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POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 1st 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 first quarter of 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 (Appendix A).

Local Management

Chief Superintendent Andy Bates continues as Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division.

Chief Inspector Angela Carty also 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

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

Our Greater Results in Partnership (GRIP) meetings continued as we moved to 2015-2016. This successful partnership moves forward with notable success in reducing anti-social behaviour. The number of complaints of disorder reduced last year by 15.8% and we are building on this and have reduced complaints of disorder by a further 7.6% this year. Our relationship at the GRIP meetings has been extended to meeting with Community Wardens each Friday as we move towards the weekend where traditionally anti-social behaviour and disorder increases. These weekly meetings allow us to share information and deploy resources aimed at complementing the cover provided.

In terms of violence there has been a 75% decrease in serious assaults with 6 less victims and common assaults have decreased by 2.1% with 2 less victims.

This is against a backdrop of a 73% reduction on the five year average in serious assaults and a 15.5% reduction in common assaults.

All the serious assaults committed this year have been detected and perpetrators reported. This continues the progress made last year when we achieved a 91.7% detection rate for serious violence. The detection rate for serious assaults in the first quarter is 100%.

Disappointingly the numbers of robberies have increased on the same period last year and looking forward to the next report this number continues to rise. We are committed to tackling violent crime and through examination of crime and incident pattern analysis we deploy our officers to the most vulnerable areas. In addition we target known violent offenders in identified areas.

The overall picture of violent crime is a positive one showing a reduction on last year of 14.3%.

We continue to work with our partners in the voluntary sector and celebrated Victim Supports 25 year anniversary in East Renfrewshire and we are grateful to them for the additional support they provide to the victims of crime.

As part of the Community Planning Partnership Police Scotland are very much involved in the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) for East Renfrewshire and indeed lead on SOA 4 in relation to improving public safety. This has resulted in a number of positive workshops bringing together voluntary and public sector looking at new and innovative ways of reducing the numbers of common and serious assaults.

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 14.5%. We continue to encourage the reporting of domestic incidents and support victims through that difficult process and have the assistance of Advocacy Support Safety and Information Services (ASSIST), East Renfrewshire Women's Aid and Victim Support. Our partners in Women's Aid have recently carried out presentations to officers in East Renfrewshire outlining the services they provide at initial incidents and over longer term.

The detection rate for domestic incidents is a positive 96.2% along with initial bail checks of 96.9%. Those initial bail checks allow us to inform the victim of the conditions the court put in place for the perpetrator on release from the court.

Tackling sexual crime and the 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 1 compared to the same time last year and the detection rate is at 91.7. We continue to have the specialist support of the Public Protection Unit in dealing with incidents of this nature.

On Monday 20 April 2015, Police Scotland launched the National Child Abuse Investigation Unit (NCAIU). This specialist unit will assist officers in Glasgow provide consistent, high quality support to investigations into reports of complex child abuse and neglect, including child sexual exploitation and on-line child abuse. Since its inception, the unit has provided over 8,700 hours of assistance across the Scotland.

We have continued our focus on tackling hate crime and challenging those who commit such acts. The detection rate is below that of this time last year, however going forward we have seen some improvement. The numbers of hate crimes reported has also reduced during the first quarter and is down by 11%.

In terms of road safety the numbers of people seriously injured on the roads remains the same with slight injuries showing a decrease of 26.1%.

The numbers of houses broken into has reduced in comparison to last year and there have been some notable detections of individuals responsible. We are aware that housebreaking is a community priority and our officers are dedicated to tackling it. We have pulled together teams of officers from our intelligence, criminal investigation and community policing teams and focussed activity around these crimes.

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:-

- Undertake an annual Community Consultation Survey
- Publish Multi Member Ward Policing Plans based on the result of the Community Consultation Survey and other forms of community engagement
- Publish Quarterly 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

In October 2014 Police Scotland undertook its annual Community Consultation Survey and a record number of responses were collated. Since that time the results have been circulated and analysed for the 6 East Renfrewshire wards and these results have helped inform this year's Multi-Member Ward Plans.

In addition, we also undertake regular customer satisfaction surveys with over 150 people every month who have reported crimes or incidents to us. This exercise helps us monitor public satisfaction and confidence, whilst ensuring that people receive an excellent policing service in Glasgow. Overall, public confidence in Greater Glasgow Division remains high with 84.1% of respondents rating their confidence level as either high or very high.

