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**Inverclyde Council  
Education and Communities Committee  
Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee  
Inverclyde Local Policing Area  
Performance Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

April 2014

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**Report by Chief Superintendent Alan Speirs, Police Scotland, 'K' Div**

**SUBJECT:** Police and Fire Reform: Local Scrutiny and Engagement  
Inverclyde Local Policing Area  
Performance Results 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

## **1. Background**

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out that the main purpose of policing is to improve the safety and well-being of persons, localities and communities in Scotland. It ensures an enhanced focus on local delivery of policing with a designated local commander for each local authority area accountable for local service provision. Each local commander is required to prepare a local policing plan that meets the needs of the local area and is approved by the local authority. In response to this the local authority has a statutory power to monitor the delivery of police services and to provide feedback to the local commander.

## **2. Inverclyde Local Police Plan**

The Inverclyde Local Police Plan was published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. This plan sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for Inverclyde for 2014 – 2017. It will be reviewed annually through ongoing consultation and is supported by 6 ward community policing plans.

## **3. Performance reporting to Inverclyde Council**

The local commander is required to provide reports at an agreed timescale for scrutiny by elected members. Formal scrutiny of the Inverclyde Police Plan falls under the governance of the Inverclyde Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee under the auspices of the Education and Communities Committee which meets a minimum of two times per year.

## **4. Recommendation**

The following data is extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The data is a year to date comparison with the previous year. It includes both recorded and detected crime data and covers all priority areas as set out in the local police plan. Members are asked to scrutinise policing performance for the period outlined and provide feedback where appropriate.

**5. Analytical report** – as before with context supplied in each box

**6. Appendices** – if required for further information

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b>					
		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	125	137	12 fewer	-8.8%
<p>The level of violent crime in Inverclyde decreased by 8.8% compared to the previous year. This matches the overall force decrease in violent crime. The creation of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Violence Reduction Team and the continued emphasis of searching the right people in the right places has helped drive the decrease in robberies and assaults (serious and common) which has contributed greatly to this.</p>					
2	Murder	2	0	2 more	-
<p>2 murders have been recorded. Both detected with a 100% rate. One was committed in a domestic dwelling with the victim being a male. The second incident occurred on a public footpath in the early hours of a Friday morning again the victim was a male and the weapon used on this occasion was a knife. On each occasion the victim was known to the accused person.</p>					
3	Attempted Murder	5	7	2 fewer	-28.6%
<p>The 28.6% decrease is greater than the force average of 10.2% decrease. 2 of these are undetected however the complainer on each occasion was uncooperative.</p>					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	1	1 fewer	-100%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	65.1%	66.3%		-1.2%
<p>38% of serious assaults occurred in private space behind closed doors which continues to prove challenging in terms of prevention and detection. 42% of recorded crimes have uncooperative complainers which makes intervention difficult. Enquiries are continuing into a number of these crimes with all lines of enquiry being thoroughly pursued.</p> <p>For 2014/15 the serious assault detection is set at 72%. 1 serious assault has been reported in Inverclyde which was detected.</p>					
7	Serious Assault	86	89	3 fewer	-3.4%
<p>The reduction represents just over 36% below the 5-year average and is above the force target of a 3% decrease. The majority of serious assaults are linked to alcohol fuelled public space violence. The sub division continues to focus on working with the night-time economy businesses to educate staff, strengthen partnership working and prevent violence.</p> <p>1 serious assault has been reported year to date which is a significant reduction on last year where there had been 7 reported.</p>					
8	Robbery detection rate	80.0%	52.0%		28.0%
<p>The robbery detection rate in Inverclyde has significantly increased compared to the previous year and exceeds the force target by 12%. The national robbery investigation and prevention toolkit which ensures a consistent and thorough approach to the investigation of reported robberies together with the robust targeting of known offenders has contributed to this.</p> <p>The Robbery detection rate for 2014/15 has increased to 72%.</p>					

