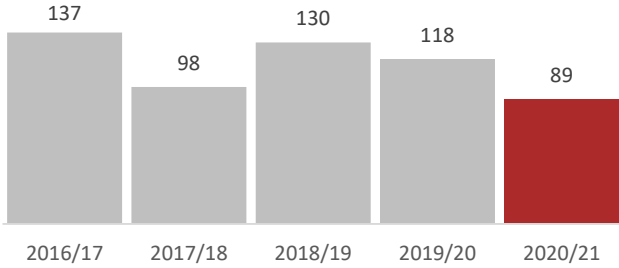
# Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



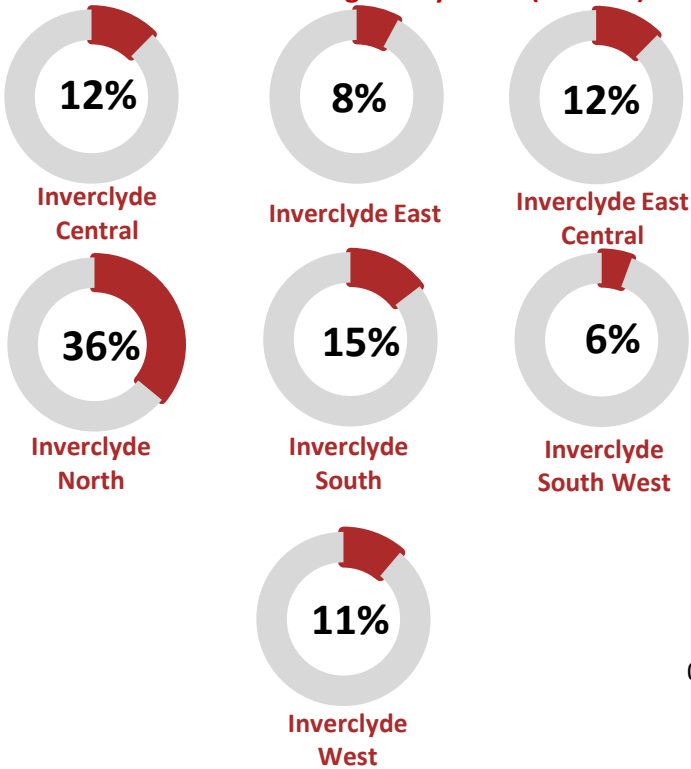
## Performance Summary

Year on Year ● -25%      3 Year Average ▲ -3%

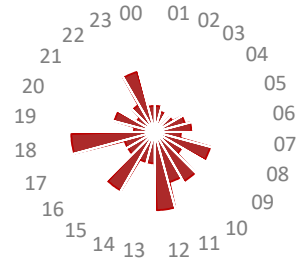
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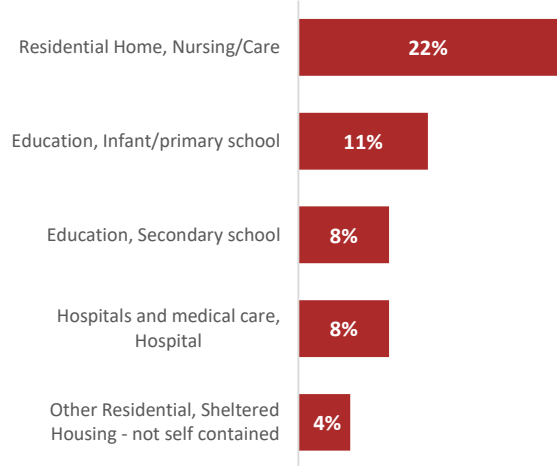
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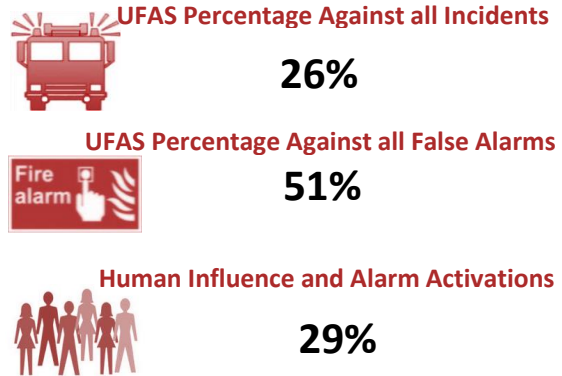
## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by Time of Day



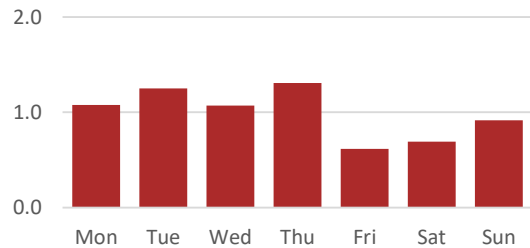
## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Activity Ratios



## Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Day

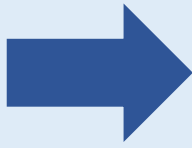


Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals at their lowest levels for 5 years across this quarter. SFRS has processes in place to engage with all UFAS reporters which take account of COVID restrictions when Operational Crews are deployed to alarm actuations.

# 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

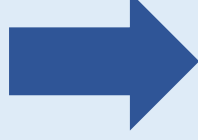
### Local Policing Plan (2020 - 2023)

**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!

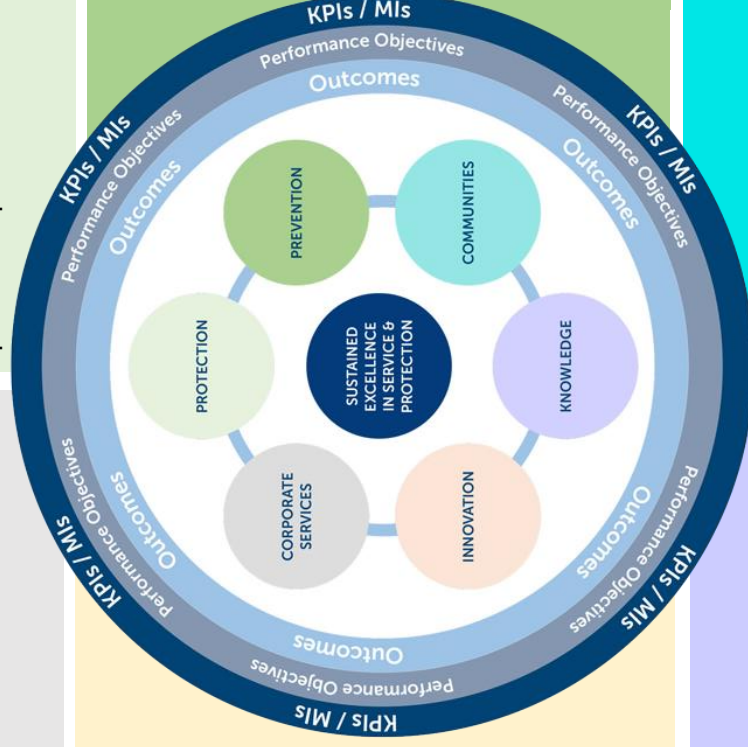
**School Engagement** - As part of Police engagement within schools in Inverclyde, our school liaison officer has continued to support our young people in schools while remaining COVID-19 compliant. The interactions with various year groups include Internet / Cyber safety advice to P6 & P7, being responsible 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.

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 November 2020</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>P&amp;S/08/20/HS</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (November 2020)</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on current and emerging issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue Services.
- 1.2 The report appends a response from the Committee pertaining to Police use of Temporary Powers relating to the Coronavirus crisis and updates from the Inverclyde Alliance Board including the recent approval of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides an opportunity for the Committee to be made aware of national initiatives, reviews and consultations and, where appropriate, to inform Members' consideration of future agenda items relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.
- 2.2 This report is intended to draw these elements together with a view to informing and shaping future meeting agendas as appropriate and raising awareness of emerging issues.

This report provides updates for the following:

- The Scottish Police Authority and Scottish Police Authority Board;
- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland;
- Independent Advisory Group
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board;
- Inverclyde Alliance Board

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.
- 3.2 That the Committee approves the response to the Independent Advisory Group on Police use of Temporary Powers relating to the Coronavirus Crisis outlined in Section 6.

#### 4.0 SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY (SPA)

- 4.1 **SPA Board Meeting:** The September meeting of the SPA Board was held by video conference on [30 September 2020](#), business items included the publication of the Police Scotland Cyber Strategy, Policing Performance (Q1 2020) and updates in relation to Brexit Contingency Planning and the Independent Advisory Group on Police Use of Temporary Powers related to the Coronavirus Crisis. The agenda and associated papers for this meeting can be viewed using the above link.
- 4.2 On 26 August 2020 a meeting of the SPA Policing Performance Committee was held and included a paper presented in relation to the [Overview of Local Authority Scrutiny Arrangements for Policing](#).
- 4.3 **Strengthening Governance and Accountability:** The SPA has submitted written evidence to the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing ahead of its session on police governance and accountability. [The Submission](#) provides a summary of improvements the Authority has made in the previous 12 months to strengthen its arrangements for the governance and accountability of policing.
- 4.4 **SPA Board Vacancy- Chair:** A recruitment campaign was launched in October 2020 by Public Appointments Scotland in relation to the SPA Board Vacancy. The closing date for the appointment was 30 October 2020.

