

# Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

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

## Violence & Antisocial Behaviour

121 Group 1 crimes of violence have been recorded – no change on the previous five year average (5YA). There have been no murders and attempted murders and serious assaults have also fallen on the 5YA. The overall detection rate for Group 1 crime is 67.8%, as compared to a 5YA of 73.6%. 48% of Group 1 crime occurred within private households, compared to 42% in the previous year.

**Decrease in recorded minor violence**

Since April 2020, 1,216 crimes have been identified via police proactivity, as compared to a 5YA of 1,122.2. This includes weapons carrying and drug offences.

There have been 600 recorded common assaults, a decrease on the 5YA of 608.2. 169 of these assaults targeted emergency workers. These crimes are most commonly perpetrated against police officers.

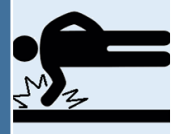
46 fire-raising crimes have been recorded – slightly below the 5YA (46.7 crimes). The current detection rate is 23.4%, compared to the 5YA rate of 16.2%. 37% of these crimes targeted motor vehicles. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes fell slightly, from a 5YA of 95.7 crimes, to 94. Motor vehicles were the most commonly targeted property type, followed by dwelling houses and wheelie bins.

## Acquisitive Crime



378 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – an increase on the 5YA of 349.2. Meanwhile the detection rate increased from 78.3% PYTD to 87%. Housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) fell from a 5YA of 200.2, to 156 crimes year-to-date. There were fewer HBs to all categories of premises.

Motor vehicle crimes decreased considerably, from a 5YA of 163, to a total of 130. Theft from insecure motor vehicles continues to account for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime. The MV crime detection rate is 40%, above the 5YA of 31%.



One bogus caller crime 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

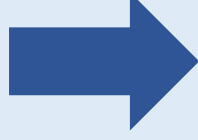
### Local Policing Plan (2020 - 2023)

**Reporting Period: 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021**

#### Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes decreased by 37.1%, from a 5YA of 140, to a total of 88 crimes. The detection rate for sexual crimes is 60.2%, up from a 5YA of 57.4%. 74% of sexual crimes occurred in dwelling houses – up from the 63% noted in the previous year.

Recorded rape decreased from a 5YA of 26 to 20 crimes YTD. The detection rate increased from a 5YA of 49.2% to 85%.



Over 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. Sexual communications and other cyber-enabled crimes continue to be reported.

Reports of both 'recent' and 'non-recent' sexual crimes fell as compared to the previous year. 36% of non-recent sexual crimes involved victims aged under 16 years at the time the offence occurred.



There have been 48 missing person reports in Inverclyde – a decrease of nearly 58% on the previous year (n=113). The number of young people going missing from Children's Homes fell from 24 last year, to four in the current year. 71% of missing people were traced within 24 hours. 23% of missing person incidents involved repeat missing persons.

812 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 3.9% on the previous year. These incidents resulted in 493 domestic crimes and offences being recorded – 5.9% below the previous year's volume.

47 complaints were received about police during the reporting period. This equates to 24.6 complaints per 10,000 police incidents. A total of 100 allegations were made, of which 81 were 'on duty' allegations and 19 relating to quality of service.

## 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 52 detections of drug supply, production and cultivation offences, compared to a 5YA of 70.2 crimes. Commodity Seizures included diamorphine, benzodiazepines (including etizolam), crack cocaine and cannabis.



In the period April – February, 125 Inverclyde crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' by the Cybercrime Unit. 48% of these were classed as financial/economic crimes (such as online fraud); a further 18% of crimes were classed as threatening, offensive or violent behaviour.



## Road Safety & Road Crime



Two road fatalities occurred within the reporting period – no change on the previous year. Meanwhile, serious road injuries fell by 61.5% (n=10) while slight injuries fell by 67.3%, to a total of 32. No children have been killed or seriously injured on Inverclyde's roads year-to-date.

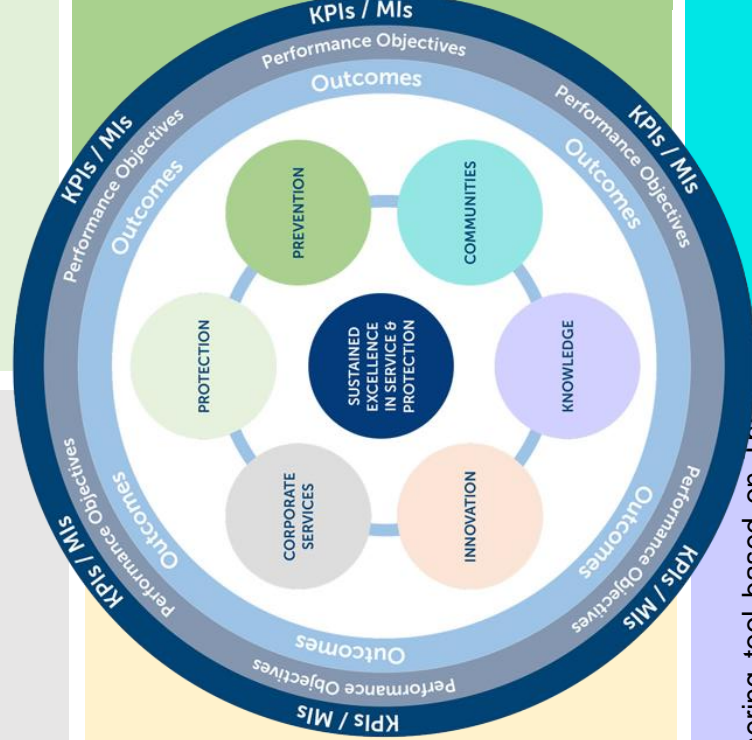


Overall, offences relating to vehicles fell from a 5YA of 1,481.8, to a total of 1,038. However, an increase was recorded in drink/drug driving offences (+29.9%), amongst other road traffic offences. While the detection rate fell from a 5YA of 92.8% to 85.9% in the current year, the detection rate remains above the national average.