9	Robbery	20	25	5 fewer	-20.0%
<p>This represents a 40% decrease on the 5 year average and exceeds the force target of reducing the number of robberies by 5%. A focus on target hardening strategies, working with local partners to increase awareness and providing advice to vulnerable people and premises together with intervention strategies on known offenders has contributed to this reduction in recorded robberies.</p> <p>Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, 1 robbery has been reported.</p>					
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	78.6%	74.0%		4.6%
<p>The detection rate for common assault is above the force average. We continue to prioritise reports of common assault to ensure all avenues are thoroughly investigated and ensure that intervention measures are put in place to prevent known offenders from re-offending. The Persistent Offender Partnership monitors known offenders with a dedicated officer working alongside alcohol and drugs workers to provide alternative pathways to repeat offenders with addictions.</p> <p>Inverclyde is currently achieving 79.4% of a detection rate against a target of 66.7%. A number of positive lines of enquiry are continuing, therefore this figure is likely to improve.</p>					
11	Petty (common) assault	604	695	91 fewer	-13.1%
<p>The number of common assaults in Inverclyde has decreased by 13.1% compared to last year which is a significantly greater reduction than the force average. The majority of these crimes are perpetrated by persons known to their victims and are often alcohol fuelled. We continue to deploy resources in hot spot areas and work in conjunction with partners; particularly the Inverclyde Council Warden service and Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team to both deter and detect this type of crime.</p> <p>27 common assaults have been reported since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 within Inverclyde.</p>					
12	Stop and searches conducted	20,476	19,754		3.7%
<p>There has been a slight increase in the number of stop and searches conducted in Inverclyde compared to last year. Officers continue to focus on hot spot areas resulting in the right people being searched at key times. This method greatly assists in the prevention of crimes of violence and disorder and increases public reassurance. Hot spot areas are identified through public consultation, call analysis and partner's data which gives a better reflection of community concerns.</p> <p>The total number of stop searches conducted within Inverclyde year to date is 1,343. Focus remains on the identified hotspot areas.</p>					
13	Number of positive stop and searches conducted.	5,676	3,801		49.3%
<p>The targeting of priority areas and by employing the 'right people/right place' methodology, Inverclyde has recorded a significant increase in positive stop and searches with 1 in 4 searches resulting in a positive detection.</p> <p>Inverclyde is continuing with the 1:4 ratio of positive stop searches this year, achieving a 25% positive rate, which is above the national rate of 20%.</p>					
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4,999	6,470	1,471 fewer	-22.7%
<p>By continuing to strengthen our links with our partners and utilising joint resources to deter disorder and prevent escalation we have recorded a decrease of nearly 23% in reports of disorder compared to last year.</p> <p>The number of disorder complaints has been recorded as 252 for K division since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, which is a reduction on last years figure.</p>					

<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Victims	% Change
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	819	903		-9.3%
<p>Domestic abuse continues to be a national and local priority. Through the proactive management of known offenders, utilising victim care plans and ensuring robust enforcement of bail conditions the number of reported incidents of domestic abuse has decreased significantly compared to last year.</p> <p>223 domestic incidents have been reported to the police across the division year to date; this is less than the previous year, however it can also be attributed to the rigorous management of offenders on bail, preventing re-offending.</p>					
16	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	585	540		8.3%
<p>Although the overall number of domestic abuse incidents has decreased compared to last year there has been an increase in the number of crimes committed. This can be attributed to a more robust approach to monitoring offenders and ensuring those breaching bail conditions are detected and reported.</p> <p>Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, 102 crimes/offences have been committed in K division, with Inverclyde fully detecting all of these crimes/offences.</p>					
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	55.4%	48.7%		6.7%
<p>Percentage of crime reports for domestic incidents in Inverclyde is slightly below the national average and can be attributed to a more robust monitoring of repeat offenders.</p> <p>Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, 45% of domestic incidents have resulted in a crime being recorded which is almost 1 in 2 domestic incidents that are reported.</p>					
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	84.8%	78.3%		6.5%
<p>Increased detection rate compared to last year attributed to continued focus on activity and prioritisation of reports. The Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit continues to take ownership of more complex and protracted enquiries and by gaining the confidence of victims and thoroughly investigating linked incidents has contributed to this positive increase.</p> <p>Currently the detection rate for domestics is 83.6% this is exceeded in Inverclyde.</p>					
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	53	52		1.9%
<p>A divisional priority remains the daily intervention with domestic offenders to ensure that bail conditions are enforced and victims are safe. The number of offences detected reflects the pro-activity around this area of work.</p>					
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	97.7%	-		-
<p>Priority to ensure that victims are full apprised of bail conditions within 24 hours. Exceeding national target.</p> <p>Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, all domestic initial bail visits have been delivered within the specified timeframe.</p>					
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	87.2%	86.5%		0.7%
<p>The detection rate for hate crime offences is almost 10% greater than the national average. These</p>					

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crimes have an adverse affect on relationships in communities and each incident recorded is prioritised for investigation and support for the victim and larger community. Preventative work continues to be a priority for the force and the division. A dedicated officer works with partners to raise awareness and encourage reporting in line with national campaigns and government strategy.

This year the rate for detecting hate crime is 83%, with Inverclyde achieving 100%.

