

# Inverclyde Performance Summary Report Reporting Period: 01/04/21 - 31/08/21



**Total Crime**



**-14.2%**



**2,525 Crimes**

Incidents Recorded

**-13.1%**



8,288

Common Assault

**-11.6%**



255

Overall Dishonesty

**-16.9%**



466

Domestic Abuse Incidents

**-16.5%**



318

Overall Violent Crime

**-16.1%**



283

Sexual Crime

**+2.2%**



56

Road Traffic Casualties

**-35.7%\***



9 \*against PYTD

Disorder Complaints

**-26.6%\***



1,619 \*against PYTD

Missing People

**-39.2%**



141

Counter Terrorism



The threat level from INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM has been changed from Severe to Substantial—an attack has been deemed as likely to occur.

Housebreaking

**-37.2%**



50

\*All data provided is for the period 1 Apr - 31 August 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 29/09/2021

# Inverclyde

## Performance Summary Report

### Reporting Period: 1 Apr 2021 to 31 August 2021



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### 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 against the preceding five year average.

## INVERCLYDE POLICING PRIORITIES 2018-2022

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

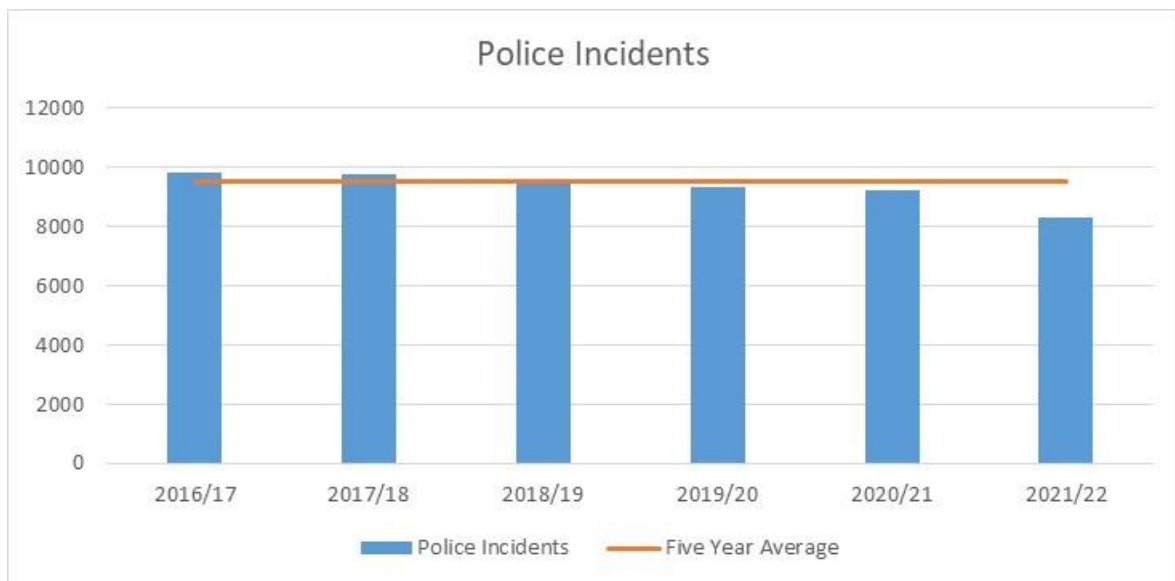
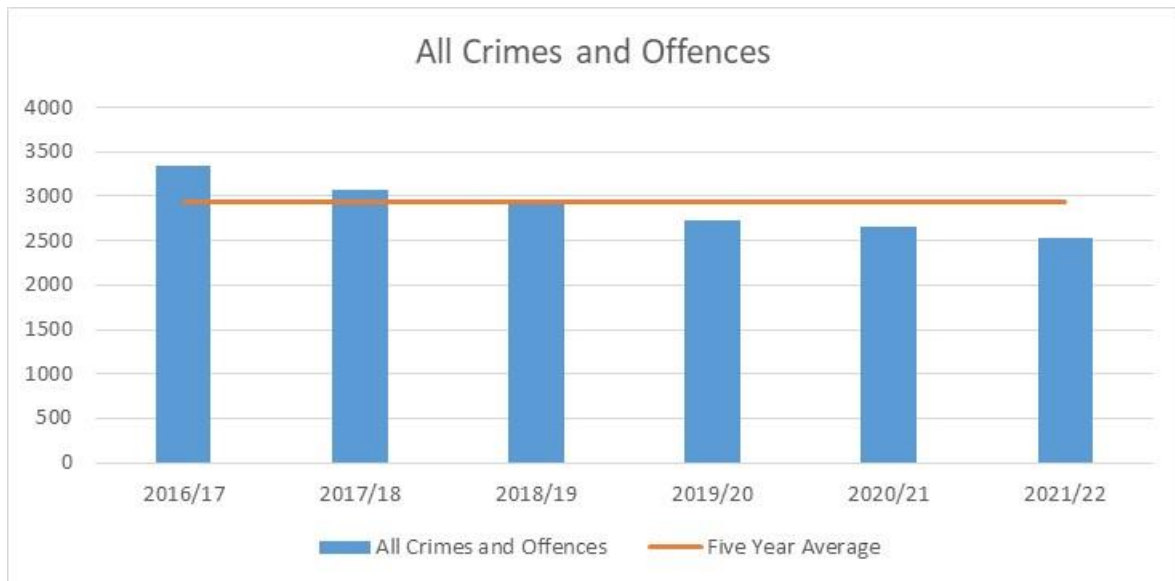
PRIORITY AREA	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
<b>Drug supply and misuse</b> 	<p>Drug dealing and misuse continues to be a priority area for our attention in Inverclyde as communities tell us they are concerned about the harm caused. Although our detections for drug supply are lower than last year we have been proactive 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. There have been 17 drugs supply detections in Inverclyde year-to-date, compared to a five year average of 30.8.</p>
<b>Violence &amp; ASB</b> 	<p>The level of overall violent crime is down by 16.1% on the previous five year average. Meanwhile, there have been 33 fewer common assaults compared to the previous five year average of 288.4. 70 common assaults were perpetrated against emergency workers, an increase on the previous five year average of 64.2. ASB is down by 26.6% on the previous year to a total of 1,619 incidents.</p>
<b>Dishonesty</b> 	<p>Housebreaking crimes continue to fall, with fewer crimes relating to all property types.</p> <p>However, recorded fraud continues to increase locally, mirroring the national trend—with the volume of fraud crimes rising 37.3% compared to five year average figures. Cyber-criminals are continuously looking for new ways to target potential victims. There has been a proliferation in the use of tactics such as scam phone calls, text messages and emails, as well as fake websites and social media posts, by which criminals seek to deceive people into handing over personal details and passwords.</p>
<b>Road Safety</b> 	<p>The number of casualties on Inverclyde roads has fallen from 14 to nine and there have been no fatalities in the current year. Proactive policing of Inverclyde's roads has led to an increase in reported drink and drug driving offences.</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	2,654	2,525	Total number of incidents	9,234	8,288