#### 5.0 HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY IN SCOTLAND (HMICS)

- 5.1 **HMICS Annual Report 2019-20:** The report outlines how HMICS has carried out its statutory function for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. This year's report has been delayed due to the impact of COVID-19 on priorities and summarises all of HMICS inspection activity carried out during 2019-20. [The Annual Report 2019-20](#) can be accessed using the link.
- 5.2 **Joint inspection of emergency criminal justice provisions:** The inspection was carried out jointly by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland. [The Joint Inspection](#) assesses the use and impact of key emergency criminal justice provisions introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and considers whether any aspects of the emergency provisions could result in more efficient and effective ways of working in the longer term. A range of provisions were made to enable the criminal justice system to continue to operate during the initial response to the pandemic. Our inspection focused on four of these, three of which were legislative and one of which was a change in policy. The four provisions considered in the report are:
- Electronic signature and electronic transmission of documents
  - Remote, electronic attendance of parties at court
  - The ability to take a case beginning with an appearance from custody in any sheriff court ('national jurisdiction')
  - The Lord Advocate's Guidelines on liberation by the police during COVID-19.
- 5.3 **Thematic Inspection of Police Scotland Training and Development - Phase 1:** This report is phase 1 of a [Thematic Inspection of Police Scotland Training and Development](#) with the main focus on leadership training, continuous professional development and talent management, as well as appraisal and promotion processes. In all, 17 recommendations have been made including recommendation 17 stating "Police Scotland should work collaboratively to develop a strategy which supports the delivery of joint training with other key partners across the public sector, including local government and health". A rationale to this recommendation is noted in the report from paragraphs 176 through to 181.

## **6.0 INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP ON POLICE USE OF TEMPORARY POWERS RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

- 6.1 There was submitted a report to the Inverclyde Council Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee seeking permission to submit a response to the Independent Advisory Group. A response to the consultation was submitted on behalf of the Committee (Appendix 1) to the IAG in advance of the deadline of 30 September 2020. Subsequently the IAG Secretariat (The Scottish Policy Authority) has contacted Inverclyde Council advising that the submission has been forwarded to Police Scotland seeking clarification regarding an increase in disorder complaints in Inverclyde (Quarter 1).
- 6.2 There was a letter sent by the Assistant Chief Constable for Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing on 22 October 2020 responding to the submission of the consultation response. The response is appended for members (Appendix 2) but notes the following:
- The response can only provide an estimate of the proportion of disorder calls that are directly contributable to the temporary powers related to the Coronavirus Crisis and therefore should not be regarded as official statistics.
  - A review of Command and Control data for the period identifies that 14.5% of disorder calls during April 2020 to June 2020 in Inverclyde unambiguously relate to the temporary powers.
  - While this falls short of the 75.8% increase noted in disorder calls on the previous year, further analysis identified significant increases in incidents that mention gatherings, groups, parties and music within Inverclyde.
  - Inverclyde's public nuisance and noise profile has mirrored that observed at Force level

## **7.0 SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE BOARD**

- 7.1 The SFRS Board met on [27 August 2020](#) with a number of annual reporting mechanisms and quarterly progress reports presented to the Board.

## **8.0 INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD**

- 8.1 There was submitted a report to the Inverclyde Alliance Board by the Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council (Chair of Inverclyde Programme Board) in respect of [Alliance Partners Key Achievements and Priorities](#) with key achievements from the previous two years and key priorities for the next two years. The report outlines responses from a wide range of community planning partners in Inverclyde including responses on behalf of Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- 8.2 There was submitted a report to the Inverclyde Alliance Board by the Chair of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership/Superintendent (Service and Support Delivery) seeking approval of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment '[Making Inverclyde Safer Together](#)'. The report notes the rationale to a new strategic assessment and outlines the three outcomes and improvement actions contained within the strategic assessment. The Strategic Assessment is appended for Members as Appendix 3.

## **9.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 **Finance**



Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

9.2 **Legal**

9.3 **Human Resources**

9.4 **Equalities**

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES (see attached appendix)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
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X	NO
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#### 9.5 **Repopulation**

This structure is intended to protect and assist the local communities.

#### 10.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 None

#### 11.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

##### 11.1 **Alliance Board Partners Key Achievements and Priorities**

Inverclyde Alliance Board 5 October 2020

##### 11.2 **Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment "Making Inverclyde Safer Together 2020/22"**

Inverclyde Alliance Board 5 October 2020

##### 11.3 **Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update report (September 20)**

Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee 17 September 2020 (P&F/06/20/HS)

**To whom it may concern:  
Independent Advisory Group on Police use of  
Temporary Powers relating to the Coronavirus  
Crisis**

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Your Ref:  
Date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Independent Advisory Group

**INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP ON POLICE USE OF TEMPORARY POWERS RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

I write to you as Convenor and on behalf of the Inverclyde Council Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee. At our recent meeting of the Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee we were provided with an update by both the Divisional Commander and Local Commander of policing activity in Inverclyde and consequently note the following.

Within an Inverclyde context, Police Scotland (KC Sub Division) presented a paper noting statistical information under the heading of 'Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour'. The paper noted a 75.8% increase in the 'number of calls regarding disorder' between April and June 2020 compared to April and June 2019. We understand that a volume of these calls would have been regarding the Coronavirus Crisis and therefore to an extent an addition to the temporary powers. Could clarity be given on the extent of which an increase in calls regarding disorder is directly contributable the temporary powers related to Coronavirus Crisis?

The Committee also expressed its concerns over assaults on Police Scotland officers particularly being spat at or coughed on by people claiming to have COVID-19. Committee were advised that three incidents were recorded in Inverclyde in addition to incidents when missiles were thrown at officers exercising their duties. The Committee fully supports the Chief Constable's 'No part of the job' commitment.

Finally the relationship between Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland is a positive one, members note the continuing good work particularly so during the previous six months.

On behalf of the Committee I hope that the foregoing is of use to the Independent Advisory Group and look forward to a final report in order that Inverclyde Council can consider its implications in the role of local scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Tommy McVey**  
**Inverclyde Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Convenor**

Our Ref: 187/20  
Date: 22/10/2020

APPENDIX 2



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Dear Councillor

**INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP ON POLICE USE OF TEMPORARY POWERS  
RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 September 2020. I have liaised with my colleagues within Renfrewshire and Inverclyde division, specifically Divisional and Sub-Divisional management as well as Analysis and Performance. I would like to provide you with some information which I hope will answer you queries. I have to stress however that I can only provide an estimate of the proportion of disorder calls that are directly contributable to the temporary powers related to the Coronavirus Crisis. The information provided below should not be regarded as official statistics.

A review of Command and Control data for the period identifies that 14.5% of disorder calls during April - June in Inverclyde **unambiguously** relate to the temporary powers. We know this due to the descriptors that were placed on the incident, e.g. “breach of government guidelines”; “not adhering to COVID-19 restrictions” etc.

While this clearly falls short of the 75.8% increase noted in disorder calls on the previous year, further analysis identified significant increases in incidents that mention gatherings, groups, parties and music within Inverclyde.

**OFFICIAL**

While the above incidents don't specifically state the calls related to concerns of breaches of COVID-19 guidelines, given the significant increase in reporting we assess with a high degree of confidence that the majority of these calls were motivated by the introduction of government guidelines.

What I would say is that Inverclyde's public nuisance and noise profile has mirrored that observed at Force level - i.e. the significant increase is not unusual and does not differ significantly from the national trend.

I hope that the foregoing answers the queries that you have.

Yours sincerely



Gary Ritchie  
Assistant Chief Constable

**INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
STRATEGY 2020-2022  
MAKING INVERCLYDE SAFER TOGETHER**

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**Arabic**

هذه الوثيقة متاحة أيضا بلغات أخرى والأحرف الطباعية الكبيرة وبطريقة سمعية عند الطلب.

**Cantonese**

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**Gaelic**

Tha an sgrìobhainn seo cuideachd ri fhaotainn ann an cànanan eile, clò nas motha agus air teip ma tha sibh ga iarraidh.

**Hindi**

अनुरोध पर यह दस्तावेज़ अन्य भाषाओं में, बड़े अक्षरों की छपाई और सुनने वाले माध्यम पर भी उपलब्ध है

**Mandarin**

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**Polish**

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**Punjabi**

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**Urdu**

درخواست پر یہ دستاویز دیگر زبانوں میں، بڑے حروف کی چھپائی اور سننے والے ذرائع پر بھی میسر ہے۔

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# FOREWORD

**Councillor Stephen McCabe, Leader of Inverclyde Council and Chair of Inverclyde Alliance**

**As chair of the Inverclyde Alliance, the Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership, I am delighted to introduce Inverclyde's Community Safety Strategy for the period 2020-22 which sets out how community safety partners across Inverclyde will work together with Inverclyde's communities to make Inverclyde safer together.**

What 'community safety' means will mean different things for different individuals and communities across Inverclyde but ultimately it is about communities being resilient and being able to feel safe and be safe. Within this Strategy the Community Safety Partnership are focusing on three outcomes that aims to help communities feel safe and be safe; reducing violence, crime and disorder, reducing unintentional harm and injury and building resilient communities, more information on what the Community Safety Partnership will do to achieve these outcomes are contained within the strategic assessment.

The Community Safety Partnership have also undertaken a Strategic Needs Assessment to enable the Partnership makes an informed appraisal of where the greatest needs of our communities lie and where partnership working could make the greatest impact.

As Chair of Inverclyde Alliance, the Community Planning Partnership for Inverclyde, there is a commitment to develop and deliver co-ordinated, effective, efficient services together, meeting the needs of our communities and delivering better outcomes for all. In my foreword for the Inverclyde Local Outcomes Improvement Plan I mentioned that partnership working is more important now than it has been with the need to deliver better, more targeted services together, using shared resources where possible and I am confident that the Community Safety Partnership acknowledges this approach.

