



POLICE SCOTLAND
Keeping people safe

Inverclyde Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/21 - 31/07/21

Total Crime



-8.1%



1964 Crimes

Incidents Recorded

-10.8%



6802

Common Assault

-5.2%



199

Overall Dishonesty

-26.2%



340

Domestic Abuse Incidents

-18.3%



245

Overall Violent Crime

-12.3%



221

Sexual Crime

+29%



40

Road Traffic Casualties

-15%



11

Disorder Complaints

-28.9%



1318

Missing People

+5.8%



18

Counter Terrorism



The threat level from INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM has been changed from Severe to Substantial. This means it is deemed an attack is likely.

Housebreaking

-37.9%



36

*All data provided is for the period 1 Apr - 31st July unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 17/08/2021

Inverclyde

Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 1 Apr 2021 to 31st July 2021



SECTION	PAGE NUMBER
Introduction	2
Executive Summary	3
Demand Analysis	4
Online and Cybercrime	5
Acquisitive Crime	5
Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	5
Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder	6
Serious Organised Crime	7
Protecting People at Risk of Harm	7
Road Safety & Road Crime	8
Public Confidence - Complaints & Allegations	9

Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration.





Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics.

All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication.

Unless stated otherwise numerical comparisons are to the same period in the previous year to date.

INVERCLYDE POLICING PRIORITIES 2018-2022

- 1 Drug dealing and drug misuse
- 2 Violence and antisocial behaviour
- 3 Dishonesty
- 4 Road Safety

