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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 2015 – 31st December  
2015**

February 2016

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**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 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. 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** –Recent local activity

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	129	89	40 more	44.9%
<p>Group 1 crime has increased from the same period as last year however the majority of offending occurred in the first half of the year and we are now noticing a downward trend. We implement a holistic response to these incidents covering a range of tactics to detect and deter further offences. An example of this during the reporting period relates to an attempted murder following which a series of interventions with colleagues in Housing, Social Work and Inverclyde Council Social Protection Team together with robust, intelligence led proactivity led to a number of further detected offences and child protection orders being implemented. Investigation and scrutiny of group 1 offences is carried out by CID officers.</p>					
2	Murder	3	2	1 more	50.0%
<p>There have been 3 murders during the reporting period. All are detected. The force Major Investigation Team carried out the investigations with local Community Impact Assessments (CIA) being implemented to assess any associated risk and to maximise public reassurance.</p>					
3	Attempted Murder	14	6	8 more	133.3%
<p>There have been 8 more victims of attempted murder than last year. As previously stated, we look at every opportunity to detect serious offences and deter further escalation by pro-actively patrolling and working with partner agencies to disrupt those involved. We have utilised the assistance of force assets such as our Flexi Team who give concentrated attention to problematic areas to actively pursue offenders whilst offering reassurance to the public.</p>					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	75.3%	73.7%		1.6%
<p>The detection rate for serious assault is 75.3%. All serious assaults are subject to ongoing review by senior detective officers. Within Inverclyde a high number of victims of serious assault do not wish to engage with the police which makes the investigation and detection of the offence more challenging.</p>					
7	Serious Assault	77	57	20 more	35.1%
<p>The number of serious assaults committed has risen from the same period last year. The definition of serious assault has broadened resulting in crimes which may have been previously classified as common assaults, now being recorded as serious assaults. Investigation and scrutiny of serious assaults is carried out by CID officers. A number of these offences have been committed within private spaces making prevention and intervention difficult. We work closely with Inverclyde Council and housing providers to challenge anti-social behaviour within private premises through the use of anti-social behaviour legislation. We tackle public space violence by ensuring that officers are deployed in the right place at the right times in order to prevent crime where possible.</p>					
8	Robbery detection rate	72.7%	81.8%		-9.1%
<p>The detection rate for robbery is 72.7%. All undetected robberies are scrutinised and investigated by CID officers.</p>					

9	Robbery	22	11	11 more	100.0%
<p>There have been 11 more victims of robbery compared to last year however again, the majority of these were recorded in the first half of the year and we are now seeing a downward trend. We continue to work on preventing these crimes by carrying out interventions with known offenders, pro-active visits to vulnerable premises offering them safety/crime prevention advice and raising awareness through our neighbourhood teams to reassure and educate our residents.</p>					
10	Common assault detection rate	76.5%	77.7%		-1.2%
<p>The detection rate for common assault offences is 76.5%. Divisional officers are supported by our Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit (AVRU) who assist with the investigation of these offences and pursue every opportunity to detect offenders.</p>					
11	Common assault	438	444	6 fewer	-1.4%
<p>There are 6 less common assaults than last year. We work with partners in a range of agencies to focus on areas of disorder and use a variety of interventions to reduce the likelihood of violence occurring.</p>					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2,962	3,229	267 fewer	-8.3%
<p>There are 267 fewer incidents of disorder than the comparable period last year. The introduction of the neighbourhood policing team has helped consolidate partnership working with Inverclyde Council wardens, ASIST, housing agencies and licensed premises which ensures the correct people and places are targeted and all joint powers are utilised. We continue to have a monthly practitioner's meeting with housing and the social protection team to ensure information is shared effectively with joint visits regularly taking place to intervene at the earliest opportunity in a bid to prevent the escalation of problematic premises such as party houses.</p>					

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	623	686		-9.2%
<p>The number of domestic abuse incident reported to the police has dropped compared with last year. All domestic incidents are investigated robustly ensuring the victim is supported and updated during the enquiry. We have a dedicated Domestic Abuse Unit who carrying out protracted and complex domestic enquiries. We work closely with other agencies such as ASIST to ensure victims are given appropriate and professional advice.</p>					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	398	421		-5.5%
<p>The number of crimes committed within domestic abuse incidents has reduced by 5.5%. Domestic abuse has been a high priority for Police Scotland for a number of years and in Inverclyde we have conducted a number of high profile campaigns ensuring that victims know they have the full support of the police and have the confidence to report incidents early to</p>					

prevent escalation.					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	48.8%	46.6%		2.2%
The percentage of domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded has increased by 2.2%					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	82.2%	85.3%		-3.1%
The detection rate for domestic abuse cases remains high at 82.2%. Divisional officers who attend the scene of these incidents are supported by specialist departments who offer advice and support during the investigation. We work closely with other agencies to ensure all information which may assist in detecting these offences is shared.					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	27	31		-12.9%
Bail conditions are given out to domestic offenders by the court. We then ensure that these are being adhered to by carrying out offender warnings and intervention visits.					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	92.9%	-		-
92.9% of domestic abuse bail checks were carried out with 24 hours.					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	86.3%	83.3%		3.0%
We have recorded fewer hate crimes than the equivalent period last year with a 3% higher detection rate. 3 offences were football related offences. In the last few months we have worked closely with Inverclyde Council and other partners to welcome refugee families from Afghanistan and Syria. Our neighbourhood teams are well known to the families and have assisted in supporting the children at school and the families in the community. We continue to offer third party reporting and hate crime inputs to staff in other agencies and to local residents to raise awareness and reassure the public.					
<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>					
		Jun 2015 - Nov 2015	Jun 2015 - Nov 2015 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	987	250		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	838	245		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	149	5		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	220	-		
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication">http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication</a>					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2015 -	Apr 2014 - Dec	Victims	% Change