Councillor Stephen McCabe

Leader of Inverclyde Council

Chair of Inverclyde Alliance



# CONTEXT

## National Context

The National Performance Framework (NPF) was launched jointly by the Scottish Government and COSLA in June 2018. It sets out eleven long-term outcomes for Scotland, underpinned by 81 national performance indicators against which progress can be measured. In respect of community safety the relevant outcome is:

**We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.**

The Justice Strategy for Scotland also sets out key outcomes to help achieve a just, safe, resilient Scotland and has identified four outcomes to help achieve this:

- We live in safe, cohesive and resilient communities
- Prevention and early intervention improve wellbeing and life chances
- Our systems and interventions are proportionate, fair and effective
- We deliver person-centred, modern and affordable public services.

The Scottish Government and COSLA will establish a new national public health body- Public Health Scotland- by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. As a partnership between national and local government Public Health Scotland's purpose will be to improve and protect Scotland's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities. They will also support health and social care by focussing on prevention in order to reduce unsustainable pressures on the system. The Scottish Government and COSLA agreed six public health priorities to support national and local partners across Scotland to work together. This includes the priority: A Scotland where we live in vibrant, healthy and safe places and communities.

## Local Context

The Inverclyde Alliance is responsible for community planning in Inverclyde. It is made up of elected representatives and senior officers from across Inverclyde's public and third sector organisations- Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, Greenock Chamber of Commerce, Greenock and District Trades Council, Inverclyde Council, Job Centre Plus, Scottish Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Police Scotland, Voluntary Sector representation facilitated by CVS Inverclyde, West College Scotland.

There are a wider range of other organisations involved across the various partnerships which make up the larger Community Planning Partnership including Riverside Inverclyde, local Housing Associations and a variety of voluntary organisations.

The key plan for the delivery of the Inverclyde Alliance is the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan (2017-22). This plan sets out what the Alliance wants to achieve by way of improving outcomes over the short, medium and long term for the citizens of Inverclyde. Three strategic priorities have been identified which provides the framework for the development of action plans that reflects the needs of our population and the aspirations of our communities with the overall aim of reducing deprivation and inequalities. The three strategic priorities are:

- Population- Inverclyde's population will be stable and sustainable with an appropriate balance of socio - economic groups that is conducive to local economic prosperity and longer term population growth.
- Inequalities - There will be low levels of poverty and deprivation and the gap in income and health between the richest and poorest members of our communities will be reduced.
- Environment, Culture and Heritage- Inverclyde's environment, culture and heritage will be protected and enhanced to create a better place for all Inverclyde residents and an attractive place in which to live, work and visit.

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 created a national police force and a national fire and rescue service in Scotland, in addition to this the Act gives local authorities a function in monitoring and scrutinising the role of Police Scotland and The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service through the delivery of local Police plans and local Fire & Rescue Plans. Within Inverclyde scrutiny of the local police plan and local fire plan is carried out by the Inverclyde Council local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee.

The Community Safety Strategy also links with other local partnerships and strategic documents including the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership annual reports and associated plans and the Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan.

For more information on the geography of Inverclyde and its Alliance priorities, please visit <https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership/inverclyde-outcome-improvement-plan>

# INVERCLYDE CSP STRUCTURE

This section focuses on the Inverclyde CSP structure setting out the various groups and their respective responsibilities. An organisational chart as of April 2020 showing the overall partnership structure is shown overleaf.

The **Inverclyde Alliance Board** (Inverclyde Alliance) is the Community Planning Partnership for Inverclyde. Inverclyde Alliance is a family of partnerships working on shared priorities and promoting better collaboration in Inverclyde. In respect of community safety the Inverclyde Alliance may remit matters to the Strategy Group for local implementation, a recent example was the implementation of the National Missing Persons Framework.

As community safety partners Inverclyde Council, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue service (SFRS) are required to make submissions to Inverclyde Council committee's as per the Inverclyde Council Standard Orders and Scheme of Administration. Depending on the nature of the submission this will either be remitted to the **Inverclyde Council Education and Communities Committee** or **Inverclyde Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee**.

The **Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group** (Strategy Group) has the overall responsibility for the delivery of community safety activities in Inverclyde. The Strategy group sets the outcomes and themes on behalf of the overall community safety partnership and monitors the progress of the work carried out by the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group and the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi Agency Partnership. The Strategy Group also provides feedback in relation to community safety related activity to the Inverclyde Alliance Board at least annually in addition to any issues remitted from the Inverclyde Alliance.

The **Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group** (Coordinating Group) leads on the relevant themes contained within the strategic assessment on a variety of issues such as violence reduction, antisocial behaviour, dwelling fires, road safety and is currently responsible for the delivery of the Improving Inverclyde Initiative. The Coordinating Group also oversees activity on a number of sub-groups either on a thematic basis or a specific tasking issue (such as planning arrangements for the 5<sup>th</sup> November).

The **Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi Agency Partnership** (VAWMAP) leads on the development and integration of a strategic approach to the prevention and elimination of Violence Against Women. The VAWMAP also oversees the activity of sub-groups in relation to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

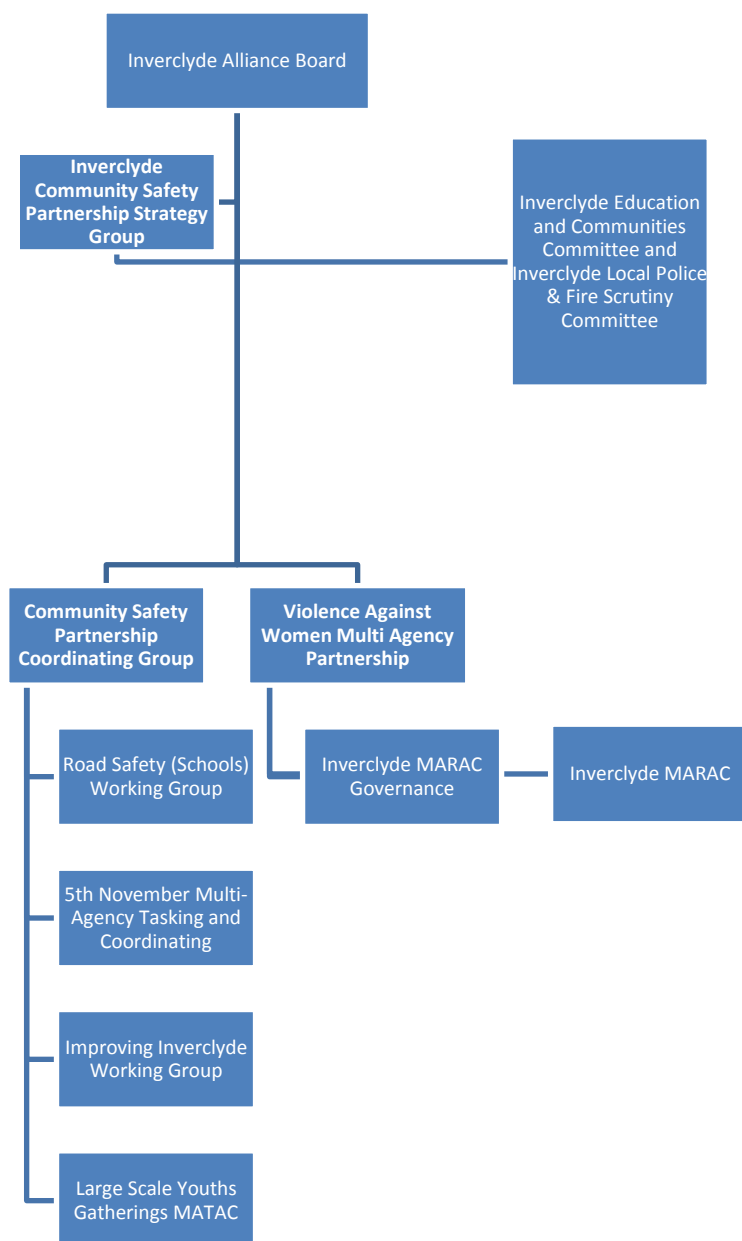
Delivery of the key themes contained within this strategic assessment will be allocated to either the Coordinating Group or VAWMAP for action (noted at each theme). Each group will be required to submit an improvement action plan to the Strategy Group detailing the following requirements:

- The actions regarding the relevant theme outlining the Prevention, Rehabilitation, Information, Communication and Enforcement responses to ensure that the Community Safety Partnership make best use of available resources.
- Any information and data gaps which require to be addressed to ensure that the Coordinating Group or VAWMAP work effectively.

- Any emerging threats which are likely to impact on the work of the Community Safety Partnership during the life time of the strategy.
- A communications plan/strategy outlining how as a Partnership we plan to raise awareness of the need to keep people safe in their communities on a real time campaign basis and long term campaign basis.

Feedback on each action is provided by the relevant lead officer at their respective group and progress is also reported to the Strategy Group by the Coordinating Group and VAWMAP Chair at each meeting.

### Community Safety Partnership Structure



## METHODOLOGY

In order to identify the outcomes and subsequent themes that will help make Inverclyde's communities safer a wide evidence base has been used. This approach ensures that the activities identified within the improvement action plan are targeted towards the issues, places, communities and individuals most in need. Our three priority outcomes have been identified through national priorities and the key themes identified through available data and current priorities.

Where required, additional analysis has been undertaken on themes identified within this assessment. The following sources have been considered to identify the priority themes:

- Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2022
- Inverclyde Strategic Needs Assessment 2017 (in respect of the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan)
- Local fire and rescue plan for Inverclyde 2017-2020
- Police Scotland Inverclyde Area Plan 2017-2020
- Inverclyde Violence against Women Multi Agency Partnership- Violence against Women Strategy 2017-2022
- Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan

In addition to the above, a number of community engagement sources such as the Scottish Household Survey, Inverclyde Citizen's Panel, Our Place Our Future survey and locality planning events (2019). Where relevant, these engagements have been included within the strategy.

