



**POLICE  
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Keeping people safe

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

February 2014

**Date of Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**Report by Chief Superintendent Jim Downie, Police Scotland, 'K' Div**

**SUBJECT:** Police and Fire Reform: Local Scrutiny and Engagement  
Inverclyde Local Policing Area  
Performance Results 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 2nd January 2015. 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** – Strengthening Local Policing

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**December 2014**

<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b>					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	88	96	8 fewer	-8.3%
Violent crime remains a priority for both the division and the force. We continue to work with our partners focussing on hotspot locations utilising prevention and intervention techniques, all of which have contributed to 8 fewer victims of violent crime.					
2	Murder	2	2	same number	0.0%
No change from previously reported					
3	Attempted Murder	6	5	1 more	20.0%
There has been a slight increase in the number of attempted murders with one more being reported; the detection rate currently sits at 85% with the majority of these having been committed within a dwelling house by persons known to the victim.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
No change from previously reported					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
No change from previously reported					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	73.2%	67.2%		6.0%
There has been a 6% increase in the detection rate for serious assaults.					
7	Serious Assault	56	67	11 fewer	-16.4%
There have been 11 fewer victims of serious assault in Inverclyde. Alcohol and drugs are a major factor in crimes of this nature therefore we continue to focus our activity around licensed premises to support and educate staff and members of public.					
8	Robbery detection rate	81.8%	75.0%		6.8%
There has been a significant increase of 6.8% in robbery detections.					
9	Robbery	11	12	1 fewer	-8.3%
Whilst the detection rate has increased the number of reported robberies has decreased by 8.3% we continue to focus our activity on known hotspot areas and proactive intervention strategies with known offenders.					
10	Common assault detection rate	78.0%	79.1%		-1.1%
The detection rate for common assault has decreased slightly by 1.1% but continues to sit above the force average.					
11	Common assault	441	483	42 fewer	-8.7%
There has been an 8.7% reduction in the number of common assaults resulting in 42 fewer victims. The reduction in this area has been achieved by carrying out high visibility uniform patrols in known problematic areas supported by Inverclyde Community Warden Services and CCTV.					
12	Stop and searches conducted	13,740	16,571		-17.1%
The overall number of stop searches conducted has reduced by 17.1%. Our focus is on searching the right people, in the right place, at the right time and the year on year reduction in serious assault, robbery and common assault supports this strategy.					
13	Number of positive stop and searches conducted.	2,797	4,767		-41.3%
Targeted stop search activity over an extended period has contributed to a reduction in violence and disorder in the Inverclyde area. 1 in every 5 stop searches conducted is positive.					
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	3,229	3,763	534 fewer	-14.2%

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By working together with our partners we continue to significantly reduce the number of disorder complaints being received. Through consultation with members of the public we are able to quickly identify hotspot areas and deploy officer appropriately to deal with concerns. The recent introduction of a campus officer working with local schools and diversionary activities has assisted in this reduction.

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Victims	% Change
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	686	601		14.1%
The number of domestic incidents reported to the police this year has increased by 14.1%. Domestic violence is a priority for Police Scotland and the focus on this crime has increased public confidence to report incidents.					
16	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	431	436		-1.1%
The number of domestic abuse incidents resulting in crimes or offences has dropped slightly by 1.1%					
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	46.5%	56.6%		-10.1%
The percentage of domestic incidents that have resulted in a crime being recorded has dropped by 10%.					
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	84.2%	84.4%		-0.2%
The detection rate for domestic abuse incidents remains high at over 84%.					
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	36	36		0.0%
No change in previously reported figures					
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	97.8%	-		-
Compliance rate exceeds the National average.					
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	84.0%	86.7%		-2.7%
The detection rate for hate crimes has dropped slightly by 2.7%. This remains a high priority and a number of enquiries are ongoing which should result in further detections.					
<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	55	52		5.8%
There has been a 5.8% increase in the number of detections for drugs supply and use, this is a priority which has been set by the division in line with the areas which members of the public expressed concerns					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	12.2%	10.0%		2.2%
The detection rate for theft by housebreaking has increased by 2.2%, these types of crime often rely on forensic opportunities for detection. There are currently a number of ongoing investigations awaiting forensic analysis that may result in further detections.					
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	286	231	55 more	23.8%
Whilst there has been an increase in the number of housebreakings to garden sheds and outbuildings, there has been a 9.8% reduction in housebreakings to domestic dwellings.					
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	83.0%	90.4%		-7.4%
The detection rate for theft by shoplifting has dropped by 7.4%. In line with this, the number of reported theft by shopliftings has reduced by 21.9%.					
26	Theft by shoplifting	300	384	84 fewer	-21.9%
The proactive work conducted by dedicated Town Centre Officers in conjunction with local partners can be attributed to the overall reduction of almost 22%.					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	13.5%	12.9%		0.6%

There has been a slight increase in detection rate for crimes of vandalism and malicious mischief up by 0.6%.					
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	683	606	77 more	12.7%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	722	1,376		-47.5%
The number of persons detected for consuming alcohol in a designated place has dropped by 47.5%					

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Public Protection					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	57	67	10 fewer	-14.9%
There have been 10 fewer victims of crimes of indecency which equates to a 14.9% reduction in Inverclyde.					
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	75.4%	68.7%		6.7%
The detection rate for Group 2 crimes has increased significantly by 6.7% to 75.4% and Inverclyde now exceeds the national target in this area.					
32	Rape detection rate	83.3%	107.7%		-24.4%
A number of current enquiries are of a historical and complex nature which involve protracted enquiries over an extended period of time.					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Victims	% Change
	People Killed	1	0	1 more	-
	People Seriously injured	11	9	2 more	22.2%
	People Slightly Injured	120	92	28 more	30.4%
	Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
	Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
Keeping people safe on the roads and reducing road crime is both a national and local priority for Police Scotland. Officers focus on educating drivers and enforcing driver behaviour in order to reduce casualties.					

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	15	13		15.4%
The number of persons reported for dangerous driving has increased by 15.4%, 2 more drivers.					
34	Speeding	657	895		-26.6%
35	Disqualified driving	2	9		-77.8%
36	Driving Licence	91	140		-35.0%
37	Insurance	162	229		-29.3%
38	Seat Belts	135	498		-72.9%
39	Mobile Phone	165	482		-65.8%

The increased awareness of the risks of such offences and the improvement in technology as standard within vehicles has all attributed to the reduction in the number of persons being reported or receiving fines in relation to the above offences.

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<b>Public Confidence</b>					
		Apr 2014 - Dec 2014			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	37		20.6	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	57	1	9	67