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

June 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> March 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> April 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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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - March 2016	Apr 2014 - March 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	163	126	37 more	29.4%
<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	16	11	5 more	45.5 %
<p>There have been 5 more victims of attempted murder than last year. Again, the majority have been in the first half of the 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	72.3%	67.1%		5.2 %
<p>The detection rate for serious assault is 72.3%. 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	101	76	25 more	32.9%
<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> <p>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	66.7%	55.6%		11.1%
<p>The detection rate for robbery is 66.7%. All undetected robberies are scrutinised and investigated by CID officers.</p>					
9	Robbery	30	18	12 more	66.7%
<p>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</p>					

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	76.9%	76.2%		0.7%
The detection rate for common assault offences is 76.9%. 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	622	610	12 more	2.0%
There were 12 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	3,790	4,111	321 fewer	-7.8%
There are 321 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 - March 2016	Apr 2014 - March 2015	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	810	890		-9.0%
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.					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	517	548		-5.7%
The number of crimes committed within domestic abuse incidents has reduced by 5.7%. 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.					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	48.8%	47.1%		1.7%
The percentage of domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded has increased by 1.7%					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	81.8%	80.7%		1.1%
The detection rate for domestic abuse cases remains high at 81.8%. 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	38	41		-7.3%
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)	94.0%	-		-
94% of domestic abuse bail checks were carried out with 24 hours.					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	92.2%	77.8%		14.4%
We have recorded a 14.4 % higher detection rate for hate crimes than last year. 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.					
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Jun 2015 - March 2016	Jun 2015 - March 2016 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,167	316		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1015	311		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	152	5		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		

24	Number of seizures made	230	-		
<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.</p> <p>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 - March 2016	Apr 2014 - March 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	92	73		26.0%
<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 and Proactive Crime Teams 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	22.5%	14.9%		7.6%
<p>The detection rate for housebreaking (including attempts, garden sheds, garages) has increased by 7.6%. 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)	324	363	39 fewer	-10.7%
<p>There have been 39 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	82.7%	82.3%		0.4%
<p>We have recently expanded our neighbourhood team to include dedicated Town Centre officers who pro-actively patrol these busy areas and work alongside retail staff to identify offenders.</p>					
29	Theft by shoplifting	300	389	89 fewer	-22.9%
<p>There were 89 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	10.2%	13.6%		-3.4%
<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	832	892	60 fewer	-6.7%
<p>There were 60 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)	309	864		-64.2%
<p>There are less people consuming alcohol in public places with a drop of 64.2% 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>					

Public Protection					
		Apr 2015 - March 2016	Apr 2014 - March 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	98	76	22 more	28.9%
<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 were committed. The Public Protection Unit are dedicated to these investigations and all sexual crimes are scrutinised daily to ensure investigations are progressed.</p>					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	68.4%	69.7%		-1.3%
<p>The detection rate for sexual crime is 68.4%. Enquiries into sexual crimes can often be protracted and complex, with detections often relying on forensic results.</p>					
35	Rape detection rate	52.2%	76.5%		-24.3%
<p>The detection rate for rape is 52.2%. We have a dedicated divisional rape investigation unit to ensure all lines of enquiry are thoroughly investigated and the victim is supported throughout.</p>					



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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics *				
	Apr 2015 – March 2016	Apr 2014 - Jan 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	3	1	2 more	200.0%
People Seriously injured	15	15	Same number	0.0 %
People Slightly Injured	127	168	41 fewer	-24.4%
Children (aged<16) Killed	1	0	1 more	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	2	Same number	0.0%
<p>There have been 4 people killed and 17 people seriously injured on Inverclyde roads since April 2015. The number of people slightly injured has reduced by 24.4%</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> <p>Along with Inverclyde Council and other partners we have commenced a year long road safety campaign which will focus on all aspects of safety on our roads in order to encourage responsible and safe travel.</p>				

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2015 - March 2016	Apr 2014 - March 2015	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	27	19		42.1%
37	Speeding	514	721		-28.7%
38	Disqualified driving	9	2		350.0%
39	Driving Licence	94	101		-6.9 %
40	Insurance	187	187		0.0%
41	Seat Belts	56	140		-60.0%
42	Mobile Phone	49	188		-73.9%
<p>With the exception of dangerous and disqualified driving we have seen a reduction in all of the road traffic offences above. Our Road Policing Department is now based out of Greenock Police Office which has resulted in greater visibility in Inverclyde. Routine patrols by Road Policing Officers and Divisional Officers ensures that offences are dealt with appropriately, resulting in enforcement and/or education.</p>					

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2015 - March 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
43	Complaints received about the Police	70		31.9	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
44	Total Allegations Recorded	85	2	25	112

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:

- SHELTERED HOMES – our roads policing and neighbourhood teams continue to visit 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 also continue to work alongside Inverclyde Council and Morton Development Trust in coaching the Syrian and Afghan families now living within our communities. The 8 week course consists of coaching sessions with other integration talks and activities aimed at helping the families' transition into life in Scotland.
- INVERCLYDE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN – we continue to work alongside our colleagues in Inverclyde Road Safety and Schools to carry out a series of joint activities throughout the year to raise awareness about road safety in Inverclyde. The intention is to better educate all road users in safe and considerate road use. The Older Persons Road Safety Awareness Day on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 attracted in excess of 60 residents of Inverclyde who received information on how to keep safe on the roads.