As part of the Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities. Work has been ongoing to develop locality arrangements and locality plans across the 6 locality areas in Inverclyde. As this work continues the Community Safety Partnership acknowledge that localities may identify issues around community safety and will work with the locality groups, community organisations and partners in order to identify the actions that can be taken, when they will be taken and allocated responsibility for the implementation of the actions.

In or to inform our priorities evidence was taken from the following publications:

1. Domestic abuse in Scotland: 2018-2019 statistics (Scottish Government, 2020).
2. Fire Safety and Organisational Statistics 2019.
3. Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics 2019.
4. Recorded crime in Scotland: 2018-2019 (Scottish Government, 2019).
5. Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2018 (Transport Scotland, 2019).
6. MAST Online road safety analysis (March 2020).
7. Mid-Year Population Estimates (National Records of Scotland, 2019).
8. Citizen's Panel Spring 2018 (Inverclyde Council, 2018).
9. Our Place Our Future (Inverclyde Alliance, 2017).
10. Scottish Household Survey 2018 (Scottish Government, 2019)

## Performance Information

A range of performance indicators have been identified to allow the Community Safety Partnership to measure progress in achieving our outcomes. This annual report includes a selection of performance indicators to illustrate how we are doing. Data for 2018/19 is provided where available however sometimes there is no data update available or that data has yet to be published. Where 2018/19 data has yet to be published, the latest available data is provided. Please note that the performance indicators have been identified from a range of sources. Some of these sources are based on actual measurements, some have been generated from representative samples based on household data or based on a 'per head' of population (the range of the 'per head' population will vary from study to study but the range will be identified throughout the document).

As part of the commitment to improve services and target resources the Community Safety Partnership uses the 'family groups' detailed in the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) to compare against other local authorities that are similar in terms of the population they serve (e.g. relative deprivation and affluence) or the type of area in which they serve them (e.g. urban, semi-rural, rural). For Inverclyde, these groupings are:

<b>Family Group by the type of population they serve e.g. level of deprivation and affluence</b>	<b>Family Group by the type of area they serve e.g. rural, semi-rural and urban</b>
Eilean Siar	Angus
Dundee City	Clackmannanshire
East Ayrshire	Midlothian
North Ayrshire	South Lanarkshire
North Lanarkshire	Renfrewshire
West Dunbartonshire	West Lothian
Glasgow City	East Renfrewshire
Inverclyde	Inverclyde

This methodology has helped the Community Safety Partnership to identify key community safety themes which are explained in detail in pages 11 to 20.

## STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

The Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership has identified three strategic priorities which will help in making Inverclyde Safer Together. Each outcome is linked to national priorities under the Building Safer Communities programme. Contained within each outcome are key themes which community safety partners have identified as a priority during the two years of the strategy. Each theme contained within the assessment has identified a lead group, evidence outlining the problem and the responses from the Community Safety Partnership. Progress of each theme will be reported to the Inverclyde Alliance Board on an annual basis.

### Outcome 1- Reducing Violence, Crime and Disorder

The Community Safety Partnership acknowledges the significant impact crimes have on individuals, their families and communities across Inverclyde especially those crimes involving violence. The Partnership is committed to reducing all forms of violence, to reduce the numbers of victims of crime and to work with residents in reducing incidences of disorder. The key themes identified are:

- Violence against Women
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Violence
- Secondary Fire raising

### Outcome 2- Reducing Unintentional Harm and Injury

Unintentional Harm and Injury has been defined as predictable and preventable unintentional physical and psychological harm and injury and within Inverclyde focuses on home safety, fire safety and road safety. Within Inverclyde we seek to improve partnership working to enhance home safety awareness, road safety awareness and fire safety awareness. The key themes identified are:

- Dwelling fires
- Water Safety
- Road safety
- Home Safety

### Outcome 3- Building Resilient Communities

The Community Safety Partnership want all residents of Inverclyde to live in friendly, vibrant and cohesive communities which value diversity and support those in need. We want to encourage and support our communities to ensure they are resilient, safe and have low levels of crime. The key themes identified are:

- Neighbour Watch/Neighbourhood Alert Scheme
- Mentors in Violence Prevention
- Hate crime awareness
- Child Protection Responsibilities
- Improving Inverclyde Initiative
- Locality Planning Groups
- Crimestoppers / Fearless

# OUTCOME 1- REDUCING VIOLENCE, CRIME AND DISORDER IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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The Community Safety Partnership in this outcome will focus on violence against women, antisocial behaviour, violence and secondary fire raising.

## **Theme- Violence Reduction**

Lead- Coordinating Group

### **Evidence:**

- The number of Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence<sup>1</sup> recorded in 2018/19 accounts 4% of all crimes recorded in Inverclyde.
- In 2018/19, the rate of Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence increased to 16.8 per 10,000 of the population in Inverclyde.
- In 2018/19, the rate of Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence increased to 14.7 per 10,000 of the population in Scotland.
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated 4<sup>th</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population for Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence per 10,000 of the population.
- In 2018/19, the rate of Handling offensive weapons was 18.8 per 10,000 of the population in Inverclyde.
- In 2018/19, 43% of Handling an offensive weapon crimes in Inverclyde involved a bladed weapon.
- In 2018/19, the rate of Handling offensive weapons was 16.4 per 10,000 of the population in Scotland.
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated 5<sup>th</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population for Handling offensive weapons per 10,000 of the population.
- In the Our Place Our Future survey, of the 1310 responses, 35 people made comments about not feeling safe.

Group 1 crime includes: Murder, Culpable homicide, Attempted murder, Serious assault, Robbery and assault with intent to rob, Threats and extortion, Cruel and unnatural treatment of children, Abortion, Concealment of pregnancy, Possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, commit crime etc, Abduction, Ill treatment and neglect of mental patients and vulnerable adults, Drugging, Slavery or forced labour and Human organ offences.

### **What we will do**

- We will continue to support the national No Knives Better Lives campaign ensuring that are young people understand the consequences of weapon carrying.



- We will carry out a profile of Inverclyde noting locations in Inverclyde where non-sexual crimes of violence and handling offensive weapons are more prevalent. This will help identify partnership interventions to help reduce violence.
- We will support partners within the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership identify opportunities through a prevention and education model where alcohol use and problem drug use is linked to violence.
- We will continue to promote the use of Crimestoppers and Fearless as opportunities for members of the public to report crime.

### **Theme- Violence Against Women**

Lead- Violence Against Women Multi Agency Partnership

#### **Evidence:**

- There were 112 incidents of domestic abuse recorded by the police in Inverclyde per 10,000 of the population in 2018/19. The Scottish average for domestic abuse recorded by the police in Scotland is 112 incidents per 10,000 population.
- Of the above incidents recorded by the Police in Inverclyde 40% of these incidents included at least one crime or offence. The Scottish average is 41%.
- For incidents of domestic abuse recorded by the police per 10,000 of the population in 2018/19, Inverclyde is rated the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population.
- Where gender information was recorded, around four out of every five incidents of domestic abuse in 2018/19 had a female victim and a male accused in Scotland. This proportion has remained very stable since 2011/12.
- In 2018/19, 16% of domestic abuse incidents involved a male victim and a female accused (where gender was recorded). This proportion has remained stable since 2011/12 (ranging from 16% to 18%).

#### **What we will do**

- We will support communities in Inverclyde to embrace equality and mutual respect, and reject all forms of violence against women and girls. We will support this by;
  - promoting positive gender roles,
  - people enjoying healthy, positive relationships,
  - Children and young people developing an understanding of safe, healthy and positive relationships from an early age,
  - Individuals and communities recognising and challenging violent and abusive behaviour.
- We will support women and girls in Inverclyde to thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically and politically. We will support this by;
  - Women and girls being safe, respected and equal in our communities,
  - Women and men having equal access to power and resources.

- We will support interventions that are early and effective, prevent violence and maximise the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people. We will have achieved this when;
  - Women, children and young people accessing relevant, effective and integrated services,
  - Service providers competently identifying violence against women and girls and responding effectively to women, children and young people affected.
- We will challenge men to desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response. We will do this by;
  - Ensuring justice responses are robust, swift, consistent and coordinated,
  - Identifying men early who carry out violence against women and girls and the criminal justice system holding them to account,
  - Making relevant links between the experience of women, children and young people in the criminal and civil system.

### **Theme- Antisocial Behaviour**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- There were 96 incidents of antisocial behaviour per 1,000 of the population in Inverclyde during 2018/19.
- There were 278 incidents of antisocial behaviour committed by youths per 1,000 of the population in Inverclyde during 2018/19.
- In the Scottish Household Survey 2018 (SHS) 94.4% of respondents from Inverclyde rated their neighbourhood as a very/fairly good place to live. The same indicator for Scotland is 94.6. Similarly in the Inverclyde Citizens' Panel, 86% of respondents rated their neighbourhood as a place to live as very satisfied/satisfied.
- In the Scottish Household Survey the percentage of people agreeing with statements about their neighbourhood strengths are as follows; 85% either strongly agreed or tended to agree that their neighbourhood is a place where people are kind to each other and 79% either strongly agreed or tended to agree that their neighbourhood is a place where most people can be trusted. The Scottish rate was 82% and 78% respectively.
- In the Citizens' Panel 90% of respondents said that they feel either fairly or very safe outside during the day, when asked how safe they feel in their neighbourhood outside at night, 68% of respondents stated either very or fairly safe.
- In the Citizens' Panel 10% of all respondents said that they had noticed a reduction in anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood in the past 12 months. Forty one percent said that they had not noticed a reduction and 49% of respondents said that "Anti-social behaviour is not an issue in my neighbourhood".
- In the Our Place Our Future survey, of the 1310 responses, 23 people made comments about youths with the majority making comment in relation to young people committing antisocial behaviour or the fear of seeing large groups of youths.

- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was above the Scottish average for the percentage of attacks on SFRS personnel per number of all SFRS incidents.

#### **What we will do**

- We will introduce an Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Strategy during 2020 ensuring that Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland meet their legislative requirement under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004.
- We will create an antisocial behaviour policy document setting out how partners will respond to antisocial behaviour in Inverclyde.
- We will plan a partnership response to large scale youth gatherings.

#### **Theme- Secondary Fire Raising**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- There were 45 deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population attended by the SFRS in Inverclyde during 2018/19.
- Deliberate secondary fires accounted for 67% of all fires in Inverclyde in 2018/19.
- There were 23 deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population attended by the SFRS in Scotland during 2018/19.
- Deliberate secondary fires accounted for 47% of all fires in Scotland in 2018/19.
- Inverclyde had the highest rate per 10,000 population of deliberate secondary fires in Scotland during 2018/19.

#### **What we will do**

- There will be an action plan detailing partnership responses into secondary fires that occur between April and June (quarter 1)
- We will plan a partnership response for the period leading up to and including the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## OUTCOME 2- REDUCING UNINTENTIONAL HARM AND INJURY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Unintentional Harm and Injury has been defined as predictable and preventable unintentional physical and psychological harm and within Inverclyde focuses on home safety, fire safety and road safety. Within Inverclyde we seek to improve partnership working to enhance home safety awareness, road safety awareness and fire safety awareness.

The Community Safety Partnership in this outcome will focus on dwelling fires, road safety, home safety and water safety.

### **Theme- Dwelling Fires**

Lead- CSP Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- There were 24 primary dwelling fires per 10,000 dwellings attended by the SFRS in Inverclyde during 2018/19.
- There were 20 primary dwelling fires per 10,000 dwellings attended by the SFRS in Scotland during 2018/19.
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated 5<sup>th</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population for primary dwelling fires per 10,000 dwellings.
- The rate of dwelling fires is 4.5 times higher in the 20% least deprived areas of Scotland than the 20% most deprived.
- There were 52 fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Inverclyde during 2018/19.
- There were 8 fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Scotland during 2018/19.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population for fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires.
- There were 299 non-fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Inverclyde during 2018/19.
- There were 190 non-fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Scotland during 2018/19.
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated 2<sup>nd</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population for non-fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires.
- Inverclyde is the second highest ranking local authority for the number of home fire safety visits as a percentage of the number of households (4.1%).

#### **What we will do:**

- We will offer experiential training to care providers across Inverclyde to help reduce the risk of our most vulnerable residents being involved in dwelling fires
- We will identify areas of Inverclyde where dwelling fires are above the Scotland and Inverclyde average and provide targeted responses particularly to those residents who are most vulnerable

- We will work with private landlords to ensure properties meet the required legal standard
- We will consider an Inverclyde approach to supporting residents ahead of mandatory fire detection in all homes following changes to legislation.

### **Theme- Water Safety**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- There were 27 incidents involving concern for person/s in a body of water between April 2014 and March 2019 in Inverclyde, as reported to Inverclyde Council, Police Scotland or SFRS.
- There were 3.84 rescue or evacuation from water incidents by the SFRS per 100,000 of the population in Inverclyde during 2018/19. All incidents involving concern for person/s in a body of water were attended by SFRS in 2018/19.
- There were 3.16 rescue or evacuation from water incidents by the SFRS per 100,000 of the population in Scotland during 2018/19.
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated 2<sup>nd</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of area for rescue or evacuation from water incidents by the SFRS.

#### **What we will do**

- We will create a water safety reference group outlining bodies of water in Inverclyde and partnership responses to water safety.

### **Theme- Road Safety**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- In 2018, the rate of reported accidents was 14.6 per 100 million vehicle km in Inverclyde.
- In 2018, the rate of reported accidents was 13.3 per 100 million vehicle km in Scotland.
- In 2018, Inverclyde was rated 2<sup>nd</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of area for reported accidents per 100 million vehicle km.
- Of the reported accidents occurring in Inverclyde, 83% of casualties resided in Inverclyde and 6% resided in Renfrewshire, in 2018.
- In 2018, the rate of reported casualties injured in accidents was 1.23 per 1,000 population in Inverclyde.
- In 2018, the rate of reported casualties injured in accidents was 1.55 per 1,000 population in Scotland.
- In 2018, Inverclyde was rated 6<sup>th</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of area for reported casualties injured in accidents per 1,000 population.
- In 2018, 18% of the reported casualties were seriously injured in accidents in Inverclyde and there were no fatalities.
- On average, 2 children, aged 0-15 years, have been seriously injured per year from 2014 to 2018 in Inverclyde.

- In 2018, 20% of the reported casualties injured in accidents in Inverclyde were pedestrians.
- In the Our Place Our Future survey, there were comments made in relation to vehicles parking on pavements, some comments in relation to parking on pavements near early year's centres/schools. In addition to this there were a handful of comments in relation to making streets safer by reduced speed limits/enhanced safety measures.

#### **What we will do**

- Commitment to the continued existence of the Schools Road Safety Working Group.
- Raise awareness of the forthcoming legislation on pavement parking.
- Raise awareness of the Scottish Government Framework for Road Safety up to 2030.
- To continue to provide a Road Safety Education Programme.

#### **Home Safety**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- There were 8.8 emergency admissions to hospital as a result of a fall in Inverclyde per 1,000 of the population in 2018/19\*, when considering all ages.
- For ages 85+, there were 65.5 emergency admissions to hospital as a result of a fall in Inverclyde per 1,000 of the population in 2018/19.
- There were 6.9 emergency admissions to hospital as a result of a fall in Scotland per 1,000 of the population in 2018/19, when considering all ages.
- For ages 85+, there were 69.6 emergency admissions to hospital as a result of a fall in Scotland per 1,000 of the population in 2018/19.
- For emergency admissions to hospital as a result of a fall per 1,000 of the population in the age 85+ bracket, Inverclyde was rated 5<sup>th</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population in 2018/19.

\*provisional figures for 2018/19 Revised publication - Summary of emergency admissions for unintentional injuries resulting from a fall up to March 2019 (ISD, 27/8/2019).

#### **What we will do**

- We will create a home safety reference group home safety concerns in Inverclyde and partnership responses to home safety.

## **OUTCOME 3- BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

The Community Safety Partnership want all residents of Inverclyde to live in friendly, vibrant and cohesive communities which value diversity and support those in need. We want to encourage and support our communities to ensure they are resilient, safe and have low levels of crime.

The Community Safety Partnership in this outcome will support work on neighbourhood watch, an area based initiative called 'Improving Inverclyde', the continued work in the Mentors in Violence Prevention approach, supporting those at risk of hate crime and extremism, supporting the work of Crimestoppers and their youth version 'Fearless', ensuring that our children and young people are safe from sexual exploitation and supporting our communities through locality planning.

### **Theme- Neighbourhood Watch/Neighbourhood Alert Scheme**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- As of April 2020 there are 32 registered Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Inverclyde (membership ranges from individual streets to neighbourhood areas to as wide as community council areas).
- As of April 2020 there are approximately 150 individuals signed up to receive updates via the Neighbourhood Alert Scheme.

#### **What we will do**

- We will continue to support communities across Inverclyde create Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- We will work with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland to introduce the Neighbourhood Alert Scheme in Inverclyde.
- We will work with surrounding community safety partnership to consider the roll out of a rural watch scheme.

### **Theme- Improving Inverclyde Initiative**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- Police Scotland, Inverclyde Council and the Violence Reduction Unit jointly developed the idea of an area based pilot initiative.
- Assessment based on the triple criteria of crime statistics, SIMD outcomes and existing community engagement and capacity identified Port Glasgow as being the most appropriate area for the pilot

#### **What we will do**

- We will introduce the Improving Inverclyde Initiative to the Port Glasgow area during 2020

### **Theme- Mentors in Violence Prevention**

Lead- Violence Against Women Multi Agency Partnership

#### **Evidence:**

- Mentoring in Violence Prevention (MVP) is a partnership approach, based in schools, which aims to promote positive relationships and reduce violence, particularly gender-based violence and bullying. It utilises a creative bystander approach where males and females are not looked on as potential victims or perpetrators but as empowered and active bystanders who have the ability to support and challenge peers.
- In 2018/19 MVP mentor sessions were delivered to 5 secondary schools to 85 pupils.

#### **What we will do**

- We will continue to support our young people by offering the Mentors in Violence Prevention programme across all secondary schools in Inverclyde.

### **Theme- Hate Crime Awareness**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- The number of reported hate incidents recorded in 2018/19 accounts for 0.2% of all incidents recorded by Police Scotland in Inverclyde.
- In 2018/19, the rate of reported hate incidents in Inverclyde was 5 per 10,000 of the population.

#### **What we will do**

- We will support local partners to create an Inverclyde hate crime awareness group to ensure our vulnerable communities and those at risk of extremism are supported.
- Where hate crime issues are identified, we will support communities in creating a forum for inter community discussion in Inverclyde.
- Equality & Diversity will be embedded in every aspect of community safety planning in Inverclyde to promote positive relationships and community cohesion.

