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**POLICE SCOTLAND**  
**GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION**  
**REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET**  
**POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 1st 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 first 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 has taken over as Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division.

Chief Inspector Angela Carty continues as Area Commander, East Renfrewshire supported by Deputy Area Commander Inspector Alan Dickson and Constable Jacqueline Petrie who has been appointed 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 has 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.

## **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 the number of assaults
- Reduce violent crime, including alcohol related violence
- Reduce the number of complaints regarding antisocial behaviour

A review of the statistical report shows a decrease in Group 1 crime over the period. Group 1 consists of the most serious violent offences including murder, attempted murder, serious assault, robbery, threats and abduction. The decrease is 21.4% which equates to 3 fewer victims.

Within that figure we have seen no Culpable Homicides, Attempted Murders or Robberies during the period. There has been an increase in the number of serious assaults with 5 more victims than the same period last year. Two of these are directly attributable to the Old Firm football fixture in April. It is important to stress that in the vast majority of cases the victim and offender are known to each other a fact reflected in our 100% detection rate.

Disappointingly the number of common assaults has increased when compared against the same period last year with 23 more victims equating to a rise of 25.6%, this has been accompanied by a fall in the detection rate for these offences. During the period we detected 28.2% fewer offence than last year. It is important to note that a number of offences remain under investigation and I would expect to see the detection rate improve.

The overall picture in relation to violent crime shows an increase of 26 offences or 27.4% on the same period last year.

Our focus remains firmly on prevention. Analytical work tells us most of these assaults take place in the Auchenback area of Barrhead and our officers are directed accordingly. We continue to robustly police street drinking and other anti-social behaviour (ASB) which are so often a precursor to these incidents.

Our weekly Greater Results In Partnership (GRIP) meeting continues to focus on the residents and areas which exhibit the highest levels of ASB. Through this meeting we will continue to target our resources and those of partner agencies with the aim of reducing violence and ASB.

## LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

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

- Reduce the number of housebreakings
- Work with partner agencies to support victims of domestic abuse
- Reduce road deaths and serious injury

The numbers of domestic incidents reported to police has fallen by 1.5%. We continue to encourage the reporting of domestic incidents and support victims through that difficult process. We are assisted by Advocacy Support Safety and Information Services (ASSIST), East Renfrewshire Women's Aid and Victim Support. Local supervisors have recently undertaken a series of visits to East Ren Women's Aid. These managers will ensure officers under their command are kept up to date with the ongoing support available to victims and their families.

The detection rate for domestic incidents is 53.5%, whilst this is down on last year there is still significant work ongoing in relation to a number of enquiries I am confident this will bear fruit. In relation to initial bail checks we are achieving a 100% success rate in conducting them within the agreed timescales. These checks are vital, ensuring the victim is aware of the conditions the court put in place for the perpetrator on release from the court.

Tackling sexual crime, sexual abuse and exploitation of children and people at risk of harm remains a key priority for communities and for Police Scotland. Sexual crime has risen by 9 compared to the same time last year and the detection rate is at 42.9%. The historical nature of many of these offences leads to significant challenges in the subsequent investigations. East Renfrewshire has the full support of specialist services from across Greater Glasgow across the full spectrum of public protection issues.

Hate crime also continues to be a focus for Police Scotland. We strive to prevent it and ensure whenever it occurs all investigatory avenues are exhausted. During the period we recorded 22 such crimes, 7 more than last year. That equates to an increase of 46.7%. On a more positive note those hate crimes constituted by racially aggravated behaviour remain static at 4 over the period. Campus officers continue to support S3 pupils through the One Team initiative promoting tolerance of differing cultures and religions.

In terms of road safety the numbers of people seriously injured on the roads has risen by 1 to 4 a rise of 33%. Whilst the number of those suffering slight injury has gone up by the same number to 23 a rise of 4.4%. In June our Campus Officers assisted by the Brake road safety charity and local retailers held an event in Cowan Park involving primary school children from schools in Barrhead and Neilston. The aim of the event was to provide information on road safety. There were no deaths on our roads during the period.

The numbers of houses broken into over the period is static when compared to last year at 59, our detection rate for these offences over the period is 10.2%. Many of these enquiries remain open with results from forensic examinations still awaited. We are aware of the impact of these types of crimes on our communities and accordingly it is given a high priority. We receive support from officers of Operation neighbourhood in targeting the most persistent offenders. This intelligence led approach ensures effective targeting of resources and I am sure will see the detection rate improve throughout the year.

### **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:-

- Publish updates outlining progress towards achieving the objectives outlined in the Multi Member Ward Policing Plans
- 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 updates for the Multi Member Ward Plans have been completed and are available on the Police Scotland Website [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk).

