

## Introduction

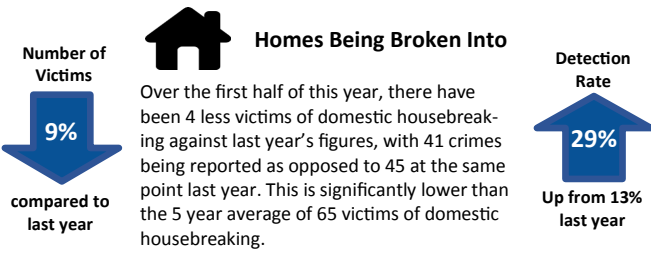


As Local Police Commander I am pleased to present this policing plan update covering the first 6 months of 2019/20. This update relates directly to our East Renfrewshire Policing Plan 2017/20, which is available on the Police Scotland website. The policing plan highlights the issues of most concern in our communities and it emphasises our commitment to addressing these concerns. In the coming weeks and months, we will be starting consultation on our policing plan for

2020/23 and Cabinet members will have the opportunity to comment on what should be included in this plan and what community priorities we should be focusing on.

We have well established partnerships within East Renfrewshire and I am confident that through the various partner activities we undertake, we are improving the quality of life for people in East Renfrewshire. A good example of this was the work undertaken in the lead up to and during the first 'Playground Festival' in Rouken Glen Park in August. Through early engagement and appropriate representation at planning meetings, we were able to put in place an effective policing plan for the event which ensured public safety and contributed to the overall success of the event.

## Acquisitive Crime

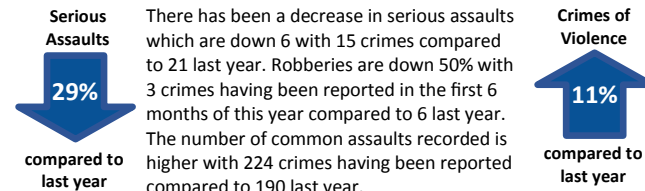


**Local Policing Priority – Homes Being Broken Into**  
**National Policing Priority – Acquisitive Crime**

Detecting those responsible for housebreaking can at times be difficult and protracted however, with the skills of the attending officers in carrying out door to door, capturing CCTV evidence and support from our specialist teams, we have improved the ability to detect those responsible for these crimes. Prevention is always preferred to detection and officers from our Safer Communities Department continue to attend at a variety of community events and have provided several home security surveys to enhance building security.

## East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan (2017-2020) Quarterly Report (Q2 – 2019/20)

### Violent Crime



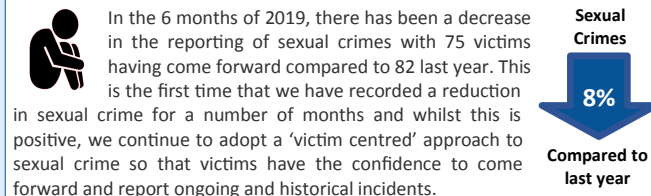
**Local Policing Priority – Violent Crime**  
**National Policing Priority – Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour**  
**Fairer East Ren Plan – Reducing social isolation, loneliness & increasing safety**

Reducing and preventing violent crime remains a key priority and whilst there has been a reduction in serious violent crimes, the number of common assaults recorded is higher. Due to the higher incidence of these crimes, there has been an overall increase in crimes of violence in the first 6 months of this year compared to last year's figures. It does however, represent an improvement on the figures reported for the first quarter of this year where violent crime was up by 32% which is positive.

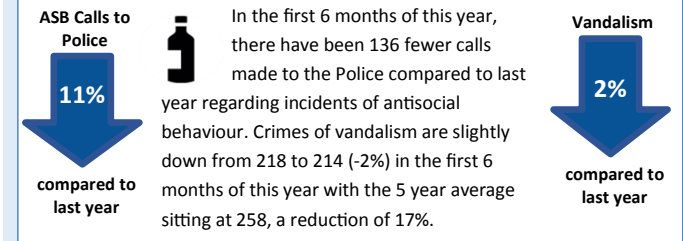
We remain committed to dealing quickly and effectively with incidents of domestic abuse. A number of the assaults are between partners or former partners, and compared to the same period last year, the number of domestic abuse crimes has increased from 127 to 168. The number of reported incidents is up from 259 to 281. This is indicative of the continued willingness of individuals to report domestic abuse to us. All local officers will have completed additional training in relation to domestic abuse incidents in the coming weeks.