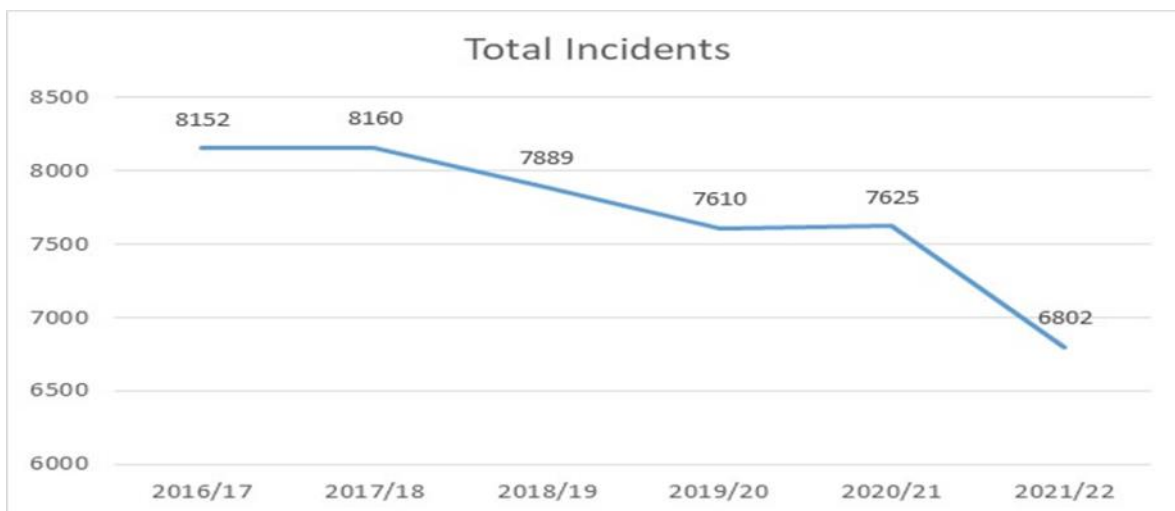
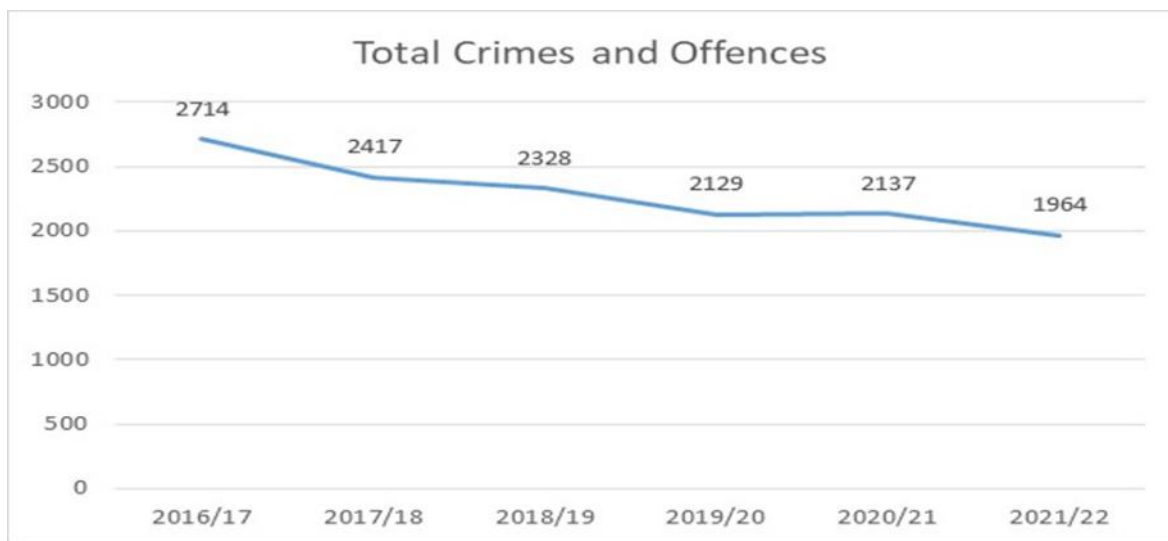
PRIORITY AREA	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Drug supply and misuse 	<p>Drug dealing and misuse continues to be a priority area for our attention in Inverclyde as communities tell us they are concerned about the harm caused. Although our detections for drug supply are lower than last year we have been proactive in addressing this issue. We continue to gather intelligence for further enforcement action in Inverclyde, however we manage this from a Divisional perspective as criminals do not recognise Local Authority boundaries. Overall, drugs supply detections in Inverclyde are down on the 5YA figures.</p>
Violence & ASB 	<p>The level of overall violent crime is slightly down compared to last year. There has been a decrease in the number of common assaults compared to 5YA. A contributory factor has been lockdown and COVID restrictions. 55 of 199 assaults were perpetrated against emergency workers. ASB has decreased overall in part due to the closure of the night time economy in recent months.</p>
Dishonesty 	<p>Housebreaking crimes continue to reduce, particularly in relation to domestic dwellings.</p> <p>Fraud is an area which has seen a large increase locally and nationally as a result of organised crime groups in the UK and beyond seeking to exploit vulnerable people as a result of the pandemic.</p> <p>Shoplifting has decreased with less access to shops during restrictions meaning criminals targeting other areas to fund addiction issues. However as more shops have started to reopen and social distancing measures have reduced this is likely to increase.</p>
Road Safety 	<p>The number of casualties on Inverclyde roads has reduced again this year and to date there have been no fatalities on our roads which is the same compared to the same period last year. It is recognised that due to restrictions easing an increase in the number of vehicles on the roads may impact on these figures.</p>

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2021-2022

1. Protecting vulnerable people
2. Working with communities
3. Tackling crime in the digital age
4. Support for operational policing

DEMAND ANALYSIS - * PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD *	CYTD *	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	2,137	1,964	Total number of incidents	7,625	6,802



Context:

The volume of recorded crime and offences has fallen by 8.1% on the previous year and by 16.2% on the preceding five year average, with a longer term decrease in non-sexual crimes of violence, crimes of dishonesty and miscellaneous offences driving the fall in overall volume. Meanwhile, recorded police incidents have fallen by 10.8% on the previous year, and by 13.8% on the five year average.

