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POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 3rd QUARTER
OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update members of East Renfrewshire Cabinet on police performance over the third quarter of the financial year 2016/2017. This narrative should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying Local Authority Scrutiny Board statistical report that is at the end of this report (Appendix 1).

Local Management

Chief Superintendent Brian McNulty continues as Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division.

Chief Inspector Angela Carty continues as Area Commander, East Renfrewshire supported by Deputy Area Commander Inspector John McQuilter and Constable Jacqueline Petrie, Local Authority Liaison Officer.

East Renfrewshire Policing Plan 2014-2017

The priorities within the policing plan were identified through engagement and consultation across East Renfrewshire. This included our annual community consultation and the results, combined with crime analysis and demand, have led to the following priorities being identified:-

1. Tackling Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
2. Protecting People
3. Increasing Public Confidence and Local Engagement
4. Tackling Serious Crime and Responding to Major Events.

Introduction

As your local police commander I am delighted to present this year's third quarterly update on the East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan. The Policing Plan outlines our commitment to tackling the issues most concerning to communities in East Renfrewshire. We continue to work alongside our partners to achieve a positive outcome for our communities and improve confidence in the services we provide.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV)

The PSYV programme gives young people aged 13-18, an insight into policing in Scotland and inspires them to participate positively in their communities. PSYV aims to promote a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people, support local policing priorities through volunteering and encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship. PSYV are represented in all of Police Scotland's divisions with 3 already supported in Greater Glasgow. Our partnerships in local schools through our campus officers is well known and greatly valued and we plan along with East Renfrewshire Education to extend their work through a PSYV group in the council area. We are in the early stages of the development of the group and will keep you updated as we progress.

Police Scotland Estate Strategy

Information of the Police Scotland Estate Strategy has previously been circulated to elected members and this serves to clarify the Police Scotland position. We are committed to maintaining a presence within communities but it is not necessary that this is delivered only from existing police buildings. There are a range of approaches that could be considered to meet the different needs of the community. This could be retaining our existing presence in an area where accommodation is well located and in good condition, it could mean redeveloping a property that is ideally located but in poor condition or it could be replacing a property where provision could be enhanced through investment in better located accommodation or through collaboration with partners in shared facilities. Any proposal to change the status quo will be subject to consultation with partners and local communities ensuring that the public has an opportunity to contribute.

There are a number of approaches to co-location and collaborative working that can have varying benefits for local communities. Co-locating with partners may enable us to establish a presence within a community that is more convenient and provides easier access for members of the public. By developing local partnerships and working more closely with public, private and third sector partners within local communities we can ensure our services are closely connected to the communities we serve.

Summary of Performance – Financial Year to Date

EAST RENFREWSHIRE POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 1 – VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

This priority continues to represent one of the key challenges facing our communities. The reduction of violence and anti-social behaviour is the cornerstone of policing focus in the drive to keep people safe. Our objectives included a commitment to

- Reduce violent crime including alcohol related violence
- Increase detections of violent offenders including those who commit domestic abuse and hate crime
- Reduce the number of assaults
- Reduce the number of complaints regarding anti-social behaviour including disorderly conduct and drunk in public

We continue to see an increase in the numbers of serious assaults committed in East Renfrewshire. Since the last quarterly update there have been an additional 11 serious assaults taking the total to 24, this equates to the five year average. A review of these reveals the majority occur in the Barrhead Neilston areas however there is no pattern in terms of offender or victim. Officers are deployed to these areas in our continued effort to prevent further crimes. Overall violent crime has reduced compared to the same period last year and significantly lower than the five year average. As a result of the help and support of communities and the effective team work between CID and uniform officers we have achieved a detection rate of 87.5% for serious assaults.

We are now seeing a slowdown in the rise of common assaults, at 345 they are still 35.3% above last year and 15% above the 5 year average. We have officers patrolling 'hot spots' which have been identified through crime and incident pattern analysis to ensure we have officers in the right place at the right time. The deployment of our officers in areas where we see a pattern of disorder and anti-social behaviour will have contributed to the slowing of incidences of common assaults. The detection rate for common assaults, hate crimes and domestic crimes has fallen significantly, an analysis is underway ensuring that all possible avenues of investigation have been pursued and offenders brought before a court.