Our new public consultation process ‘Your View Counts’ was recently launched and we are in the process of getting feedback from various members of the community from voluntary groups to youth groups to community councils and partner agencies. It is designed to reach out further into the community and give a better opportunity to have voices heard.

We regularly monitor public satisfaction with the police service and our satisfaction rates are favourable. However we are not complacent and our officers continue to attain the highest degree of integrity and professionalism.

We continue to support our community councils and community groups and are involved in partnership work across the local authority area. We regularly work alongside East Renfrewshire Council’s prevent team offering advice and a preventative message about doorstep crime, bank fraud and bogus workmen. In April we ran an operation targeting the criminals who commit this type of crime in conjunction with Trading Standards partners. During the run up to the end of term our Campus Officer at Eastwood HS developed a water safety package in conjunction with Scottish Fire and Rescue, HM Coastguard and the RNLI, this was delivered to High School pupils in June.

## **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.

Serious and organised crime (SAOC) in the UK is a multi-billion pound industry. It is invariably both international and sophisticated, striking at the heart of our communities. All officers in Greater Glasgow Division are engaged in tackling serious and organised crime from the roots upwards and they are supported by specialist crime resources.

Between April and June, 137 individuals linked to SAOC were arrested and police activity in the Greater Glasgow Division alone has helped deprive criminals of cash and assets, seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act and legitimate enterprise disruption.

This year, drug supply was highlighted as a key concern by members of the public across Glasgow. We have been focussing on this issue and in the first quarter, there have been 10 detections for supply of controlled drugs in East Renfrewshire, this compares to 9 in 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 pleased to present this update on our Local Policing Plan for East Renfrewshire 2014/17 and to share the positive news contained around successful daily as well as longer-term operations. Notwithstanding our successes, I am acutely aware of the challenges faced in terms of addressing the areas where our performance needs to be improved and keep improving. I remain convinced that if we are to achieve our common aim of keeping people safe in East Renfrewshire, then it is absolutely critical, in the face of continuing budgetary pressures, that we continue to work together to get the most from our shared resources. The progress made to date has been impressive but none of it would have been possible without us working together.

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

Brian McNulty  
Divisional Commander  
Greater Glasgow Division

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## Appendix A

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire  
June 2016**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2016 - Jun 2016	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	14	11	3 fewer	-21.4%
2	Murder	0	1	1	+100%
3	Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	0	0
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	0	0
6	Serious Assault detection rate	100.0%	100%		0
7	Serious Assault	2	7	5 more	+250%
8	Robbery detection rate	66.7%	0		-100%
9	Robbery	3	0	0	-100%
10	Common assault detection rate	82.2%	54.0%		-28.2%
11	Common assault	90	113	23 more	+25.6%
(Context)					
12	Stop and searches conducted	-	171		-
13	Number of complaints regarding disorder	611	683	25	+4.1%
(Context)					

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2016 - Jun 2016	Victims	% Change
14	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	130	128		-1.5%
15	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	80	86		7.5%
16	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	49.2%	52.3%		3.1%
17	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	92.5%	53.5%		-39.0%
18	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	8	2		75.0%
19	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	96.9%	100%		+3.1%
20	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	66.7%	50%		-16.7%
(Context)					

<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2016 - Jun 2016	Victims	% Change
21	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	9	10		11.1%
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	17.0%	10.2%		-6.8%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	59	59		-
24	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	52.4%	59.5%		+7.1%
25	Theft by shoplifting	42	37	5 Less	-11.9%
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	14.6%	14.8%		+0.2%



27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	103	115	12 More	11.7%
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	41	36		-12.2%
(Context)					

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Public Protection					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2016 - Jun 2016	Victims	% Change
29	Number of Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	12	21	9	75%
30	Group 2 crimes detection rate	91.7%	42.9%		-48.8%
31	Rape detection rate	-	-		-
(Context)					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2016 - Jun 2016	Victims	% Change
	People Killed	0	0	0	-
	People Seriously injured	3	4	1	33.3%
	People Slightly Injured	22	23	1	4.4%
	Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	0	-
	Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	0	0	0	-

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2016 - Jun 2016	Victims	% Change
32	Dangerous driving	4	9		125.0%
33	Speeding	79	23		-70.9%
34	Disqualified driving	4	1		-75.0%
35	Driving Licence	10	18		80.0%
36	Insurance	45	24		-46.7%
37	Seat Belts	20	10		-50%
38	Mobile Phone	51	19		-62.7%
(Context)					

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2016 - Jun 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police	Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents		
39	Complaints received about the Police	11	25.3		
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
40	Total Allegations Recorded	10	0	4	14
(Context)					