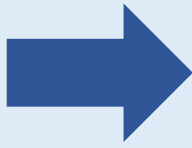


Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

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 20.2%, to a total of 91. Three fewer attempted murders, nine fewer serious assaults and seven fewer robberies were recorded. The overall detection rate for Group 1 crime is 70.3%, down from 75.4% in the previous year. 42% of Group 1 crimes occurred within private households.

Decrease in recorded serious and minor violence.

There have been 453 recorded common assaults, a decrease of 3.6% (17 fewer crimes) compared to the previous year. 135 (30%) of these assaults targeted emergency workers. These crimes are most commonly perpetrated against police officers.

38 fire-raising crimes have been recorded – a decrease of one crime on the previous year. The current detection rate is 21.1%, considerably above the previous year's rate (12.8%). Nearly 40% of crimes targeted motor vehicles. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes fell by 13.4% to a total of 336.

Acquisitive Crime



59 fewer shoplifting crimes have been recorded YTD (n=297), while the detection rate increased from 75.6% to 87.9%. While housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) increased by 13.5% (n=126), fewer dwelling HBs were recorded (-1.3%). The increase mainly relates to break-ins to sheds.

Motor vehicle crime decreased by 20.8% on the previous year to a total of 99 crimes, with the highest proportion of crimes involving thefts from insecure vehicles. The detection rate is 42.4%, considerably above the previous year's detection rate (29.6%).



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

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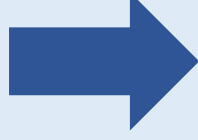
Local Policing Plan (2020 - 2023)

Reporting Period: 1 April 2020 to 30 November 2020

Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes decreased by 30.8% on the previous year, to a total of 72 crimes. The detection rate for sexual crimes is 61.1%, up from 49% in the previous year. 72% of sexual crimes occurred in dwelling houses – up from the 60% noted in the previous year.

Recorded rape and attempted rape rose by 10%, from 20 crimes in the previous year to 22 in the current year. The detection rate increased from 40% to 81.8%.



Nearly a quarter 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.

42% of reported sexual crimes were non-recent; a third of these non-recent reports targeted victims aged under 16 years at the time of the offence. Meanwhile, at least 21% of sexual crimes were cyber-enabled.



There have been 33 missing person reports in Inverclyde - a decrease of 64% on the previous year (n=92). The number of young people going missing from Children's Homes fell from 28 last year, to five in the current year. 79% of missing people were traced within 24 hours.

609 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 4.1% on the previous year. These incidents resulted in 349 domestic crimes and offences being recorded – 7.2% below the previous year's volume.

33 complaints were received about police during the reporting period. This equates to 21.9 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 two serious organised crime groups, one of which predominantly impacts on Inverclyde.

YTD, there have been 38 detections of drug supply, production and cultivation offences have been recorded, ten fewer than the previous year. Seizures include diamorphine, etizolam, crack cocaine and herbal cannabis.



102 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' via application of the relevant cyber-crime marker in Inverclyde. Analysis indicates that a significant proportion of these were financial/economic crimes e.g. fraud. Fishing and internet order fraud continue to grow in volume.



Road Safety & Road Crime



Two road fatalities occurred within the reporting period – one more than the previous year. Meanwhile, serious road injuries fell by 66.7% (n=7) while slight injuries fell by 77.9%, to a total of 17. No children have been killed or seriously injured on Inverclyde's roads year-to-date.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2



Overall, offences relating to vehicles fell by 0.1% on the previous year, to a total of 803. However, an increase was recorded in drink/drug driving offences (63.3%), disqualified driving offences (66.7%), licence offences (18.2%) and insurance offences (66.7%).

Taser Hubs - The installation of additional Taser Hubs throughout Scotland has begun and will see an extra 37 locations being equipped. The additional Hubs will complement the 32 already in place and should be fully operational by the end of 2020.

Greenock Police station has been identified and upgraded as an additional hub to provide much needed geographical cover and offers a greater choice of stations for Taser trained officers to deploy from. Police Scotland is undertaking an end-to-end strategic review of all violence and abuse towards officers and staff. The provision of Taser will form part of that review and will help to make informed decisions on any potential future wider rollout.

Take Five Scam Awareness - In December Police Scotland launched their Campaign to raise awareness and prevent people from becoming victims of fraud especially during the festive period. The perpetrators are often extremely sophisticated and can perform hours of research on a potential target in order to make themselves appear legitimate. The new 'Take Five for Fraud' campaign is provides some simple and easy to follow, effective advice about how to prevent yourself from becoming a victim fraud.

Stop - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect - Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it by calling 101. The Take Five area of the Police Scotland website provides a wealth of information that will help to recognise potentially fraudulent situations, allowing you to make the best possible decisions with your money and personal information.

