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POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE 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 financial year 2015/2016. This narrative should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying Local Authority Scrutiny Board statistical report that is at the end of this report.

Local Management

Chief Superintendent Brian McNulty has recently taken up the appointment of Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division.

Chief Inspector Angela Carty continues as Area Commander of East Renfrewshire supported by Deputy Area Commander Inspector Alan Dickson and Sergeant Jim Boyle who 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 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 1 APRIL 2015 TO 31 MARCH 2016

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

From the statistical report you will note that overall there has been an increase of 2 in group 1 crimes. Group 1 crime includes murder, attempted murder serious assault, robbery, threats and abduction.

There has been significant reductions in serious assault and attempt murder. The numbers of attempted murder reduced from 5 last year to 0 this year. The numbers last year reflected on a single incident last year where 4 attempt murders were recorded. Good to see that level of violence had dropped and we show no attempted murders for last year. The numbers of serious assaults reduced over the course of last year showing 5 fewer victims. Our continued efforts in tackling drunkenness and robust policing of licensed premises has continued to show positive results on impacting on the levels of violence in East Renfrewshire.

Disappointingly the detection rate for serious assault has dropped by a good margin. However interrogation of the crime reports has reflected an updated detection rate of 83.3%, this however remains below that of last year. Faced with uncooperative victim's detection of these crimes is a challenge, however despite this our officers from criminal investigation and forensics continue to pursue a line of enquiry and will still report the circumstances to the procurator fiscal. During the course of the year we have seen 5 fewer serious assaults than this time last year, in reality 5 fewer victims. The serious assault rate is also below the 5 year average which sits at 23. While this is positive and the reduction is welcome we continue to work towards prevention and protecting the communities.

The robbery detection rate has improved on last year and we have detected 87.5% of robberies which equates to 14 out of the 16 robberies being detected. The detection of these crimes is pleasing but we look forward to next year putting in place measures to prevent and reduce that number. The 5 year average for robberies is 13 per year, while it would be unrealistic to suggest that those numbers can be reduced to zero we work towards reducing numbers and victims. Looking forward plans are in place to work with those premises that are considered vulnerable and provide advice and guidance.

The reduction of common assaults and serious assaults as well as a priority for policing is also encompassed in SOA 4 as a stretch aim. Several workshops have been held where discussion has taken place with our partners to find ways of reducing assaults together. Complaints regarding noisy parties are often a precursor to common assaults, East Renfrewshire Noise Team have always encouraged the reporting of noise to them in the first instance. During the workshops it was noted that the numbers of incidents received had reduced, work was done with the police control rooms to ensure that they were aware of the service provided by the noise team. Despite this and other initiatives started as a result of the workshops we have seen an increase in the numbers of common assaults. This increase occurred in the last quarter of the year with final reported figures showing a 6.2% increase in common assaults. We continue to review and identify crime patterns to identify where we and our partners can influence the trend and reduce the numbers of victims.

Although still significant in number we continue to see a reduction in the overall numbers of calls regarding anti-social behaviour and disorder. We work closely with East Renfrewshire Council wardens to target these areas of concern and our Local Authority Liaison Officer continues to brief the wardens on Friday afternoons and share information with them about the current trends and areas where the communities are contacting us. We have over the last few weeks put in place additional patrols and utilised the services of off road motorbikes which manage to reach parts other vehicles can't. We have had a number of seizures of alcohol early in the evening which has set the tone for a reduction in phone calls about anti-social behaviour through the course of the rest of the night. Community Policing Sergeants have recently submitted action plans tackling anti-social behaviour hotspots in Barrhead Main Street, Roukenglen Park and Thornliebank Main Street.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

Keeping People safe is 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

The numbers of reported domestic abuse incidents recorded continues to fall, from 531 to 487 and is below the five year average of 516. It is crucial that we create an environment where victims feel that they can contact police and be dealt with in a professional manner and we continue to encourage the reporting of domestic crime. We are working alongside our colleagues in East Renfrewshire Women's Aid and Victim Support along with Advocacy, Support, Safety and Information Services (ASSIST) who themselves refer victims to East Renfrewshire Women's Aid. Support from our colleagues in Public Protection provides an expert and holistic approach to victims of domestic abuse.

Consistent with the drop in reported domestic incidents there has been a fall in the numbers of those incidents recorded as crimes. The figure of 302 matches exactly to the five year average in domestic crimes.

We continue to maintain a good standard of detections. Domestic offenders are known but won't all be reported to the procurator fiscal due to insufficiency of evidence indicating the culprit's guilt.

Sexual crime continues an upward trend which is a pattern replicated across Greater Glasgow. The increased confidence in reporting sexual offences is reflected in the increasing numbers of historical sexual offences reported, some 31% of all sexual crimes reported in East Renfrewshire were reported more than one year from the date they were committed. The detection rate has dipped slightly from last year.

Although the detection rate for hate crime is better when compared to last year it is still disappointing. Crimes such as these not only affect the victim but the wider communities in which the victim and perpetrator live. Hate crime continues to be a priority and every effort made to detect it.

The figure for the numbers of housebreakings at 221 is encouraging as this shows a downward trend in housebreaking which has turned around last year's increase in the number of housebreakings. The numbers remain significantly below the 5 year average of 297.