### **Theme- Locality Planning (Community Safety Themes)**

Lead- Coordinating Group

#### **Evidence:**

- A series of six locality engagement events were held during August and September 2019, "Celebrate the Present, Shape the Future". The purpose of the events was to begin building positive relationships with communities by giving local people the opportunity to celebrate and recognise what is good about their area and discuss the key issues and priorities to inform the development of locality plans. Across the events attendees have raised issues of community safety within their locality.



## **What we will do**

- We will support locality partnerships across Inverclyde in responding to community safety issues that impact localities and their communities.

## **Theme- Crimestoppers / Fearless**

Lead- Coordinating Group

### **Evidence:**

- Crimestoppers are an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up to stop crime.
- Fearless is a service for young people to allow them to pass information on about crime anonymously.

## **What we will do**

- We will work with Crimestoppers to introduce an Inverclyde wide campaign in 2020.

## **Theme- Child Protection Responsibilities**

Lead- Coordinating Group

### **Evidence:**

- The number of Group 2 sexual crimes\* recorded in 2018/19 accounts for 5% of all crimes recorded in Inverclyde.
- In 2018/19 the rate of Group 2 sexual crimes in Inverclyde decreased to 20.9 per 10,000 of the population.
- In 2018/19, the rate of Group 2 sexual crimes increased to 24.9 per 10,000 of the population in Scotland.
- In 2018/19, Inverclyde was rated 4<sup>th</sup> highest out of the 8 local authorities in the LGBF grouping by type of population for Group 2 sexual crimes per 10,000 of the population.
- At least 30% of sexual crimes in Inverclyde related to a victim under the age of 18 in 2018/19.

\* Group 2 crimes includes Rape, Attempted rape, Contact sexual assault, Sexually coercive conduct, Sexual crimes against children under 13 years, Lewd and libidinous practices, Crimes relating to prostitution, Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic, Procurement, Other sexually coercive conduct, Other sexual crimes involving 13-15 year old children, Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children, Incest, Unnatural crimes, Public indecency, Sexual exposure, Threatening to disclose an intimate image, Disclosure of an intimate image, Communications Act 2003 (sexual) and Other sexual crimes.

## **What we will do**

- We will work community safety partners and the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee to identify training with night time economy providers in order to have safeguarded measures which will help keep children safe from [sexual] exploitation.

## **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Preparation for this document started prior to the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic and given the significant impact it has had in Inverclyde, the Community Safety Partnership recognise that the work of community safety partners will require change as part of a covid-19 recovery plan.

All key themes, outcomes and improvement actions have been considered in light of the pandemic and there is confirmation from all partners of their continued commitment to the CSP Strategic Outcomes and their commitment of adequate resources for the delivery of the improvement actions in line with the strategy priorities.

In addition to this the CSP have identified additional themes which will be progressed during the lifespan of the document.

## MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

In order to measure our progress in achieving the community safety outcomes we will use a range of indicators. These outcome measures will be monitored on an ongoing basis and reported to the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group and Inverclyde Alliance. In addition to this more detailed indicators and improvement actions are regularly reported to the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Coordinating Group and Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership.

In respect of locality planning it is expected that community safety issues will be raised as the locality partnerships are established across Inverclyde.

<b>Violence Against Women</b>	
Measurement	Source
Incidents of domestic abuse recorded in Inverclyde per 10,000 of the population.	Police Scotland
Incidents of domestic abuse recorded in Inverclyde where a crime or offence has been recorded.	Police Scotland
Incidents of domestic abuse recorded in Scotland per 10,000 of the population.	Police Scotland
Incidents of domestic abuse recorded in Scotland where a crime or offence has been recorded.	Police Scotland
Numbers of women and children supported for Domestic Abuse	Inverclyde Women's Aid
Numbers of women supported for Sexual Abuse	Inverclyde Women's Aid
Numbers of referrals for women, women with children and men discussed at Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference	Inverclyde Council

<b>Antisocial Behaviour</b>	
Measurement	Source
Incidents of antisocial behaviour per 1,000 of the population in Inverclyde	Inverclyde Council
Incidents of antisocial behaviour committed by youths per 1,000 of the population	Inverclyde Council
Inverclyde rating of neighbourhood as being very/fairly good place to live	Scottish Household Survey
Scotland rating of neighbourhood as being very/fairly good place to live	Scottish Household Survey
Percentage of people agreeing with statements about their neighbourhood strengths- This is a neighbourhood where people are kind to each other (Strongly agree/tend to agree)	Scottish Household Survey
Percentage of people agreeing with statements about their neighbourhood strengths- This is a neighbourhood where most people can be trusted (Strongly agree/tend to agree)	Scottish Household Survey

How satisfied are you with Inverclyde as a place to live?	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
How satisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live?	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
How concerned are you about the following issues in your neighbourhood?	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Outside during the day	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Outside at night	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
How often have you felt unsafe in your neighbourhood in the past year?	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
Have you or anyone in your household been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour in the last 12 months?	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel
Have you noticed a reduction in anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months?	Inverclyde Citizens' Panel

<b>Secondary Fire Raising</b>	
Measurement	Source
deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population in Inverclyde attended by the SFRS	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Deliberate secondary fires against all fires in Inverclyde (%)	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population in Scotland attended by the SFRS	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Deliberate secondary fires against all fires in Scotland (%)	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

<b>Violence</b>	
Measurement	Source
The number of Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence <sup>1</sup> recorded in 2018/19 against all crimes recorded in Inverclyde.	Police Scotland
The rate of Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence per 10,000 of the population in Inverclyde.	Police Scotland
The rate of Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence per 10,000 of the population in Scotland.	Police Scotland
The rate of Handling offensive weapons per 10,000 of the population in Inverclyde.	Police Scotland
The rate of Handling offensive weapons per 10,000 of the population in Scotland.	Police Scotland
The percentage of handling an offensive weapon involving a bladed weapon	Police Scotland

<b>Primary Dwelling Fires</b>	
Measurement	Source
Primary dwelling fires per 10,000 dwellings attended by the SFRS in Inverclyde	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Primary dwelling fires per 10,000 dwellings attended by the SFRS in Scotland	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
The rate of dwelling fires in the 20% least deprived areas of Scotland than the 20% most deprived.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Inverclyde	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Scotland	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Non-fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Inverclyde	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Non-fatal casualties per 1,000 accidental dwelling fires in Scotland	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Number of home fire safety visits as a percentage of the number of households	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

<b>Water Safety</b>	
Measurement	Source
Incidents involving concern for person/s in a body of water in Inverclyde, as reported to Inverclyde Council, Police Scotland or SFRS.	Inverclyde Council Police Scotland Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Rescue or evacuation from water incidents by the SFRS per 10,000 of the population in Inverclyde.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Rescue or evacuation from water incidents by the SFRS per 10,000 of the population in Scotland.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

<b>Road Safety</b>	
Measurement	Source
The rate of reported accidents was per 100 million vehicle km in Inverclyde.	Transport Scotland
The rate of reported accidents was per 100 million vehicle km in Scotland.	Transport Scotland
Reported accidents occurring in Inverclyde, with casualties resided in Inverclyde	Transport Scotland
The rate of reported casualties injured in accidents per 1,000 population in Inverclyde.	Transport Scotland
The rate of reported casualties injured in accidents per 1,000 population in Scotland.	Transport Scotland
Percentage of reported casualties killed or seriously injured in Inverclyde	Transport Scotland
Aged 0-15 years have been seriously injured in Inverclyde.	Transport Scotland
Reported casualties and percentage of	Transport Scotland

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<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	
Measurement	Source
The number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Inverclyde	Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
The number of individuals signed up to Neighbourhood Alert Scheme	Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

<b>Hate Crime</b>	
Measurement	Source
The number of reported hate incidents recorded accounting of all incidents recorded by Police Scotland in Inverclyde.	Police Scotland
The rate of reported hate incidents in Inverclyde	Police Scotland

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# Foreword

I am pleased to introduce the Inverclyde Local Policing Plan (LPP) 2020-23.

I was proud to be appointed Divisional Commander of Renfrewshire and Inverclyde in September 2019 and I would firstly like to thank my predecessor Chief Superintendent Gordon Crossan (Retired) for his commitment and dedication to policing this area before my arrival in post.

Much has changed since the compilation of the last report in 2016, as such we have re-examined our priorities in order to respond to new challenges.

In developing our Local Policing Plans for 2020-23 we consulted widely with our stakeholders - the public, partner agencies and our staff.

Accordingly, we developed our plans which identify our goals for the next three years, these plans will address priorities and tackle the things that you identified as mattering to you most.

This plan builds on the strong foundations already in place, with a continuing emphasis on road safety, thefts, drug misuse, disorder and crimes of violence.

I am pleased to have seen significant improvements in how we protect vulnerable people such as the introduction of the awareness initiative regarding the misuse of drugs and its links to the increase in drug related deaths.

However there is still progress to be made and with the introduction of the Contact Assessment Model (CAM) examining the 'Threat and Risk' of each call I would expect to see continued improvements in this and other areas.

