



Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

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

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



Decrease in recorded serious and minor violence.

Group 1 crimes of violence have decreased by 14.2%, to a total of 115. Three fewer attempted murders, 12 fewer serious assaults and two fewer robberies were recorded. The overall detection rate for Group 1 crime is 67.8%, down from 74.6% in the previous year. 44% of Group 1 crimes occurred within private households.

Since April 2020, 1,118 crimes have been identified via police proactivity, an increase of 5.9% on the previous year. This includes weapons carrying and drug offences.

There have been 540 recorded common assaults, a decrease of 8.2% (48 fewer crimes) compared to the previous year. 154 of these assaults targeted emergency workers. These crimes are most commonly perpetrated against police officers.

45 fire-raising crimes have been recorded – ten fewer than the previous year. The current detection rate is 22.9%, compared to the previous year's rate of 25.5%. Over a third of crimes targeted motor vehicles. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes fell by 22.1% to a total of 405.

Acquisitive Crime



356 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – a decrease of 13%. Meanwhile the detection rate increased from 79.2% to 84.8%.



Housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) increased to 147 (ten more than the previous year). The increase solely relates to break-ins to sheds.

Motor vehicle crimes fell by 26.5% to a total of 119. Theft from insecure vehicles continue to account for the highest proportion of MV crimes. The detection rate is 41.2%, above the previous year's detection rate (37%).



One bogus caller crimes has been recorded in Inverclyde. The suspect attended at the address of an older member of the community and convinced them to pay for work which was not required, nor completed.

Inverclyde

Local Policing Plan (2020 - 2023)

Reporting Period: 1 April 2020 to 31 January 2021

Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes decreased by 40.4% on the previous year, to a total of 78 crimes. The detection rate for sexual crimes is 66.7%, up from 45.8% in the previous year. 73% of sexual crimes occurred in dwelling houses – up from the 57% noted in the previous year.



Recorded rape and attempted rape fell from 28 crimes PYTD to 21 crimes in the current year. The detection rate increased from 39.3% to 95.2%.

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.

39% 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 16% of all recorded sexual crimes were cyber-enabled.



There have been 43 missing person reports in Inverclyde - a decrease of 59.8% on the previous year (n=107). The number of young people going missing from Children's Homes fell from 31 last year, to six in the current year. 77% of missing people were traced within 24 hours.

754 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 4.9% on the previous year. These incidents resulted in 445 domestic crimes and offences being recorded – 8.2% below the previous year's volume.

43 complaints were received about police during the reporting period. This equates to 24.3 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 49 detections of drug supply, production and cultivation offences have been recorded, a decrease of 18.3% on the previous year. Commodity Seizures included diamorphine, benzodiazepines (including etizolam), crack cocaine and cannabis.



In the period April – December, 139 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' by the Cybercrime Unit. Half of these were classed as financial/economic crimes (such as online fraud); a further 19% of crimes were classed as threatening, offensive or violent behaviour.

Road Safety & Road Crime



Two road fatalities occurred within the reporting period – one more than the previous year. Meanwhile, serious road injuries fell by 64% (n=9) while slight injuries fell by 71%, to a total of 27. No children have been killed or seriously injured on Inverclyde's roads year-to-date.



Overall, offences relating to vehicles fell by 2.7% on the previous year, to a total of 960. However, an increase was recorded in drink/drug driving offences (+52.4%), disqualified driving offences (+37.5%), licence offences (+16.4%) and insurance offences (58.5%).

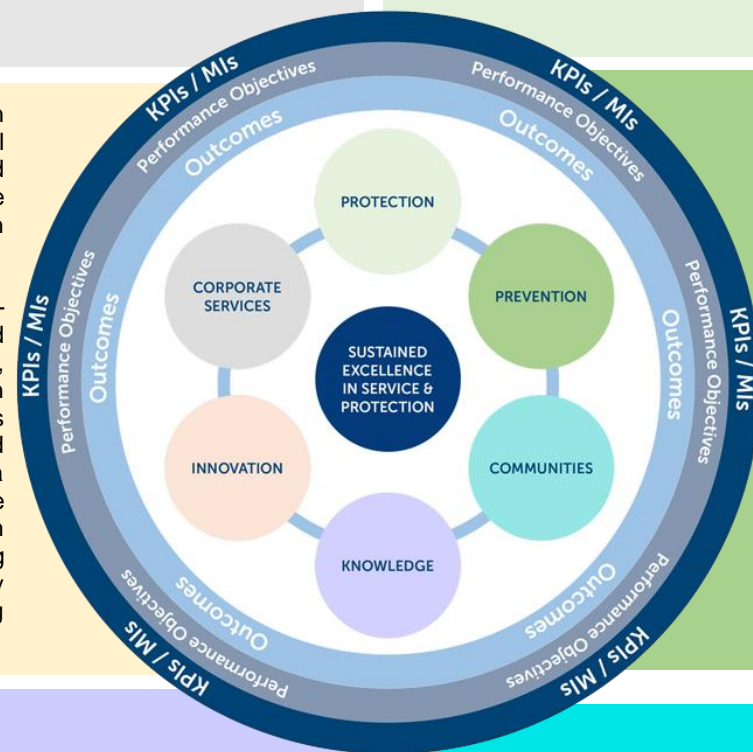
Custody refurbishment – Police Scotland are continuing with an ambitious strategy to develop a sustainable, modern and demand-led property estate that enables excellence of service to communities. As part of the estates strategy, the Custody area within Greenock Police Station was recently enhanced to continue with regular modernisation of the facilities. The changes are focused around improving the holding cell area to maximise the safety of prisoners and staff operating within the custody suite. This will help ensure that the facilities remain a suitable and safe environment to process, detain and provide suitable welfare to prisoners for the future.

