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POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 3rd QUARTER
OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016

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 2015/2016. This narrative should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying Local Authority Scrutiny Board statistical report which is attached at Appendix 1.

Local Management

Chief Superintendent Andy Bates continues as Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division. Chief Superintendent Bates has intimated that he is to retire from Police Scotland on 31 March 2016 and the process to identify his successor is currently ongoing.

Chief Inspector Angela Carty also continues as Area Commander of East Renfrewshire supported by Deputy Area Commander Inspector Alan Dickson. Sergeant Jim Boyle continues as 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 survey and regular consultation with elected members and other key partners. This consultation combined with crime and demand analysis informed the identification of the following priorities:

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 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2015**

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

We continue to focus on preventing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour. 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

Overall crimes of violence have remained the same as they did in this quarter last year. Of note there were 9 fewer victims of serious assault compared to the same period last year. Of continuing concern is the level of robberies in the area. During December 2015 we deployed our officers on a winter initiative, this was a high visibility patrol plan to prevent robberies both on the street and within premises where traditionally large sums of money are kept at that time of year. Our officers attended at vulnerable premises and gave safety advice and distributed leaflets on how to keep safe. We also contacted local press and were proactive in getting personal and business safety messages across. Significantly during the initiative there were no recorded robberies and this has continued into the New Year.

We have continued to maintain our focus on common assaults and 23 fewer assaults have been reported in comparison to the same period last year. Unfortunately the detection rate has also fallen on the same period last year, however at this time we have a number of assaults which are still under investigation and we would hope to have these detected within the next few weeks.

Increasing our detection rate for hate crimes continues to prove challenging. By the nature of the crime there are often no witnesses other than the victim themselves and often identification of the perpetrator is difficult. The detection rate is currently 71.8% and we continue to use all investigative techniques at our disposal. On a positive note there has been a 28.8% reduction in hate crimes reported to police.

Anti-social behaviour and disorder are often the precursor to crimes that affect quality of life and I am pleased to report that complaints regarding disorder have decreased by 8.3%. Incidents of vandalism and malicious mischief have decreased by 12.2% and the detection rate increased to 15.1%.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

Keeping People Safe remains a priority for Police Scotland. Our objectives included a commitment to:

- Work with partner agencies to support victims of domestic abuse
- Work with partners and media to encourage people to report domestic abuse and sexual crime
- Reduce road deaths and serious injuries
- Reduce the number of housebreakings

We have remained focused on dealing quickly and effectively with domestic abuse incidents in East Renfrewshire and compared to the same period last year, the number of domestic abuse incidents has reduced. There has been a slight dip in the detection rate of domestic abuse incidents, however we continue to use every avenue of investigation to gather sufficient evidence to report perpetrators to the Procurator Fiscal. The year to date detection rate sits at 81.7%.

The Reactive Domestic Abuse Unit continues to work with our key partners and is co-located with Advocacy Support Safety and Information Services (ASSIST). A review of how we refer vulnerable victims of domestic abuse to ASSIST has ensured that victims get access to the right support, as soon as possible.

The National Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland is operational in Greater Glasgow through positive interaction with partner agencies. This process allows us to share information about abusive partners past behaviour with potential victims, ensuring they have all the facts before deciding whether to continue with a relationship.

Tackling sexual crime and the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and vulnerable people remains a key priority for communities and for Police Scotland. Detection rates for crimes of indecency over the first nine months of the year are 80.6%, whilst 73.3% of reported rapes have been detected. The Division has experienced a 16.8% increase in reported sexual crime while East Renfrewshire has shown an increase of 39.6%. The increase demonstrates an improved confidence in the reporting of sexual crime as evidenced through the increase of historical reporting. The scheme between Police Scotland and Rape Crisis Scotland, offering 24 hour On-Call advocacy support to women and men reporting rape and other serious sexual crimes in Glasgow, continues to operate successfully.

The Public Protection Unit, in consultation with partner agencies, have implemented a formalised Initial Referral Discussion (IRD pilot) where there is an identified risk or potential risk of harm to a child. This process allows relevant partners to agree a set of actions which will be recorded on a single document. This can then be used by all partners to review progress towards our mutual objectives associated with child protection. This new process is a significant advancement and falls in line with previous recommendations

highlighted during multi-agency inspections and should improve our capability to keep young people safe.

Overall the numbers of houses and premises broken into has decreased by 20.9%, however disappointingly the detection rate has also decreased by 2.8% to 20.7%. We continue to use all investigative channels at our disposal to detect offenders, including fingerprinting and DNA. These processes can often take some time to produce results and a number of enquires remain open at this time.

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

Objectives

To ensure that we maintain public confidence we are committed to listening to local people. Our objectives included 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.

A public consultation validation exercise was carried out in September. This was undertaken to ensure that we continue to focus on the issues that matter most to our communities. We are currently in the process of engaging various community groups, voluntary organisations, partner agencies and youth groups to name a few to inform future policing plans.