ONLINE & CYBERCRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

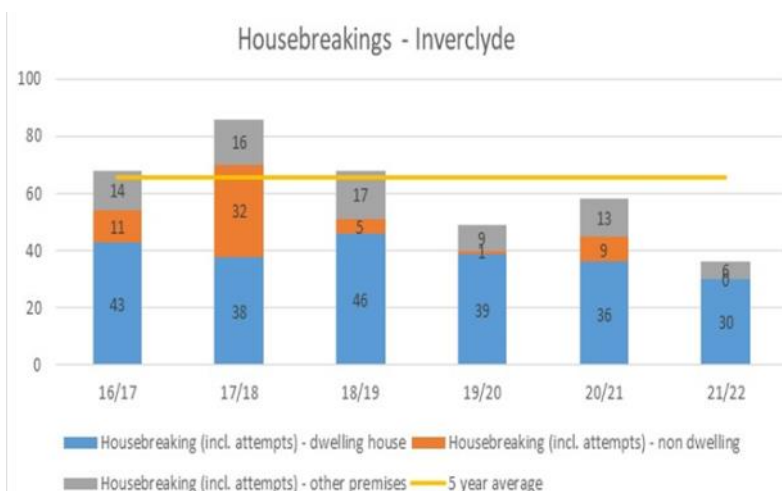
CONTEXT:



In the period April – July 2021, 34 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' by the Cybercrime Unit. 38% of these were classed as fraudulent transactions/identity fraud (including account takeovers); 20% of crimes were classed as scams and 15% classed as fraudulent sales or purchases.

Inverclyde Police have been running social media campaigns over the summer regarding online and telephone based frauds to help raise awareness and help people to identify scammers who target the most vulnerable in our communities. The media campaign was an extension to the Take 5 Campaign cyber fraud information leaflets delivered to every household in Inverclyde via the Council Tax letters in March 2021.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME — DATA OVERVIEW



CONTEXT:



112 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – a decrease on the 5YA of 137. Meanwhile the detection rate fell from 95% PYTD to 77.7%.



Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) fell from a 5YA of 65.8, to 36 crimes year-to-date. There were fewer HBs to all categories of premises.

Motor vehicle crimes decreased, from a 5YA of 51.8, to a total of 35. Theft of a motor vehicle continues to account for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime. The MV crime detection rate is 17.1%, below the 5YA of 33.6% and below the PYTD rate of 60.9%.

There were no bogus caller crimes recorded within Inverclyde year to date.

COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

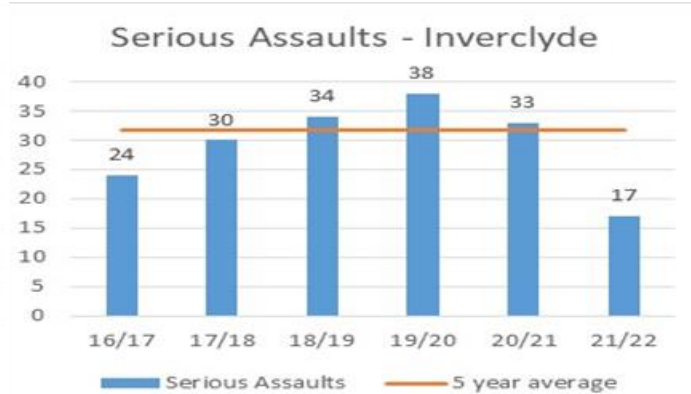
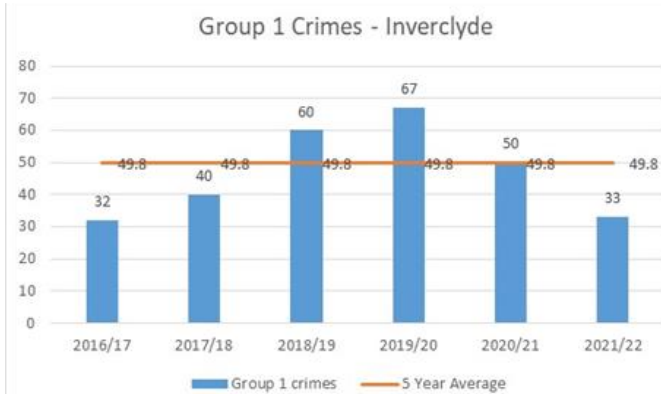
CONTEXT: On February 2021 the Home Secretary announced a decrease in the UK's Terrorist Threat Level from Severe to Substantial. This means it is deemed an attack is likely.

At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, the threat from Islamic, Northern Ireland and Right-wing situation remains a serious threat.