The new model for policing in Greater Glasgow Division was implemented on 1 November 2016 and was discussed at a previous cabinet meeting. The model has now bedded in with two local policing teams, one at Barrhead and one at Giffnock, and two problem solving teams, again one at Barrhead and one at Giffnock. Irrespective of where the officers are based all officers have responsibility for policing in East Renfrewshire. The local problem solving officers are having an impact on complaints of disorder particularly in Main St, Barrhead where there have been ongoing issues with youth disorder. During the months of November and December the numbers of calls to police about disorder on the Main St decreased due to the proactive policing carried out by the officers. Overall complaints of disorder across East Renfrewshire reduced by 1.5%.

Crimes			
Crime	Period	Number of Crimes	% Change
Crimes of Violence	April – Dec 2016	37	-5.1%
	April – Dec 2015	39	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	52.4	
Serious Assault	April – Dec 2016	24	71.4%
	April – Dec 2015	14	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	23.2	
Robbery	April – Dec 2016	7	-46.2%
	April – Dec 2015	13	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	10	
Common Assault	April – Dec 2016	345	35.3%
	April – Dec 2015	255	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	300	15%

Detection Rates			
Crime	Period	Detection Rate	% Change
Serious Assault	April – Dec 2016	87.5%	
	April – Dec 2015	64.3%	
Robbery	April – Dec 2016	71.4%	
	April – Dec 2015	84.6%	
Common Assault	April – Dec 2016	54.2%	
	April – Dec 2015	70.6%	

Disorder			
Issue	Period	No. of Complaints	% Change
Complaints of Disorder	April – Dec 2016	1713	-1.5%
	April – Dec 2015	1739	
Vandalism	April – Dec 2016	368	7%
	April – Dec 2015	344	

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

Our commitment to tackling all forms of abuse continues. Our objectives include

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- Work with partner agencies to support victims of domestic abuse
- Encourage victims and witnesses to report all incidents of hate crime to help stop hatred motivated by prejudice and discrimination
- Achieve national targets in respect of all Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
- Reduce road deaths and serious injuries
- Improve road user behaviour through enforcement of legislation
- Reduce the number of housebreakings

There has been an increase in the number of domestic crimes recorded in the third quarter, rising by 19 with a detection rate of 62.1%. We continue to have the support of the Divisional Domestic Abuse Unit who assist with expertise and investigative skills and working alongside Advocacy, Support, Safety and Information Services (ASSIST) at Eastgate we ensure that some of the most vulnerable victims get access to the right support as the earliest opportunity.

The number of victims of hate crime has increased to 68. This is significantly above the five year average of 34.8 and shows a confidence from communities and victims in reporting, and our determination to record and thoroughly investigate, such crimes. A review of the hate crimes does not indicate that this increase is as a result of any increased tensions due to the Brexit vote. Whilst we strive to robustly investigate all hate crimes, disappointingly the detection rate has fallen from that achieved last year. Like all criminal proceedings the evidence of a single witness, however credible, is not sufficient to prove a charge against a person. It is often the case that there is no other evidence to be gleaned from hate crime incidents which allow us to report the matter.

Crime	Period		% Change
Domestic Abuse	April – Dec 2016	235	8.8%
	April – Dec 2015	216	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	230	
Hate Crime	April – Dec 2016	63	65.8%
	April – Dec 2015	38	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	34.8	
Detection Rates			
Domestic Abuse	April – Dec 2016	62.1%	
	April – Dec 2015	83.3%	
Hate Crime	April – Dec 2016	55.6%	
	April – Dec 2015	72.5%	