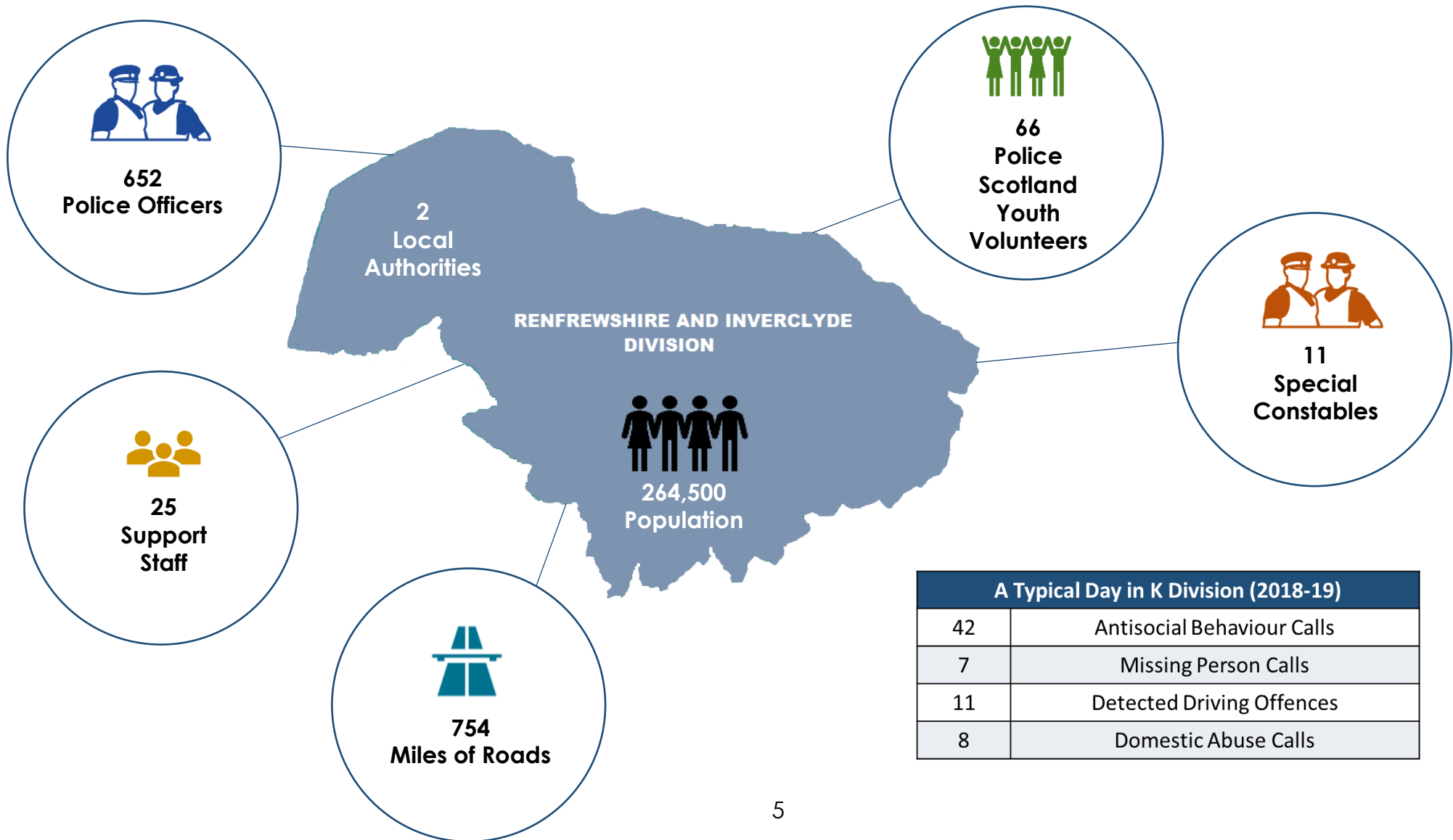
We will continue to work hard to increase public and partner satisfaction within policing, if we get it wrong, we will learn and when we get it right, we will strive to build on our success.

I look forward to delivering this plan and to providing you with regular updates.



**Alan Murray**  
Chief Superintendent,  
Renfrewshire and Inverclyde

# K Division – Your policing area on a page



A Typical Day in K Division (2018-19)	
42	Antisocial Behaviour Calls
7	Missing Person Calls
11	Detected Driving Offences
8	Domestic Abuse Calls

# How we identified our priorities

As part of our planning approach we undertook a period of engagement throughout 2019 to allow the public and our partners to provide feedback to us regarding our strategic direction and the content of this plan.

This feedback was captured and used to shape the final version of the plan. Further information about this and our wider engagement can be found in our consultation hub at:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/>

The priorities and outcomes referenced in this plan were identified through a number of sources and processes which include:

- Police Scotland's Strategic Assessment 2020-23 for Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division which details threats that impact on Policing at both divisional and Local Authority level.

- Community consultations.
- 'Your View Counts' 2019 public and partner survey.
- 'Your Police' 2019 public and partner survey.
- Inverclyde Council 'Our Place, Our Future' survey.
- Inverclyde's Outcomes Improvement Plan (OIP) 2017/22
- Police Scotland's Annual Police Plan
- Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland, the Joint Strategy for Policing (2020)

All of these sources have provided critical information in identifying what is important to the diverse communities within Inverclyde and as such we have structured our resources to meet these demands.

# Outcome Improvement Plan – Inverclyde

The Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 – 2022 (OIP), is published by the Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership, as required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The priorities for policing identified within this plan will, when achieved, contribute to the success of the OIP and the ultimately the strategic vision for the Inverclyde area.

The Police Scotland 'Local Policing Plan' is intrinsically aligned to the OIP.

The Community Planning Partnership vision for Inverclyde is:

## **'Nurturing Inverclyde: Getting it right for every Child, Citizen and Community'**

As part of the Nurturing Inverclyde approach, the wellbeing outcomes have been expanded so that they include all Inverclyde citizens and communities.

physical and mental health, and equality of access to suitable health care and protection, while being supported and encouraged to make healthy and safe choices.

So that children, citizens and communities can be:

### **Safe**

Protected from abuse, neglect or harm and supported when at risk. Enabled to understand and take responsibility for actions and choices. Having access to a safe environment to live and learn in.

### **Achieving**

Being supported and guided in lifelong learning. Having opportunities for the development of skills and knowledge to gain the highest standards of achievement in educational establishments, work, leisure or the community.

### **Healthy**

Achieve high standards of

### **Nurtured**

Having a nurturing place to live and learn, and the opportunity to build positive relationships

within a supporting and supported community.

**Active**

Having opportunities to take part in activities and experiences in educational establishments and the community, which contribute to a healthy life, growth and development.

**Respected and Responsible**

Respected and share responsibilities. Citizens are involved in decision making and play an active role in improving the community.

**Included**

Overcoming social, educational, health and economic inequalities and being valued as part of the community.

# Our priorities – policing on a page



# Plan on a page



**Our vision:** Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland  
**Our purpose:** Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities  
**Our Values:** Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights

## Our local policing priorities

- Antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder
- Acquisitive crime
- Road safety and road crime
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Serious organised crime
- Counter terrorism and domestic extremism
- Cyber and digital crime

## Objectives


- Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime
- Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending
- Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads
- Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners to reduce harm
- Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including drugs supply
- Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness
- Address the threat from online and cyber crime through liaison with specialist resources

## Strategic Outcomes

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service
- The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery
- The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
- Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public
- Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



# Our priorities in detail



**SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME**

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including drugs supply

Serious Organised Crime (SOC) takes many forms, many of which affect the communities in Inverclyde.

The exploitation of vulnerable people by those who supply controlled drugs is one aspect of SOC which many people are aware of.

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division is committed to pursuing those responsible for supplying controlled drugs throughout the area, through our local drugs initiatives, and to working with partners to support those exploited by organised crime groups. Those persons with problematic substance abuse often find themselves in situations which are hard to

escape. This is a key area in which we as a division work collaboratively with partners, providing support and signposting services which may assist them break free from the circumstances in which they find themselves.

We are also working closely with partners to reduce the numbers of drug related deaths in the division.

## Overall intention

- Increase the number of referrals to drug and alcohol services yearly
- Target suppliers of controlled drugs
- Identify and support victims of SOC

## Police and partner aims - LOIP Outcomes

- Work to reduce the number of drug related deaths within the division.
- Increase uptake of drug treatment, through liaison with partnership access points.



Managing the more vulnerable members of our community in an effective way will allow both the police and other partner agencies to work together to provide a better-quality service, reduce problems that arise repeatedly and help reduce demand on services.

The police and other statutory partners have a critical role in protecting vulnerable people from abuse and exploitation.

Partner agencies in Renfrewshire and Inverclyde meet regularly to discuss how the vulnerable can be safeguarded from harm.

Victims of domestic abuse remain one of K Divisions top priorities. Newly introduced crimes associated with 'coercive and controlling behaviour' (commonly referred to as coercive control) will afford the Police greater

opportunities for intervention in matters of Domestic related crime.

There is growing evidence of human traffickers targeting and exploiting the most vulnerable, as well as concerns that vulnerable migrants could be exploited for the purpose of Serious and Organised Crime related to Drugs supply.

### **Overall Intention**

- Identify and support people considered vulnerable through working with partners to reduce harm

### **Police and partner aims - OIP Outcomes**

Improve recognition within the division of mental health distress leading to referral pathways into appropriate support agencies.

Provide access to appropriate care and support for those in contact with the criminal justice system.

Increase awareness of 'hidden' forms of abuse including coercive control, stalking, harassment and work to improve criminal justice outcomes for the victims who experience such.



Anti-social behaviour can have a significant impact on a victim's quality of life. Increasing the confidence of our communities around this issue is very important, as is providing reassurance that it is an issue which is taken seriously.

However, this is not an issue which the police can tackle on our own: it takes a partnership approach involving the community and a range of agencies.

There are a range of powers and options available to partner organisations to tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour, and we will work with our partners and the community to utilise the options available to ensure that anti-social behaviour continues to fall, and that public confidence in relation to this issue improves.

Violent offending also remains a concern, it is imperative that we take positive action to address violent crime, particularly in regard to the carrying and use of knives.

We will commit to ensuring that the criminal justice system is as effective as it can be in turning lives around and stopping people offending, or reoffending.