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
- Target organised crime groups through proceeds of crime legislation

Between April and December this year, 438 SAOC individuals were arrested and police activity in the Greater Glasgow Division alone has helped deprive

criminals of over £4,330,104 in cash and assets, seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

There have been a number of highlights between October and December 2015:

In recent months, officers from Greater Glasgow Division have worked closely with officers from Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division (K Division) due to a crime group owning a company which consisted of a car wash, ice cream parlour / deli and spare tyres premises, located on an old petrol station in Renfrew. Along with Renfrewshire Council, Trading Standards, HMRC and Scottish Power, a number of days of actions took place resulting in a temporary closure. On 24 September 2015, Sherriff Officers attended along with Police and removed all persons and closed down all three premises indefinitely, returning control of the land to its owner.

On Friday 20 November 2015, officers from Greater Glasgow, led a second multi-agency day of action which took place across Police Scotland targeting five business premises linked to organised crime. This resulted in seven arrests for immigration offences. Many of the premises had to close temporarily due to staff being arrested.

Ongoing work by the Divisional Interventions Unit to identify legitimate companies using non Security Industry Authority (SIA) approved security companies linked to organised crime groups. Divisional Intervention Unit staff approach companies and provide them with advice guidance in respect of contract renewal and aim to deprive security companies linked to organised crime of these contracts. This work has been carried out in partnership with SIA and Her Majesties Revenue and Customs.

As a direct result of the actions taken by 'G' Division Interventions Unit Waitrose have now changed their contracts across the UK for all new builds and fit outs to state that any on site security must be from the SIA approved contractor list.

Drug production and supply continues to be a key concern for members of the public in Glasgow. We have been focusing on this issue and since April 2015 there have been 732 detections for such offences. A number of significant drug seizures have been made including the identification of several large scale cannabis cultivations.

Also all premises within the Division identified as selling psychoactive substances were visited by Police and partner agencies. Letters were issued to the shop owners advising of the dangers involved in selling the psychoactive substances.

We remain focused 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 policing plan update for the third quarter of 2015-2016. Overall crimes of violence have remained broadly the same compared to the same period last year with serious and common assaults showing significant decreases. Domestic abuse has shown a decrease in numbers of recorded crimes in East Renfrewshire and this is reflected across Greater Glasgow.

I am pleased to report that the detection rates for violence, serious assault, robbery and domestic abuse are all above 80%. We continue to tackle those issues that cause most concern to our local communities and continue to work closely with East Renfrewshire Council. As you are all aware this is my last report and I am pleased to be handing over a positive overall picture of crime levels in East Renfrewshire. I am sure my successor will continue to work closely with yourselves building on the strong relationship and joint working ethos which has seen crime in East Renfrewshire reduce by 37% in the last five years.

Andy Bates QPM
Chief Superintendent
Divisional Commander
Greater Glasgow Division

Angela Carty
Chief Inspector
Area Commander
East Renfrewshire

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire
December 2015**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	37	37	same number	0.0%
2	Murder	0	1	1 fewer	- 100.0%
3	Attempted Murder	0	4	4 fewer	- 100.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	81.8%	90.0%		-8.2%
7	Serious Assault	11	20	9 fewer	-45.0%
8	Robbery detection rate	84.6%	50.0%		34.6%
9	Robbery	13	4	9 more	225.0%
10	Common assault detection rate	66.7%	71.7%		-5.0%
11	Common assault	267	290	23 fewer	-7.9%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1,739	1,897	158 fewer	-8.3%

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	351	417		-15.8%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	218	284		-23.2%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	50.4%	56.4%		-6.0%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	81.7%	82.4%		-0.7%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	18	24		-25.0%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	94.6%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	71.8%	72.4%		-0.6%
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Jun 2015 - Nov 2015	Jun 2015 - Nov 2015 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	445	110		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	343	100		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	102	10		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	1	-		
24	Number of seizures made	103	-		

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 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	22	25		-12.0%
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	20.7%	23.5%		-2.8%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	155	196	41 fewer	-20.9%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	57.4%	56.3%		1.1%
29	Theft by shoplifting	115	87	28 more	32.2%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	15.1%	12.2%		2.9%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	345	393	48 fewer	-12.2%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	77	173		-55.5%
Public Protection					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	67	48	19 more	39.6%
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	80.6%	68.8%		11.8%
35	Rape detection rate	73.3%	100.0%		-26.7%

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured	10	12	2 fewer	-16.7%
People Slightly Injured	74	77	3 fewer	-3.9%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	3	2 fewer	-66.7%

Road Safety & Road Crime				
	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	11	15	-26.7%
37	Speeding	270	487	-44.6%
38	Disqualified driving	4	5	-20.0%
39	Driving Licence	36	41	-12.2%
40	Insurance	102	140	-27.1%
41	Seat Belts	36	251	-85.7%
42	Mobile Phone	90	250	-64.0%

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2015 - Dec 2015			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
4 3	Complaints received about the Police	32		26.8	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
4 4	Total Allegations Recorded	29	0	9	38