Inverclyde has an embedded CTLO (Counter Terrorist Liaison Officer) who provides expert guidance and support regarding emerging threats from national and international terrorism & Extremism. Recent activities the CTLO has been involved with including work with Ports Authority in Inverclyde to assist with inspections and training to staff and Security officers to include vigilance about the threat from international terrorism, import & export due to Brexit and COVID and the challenges brought by the increase with the Cruise ship industry.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE & DISORDER - DATA OVERVIEW

1 APRIL 2021 TO 31st July - OBJECTIVE: Reduce the number of victims of violent crime



CONTEXT:

33 Group 1 crimes of violence have been recorded YTD – down on the five year average (5YA) of 49.8. There has been one murder and no attempted murders. Serious assaults have also fallen on the 5YA and PYTD (n=17). The overall detection rate for Group 1 crime is 66.7%, as compared to a 5YA of 70.3%.

There have been 199 recorded common assaults, a decrease on the 5YA of 230.4. 55 of these assaults targeted emergency workers. These crimes are most commonly perpetrated against police officers.

13 fire-raising crimes have been recorded – slightly below the 5YA (17.4 crimes). The current detection rate is 7.7%, compared to the 5YA rate of 12.6%. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes fell quite significantly, from a 5YA of 234 crimes and PYTD figure of 172 to 160 crimes.

Antisocial Behaviour

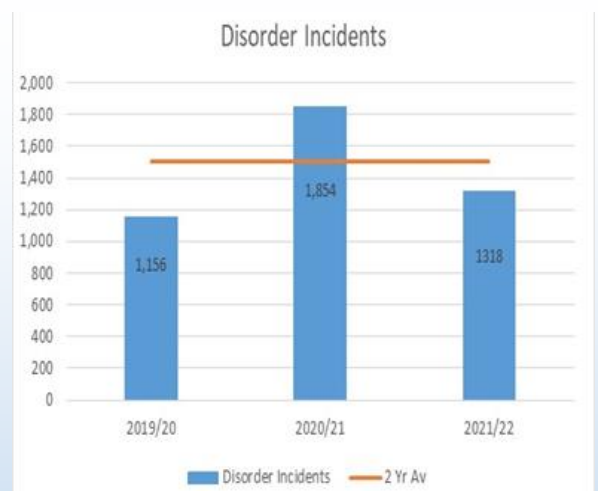
CONTEXT:

The number of Disorder incidents shows a marked decrease in comparison to last year (-28.9%).

Many of the disorder incidents recorded last year related to perceived or actual breaches of COVID-19 regulations being reported by members of the public.

Calls of this nature have been recorded as disorder and antisocial behaviour incidents and this trend is seen across the entire country. It is expected that this is likely to continue throughout the pandemic.

Many disorder incidents reported in Inverclyde are as a result of large scale youth gatherings specifically over the school holidays at various locations in Inverclyde. Many of the issues relate to intoxication, Anti-social behaviour, property damage and young people putting themselves in risky situations. Police and Partners have developed a dedicated dynamic action plan to target patrols to specific areas based on recent intelligence. Several key partners are actively involved in this action plan including Police Scotland, BTP, Inverclyde Council Community Wardens and Youth Workers. The majority of young people who are gathering are out socialising with friends however a minority are intent on causing disorder whereby they will be dispersed, alcohol confiscated and parents contacted or parent alert letters issued. Community youth link workers engage with the young people to highlight alternative options to gathering and offer appropriate safety advice.



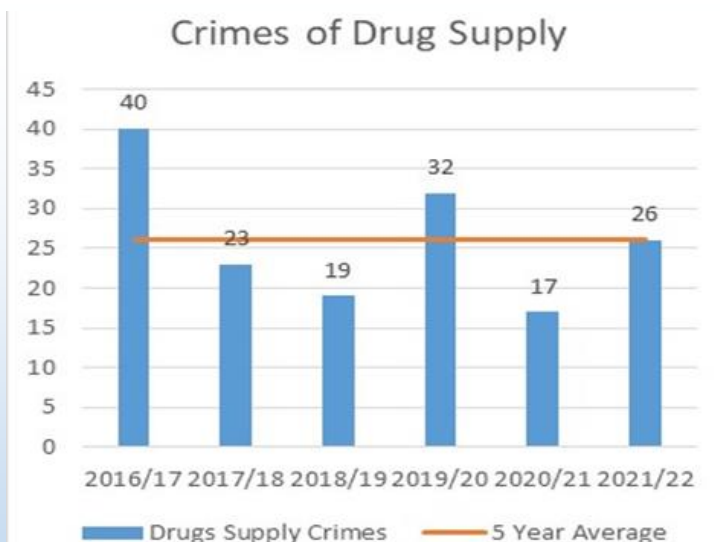
SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