<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	80	81		-1.2%
<p>Drugs Supply and Use has been added as a local priority to the Inverclyde Police Plan for 2014-17 as a result of extensive public consultation. In the year ahead we will continue to gather intelligence and pursue those who persistently supply drugs to our local communities. The divisional pro-active crime team and the Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit will be routinely tasked to pursue those involved in drugs supply and production with a view to increasing detection rates and deterring offenders.</p> <p>There have been 8 detections for drug supply, production and cultivation this year.</p>					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	11.4%	17.5%		-6.1%
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	307	348	41 fewer	-11.8%

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25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	88.7%	82.1%		6.6%
<p>The introduction of the dedicated town centre officers, partly funded by Inverclyde Council, has assisted greatly in the detection of shoplifters within the town centre areas of Inverclyde. Enhanced partnership working with CCTV, retailers and ASIST has resulted in an improved detection rate and an increase in intelligence gathering and prevention opportunities.</p>					
26	Theft by shoplifting	503	375	128 more	34.1%
<p>The dedicated team working within the town centre areas has resulted in increased confidence amongst retailers resulting in increased reporting. This coupled with a greater detection rate as detailed above means that more perpetrators of this crime type are being identified and reported.</p>					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	13.9%	12.6 %		1.3%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	746	976	230 fewer	- 23.6%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	1,534	833		84.2%
<p>Alcohol fuelled violence and antisocial behaviour remains a concern amongst the residents of Inverclyde. By effectively using our stop and search tactics and by focussing on hot spot areas at key</p>					

times we continue to detect offenders, remove the alcohol and significantly reduce the risk of violence escalating.

Public Protection					
Local Target - Year End		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	88	67	21 more	31.3%
<p>The increase in reported crimes of indecency can be attributed to increased public awareness and confidence in reporting. Many reports received in the last year relate to historical reports.</p>					
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	75.0%	83.6%		-8.6%
<p>Many of the reports are of a historical and complex nature where enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p>The group 2 detection rate year to date currently sits at 81% which is above both the divisional and national rate.</p>					
32	Rape detection rate	113.6%	61.1%		52.5%
<p>The Divisional Rape Investigation Unit was formed in March 2013 and dedicated officers have investigated a considerable number of rapes and other sexual offences of a complex and often historical nature. The expert nature of the team has identified further victims which had previously gone unreported explaining the significant increase in detections. Public protection remains a priority for the area and tackling predatory behaviour by encouraging victims to report offences is vital in protecting our communities.</p> <p>The rape detection rate for the division is 75% for 2014/15. These complex and sensitive enquiries, often historical, can take a considerable amount of time to thoroughly and robustly investigate; therefore the detection rate at this early stage in the year of 12.5% does not reflect an accurate picture in terms of the likely outcome of these enquiries at a later stage.</p>					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Victims	% Change
People Killed/Seriously Injured	13	25	12 fewer	-48.0%
People Slightly Injured	129	150	21 fewer	-14.0%
(Context)				
Children (aged<16) Killed/Seriously Injured	4	2	2 more	100.0%
<p>Casualty reduction is our main priority as a force in relation to road safety. Inverclyde officers continue to focus on influencing driver's behaviour through a series of enforcement and education campaigns in order to continue this encouraging downward trend in casualties. We will continue to focus activity in and around schools and known black spot areas.</p>				

Road Safety & Road Crime					
<p>Keeping people safe through safer roads and reducing road crime is a national and local priority. The number of road casualties in Inverclyde has reduced significantly over the last year which can be attributed to an increased and sustained focus on driving offences. Dedicated officers in road policing and operation Quattro have continued to influence driver's behaviour through education and enforcement on our roads. The reduction in dangerous driving, speeding and disqualified driving offences show that Inverclyde residents are understanding the dangers and reducing the risk to themselves and other road users. The increased fixed penalty fines for offences such as seat belts and using mobile phones whilst driving together with an increased awareness of the risks has assisted in reducing the number of residents being issued with fines/reported for these offences.</p> <p>Year to date there has been 27 detections for drink driving across the division.</p>					
		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	17	26		-34.6%
<p>Since the beginning of the new financial year, K division has achieved 7 detections for dangerous driving.</p>					
34	Speeding	1,047	1,085		-3.5%
<p>60 speeding offences have been detected since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, which is less than last year, however with the creation of a dedicated RP team to target road safety and crime across the division and time lapse between ticket issue, process and subsequent reflection in performance statistics, it is anticipated that this detection figure will improve significantly.</p>					
35	Disqualified driving	13	31		-58.1%
36	Driving Licence	170	93		82.8%
37	Insurance	298	265		12.5%
38	Seat Belts	549	646		-15.0%
<p>There have been 68 seatbelt detections since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. Similarly to speeding offences, it is anticipated that this detection figure will improve.</p>					
39	Mobile Phone	626	803		-22.0%
<p>The division is currently sitting with 120 detections for mobile offences. Focus will remain on road safety over the coming months.</p>					

Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism					
		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013		% Change
40	POCA Seizures	£3,016,493	£2,786,773		7%
<p>Seizure under POCA remains a vital method in the disruption of SOCG across the force. K division exceeded target by £196,493 achieving 107% of a target of £2,820,000.</p>					



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<b>Public Confidence</b>					
		Apr 2013 - Mar 2014			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
41	Complaints received about the Police	36		15.8	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
42	Total Allegations Recorded	44	9	9	62
(Context)					