**Impact of Community Policing** – An inspirational story has emerged involving a young Probationary Constable, Lewis Reaney, who recently started his career in Policing. The inspiration behind Lewis pursuing a career with Police Scotland evolved from his own personal experience of being a school pupil in Inverclyde and observing first-hand the good work done by our local community officers, specifically the School engagement officer, PC Kirsty Boyd. There is no better accolade for any Police officer than to be the inspiration for someone to start a career in Policing and is evidence that Community Engagement cannot be underestimated.

**Partnership HUB – April 2021** - The Partnership Hub is a multi-agency approach to problem solving community related issues and which has been introduced to enhance on the existing established partnerships within Inverclyde. The Partnership Hub is currently managed by Police Scotland however involves all relevant key partners including Local Authority, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Scottish Prison Service, British Transport Police and local Housing Associations, to participate in regular multi-agency meetings. The aim is to pro-actively target issues which affect the local communities in Inverclyde, consider any issue of Threat, Risk or Harm which impact on individuals or the wider community and provide the best achievable solutions via a partnership approach.



**Road Safety Awareness – April 2021** - Local officers have carried out a series of engagement and enforcement initiatives aimed at raising awareness about various aspects of road safety. This has included a high visibility patrols and speed checks at various locations throughout Inverclyde with some drivers being issued fixed penalty notices or given appropriate road safety advice. Road Policing department are running a number of operation Close Pass events at a number of locations in Inverclyde. This involves specially trained officers wearing mobile video recording devices to record interactions between cyclists and vehicles. Where issues has been identified the drivers are stopped and shown the footage to help educate and promote road safety when overtaking cyclists.

**Multi Agency Partnership Working - Doorstep Crime** – Policing during the coronavirus pandemic has brought many challenges. One of the most significant is demonstrated by the marked increase of online and telephone based fraud incidents. This is coupled with a seasonal increase in bogus worker crime.

Throughout April 2021, Inverclyde Police have been running a month long campaign to raise awareness of online and telephone based frauds and to help improve the safety of the most vulnerable in our communities by offering access to free call blockers.

A number of key activities have been conducted during the month long initiative including a bespoke media campaign, safety leaflet drops and a week-long joint enforcement operation to target rogue traders operating in Inverclyde. The week of enforcement will include a number of agencies and specialists resources, to tackle such incidents of crime to help protect our most vulnerable.

**Residential Care Safety Protocol** – A newly developed information gathering tool based on The Herbert Protocol has been developed in Inverclyde to assist officers in locating a young person in residential care who has been reported missing. A form containing key personal information will be completed by a key worker and regularly updated should the resident have a change in circumstances, associates, or mode of dress etc. (information which will be important to police during an initial search for the young person). The form can be securely sent to Police with a recent photo in order that Police can respond promptly and effectively as possible, without you having to wait for a police unit to attend at the unit and complete the lengthy missing person form. This information will help officers to identify key information to form investigation opportunities at the earliest opportunity when someone vulnerable is reported missing.

**Safeguarding Young people – Parent Alert Letters** – Police and Partners have enhanced the Parent alert process which is aimed to raise awareness to parents and guardians of the dangers posed to young people due to the recent escalation of youth related disorder in Inverclyde since the easing of Lockdown restrictions. The idea of the Parent alert process is to give Police and partners a mechanism to inform parents when their child has been found in areas associated with Anti-Social behaviour, alcohol consumption or risky behaviour.

A joint letter is issued from Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland to alert them of our concerns. Where a young person is over 16 Years old they may be issued a direct letter highlighting their personal responsibility within our community. This process is a key element of the refreshed multi-agency strategy being developed by Community Safety Partnership within to improve the current strategy to resolve these long standing issues.

**OFFICIAL**

Please see below for the relevant April to Feb figures for Inverclyde (2019/20 and 2020/21).  
Data correct as at 01/03/2021.

Note that zero off-duty allegations were received during this period, therefore excluded from the table below.

*Table: Allegations received in the Inverclyde Council area, by Period (April to Feb)*

<b>Allegation Category and Type</b>	<b>PYTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% change from PYTD</b>
<b>On Duty - TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>62.0%</b>
Assault	2	10	400.0%
Discriminatory Behaviour	0	1	x
Excessive Force	4	5	25.0%
Incivility	13	13	0.0%
Irregularity in Procedure	27	43	59.3%
Neglect of Duty	0	1	x
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	0	3	x
Other - Criminal	0	2	x
Other - Non Criminal	3	2	-33.3%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	1	1	0.0%
<b>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-24.0%</b>
Policy/Procedure	4	0	-100.0%
Service Delivery	8	4	-50.0%
Service Outcome	13	15	15.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33.3%</b>