Take Five Scam Awareness – In December 2020 Police Scotland launched their Take 5 Campaign to raise awareness and prevent people from becoming victims of fraud especially on-line. The perpetrators are often extremely sophisticated and can perform hours of research on a potential target in order to make themselves appear legitimate. To increase the reach of this campaign Inverclyde Police have funded an insert to be included within Council Tax notices with some simple and easy to follow, effective advice about how to prevent yourself from becoming a victim fraud. It is anticipated this advice will reach nearly 40,000 homes across Inverclyde.

Thefts – January 2021 – On 15th January 2021, Inverclyde Police Officers responded to an alarm activation at Cornalees Visitor Centre in Greenock. Upon the arrival of the officers they observed that access had been forced to the security fence and a car parked nearby with equipment consistent for stealing fuel. Assistance from Police Scotland's Dog Unit was requested, a search of the area found three males, one aged 40 and the other two aged 23. The males were arrested during which one of the males was found to be in possession of a knife. All three will appear at court on a later date.

Remote Video Interview - Area Commander Chief Inspector Paul Cameron is taking part in a remote Q & A session with parents of P7 pupils who are scheduled to move to High School next term. This will allow for the pupils and parents to ask questions which would be answered directly by the Area Commander for Inverclyde. These sessions are designed to help alleviate fears and anxieties about children moving from Primary Schools to Secondary Schools which is always a worry for parents.

Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) – The DBI process is a framework for improved inter-agency working and collaboration to provide an effective response to people in distress and involves partnership working between the Scottish Government, Police Scotland, NHS GGC, Scottish Ambulance Service, Glasgow University, and SAMH. A Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) is a time limited and supportive problem solving contact with an individual in distress and has a two-level approach. DBI level 1 is delivered by front line staff (such as police) and involves an empathetic and compassionate response, signposting and offer of referral to a DBI level 2 service. DBI level 2 is provided by trained 3rd sector staff (SAMH) who would make contact with the person within 24 hours of presentation, and provide community problem solving, support and signposting for a period of up to 14 days. Inverclyde Police are beginning the rollout of the training which will provide officers with a tactical option (not currently available) to consider when dealing with a person in distress and will complement existing local arrangements such as Community Triage.



Road Safety Awareness January 2021 - Local officers have been conducting a series of engagement and enforcement initiatives aimed at raising awareness about various aspects of road safety and COVID compliance. These included high visibility patrols and static speed checks at various locations throughout Inverclyde targeting areas highlighted to Police for road safety concerns. Fixed penalty notices and road safety advice were issued where appropriate.

Safeguarding Young people – As part of our commitment to safeguarding young people in Inverclyde, specifically where they are involved in large group gatherings, engaging in Anti-Social behaviour and placing themselves and others in risky situations. Inverclyde Scotland are key partners in a refreshed multi-agency strategy being developed by Community Safety Partnership within Inverclyde Council to look at improving the current strategy to resolve these long standing issues. Included in this is an enhanced communication strategy using both local and social media outlets aimed at parents and guardians to raise awareness of the dangers. posed to their young people using the #DoYouKnow tag.

Education support - Listening to feedback received from head teachers, Chief Inspector Paul Cameron has prioritised the Community Policing Team to be focused in Secondary Schools by appointing a dedicated Community Officer to each Secondary School in Inverclyde. They will be supported by a dedicated Campus officer who has overall responsibility for engagement within our schools. The previous model operated with a single officer covering all secondary schools. This change gives wider access to a larger team of officers, helps maintain regular contact and address issues promptly. A dedicated contact number and E-mail address has been set up to improve communication and will help to improve an already strong working relationship with education to ensure our schools remain a safe environment for our young people. Regular meetings are now scheduled with all Head Teachers and the Area Commander to ensure problems/issues identified are resolved quicker.

Drugs and weapon recovery - On 17th January 2021, Inverclyde Police Officers on patrol had reason to stop a vehicle on Maple Road in Greenock. The male driver failed to stop and tried to make off from the officers on foot however he was eventually caught and found to be in possession of a lockback knife, a large sum of cash and drugs with approx. street value of £1600. As a result a 33yo male was arrested for alleged number of offences and held in custody for court and is currently pending trial.

Force reserve support – In response to the well-publicised fire attacks in Inverclyde, Chief Inspector Paul Cameron continues to routinely request additional support from our national resources. These additional resources provide extra high visibility patrols across Inverclyde, assist in answering routine calls and to provide reassurance to our communities.