CONTEXT:

YTD, there have been 26 crimes involving drug supply, production and cultivation offences, compared to PYTD of 17 crimes, however remains equal to the 5YA. Commodity Seizures included diamorphine, benzodiazepines, cocaine ecstasy and cannabis.

Pro-active work is carried out on a daily basis by teams based within Inverclyde, supported by Divisional teams, which specifically target the two Serious and Organised Crime groups, one of which predominantly impacts on Inverclyde.

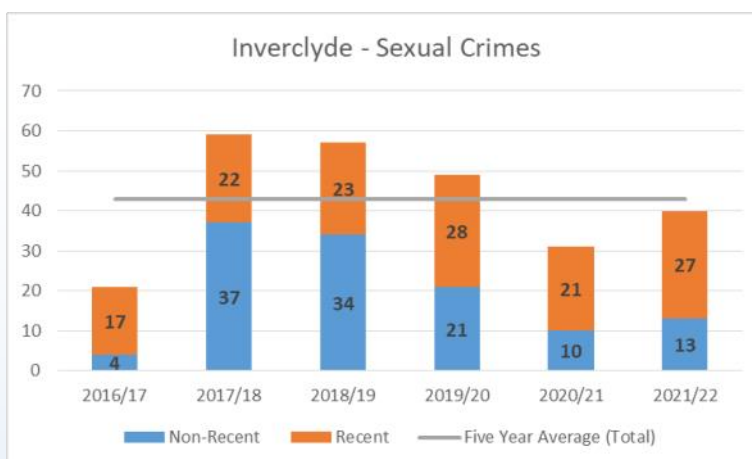
Enforcement activity is intelligence led to ensure the right people are being targeted in the right places. We continue to gather intelligence for further enforcement action in Inverclyde and it remains a priority for officers to carry out intelligence led patrols ensuring that individuals involved in the possession and supply of controlled drugs are pro-actively engaged, subsequently leading to obtaining and executing search warrants.



PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK FROM HARM - DATA OVERVIEW

Reported sexual crimes increased by 29% when compared to PYTD, to a total of 40 crimes, however remain below the 5YA of 43.4. The detection rate for sexual crimes is 40%, down from a 5YA of 49.8%. 70% of sexual crimes occurred in dwelling houses – up from the 65% noted in the previous year.

Over 57% 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 and account for approximately 40% of all sexual crimes recorded.



Reports of both ‘recent’ and ‘non-recent’ sexual crimes have increased slightly compared to the previous year, rising by 29% and 30% respectively. A third of reports in the current year involved non-recent reporting. All non-recent sexual crimes involved victims aged under 16 years at the time the offence occurred.


There have been 18 missing person reports in Inverclyde – an increase on the previous year (n=17). The number of young people going missing from Children’s Homes remained the same from last year (n=2). 38.9% of missing people were traced within 24 hours. 22% of missing person incidents involved two repeat missing persons.

245 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 18.3% when compared to PYTD and down by 19.2% on the 5YA. These incidents resulted in 123 domestic crimes and offences being recorded – an increase of 5.1% on the previous year’s volume.

