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Inverclyde Local Policing Area  
Performance Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016

April 2016

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**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> January 2016

## 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> February 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

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Feb 2016	Apr 2014 - Feb 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	152	109	43 more	39.4%
<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.</p> <p>We implement a holistic response to these incidents covering a range of tactics to detect and deter further offences. We work with a number of agencies including Housing, Social Work and Inverclyde Council Social Protection Team to ensure co-ordinated, intelligence led proactivity to identify offenders and safeguard victims.</p> <p>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	15	9	6 more	66.7%
<p>There have been 6 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 proactively 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	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	73.4%	70.6%		2.8%
<p>The detection rate for serious assault is 73.4%. 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	94	68	26 more	38.2%
<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.</p> <p>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.</p>					

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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.					
8	Robbery detection rate	70.4%	60.0%		10.4%
The detection rate for robbery is 70.4%. All undetected robberies are scrutinised and investigated by CID officers.					
9	Robbery	27	15	12 more	80.0%
There have been 12 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.					
10	Common assault detection rate	76.0%	75.7%		0.3%
The detection rate for common assault offences is 76%. 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.					
11	Common assault	559	552	7 more	1.3%
There are 7 more 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.					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	3,496	3,836	340 fewer	-8.9%
There are 340 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.					

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)				
	Apr 2015 - Feb	Apr 2014 - Feb 2015	Victims	% Change

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		2016			
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	735	822		-10.6%
<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	468	500		-6.4%
<p>The number of crimes committed within domestic abuse incidents has reduced by 6.4%. 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 prevent escalation.</p>					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	48.7%	46.8%		1.9%
<p>The percentage of domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded has increased by 1.9%</p>					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	83.3%	81.2%		2.1%
<p>The detection rate for domestic abuse cases remains high at 83.3%. 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.</p>					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	32	40		-20.0%
<p>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.</p>					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	94.2%	-		-
<p>94.2% of domestic abuse bail checks were carried out with 24 hours.</p>					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	89.7%	77.6%		12.1%
<p>We have recorded fewer hate crimes than the equivalent period last year with a 12.1% higher detection rate 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 including working with the SFA to coach the families in football. 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.</p>					
<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>					
		Jun 2015 - Feb 2016	Jun 2015 - Feb 2016 (Positive)	Victims	% Change

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20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,115	298		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	963	293		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	152	5		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	224	-		
<p>An enhanced version of the National Stop &amp; 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></p>					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2015 - Feb 2016	Apr 2014 - Feb 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	84	66		27.3%
<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. 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	22.9%	14.0%		8.9%
<p>The detection rate for housebreaking (including attempts, garden sheds, garages) has increased by 8.9%. 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)	302	335	33 fewer	-9.9%
<p>There have been 33 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	81.8%	81.6%		0.2%
<p>Officers continue to pro-actively patrol in our town centre areas and work alongside retail staff to identify offenders</p>					
29	Theft by shoplifting	285	354	69 fewer	-19.5%
<p>There were 69 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</p>					

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initiative is to reduce offending by tackling addiction.					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	9.6%	13.4%		-3.8%
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.					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	749	821	72 fewer	-8.8%
There were 72 fewer victims of vandalism compared to last year. Education and positive engagement with our communities has helped reduce the occurrence of this offence type.					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	289	795		-63.6%
There are less people consuming alcohol in public places with a drop of 63.6% 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.					
<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Feb 2016	Apr 2014 - Feb 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	91	67	24 more	35.8%
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. Investigation of all sexual crimes are investigated with the same thoroughness regardless of when they 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	69.2%	64.2%		5.0%
The detection rate for sexual crime is 69.2%. Enquiries into sexual crimes can often be protracted and complex, with detections often relying on forensic results.					
35	Rape detection rate	60.0%	62.5%		-2.5%
The detection rate for rape is 60%. 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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**Road Traffic Casualty Statistics**

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	Apr 2015 - Feb 2016	Apr 2014 - Feb 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	3	1	2 more	200.0%
People Seriously injured	14	14	same number	0.0%
People Slightly Injured	103	157	54 fewer	-34.4%
Children (aged<16) Killed	1	0	1 more	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	2	same number	0.0%

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 34.4%

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. In March 2016 we will work with Inverclyde Council and other partners to commence a year-long Inverclyde Road Safety Campaign which will focus on all aspects of safety on our roads in order to encourage responsible and safe travel.

<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Feb 2016	Apr 2014 - Feb 2015	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	26	17		52.9%
37	Speeding	471	694		-32.1%
38	Disqualified driving	8	2		300.0%
39	Driving Licence	89	99		-10.1%
40	Insurance	176	181		-2.8%
41	Seat Belts	49	135		-63.7%
42	Mobile Phone	44	180		-75.6%

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.