### Public Protection

**Local Policing Priority – Child Abuse Including Child Sexual Exploitation**



## Antisocial Behaviour & Disorder



**Local Policing Priority – Antisocial behaviour and disorder**  
**National Policing Priority – Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour**  
**Fairer East Ren Plan – Reducing social isolation, loneliness and increasing safety**

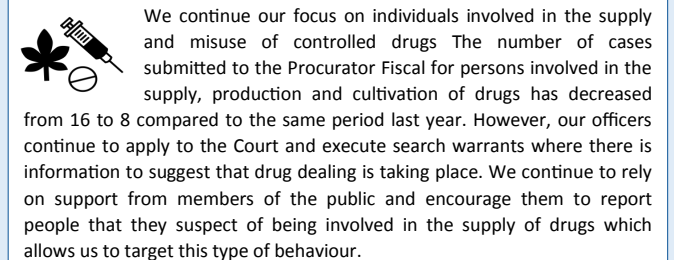
Anti-social behaviour remains a community priority and we continue to focus efforts on preventing disorder.

During the summer school holidays, we ran a successful youth disorder action plan and supplemented local officers with Special Constables. This focused on groups of youths who were congregating in local parks and causing disorder in the parks and also in the surrounding streets. By proactively patrolling these areas, we were able to engage with groups, confiscate alcohol and prevent disorder occurring.

In August, we also worked closely with Community Safety and other departments to deploy resources at 'hot-spot' locations during Exam Results Day. This day had caused issues last year, however, by working together, sharing information, and tasking resources appropriately, we were able to prevent a reoccurrence and noted a significant reduction in disorder compared to last year.

## Drug Dealing & Misuse

**Local Policing Priority – Drug Dealing & Misuse**  
**National Policing Priority – Protecting People At Risk of Harm**



**TACKLING VIOLENT CRIME**

**Local Policing Priority – Violent Crime**

We continue to work closely with ERC’s Licensing Department to prevent alcohol related violence. For a number of months, we received complaints about a shop selling alcohol to under-18s. Officers carried out a several visits to the store, seized alcohol from youths nearby and submitted a number of reports were submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. In August, we presented our findings to the Licensing Board who immediately revoked the license for the premises.

**TACKLING ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

**Local Policing Priority – Homes Being Broken Into**  
**National Policing Priority – Acquisitive Crime**

In September, a report was received of a male acting suspiciously in the Thornliebank area. Officers attended and found that this male had broken into a house and was in the process of stealing property. On being arrested, he assaulted two officers. Thankfully neither was seriously injured and the male was detained in custody to appear at court the following day. He is awaiting trial in relation to this incident.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Local Policing Priority – Child abuse and child sexual exploitation**  
**Local Policing Priority – Violent Crime**  
**National Policing Priority – Protecting People At Risk of Harm**

We continue to work with a variety of partner agencies in relation to Public Protection. One example of this is the MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) which is now established within East Renfrewshire. In the first 6 months of this year, we have referred 11 cases to MARAC to ensure that the victims in the most serious cases of domestic abuse receive the appropriate support.

In September, two of our campus officers attended a training course on the ‘Safe and Together’ programme. This course enhanced their awareness of key issues in respect of dealing with domestic abuse cases where there were children present and the impact that witnessing this type of behaviour may have on them. Given their interaction with children in East Renfrewshire schools on a daily basis, both officers have stated that they found the course beneficial and they have been able to share their new knowledge with colleagues.

**SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURES**

**Local Policing Priority – Drugs Dealing and Misuse**

In August, officers from our Local Problem Solving Team were on patrol in the Newton Mearns area when they searched a 19 year old male who they had reasonable cause to suspect was in possession of controlled drugs. They subsequently recovered 21 ‘deals’ of cannabis from this individual and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

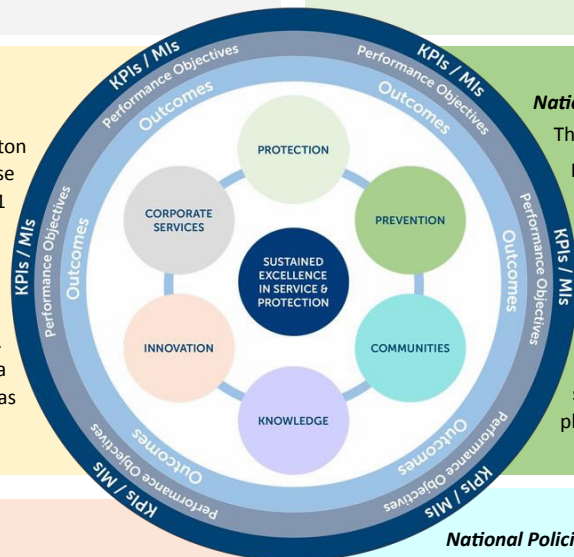
In September, local officers were on patrol in Newton Mearns when they searched another individual who was suspected of being possession of controlled drugs. A large quantity of herbal cannabis was recovered and the officers then applied for a warrant to search the person’s home address. On doing so, a quantity of cash was seized and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

**ROADS SAFETY**

**National Policing Priority – Road Safety and Road Crime**

This national priority is frequently highlighted when we speak with communities.

In the first 6 months of 2019, there has not been a single fatality on East Renfrewshire’s roads. There has also been fewer people slightly injured in road crashes, with 21 casualties compared to 34 last year. This is testament to the good work being carried out by a variety of partners across the Local Authority. We continue to listen to community concerns about speeding in their area. Local officers and also Roads Policing have carried out speed checks at locations across the Local Authority. In the first 6 months of 2019, we have engaged with drivers to promote road safety with 13 drivers being issued with fixed penalties for failing to wear their seatbelt and 9 drivers issued with fixed penalties for driving whilst using their mobile phone.



**EFFECTIVE PREVENTION & PARTNERSHIPS**

**Local Policing Priorities - Violent Crime - Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder**

**National Policing Priority – Protecting People At Risk of Harm**

**‘I AM ME’ Initiative**

We continue to promote the ‘I AM ME’ Initiative with colleagues from Community Safety across East Renfrewshire. In the last quarter, several new businesses in Barrhead and Neilston have completed the training and their premises are now available to people who feel vulnerable whilst out in the community. Our Local Authority Liaison Officer, Constable Jacqueline Petrie, recently received an award from the Scottish Women’s Development Forum for her contribution to this initiative.

**CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS**

Our Campus Police Officers continue to work in East Renfrewshire schools. Throughout the last academic year, these officers have delivered inputs in both primary and secondary on a range of issues including Hate Crime, Cyber Bullying, Antisocial Behaviour, knives and weapons. In September, our staff have carried out engagements with pupils and parents at careers evenings and other events. During these, we commenced a local initiative with colleagues from SFRS highlighting the dangers of fire-raising and the irresponsible use of fireworks.

**COUNTER TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM**

**National Policing Priority – Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism**

We remain focused on delivering the CONTEST strategy. Our Counter Terrorism Liaison Officers have been continuing to provide advice and training to local businesses, to mitigate the threat of a terrorist attack and build their resilience to respond to one, should it occur. One of Local Problem Solving Team supervisors has been appointed as CONTEST champion and provides information to local partners regarding ongoing initiatives.

**CONCLUSION**

As Local Police Commander responsible for policing services in East Renfrewshire, I am pleased to present this update on our policing activities in the first 6 months of the year and share some of the positive outcomes achieved. I am delighted to report that the results of our most recent public satisfaction surveys continue to demonstrate that public levels of satisfaction in the police service remain incredibly high, 86.8% compared to 84.8% nationally.

Thank you sincerely for your continued support and access to vital roles and assets.

Chief Superintendent  
 Hazel Hendren