**CONTEXT**

The volume of recorded crime and offences has fallen by 4.9% on the previous year and by 14.2% on the preceding five year average, with a longer term decrease in non-sexual crimes of violence, crimes of dishonesty, vandalism and fireraising, miscellaneous offences and offences relating to motor vehicles driving the fall in overall volume. Meanwhile, recorded police incidents have fallen by 10.2% on the previous year, and by 13.1% on the five year average.

## ONLINE & CYBERCRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

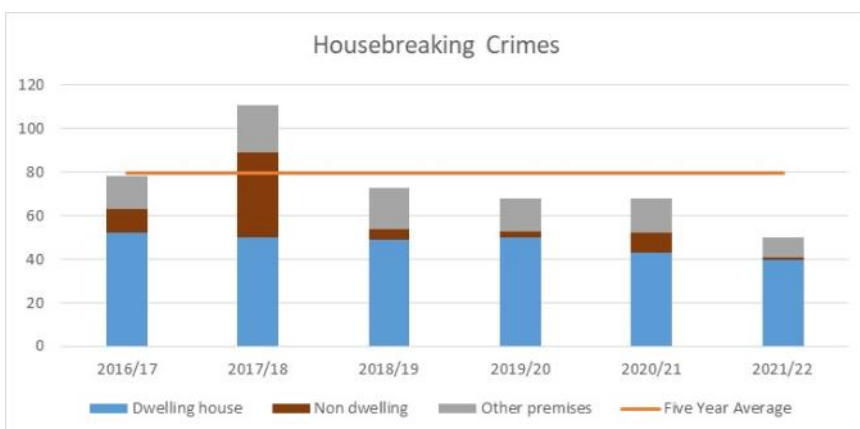
### CONTEXT



In the period April – August 2021, 77 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' by Police Scotland's Cyber-Crime Intelligence Analysts. Over 62% of these were classed as financial/economic crimes, predominantly cyber-enabled fraud. Other cyber-crimes impacting on Inverclyde's communities include computer hacking, cyber-enabled sexual offences, and threatening and abusive communications.

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



169 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – a decrease of 2.1% compared to the five year average. The detection rate has fallen by 8.3 percentage points on the five year average to 74% in the current year.



Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) fell from a five year average of 79.6 to 50 crimes. There were fewer HBs to all categories of premises. The detection rate has increased by 8.2 percentage points on the five year average to 28.2% in the current year.



Motor vehicle crimes have fallen by 26.8% on the five year average to a total of 46 crimes. Theft of a motor vehicle continues to account for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime (n=16). The MV crime detection rate is 21.7%, a decrease 11.7 percentage points on the previous five year average.



One bogus caller crime has been recorded in the current year. This involved the elderly complainer losing a mid-three figure sum in a government boiler replacement scheme doorstep fraud.

## COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

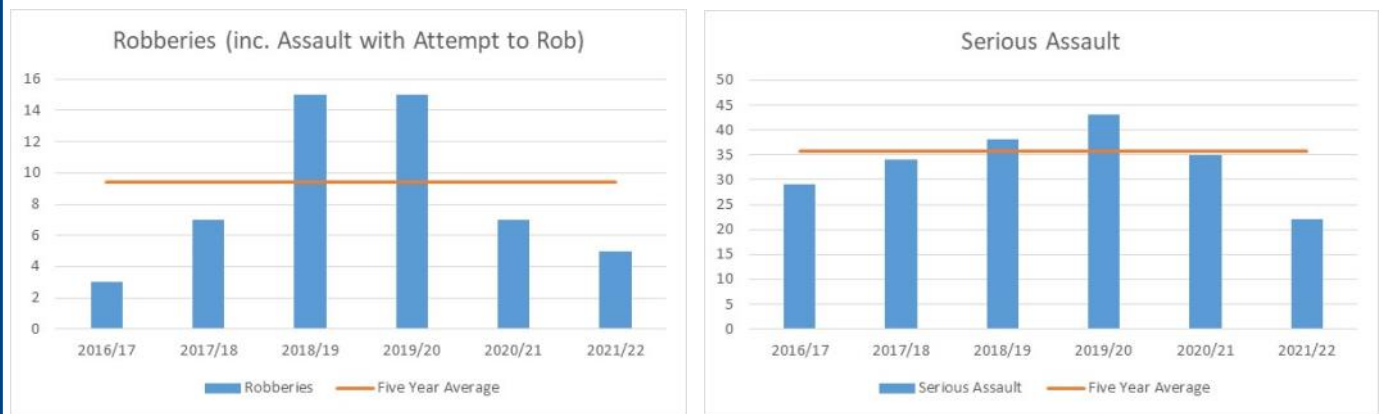
### CONTEXT

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 terrorism 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-19 and the challenges brought by the increase with the Cruise ship industry. Recently a presentation was given to WoSLRP (West of Scotland Resilience Partnership) which is a contingency planning group for West of Scotland. The presentation involved raising awareness of Counter Terrorism terminology and to highlight issues regarding the impact of Brexit / COVID and provide an overview of the threat level posed to UK and Scotland.

# ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE & DISORDER - DATA OVERVIEW

1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021 - OBJECTIVE: Reduce the number of victims of violent crime



## CONTEXT

43 Group 1 crimes of violence have been recorded YTD – a decrease of more than a quarter on the preceding five year average (n=57.8). One murder has been recorded, compared to a five year average of 0.6, and no attempted murders. Meanwhile, robberies have fallen by 46.8% and serious assaults by 38.5%. The detection rate for Group 1 crimes is 58.1%, compared to the five year average rate of 72%.