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2015 - Feb 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
43	Complaints received about the Police	66		32.8	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
44	Total Allegations Recorded	80	2	25	107

Scottish Crime Recording Standard Quarter 1/2 Audit 2015/16 <i>(not available at Local Authority level but detailed at Divisional and Force level for information purposes)</i>								
45	Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 1/2 (April to September)	Test 1 - Incidents			Test 2 - Recorded Crime			
		Incidents Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance	
		K Division	150	8	94.67%	95	6	93.68%
		Force	2,372	146	93.84%	1,543	80	94.82%
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 1 can be found in Appendix A</i>								
46	Audit 2 - Divisional Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarter 2 (July to September)			Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance		
	K Division			227	17	92.51%		
	Force			3,171	201	93.66%		
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 2 can be found in Appendix A</i>								
47	Audit 3 - "No Crime" Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 1/2 (April to September)			No. of "No Crimes Audited"	No. of Errors	SCRS Compliance		
	K Division			52	1	98.08%		
	Force			999	39	96.10%		
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 3 can be found in Appendix A</i>								

## **APPENDIX "A" - AUDIT METHODOLOGY**

### **Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime**

The audit sample was selected from Command and Control incidents over a specific four day period with initial call types CR-60 to CR-79 within the Crime category, and incidents with initial call types AB-57 Communications, AB-58 Hate Crime, PW-40 Domestic Incident and PW-76 Child Protection. The incident sample selected for audit ensured, working to a 95% confidence level with a confidence interval of +/-3%, that the sample audited was statistically representative of all incidents of this type recorded during the four day audit period. A formula was applied to the total number of incidents per Command Area and apportioned out between Divisions in that Command Area in order to obtain sample sizes. These were subject to a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 per Division.

Compliance in each of the two Tests is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

The audit tested:

#### Test 1 – Crime Related Incidents

- That incidents initially inferring a crime or apparent criminal activity and closed as a non-crime contained a satisfactory narrative to eliminate any inference of criminality and fully justify a non-crime disposal.
- That each incident clearly indicated a crime or non-crime as a disposal on the incident text.
- Where an incident was closed as a crime, the corresponding crime record was traced.

#### Test 2 – Recorded Crime

- The correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

### **Audit 2 - Recording of Specific Crime Types (Divisional Crime Audit)**

To ensure that a number of different areas of crime recording are represented by Audit 2, samples were obtained from the following categories:

- Assault (Common Assault only)
- Group 1 Crime (Crimes of violence)
- Group 2 Crime (Sexual offences)
- Group 3 Crime (Crimes of dishonesty)
- Group 4 Crime (Damage to property)
- Other Crimes from Groups 5, 6 and 7

While not as statistically representative of all records within the audit period as Audit 1, the sample sizes in Audit 2 were weighted to take into account higher volumes of crime being recorded in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 100 records and a maximum of 300 records.

The audit tested the correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

### **Audit 3 - Crime Records Reclassified to "No Crime"**

The third principle of SCRS states "once recorded, a crime will remain recorded unless there is credible evidence to disprove that a crime had occurred".

The audit tested the correct application of this principle in respect of recorded crime which was reclassified to "No Crime" following Police enquiry into the reported circumstances. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime reclassified incorrectly was counted as having failed the audit.

The sample sizes in Audit 3 were weighted to take into account the higher number of records reclassified to "No Crime" in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

In order to allow Divisions a reasonable period of time to ensure that records are complete and compliant with SCRS, audits are generally undertaken once a period of three months from the date of the incident/crime has elapsed. Any record incomplete at the time of audit will be audited based on the information available at the time.

## APPENDIX B

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 have recently concluded an 8 week project with families at Lady Alice PS to promote wellbeing and help children reach their potential. The national project was embraced by the school who invited the officers to be part of the wider peer mentoring group given their already established involvement with the school. The feedback from the culmination event was extremely positive for those taking part and police involvement helped promote a real sense of community for the officers and families involved.
- Jump2it – a basketball initiative run by Glasgow Rocks, professional basketball team to encourage healthy lives, tackle knife crime and help children grow in confidence. Officers have been involved in supporting coaching sessions and the inter schools tournament and will be present at the national event.
- 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 to the Izones with discussions to widen this to local secondary schools.
- 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. They have also recently started coaching sessions with the Syrian and Afghan families now living within our communities. This is in conjunction with the SFA diversity team and will hopefully lead onto some of the group becoming involved in local teams.
- INVERCLYDE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN – we are working alongside our colleagues in Inverclyde Road Safety and Schools to kick off a year- long Inverclyde Road Safety Campaign in March 2016. The intention is to better educate all road users in safe and considerate road use. Through a combination of events including an Older Persons Road Safety Awareness Day planned for May 2016 and co-ordinated enforcement throughout Inverclyde we plan to keep Road Safety a high priority in Inverclyde.
- NO KNIVES BETTER LIVES- officers from Inverclyde attended the NKBL 2016 Conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Hampden Park where they participated in workshops and exercises with partners from Inverclyde and across the country sharing best practise.