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Inverclyde Council
Education and Communities Committee
Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee
Inverclyde Local Policing Area
Performance Report 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015

May 2015

Date of Meeting: 4th June 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 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015

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 1st 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 6th April 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 – none

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	125	125	same number	0.0%
There has been no change to the crimes of violence committed within Inverclyde: we continue to carry out prevention work with our partners ensuring that officers are deployed in known problematic areas.					
2	Murder	2	2	same number	0.0%
There have been 2 murders this year within Inverclyde, both have been committed by persons known to the victims and are both detected.					
3	Attempted Murder	11	5	6 more	120.0%
There have been 6 more attempted murders committed within Inverclyde. We have been working with our partners at Riverclyde Homes, Inverclyde Council and the Community Wardens carrying out targeted deployments and co-operative working in order to address anti-social behaviour which often leads to disorder and serious violence.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	67.1%	65.1%		2.0%
The detection rate for serious assault has increased slightly by 2%; we continue to explore all avenues of investigation into these crimes. A large number of the undetected crimes are victims who refuse to cooperate with the police enquiry making it extremely difficult to detect offenders.					
7	Serious Assault	76	86	10 fewer	-11.6%
There have been 10 fewer victims of serious assault within Inverclyde. Many crimes of this nature are alcohol related and we have set up a licensed premises radio link within the town centre area of Greenock which ensures that incidents of violence are flagged up to police early to prevent escalation.					
8	Robbery detection rate	55.6%	80.0%		-24.4%
The detection rate for robbery has dropped by 24.4%; a number of these undetected enquiries are currently live investigations with a positive line of enquiry which once complete should increase this number further.					
9	Robbery	18	20	2 fewer	-10.0%
There have been 2 fewer victims of robbery within Inverclyde, we continue to carry prevention work with vulnerable premises and persons, giving advice on keeping themselves and their property safe at all times. We also carry out intervention work with the known offenders.					
10	Common assault detection rate	76.3%	78.7%		-2.4%
The detection rate for common assault remains high at 76.3%.					
11	Common assault	608	602	6 more	1.0%
There has been a slight increase of 1% in the number of common assaults committed. This equates to 6 more victims.					
12	Stop and searches conducted	16,120	20,485		-21.3%
The number of stop searches carried out in Inverclyde has fallen by 21.3%, we continue to target the right people, in the right place at the right time.					
13	Number of positive stop and searches conducted.	3,449	5,673		-39.2%
The number of positive stop searches conducted has fallen by 39.2%					
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4,111	4,553	442 fewer	-9.7%

We have received 442 fewer complaints of disorder, we continue analyse call data in order to ensure our officers are deployed in the correct areas in line with the needs of the community.

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	889	811		9.6%
The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to the police has increased by 9.6%, we continue our national campaign on tackling domestic abuse and ensure victims are referred to relevant support agencies who can assist them in many different ways. Although the number of domestic incidents has increased the total that result in a crime being recorded has continued to drop indicating an increase in confidence in victims to report incidents to the police an early stage.					
16	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	552	575		-4.0%
The number of crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents has dropped by 4%; although the number of domestic incidents has increased the total that result in a crime being recorded has continued to drop indicating an increase in confidence in victims to report incidents to the police an early stage.					
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	47.2%	55.4%		-8.2%
The number of domestic incidents which result in a crime being recorded has dropped by 8.2%, we continue to carry out preventative and intervention work with suspects to ensure victims are kept safe					
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	81.3%	84.7%		-3.4%
The domestic abuse detection rate remains high at 81.3%.					
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	46	52		-11.5%
Victim safety in domestic incident remains our priority, we continue to carry out intervention with known suspects and reassurance visits to victims to ensure bail offences are detected.					
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	98.9%	-		-
98.9% of initial bail checks are conducted within 24 hours of the suspects release from court.					
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	82.1%	86.8%		-4.7%
The detection rate for hate crime offences is high at 82.1%.					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	73	75		-2.7%
This priority has been set by Renfrewshire and Inverclyde division in line with public consultation. We continue to focus on detecting persons who supply and produce drugs within Inverclyde.					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	14.8%	11.4%		3.4%
The detection rate for theft by housebreaking offences has increased by 3.4%					
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	364	307	57 more	18.6%
The number of theft by housebreaking offences committed within Inverclyde has increased by 18.6%, we have recently appointed a dedicated team of officers to deal with crimes of housebreaking. These officers are utilising analytical work and conducting enquiries around second hand dealers and pawnbrokers to ensure that offenders are detected and property recovered. Security advice has been published on our social media sites reminding members of the public to keep their property safe.					
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	82.2%	88.7%		-6.5%
The detection rate for theft remains high at 82.2%					
26	Theft by shoplifting	388	503	115 fewer	-22.9%
There have been 115 fewer shoplifting offences committed within Inverclyde, we continue to deploy out Community police officers within the town centre area ensuring they offer prevention advice and support to local retailers.					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	13.4%	14.0%		-0.6%
Vandalism and malicious mischief crimes are often difficult to detect, we continue to focus on ensuring all crimes of this nature are investigated thoroughly.					
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	894	744	150 more	20.2%
There has been an increase in the number of vandalism and malicious mischief crimes recorded, our officers are deployed in high visibility patrols in areas known for these types of crimes or those that may be vulnerable.					
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	861	1535		-43.9%
Consuming alcohol in public place has dropped by 43.9%, we deploy officers within the areas where Anti-social behaviour is known to occur in order to reduce this and provide reassurance to the residents and other members of the public.					

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Public Protection					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	74	89	15 fewer	-16.9%
There have been 15 fewer victims of crimes of indecency within Inverclyde. Our Public Protection Unit work with partners in order to reinforce the safety message in relation to use of Social media platforms especially with young persons in order to prevent offences.					
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	73.0%	73.0%		0.0%
The detection rate for group 2 crimes remains at 73%.					
32	Rape detection rate	76.5%	109.1%		-32.6%
Our Rape Investigation Unit and CID departments continue to work on enquiries both current and historical, many of which involve complex enquiry over an extended period of time.					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	1	0	1 more	-
People Seriously injured	15	13	2 more	15.4%
People Slightly Injured	164	132	32 more	24.2%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	4	2 fewer	-50.0%
Our Roads Policing Department continue to focus on educating drivers on using the road safely, they have recently been in attendance at several 'Choices for Life' events through out the division in which they educated young persons on the dangers of the road.				

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	19	17		11.8%
34	Speeding	711	1,066		-33.3%
35	Disqualified driving	2	15		-86.7%
36	Driving Licence	101	167		-39.5%
37	Insurance	186	302		-38.4%
38	Seat Belts	137	549		-75.0%
39	Mobile Phone	188	627		-70.0%
With the exception of dangerous driving we have seen reductions in all of the above driving offences. Our Road Policing Dept work on enforcing driving behaviour. They recently held an education and awareness day within Port Glasgow in which drivers could attend and get advice on various aspects of vehicles and using the road safely.					

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Public Confidence			
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	
		Number of Complaints about the Police	Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents
40	Complaints received about the Police	67	28.9

		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	99	1	10	110