Our work alongside partners managed through the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) to mitigate the risks presented to public safety by violent and sexual offenders continues. There has been an increase in the number of victims of sexual crime compared to the same period last year. A significant number of these crimes are as a result of the use of social media and computers. At both a national and local level we are providing advice and guidance on the safe use of social media and computers. In conjunction with Police Scotland's National Safer Communities, a new interactive presentation for internet safety was commissioned by Choices for Life. The presentation, which utilises a mixture of video clips and discussion topics, was created by an independent internet security company, Trend Micro. This was incorporated into a framework that campus officers Const Goldie and Const Searle had previously devised. This educational program was branded "Be Smart". Third year pupils selected from Eastwood High School, Newton Mearns and St Luke's High School, Barrhead, were invited to the national launch at Hampden Stadium. An objective of Be Smart is to identify and develop young people to act as peer mentors for future courses.

The detection rate for sexual crime has dropped compared to the previous year. Currently approximately 37% of reported sexual crime is historic and while every investigative technique is employed to bring offenders to justice, the passage of time is often a barrier to a positive outcome. The detection rate for rape has shown an increase, and the reporting of rapes, although not shown here, is down by 64%.

Public Protection			
Crime	Period		% Change
Sexual Crimes	April – Dec 2016	72	18%
	April – Dec 2015	69	
	April – Dec(5 year average)	60.8	
Detection Rates			
Sexual Crimes	April – Dec 2016	56.9%	
	April – Dec 2015	79.7%	
Rape	April – Dec 2016	83.3%	
	April – Dec 2015	76.5%	

There have been 17 fewer victims of housebreaking compared to last year. In addition to that there has been an increase in the number of people reported to the Procurator Fiscal. We are supported in our efforts to detect offenders through the Divisional Acquisitive Crime Team and have had some notable detections.

Crime	Period	Detection Rate	% Change
Theft by Housebreaking (inc attempts)	April – Dec 2016	138	-11.0%
	April – Dec 2015	155	
Detection Rates			
Theft by Housebreaking (inc attempts)	April – Dec 2016	25.4%	
	April – Dec 2015	20.7%	

The local problem solving teams have focussed some of their time in tackling speeding drivers in East Renfrewshire. They have been targeting areas of concern at times when road users, particularly pedestrians, are most at risk. The number of people injured on the roads has reduced significantly since last year with the number of children under 16 being seriously injured remaining the same with one incident per year. Campus officers continue to promote road safety in primary schools and were on hand when St Marks Primary School took part in a national road safety competition to design road safety banners. St Marks were winners in the competition and the banner is proudly displayed outside the school.

Issue	Period	No. of Casualties	% Change
People Killed	April – Dec 2016	1	
	April – Dec 2015	0	
People Seriously Injured	April – Dec 2016	10	No change
	April – Dec 2015	10	
Children (aged<16) Killed	April – Dec 2016	0	No change
	April – Dec 2015	0	
Children (aged<16) Seriously injured	April – Dec 2016	1	No change
	April – Dec 2015	1	

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 3 – INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

To ensure that we maintain public confidence we are committed to listening to local people. Our objectives include a commitment to:-

- Report on performance measured against the local priorities identified by the public
- Maintain high levels of public confidence in policing
- Actively engage with local communities
- Maintain high standards of professional conduct

The public consultation process ‘Your View Counts’ which was launched in April this year continues to have a disappointing level of uptake. Much work has been done to highlight to communities the opportunity this gives them to have their concerns and issues highlighted. Constable Petrie has been working alongside our partners at East Renfrewshire Council and with our gratitude ‘Your View Counts’ is now displayed on digital advertising screens located in council buildings.

In December 2016 Constable Petrie, along with officers from the problem solving team and local authority wardens, organised a ‘pop up’ event at ASDA in Barrhead and chatted with shoppers going in and out of the shop, seeking their views around safety and living in Barrhead. This event proved very successful with 126 people spoken to in the 2 hours they were there. A second event was held at The Foundry which again proved very successful.