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

Serious and organised crime (SAOC) in the UK is a multi-million pound industry. It is invariably international and sophisticated, striking at the heart of our local communities. All officers in Greater Glasgow Division are engaged in tackling serious and organised crime and they are supported by specialist resources. The main objective is to keep our communities safe and allow them to flourish.

During the first quarter of 2014/15, 139 SOAC individuals were arrested and police activity in the Greater Glasgow Division alone has helped deprive criminals of over £2,162,861 in cash and assets, seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

This year, drug supply was highlighted as a key concern by members of the public in Glasgow. We have been focussing on this issue and in the first quarter, there have been 250 drug supply detections, 14 of which have been in East Renfrewshire. A number of drug seizures were made including the identification of several cannabis cultivations. To date there has been approximately 3kg of cannabis, 1.5kg of cocaine recovered and around 115 cannabis plants seized. 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 present the first quarter report of the 2015/2016 year on our Local Policing Plan. Overall the picture is a positive one. I am particularly pleased to see we have reversed last year's upward trend in relation to violent crime. Our performance in other areas is also strong with drops in reports of dishonesty and domestic violence. We continue to focus on our detection rates for all types of dishonesty using a proactive, intelligence led approach, this is particularly relevant in relation to Housebreaking which is a priority for our residents. We continue to benefit from the strong partnerships built with East Renfrewshire Council, the wider criminal justice network and the voluntary sector I am committed to ensuring East Renfrewshire remains a safe and secure environment for its residents.

Andy Bates
Divisional Commander
Greater Glasgow Division

Appendix A

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire June 2015

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	12	14	2 fewer	-14.3%
(Context)					
2	Murder	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
(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	100.0%	75.0%		25.0%
(Context)					
7	Serious Assault	2	8	6 fewer	-75.0%
(Context)					
8	Robbery detection rate	66.7%	50.0%		16.7%
(Context)					
9	Robbery	3	2	1 more	50.0%
(Context)					
10	Common assault detection rate	75.3%	79.0%		-3.7%
(Context)					
11	Common assault	93	95	2 fewer	-2.1%
(Context)					
12	Stop and searches conducted				-
Police Scotland is undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search database which went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is still ongoing and data collected for the period 1-30 June 2015 will appear in the August scrutiny board reports.					
13	Number of complaints regarding disorder	611	661	50 fewer	-7.6%
(Context)					

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June 2015**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
14	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	130	152		-14.5%
(Context)					
15	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	79	103		-23.3%
(Context)					
16	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	49.2%	57.2%		-8.0%
(Context)					
17	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	96.2%	87.4%		8.8%
(Context)					
18	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	8	10		-20.0%
(Context)					
19	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	96.9%	-		-
(Context)					
20	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	60.0%	80.0%		-20.0%
(Context)					

Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
21	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	11	9		22.2%
(Context)					
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	17.0%	30.3%		-13.3%
(Context)					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	59	66	7 fewer	-10.6%
(Context)					
24	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	52.4%	66.7%		-14.3%
(Context)					
25	Theft by shoplifting	42	30	12 more	40.0%
(Context)					
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	14.0%	16.0%		-2.0%
(Context)					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	107	119	12 fewer	-10.1%
(Context)					
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	41	67		-38.8%
(Context)					

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Public Protection					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
29	Number of Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	12	11	1 more	9.1%
(Context)					
30	Group 2 crimes detection rate	91.7%	81.8%		9.9%
(Context)					
31	Rape detection rate	-	100.0%		-
(Context)					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed		0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured		3	3	same number	0.0%
People Slightly Injured		17	23	6 fewer	-26.1%
(Context)					
Children (aged<16) Killed		0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured		0	0	None	-
(Context)					

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
32	Dangerous driving	4	3		33.3%
(Context)					
33	Speeding	60	218		-72.5%
(Context)					
34	Disqualified driving	2	0		-
(Context)					
35	Driving Licence	10	16		-37.5%
(Context)					
36	Insurance	43	42		2.4%
(Context)					
37	Seat Belts	19	91		-79.1%
(Context)					
38	Mobile Phone	51	72		-29.2%
(Context)					

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
39	Complaints received about the Police	6		15.2	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
40	Total Allegations Recorded	10	0	2	12
(Context)					