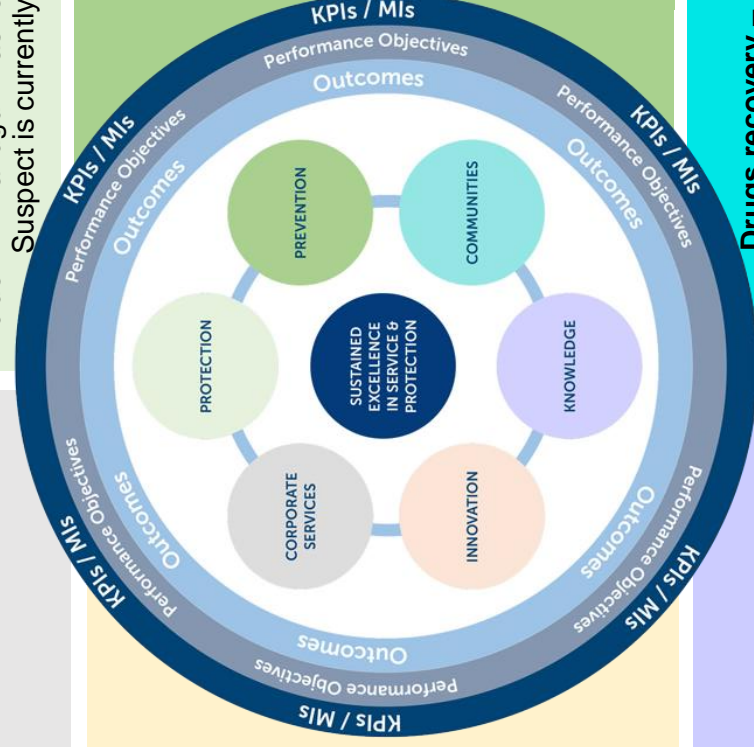
Remote Video Interview - Area Commander Chief Inspector Paul Cameron took part in a webcam interview with pupils from all Secondary Schools across Inverclyde. This allowed for the pupils to ask questions which would be answered directly by the Area Commander. A video is now circulating to all pupils in Inverclyde to provide answers to police related matters that they had raised. A follow up meeting is now scheduled with all Head Masters to ensure that local policing is meeting their expectations and to look at ways in which closer working can take place.

Festive Campaign - Due to the COVID lockdown restrictions impact and co-operation from our local communities, the festive period was one of the quietest for several years. Nevertheless, Police officers and staff remained proactive. Officers were deployed on foot patrol to provide a visible deterrent and to reassure revelers and shoppers during the festive season. Over the period Licensed Premises Inspections were carried out to ensure that premises continued to operate safely and in-line with the COVID Restrictions. This coupled with high visibility foot and mobile patrols contributed to a reduction of incidents and helped make the festive period as safe and enjoyable as possible for our communities. Police Scotland's Festive Road Safety Campaign was also in operation involving both local and Road Policing officers focussing on speeding, drink / drug driving and ensuring motorists were driving responsibly and within the limits of the law.

Fire attacks - In response to the well-publicised fire attacks in Inverclyde, Police Scotland, SFRS, Inverclyde Council and local housing providers worked in partnership to implement a number of additional safety measures to over 400 properties. This combined with extra high visibility patrols by Police and Community Wardens which helped to prevent further incidents while Criminal investigation was being conducted. As a result of a large and robust criminal investigation, Police Scotland have now charged 11 individuals in connection with these attacks with most being remanded in custody pending trial. This investigation will continue until everyone who was involved in these appalling acts of violence are brought to justice.

Attempted Armed Robbery - Brisbane Street Post Office - Police responded to report an armed robbery involving a masked male in possession of a handgun demanding money from Post Office staff. Community Police Officers on patrol nearby responded to the incident and immediately gave chase to the suspect who pointed the firearm at them before discarding and running off. Additional Uniformed and CID officers assisted with the chase resulting in the male being apprehended within two minutes of the Police being alerted to the incident. A handgun was recovered by Police and after examination was found to be a Gas-powered BB gun. Suspect is currently remanded pending trial.

Proactive Operations - Police executed five separate drug warrants in an intelligence-led operation to target and disrupt drug supply and serious crime. The coordinated string of raids were the result of information coming directly from the public. A combination of uniformed, covert and specially trained officers were utilised to target the properties, specifically a number of addresses on Oxford Road/Banff Road in Greenock. As a result of this operation over £250,000 worth of street drugs were recovered. Two women aged 31 and 16, and a 56 year old man were arrested and are currently pending trial for alleged drug supply offences.



Drugs recovery - Acting upon concerns raised by the community, officers conducted an investigation at a former Bingo Hall located in Port Glasgow. Due to the circumstances a search warrant was obtained. After forcing entry to this building Police recovered an industrial scale operation growing cannabis plants estimated to have a street value in excess of £600,000. Two males aged 40 and 16 years old have been arrested for their involvement with this large scale operation into manufacturing and distribution of illegal drugs and appeared at Greenock Sheriff court where they are currently pending trial for the alleged offences.

Fireworks - Fireworks night is historically busy for all emergency services. A multiagency approach had been adopted in Inverclyde to discuss early intervention measures to prevent unlicensed bonfire and fireworks events from taking place. Despite pro-active patrols a last minute Bon fire was assembled in Auchmead Road in Greenock which had been clearly pre-planned to mitigate preventative measures. A subsequent gathering and Bonfire / Firework display occurred resulting in widely publicised Anti-Social behaviour sparking an investigation into the incident. Evidence gathered showed a very small 'rouge' element in those attending that were responsible for disorder and Anti-Social behaviour, a total of 4 persons have now been charged with Mobbing and Rioting.