Our satisfaction rates remain favourable and we continue to work to improve our service. We welcome comment from those who come into contact with us and from communities on how we can further improve.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 4 – TACKLING SERIOUS CRIME AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Tackling serious and organised crime remains one of our key priorities. Our objectives included a commitment to:

- Work with partners to deprive organised crime groups access to financial gains, achieved through legitimate enterprises; and
- Target organised crime groups through proceeds of crime legislation
- Disrupt the supply of drugs into communities

Between April and December, over 346 individuals linked to SAOC were arrested in the Greater Glasgow Division alone. Officers have also continued to exploit The Proceed of Crimes Act to deprive criminals of cash and assets obtained illegally and to date cash sums of £485,000 have been seized.

We remain focussed on reducing the availability of drugs in our communities and on acting robustly when information identifies such criminality.

This year, drug supply was highlighted as one of the top 5 concerns of residents in East Renfrewshire. We have been focussing on this issue and to date there have been 23 detections for supply of controlled drugs in East Renfrewshire. This is comparable to the same period last year. We remain focussed on reducing the availability of drugs in our communities and on acting robustly when information identifies such criminality.

Conclusion

As Local Police Commander, I am once again pleased to present this quarterly update on our Local Policing Plan for East Renfrewshire 2014/17. The report reflects some positive work and reductions in acquisitive crime, nevertheless in other areas there remain challenges which we are actively working to address. We continue to benefit from the strong partnerships built with East Renfrewshire Council and I wish to express thanks and confidence in that solid working relationship. I remain determined to do everything possible to reduce crime rates and improve detections and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Brian McNulty
Divisional Commander
Greater Glasgow Division

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Appendix 1

AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire
LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire
December 2016

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	37	39	2 fewer	-5.1%
(Context)					
2	Murder	1	0	1 more	-
(Context)					
3	Attempted Murder	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	87.5%	64.3%		23.2%
(Context)					
7	Serious Assault	24	14	10 more	71.4%
(Context)					
8	Robbery detection rate	71.4%	84.6%		-13.2%
(Context)					
9	Robbery	7	13	6 fewer	-46.2%
(Context)					
10	Common assault detection rate	54.2%	70.6%		-16.4%
(Context)					
11	Common assault	345	255	90 more	35.3%
(Context)					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1,713	1,739	26 fewer	-1.5%
(Context)					

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	394	351		12.3%
(Context)					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	235	216		8.8%
(Context)					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	45.9%	49.9%		-4.0%
(Context)					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	62.1%	83.3%		-21.2%
(Context)					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	9	18		-50.0%
(Context)					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	97.5%	-		-
(Context)					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	55.6%	72.5%		-16.9%
(Context)					
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2016 - Dec 2016 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	749	150		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	730	148		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	19	2		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	94	-		
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 http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	21	22		-4.5%
(Context)					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	25.4%	20.7%		4.7%
(Context)					
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	138	155	17 fewer	-11.0%
(Context)					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	47.8%	57.4%		-9.6%
(Context)					
29	Theft by shoplifting	115	115	same number	0.0%
(Context)					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	13.3%	14.8%		-1.5%
(Context)					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	368	344	24 more	7.0%
(Context)					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	75	77		-2.6%
(Context)					
Public Protection					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	72	69	3 more	4.3%
(Context)					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	56.9%	79.7%		-22.8%
(Context)					
35	Rape detection rate	83.3%	76.5%		6.8%
(Context)					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	1	0	1 more	-
People Seriously injured	10	10	same number	0.0%
People Slightly Injured	68	77	9 fewer	-11.7%
(Context)				
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	1	same number	0.0%
(Context)				

Road Safety & Road Crime				
	Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
36 Dangerous driving	22	11		100.0%
(Context)				
37 Speeding	40	298		-86.6%
(Context)				
38 Disqualified driving	2	4		-50.0%
(Context)				
39 Driving Licence	46	39		17.9%
(Context)				
40 Insurance	113	106		6.6%
(Context)				
41 Seat Belts	16	36		-55.6%
(Context)				
42 Mobile Phone	48	90		-46.7%
(Context)				

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
43	Complaints received about the Police	33		26.3	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
44	Total Allegations Recorded	44	0	6	50
(Context)					

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