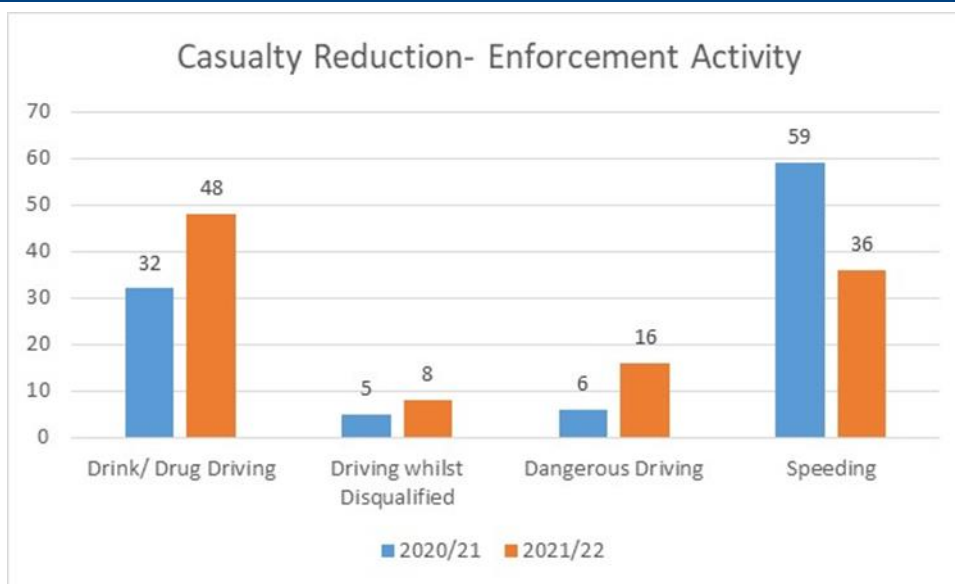
As part of the on-going commitment to assist vulnerable people in crisis, Police in Inverclyde are now utilising Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) which is a time limited and supportive problem solving contact with an individuals in distress and involves an empathetic and compassionate response. DBI 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. This process has been operational for Inverclyde Police since June 2021 and so far the results have been very positive in getting people the right help at the right time.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

PRIORITY: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED ON OUR ROADS

Road Traffic Casualties		2020/21	2021/22
	Number of persons killed on our roads	0	0
	Number of persons seriously injured	4	5
	Number of persons slightly injured	9	4
	Number of children seriously injured	0	2

Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2021 to 31/07/2021



CONTEXT:

There have been no road fatalities throughout the reporting period – which remains the same as the previous YTD. Meanwhile, serious road injuries fell by 25% (n=1) while slight injuries fell by 55.6%, to a total of four. Two children have been seriously injured on Inverclyde’s roads year-to-date, an increase on the same period last year.

Overall, offences relating to motor vehicles fell from a 5YA of 494.8 to a total of 377. However, an increase was recorded in drink/drug driving offences (+50%), amongst other road traffic offences. While the detection rate fell from a 5YA of 91.8% to 83.8% in the current year, the detection rate remains well above the national average.

Local officers accompanied by Road Policing officers are conducting a series of engagement and enforcement initiatives aimed at raising awareness about various aspects of road safety. This has included a high visibility and unmarked patrols combined with speed checks at various locations with some drivers being issued fixed penalty notices, Anti-Social Behaviour orders or given appropriate road safety advice. Road Policing department are providing assistance regarding the recent escalation in the use of off-road bikes and Quad bikes especially when being used on footpaths, parks and roads. Many of the people involved are young people who have been given bikes by their parents who often are not aware of the rules. A media campaign is being developed in conjunction with Inverclyde Council Safer Communities to highlight the legal implications and dangers associated with the use of off-road bikes which will be followed by a period of action against individuals who continue to flout the rules.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2021 - 31/07/2021

Quality of Service Allegations	10
On Duty Allegations	22
Off Duty Allegations	0
Total Allegations	32

On Duty Allegations

Unlawful Arrest	Assault	Corrupt Practice	Discrimination	Excessive Force	Incivility	Irregularity in Procedure	Neglect of duty	Oppressive Conduct	Other Criminal	Other Non Criminal	Traffic	Total
1	4	0	0	2	3	11	0	1	0	0	0	22

Off Duty Allegations

Crimes of Dishonesty	Crimes of Indecency	Crimes of Violence	Malicious Mischief	Incivility	Misc Offences	Offences involving Motor Vehicles	Other	Other Crimes	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Context:

A total of 32 complaints have been made in the reporting period, equating to 32.8 complaints per 10,000 police incidents. No off duty allegations were made in the reporting period, while a total of 22 on duty allegations were made (compared to a three year average of 25.7 allegations). A total of 10 allegations were made in relation to quality of service - slightly above the three year average (n=9.0).