		Dec 2015	2014		
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	71	55		29.1%
<p>The regular attendance of the officers at Community Council meetings and other public events has contributed to a noticeable increase in information received from the public in relation to drugs in our communities. This in turn has assisted our Violence Reduction Unit in successfully obtaining and executing warrants and detecting drugs offences.</p> <p>Following successful convictions, we work with colleagues in housing and the Social Protection Team to disrupt drug dealers by examining opportunities around ASBO's and tenancies.</p>					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	19.9%	12.2%		7.7%
<p>The detection rate for housebreaking (including attempts, garden sheds, garages) has increased by 7.7%. Our dedicated housebreaking team continue to examine every opportunity to investigate this crime type making use of scenes of crime, media and neighbourhood officers where appropriate.</p>					
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	262	286	24 fewer	-8.4%
<p>There have been 24 fewer victims of housebreaking. We use media and campaigns to raise awareness about protecting property and offer crime prevention advice where required. Pro-active patrols in key areas help deter offenders.</p>					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	83.5%	83.0%		0.5%
<p>The neighbourhood teams continue to pro-actively patrols in our town centre areas and work alongside retail staff to identify offenders.</p>					
29	Theft by shoplifting	242	300	58 fewer	-19.3%
<p>There were 58 fewer offences of theft by shoplifting compared to last year. A number of known shoplifters are currently working with the Persistent Offenders Partnership (POP), a joint initiative with police and Inverclyde Council drugs and alcohol teams. The aim of the initiative is to reduce offending by tackling addiction.</p>					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	8.9%	13.5%		-4.6%
<p>We are working with schools to educate children about the effects of vandalism on the community. We use social and local media and carry out local enquiries at every opportunity in an effort to detect these offences.</p>					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	610	680	70 fewer	-10.3%
<p>There were 70 fewer victims of vandalism compared to last year. Education and positive engagement with our communities has helped reduce the occurrence of this offence type.</p>					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	273	728		-62.5%
<p>There are less people consuming alcohol in public places with a drop of 62.5% compared to last year. We continue to patrol in public places particularly in peak holiday and summer periods and work with our licenced traders to encourage responsible drinking and reduce anti-social behaviour associated with drinking in public.</p>					
<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	80	56	24 more	42.9%
<p>The increase in sexual crimes reported can be attributed to an increase in public confidence with many of the offences reported to us being historical. In the majority of offences the perpetrator is known to the victim – the number of offences carried out by strangers is very low.</p> <p>Investigation of all sexual crimes are investigated with the same thoroughness regardless of when they</p>					

were committed. The Public Protection Unit are dedicated to these investigations and all sexual crimes are scrutinised daily to ensure investigations are progressed.					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	70.0%	73.2%		-3.2%
The detection rate for sexual crime is 70%. Enquiries into sexual crimes can often be protracted and complex, with detections often relying on forensic results.					
35	Rape detection rate	63.2%	83.3%		-20.1%
The detection rate for rape is 63.2%. We have a dedicated divisional rape investigation unit to ensure all lines of enquiry are thoroughly investigated and the victim is supported throughout.					

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<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>				
	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	2	1	1 more	100.0%
People Seriously injured	13	11	2 more	18.2%
People Slightly Injured	89	130	41 fewer	-31.5%
Children (aged<16) Killed	1	0	1 more	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	1	1 more	100.0%
<p>There have been 3 people killed and 15 people seriously injured on Inverclyde roads since April 2015. The number of people slightly injured has reduced by 31.5%</p> <p>We use analytical data to highlight roads which may present a risk and then produce a plan to prevent this risk. We work with colleagues in Inverclyde Council Roads Department and TRANSERV. Plans may include high visibility patrols, static speeding checks or media publication to enhance driver behaviour. Our Divisional Roads Policing Department has hosted a number of events in Inverclyde this year offering safety advice and checks on vehicles which have been well attended by the public and our schools liaison officer and neighbourhood teams have incorporated road safety into their inputs to schools children.</p>				

<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime</b>					
	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change	
36	Dangerous driving	20	15		33.3%
37	Speeding	395	661		-40.2%
38	Disqualified driving	5	2		150.0%
39	Driving Licence	75	91		-17.6%
40	Insurance	150	163		-8.0%
41	Seat Belts	42	135		-68.9%
42	Mobile Phone	40	166		-75.9%
With the exception of dangerous and disqualified driving we have seen a reduction in all of the road					

traffic offences above. Routine patrols by Road Policing Officers and Divisional Officers ensures that offences are dealt with appropriately, resulting in enforcement and/or education.



## APPENDIX 1

We strongly support other agencies in educating and diverting young people away from engaging in risky behaviours and offering reassurance to the wider community. Some of the activities we have been involved with over the last few months include:

- FAST (Save the children project – Families and Schools Together). Our neighbourhood officers in ward 4 are engaging in an 8 week project with families at Lady Alice PS to promote wellbeing and help children reach their potential.
- Jump2it – a basketball initiative run by Glasgow Rocks, professional basketball team to encourage healthy lives, tackle knife crime and help children grow in confidence.
- HIDDEN – an urban arts project run by the Beacon Centre for 12 -26 year olds. In addition to workshops and bespoke projects, a learning pack for young people called 'One Stupid Mistake' has been created and will be rolled out in the coming months.
- SHELTERED HOMES – our roads policing and neighbourhood teams are currently visiting the local sheltered housing complexes to offer a range of road and personal safety advice and offer reassurance to residents and staff.
- FOOTBALL COACHING – neighbourhood officers were asked to assist with coaching one of the primary school teams. They often do this in their own time.