The road casualty statistics reflect a reduction in casualties with no one killed on the roads and reductions in seriously and slightly injured people.

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.

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. The latest results show a public confidence rate of 81.2% and a satisfaction rate of 83.1%.

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. Our Campus Officer at St Luke's assisted by other campus officers recently ran an event called 'Get Smart, Choose Life'. The aim of the event was to provide a preventative message about the harms and risks of substance misuse and highlight positive life choices to young people. This was partly achieved by delivering community events.

Throughout March inputs on choices for life were delivered to pupils at St Luke's and Barrhead by the campus officers, a 'Question Time' event was held where the panel consisted of experts on drugs from NHS, police and local authority and finally a community event at St Johns Church Hall on 19 March 2016.

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 2015 and March 2016, 283 Serious and Organised Crime (SAOC) individuals were arrested and police activity in the Greater Glasgow Division alone has helped deprive criminals of over £7,749,493 in cash and assets, seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

The numbers of detections for drug supply has fallen by 2 from 28 to 26. Much as this figure is a slight reduction in overall numbers it does not reflect the amount of intelligence gathering carried out by our local officers and our community intelligence officer. We continue to encourage members of the public to contact police regarding drug dealing in communities and urge that if they wish to remain anonymous they contact crime stoppers.

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

Conclusion

As you will be aware I have recently taken up post as Local Commander for Greater Glasgow Division. This privilege brings with it many challenges and rewards and I arrive to find a division of officers and staff all committed to providing an excellent service to all of our local communities.

East Renfrewshire is an integral part of the division and continues to contribute to our overall performance.

I am pleased to present my first update which reflects largely on the work carried out under the direction of Chief Superintendent Andy Bates. The report highlights some positives in driving down crime with serious assaults, attempted murder, housebreaking and domestic crimes all showing reductions in numbers. There are of course some areas where we are unwavering on our focus to improve. Increasing detections rates and reducing the level of crime is always a priority for us, in addition I am very much committed to reducing crime through prevention activity and I know that the community police officers work closely with your own prevent team.

Having spoken to Andy at length during our hand over period he very much emphasized the strong working relationships built up between East Renfrewshire Council and ourselves and I look forward to continuing to work with you and build on that strong foundation.

Brian McNulty
Chief Superintendent
Divisional Commander
Greater Glasgow Division

Angela Carty
Chief Inspector
Area Commander
East Renfrewshire

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March 2016

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	48	46	2 more	4.3%
(Context)					
2	Murder	0	1	1 fewer	- 100.0%
(Context)					
3	Attempted Murder	0	5	5 fewer	- 100.0%
(Context)					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	79.0%	91.7%		-12.7%
(Context)					
7	Serious Assault	19	24	5 fewer	-20.8%
(Context)					
8	Robbery detection rate	87.5%	60.0%		27.5%
(Context)					
9	Robbery	16	5	11 more	220.0%
(Context)					
10	Common assault detection rate	72.1%	70.1%		2.0%
(Context)					
11	Common assault	376	354	22 more	6.2%
(Context)					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2,232	2,376	144 fewer	-6.1%
(Context)					
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	487	531		-8.3%
(Context)					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	302	359		-15.9%
(Context)					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	50.9%	56.7%		-5.8%

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Victims	% Change
(Context)					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	83.1%	82.7%		0.4%
(Context)					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	24	30		-20.0%
(Context)					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	93.7%	-		-
(Context)					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	68.6%	67.5%		1.1%
(Context)					
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Jun 2015 - Mar 2016	Jun 2015 - Mar 2016 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	597	162		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	481	151		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	116	11		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	1	-		
24	Number of seizures made	137	-		
<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>					
(Context)					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	26	28		-7.1%
(Context)					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	29.9%	23.1%		6.8%
(Context)					
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	221	256	35 fewer	-13.7%
(Context)					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	60.3%	65.0%		-4.7%
(Context)					
29	Theft by shoplifting	136	123	13 more	10.6%
(Context)					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	15.4%	12.6%		2.8%
(Context)					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	468	492	24 fewer	-4.9%
(Context)					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	91	206		-55.8%
(Context)					
Public Protection					
		Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	85	54	31 more	57.4%
(Context)					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	75.3%	77.8%		-2.5%
(Context)					
35	Rape detection rate	75.0%	80.0%		-5.0%
(Context)					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured	15	17	2 fewer	-11.8%
People Slightly Injured	102	102	same number	0.0%
(Context)				
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	5	4 fewer	-80.0%
(Context)				

Road Safety & Road Crime				
	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Victims	% Change
36 Dangerous driving	16	19		-15.8%
(Context)				
37 Speeding	320	768		-58.3%
(Context)				
38 Disqualified driving	5	8		-37.5%
(Context)				
39 Driving Licence	46	55		-16.4%
(Context)				
40 Insurance	128	190		-32.6%
(Context)				
41 Seat Belts	38	298		-87.2%
(Context)				
42 Mobile Phone	102	326		-68.7%
(Context)				

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2015 - Mar 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
4 3	Complaints received about the Police	47		30.0	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegation s	Off Duty Allegation s	Quality of Service Allegation s	Total Number of Allegation s
4 4	Total Allegations Recorded	50	1	14	65
(Context)					