We will also continue to support early intervention initiatives and awareness raising in order to reduce crime and make our communities safer.

#### **Overall intention**

- Engage with the public, communities and partners to reduce and prevent crime.

#### **Police and partner aims - OIP Outcomes**

- Provide victims of anti-social behaviour who feel targeted and all vulnerable victims with support and real understanding.
- Work with partner organisations to efficiently tackle anti-social behaviour and to meet the demands of local communities.



Road safety remains a key concern for the public across the division. People are particularly concerned about speeding vehicles, and dangerous driving.

Education is a key tool in making our roads safer and our division will continue to support both proactive initiatives and educational campaigns.

We will ensure that both police and partners address road safety concerns, especially amongst vulnerable groups

such as younger people, cyclists and pedestrians.

#### **Overall intention**

- Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads.

#### **Police and partner aims - OIP Outcomes**

- Commitment to effective divisional policing of roads leading to improved road safety.
- Ensure that specialist services are shared and delivered in the most effective way across national and divisional boundaries.
- Utilise the new technologies that are now available to divisional officers such as Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) that provide opportunities for preventing and detecting road crime.



Theft and especially housebreaking are crimes which can have a profound personal impact.

They are crimes in which alcohol and drug misuse feature highly.

Reducing re-offending requires tackling drivers of crime, such as the use and supply of illicit substances.

Our division will continue to work with partner agencies to ensure high risk and high harm offenders across the acquisitive crime spectrum are being managed appropriately.

**Overall Intention**

- Reduce acquisitive crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending.

**Police and Partner Aims - LOIP Outcomes**

- Commitment to work with criminal justice partners on processes to identify and refer individuals in contact with the criminal justice system into appropriate support services.



The Government's CONTEST strategy (Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare) shapes our national response to counter-terrorism.

An important approach to preventing radicalisation, extremism and terrorism is the PREVENT strategy. This strategy is designed to safeguard individuals, and vulnerable people in particular from exploitation from extremists.

PREVENT training is delivered to front-line professionals in contact with vulnerable people, such as education, health, social services and police. This strategy builds on work demonstrating that local communities can help to prevent and protect themselves from radicalisation.

There are identified concerns in relation to exploitation of those with mental health issues, those within the prison estate and

other vulnerable groups in relation to the risk of radicalisation.

We will continue to engage with communities across our division to understand concerns, reassure, and raise awareness of counterterrorism measures.

Local policing within K Division is integral to minimising the risk of terrorism by preventing radicalisation, protecting public places, transport systems and critical infrastructure from attack.

#### **Overall intention**

- Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare for terrorism and domestic extremism through collaborative preparedness.

#### **Police and partner aims - OIP Outcomes**

- Coordinated public awareness messages, campaigns and approaches by police and partner agencies tackling Terrorism and Domestic Extremism.
- Better engagement and information sharing between police and partner organisations to support the vulnerable with the aim of preventing exploitation.



## CYBER AND DIGITAL CRIME

Address the threat from online and cyber-crime through education, liaison with specialist resources and detecting offenders

Cybercrime has grown dramatically as the internet and social media provide the opportunity to commit crime and enable some crime types to be committed on a vast scale.

Cybercrimes such as grooming, child sexual exploitation, fraud, data theft, phishing, trolling, malware, online scams, revenge pornography, stalking, and harassment are all on the rise.

However much of this criminality still remains unreported, unrecorded and as a result the extent of it may not be fully understood.

Much of this crime is preventable by implementing simple safety measures.

As such a greater emphasis will need to be made on raising awareness among young people, their parents and other vulnerable adults on the potential dangers of cybercrime.

### Overall intention

- Address the threat from online and cyber-crime through education, liaison with specialist resources and detecting offenders.

### Police and partner aims - OIP Outcomes

- Continue the coordinated approach by police and partner agencies to improve public awareness of measures to protect themselves from cybercrime, particularly targeting those most at risk.
- Improved use of technology by police, in order to prevent crime and support earlier intervention with offenders such as the recent introduction of cyber kiosks.

# How we will achieve our outcomes – working together

Inverclyde's Outcomes Improvement Plan (OIP) 2017/22 sets out the outcomes that the community planning partners in Inverclyde, known as the Inverclyde Alliance, will seek to improve, which in turn should improve the wellbeing and quality of life of the residents of Inverclyde, with a particular focus on reducing inequality and poverty.

## **The main partnership groups that drive forward the delivery of the Community Plan are:**

### **OIP Programme Board**

The main function of the Programme Board is to oversee the delivery of the outcomes and ensure effective co-ordination of programmes/projects and key information, as well as looking at the cross-cutting issues arising across the Partnership Action Groups.

In addition to the Lead Officers (see below) of the Partnership Action Groups, the Programme Board also has representation from other organisations not represented by the lead officers – representation can be co-opted from organisations as the need arises.

The Programme Board, where possible, refer issues on to existing mechanisms for

delivery e.g. Community Safety Partnership, Alcohol and Drug Partnership, or to set up short life 'task and finish' working groups on particular issues. They are also able to draw in other organisations/partnerships or initiatives as the need arises e.g. in regard to tourism, culture etc.

### **Partnership Action Group Lead Officers**

The Lead Officers facilitate and co-ordinate the development of Partnership Action Plans, with actions identified which each partner can take away and embed within their business plans as well as pieces of joint work.

Each lead officer is also responsible for liaising with their organisation to inform and assist in the delivery of the OIP.



Given the cross-cutting nature of the outcomes this will promote joint working across

**Partnership Action Groups**

The Partnership Action Groups (PAGs) have representation from across the various organisations involved in Community Planning in Inverclyde. People can be co-opted onto groups for particular issues, keeping membership tight and relevant to those involved. The whole process needs to be as dynamic as possible, focussing on actions and delivery and allows for changes and amendments to membership.

Each Partnership Action Group has a Terms of Reference which sets out the purpose, structure, responsibilities and shared aim of the group.

Community Engagement informs the whole process and feedback from representatives of the communities of Inverclyde, and voluntary organisations delivering services in the area, is fed into the Programme Board and partnership action groups to be taken account of in the

the outcomes, particularly where there are impacts across more than one outcome from one action. development and delivery of plans.

The Community Engagement Network co-ordinates community engagement across Inverclyde and feeds this into the Alliance and Programme Boards.

The Alliance Board has ultimate responsibility for driving forward the renewal of Inverclyde through this OIP.

Partners will be encouraged to reflect the area's strategic outcomes and priorities in their respective business/service planning processes.

This will enable partners either working together or alone to structure their services and change programmes around a limited number of strategic outcomes.

# Accountability and performance

Effective scrutiny and oversight are key elements to ensure that policing retains the trust and confidence of the communities of Scotland. The governance structures outlined below are designed

## **Scottish Police Authority (SPA)**

Police Scotland present quarterly performance reports to the SPA, informed by our performance framework, providing evidence relating to the delivery of the outcomes and objectives within the Police Scotland Annual Police Plan.

These updates are presented at SPA full board meetings and available online.

## **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing**

Key policing issues are discussed by the Scottish Parliament's Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

Please visit this site for further details:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentC>

to ensure that Police Scotland provides a service that is relevant, legitimate and consistent with the principle of 'policing by consent'.

Please visit this site for further details:

<http://www.spa.police.uk/meetings-events>

Crime and performance statistics are also published by the SPA. Please visit this site for further details:

<http://www.spa.police.uk/performancepages/spaperformanceframework/>

[ommittees/policingsub-committee.aspx](http://www.parliament.scot/committees/policingsub-committee.aspx)

Crime and Justice statistics are published by Scottish Government.

Please visit this site for further details:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice>

**Inverclyde Council Scrutiny**

Each of Scotland's local authorities also have scrutiny arrangements in place to allow them to influence policing at a local level.

This successful partnership between local authorities and local Police Scotland divisions is evident in the close working relationships within Community Planning Partnerships and other local planning arrangements.

In respect of Inverclyde Council, this is conducted via

the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee.

It has the remit of considering matters relating to the police service including the Council's involvement with the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland, and arrangements for local policing.

This includes the Council's contribution to the development and implementation of the Local Policing Plan.

**Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS)**

HMICS provides independent scrutiny of both Police Scotland and the SPA to ensure they deliver services that are high quality, continually improving, effective and responsive to local needs.

**Police Investigation and Review Commissioner (PIRC)**

The PIRC undertakes independent investigations into the most serious incidents involving the police and provides independent scrutiny of the way police bodies operating in Scotland respond to complaints from the public.

# Equalities

Police Scotland promotes equality and diversity, both externally and internally, striving to exceed the requirements of the Scottish Public Sector Equality Duty.

Across Police Scotland we are committed to developing and promoting best practice in the advancement of our Equality Outcomes.

In order to support this requirement, we embed equality, diversity and human rights in all of our strategies,

plans and in our performance framework.

The communities we serve in Renfrewshire and Inverclyde are increasingly diverse and complex, necessitating a more sophisticated response to the challenges we face both now and in the future.

Whether it be domestic abuse, cybercrime or new threats from serious and organised crime like human trafficking.

# Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment

Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EqHRIA) is used to help us to ensure that policy and practices proactively consider the potential impact on equality and human rights.

This plan was subject to an EqHRIA.

In compliance with the Scottish Public Sector Equality Duty, a summary of EqHRIA results has been published alongside this document on our website:  
<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

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## We are here to help

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For non-emergency contact call the 24-hour non-emergency contact centre on **101**.

If you have information about a crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, you can contact your local Community Policing Team by phoning 101.

For more detailed information about your local community policing team and other services that Police Scotland provides, please visit our website at [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

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 <https://en-gb.facebook.com/PoliceScotland/>

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