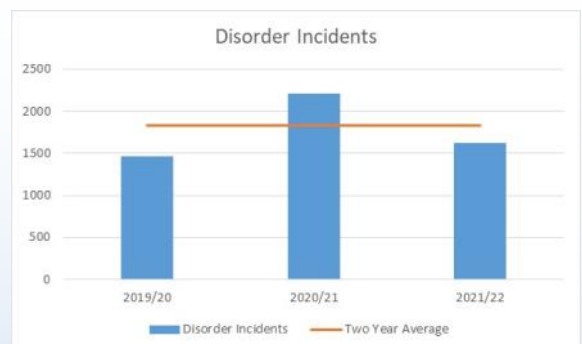
Common assaults are down by 11.6% on the five year average, to a total of 255. 70 crimes targeted emergency workers (most commonly police officers). The detection rate for common assaults fell from a five year average of 70.6% to 68.2% in the current year.

16 fire-raising crimes have been recorded, four fewer crimes than the previous five year average. The current detection rate is 6.3%, compared to the five year average rate of 15%. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes fell from a five year average of 253.3 crimes to 197 crimes.

## Antisocial Behaviour

### CONTEXT

1,619 disorder incidents have been recorded year to date, a decrease of 11.7% on the previous two years' average. The spike noted in 2020/21 was primarily due members of the public reporting perceived or actual breaches of COVID-19 regulations.



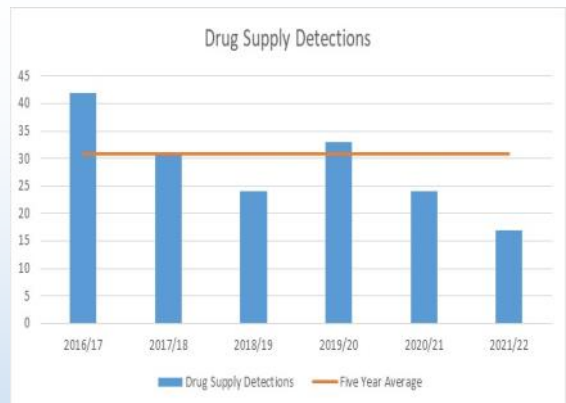
Many disorder incidents reported in Inverclyde are as a result of large scale youth gatherings specifically over the school holidays at various locations in Inverclyde. Many of the issues relate to intoxication, Anti-social behaviour, property damage and young people putting themselves in risky situations. 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 17 drug supply detections in Inverclyde, compared to a five year average of 30.8. Proactivity continues to target the two Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) currently managed by Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, one of which predominantly impacts on Inverclyde. Both SOCGs are primarily involved in the supply of controlled drugs for financial gain, in addition to other harms such as the use and threat of violence and the use of firearms.

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.

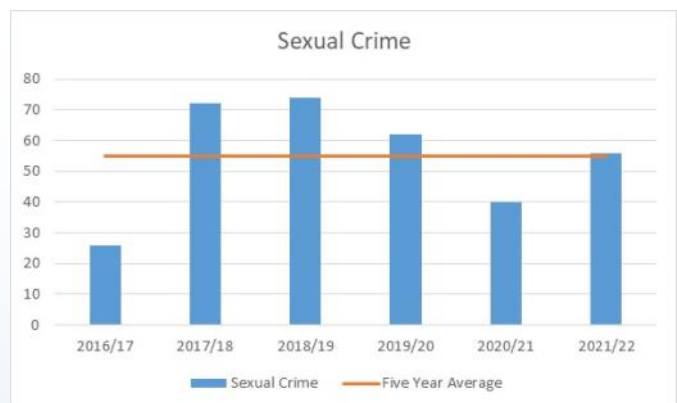


## PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK FROM HARM - DATA OVERVIEW

### CONTEXT

Reported sexual crimes increased by 2.2% compared to the preceding five year average, to a total of 56 crimes. The detection rate for sexual crimes is 32.1%, down from a five year average of 46.4%. 68% of sexual crimes reported in the current year occurred in dwelling houses and other private settings.

Over 86% 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 – with the number of child victims increasing by 75% on the previous year.



Reports of both 'recent' and 'non-recent' sexual crimes have increased slightly compared to the previous year, rising by 56% and 20% respectively. Nearly a third of reports in the current year involved non-recent reporting. 89% of non-recent sexual crimes involved victims aged under 16 years at the time the offence occurred. Eight non-recent crimes involving child victims occurred in child care institutions and are being investigated under the auspices of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry and Police Scotland's Operation FORSETI.

141 missing person incidents have been recorded in Inverclyde – an decrease of 39.2% compared to the previous five year average. Young people (aged 10-19 years) continue to account for the highest proportion of missing person results compared to all other age categories. Over two-thirds of all incidents resulted in missing persons being traced within 24 hours.

318 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 16.5% when compared to the previous five year average. 48.4% of these incidents resulted in at least one domestic crime being recorded. The detection rate for domestic crime was 80.8%, an increase 22.9 percentage points on the five year average detection rate.

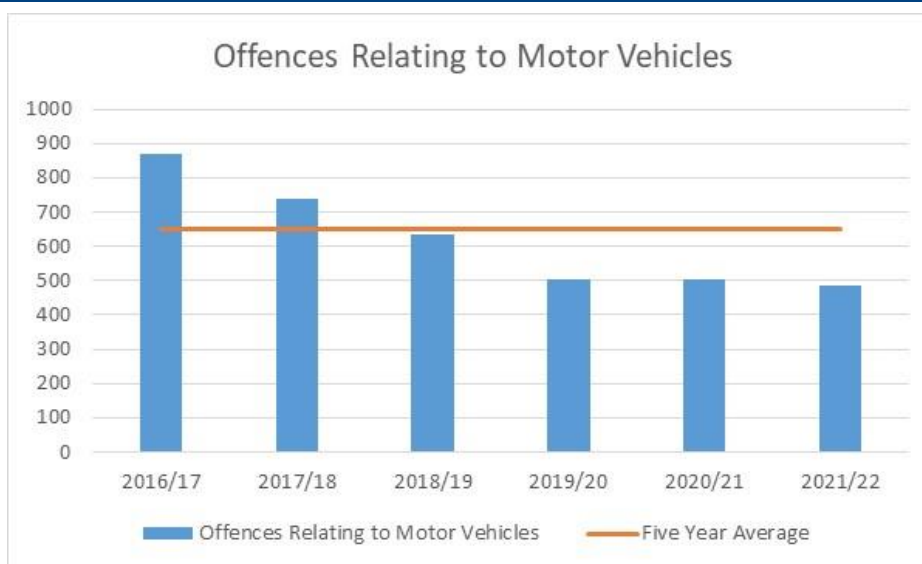
As part of the on-going commitment to assist vulnerable people in crisis, Police in Inverclyde are now utilising Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) which is a time limited and supportive problem solving contact with an individuals in distress and involves an empathetic and compassionate response. DBI 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	1	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 31/08/2021



### CONTEXT

There have been no road fatalities throughout the reporting period. In the same period last year, there was one road fatality. Meanwhile, one additional serious road injury has been recorded (n=5) while there were five fewer slight road injuries (n=4). Two children have been seriously injured on Inverclyde's roads year-to-date, an increase on the same period last year.

While offences relating to motor vehicles fell by 25% on the five year average to a total of 487, notable increases were noted in respect of the number of disqualified, drink and drug and dangerous driving offences. 61 drink and drug driving offences (including failure to provide a sample) have been recorded—an increase of 56.5% on the previous five year average.

The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles overall fell by 5.2 percentage points on the five year average, to 86.7% in the current year, primarily due to the growing demand on Forensic Services resulting in delays in toxicology results being returned in relation to drink and drug driving offences. The detection rate for these drink and drug driving offences is 77%, down from a five year average of 94.4%.

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 - 31/08/2021

Quality of Service Allegations	11
On Duty Allegations	24
Off Duty Allegations	0
Total Allegations	35

### 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	12	1	1	0	0	0	24

### 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 35 complaints have been made in the reporting period, equating to 29 complaints per 10,000 police incidents. No off duty allegations were made in the reporting period, while a total of 24 on duty allegations were made (compared to a three year average of 31 allegations). A total of 11 allegations were made in relation to quality of service, below the three year average of 11.7. On duty allegations most commonly related to irregularities in procedure (n=12).

