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POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2014/2015

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update members of East Renfrewshire Cabinet on police performance over the financial year 2014/2015. 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). This report reflects on the first year of the three year Local Policing Plan.

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 Alan Dickson and Sergeant Jim Boyle who continues as Local Authority Liaison Officer.

East Renfrewshire Policing Plan 2014-2015

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 represents one of the key challenges facing our communities. We continue to focus on reducing violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour. Our objectives include a commitment to

- Increase detection of violent offenders, including those who commit domestic abuse and hate crime
- Reduce the number of complaints regarding antisocial behaviour

The end of year figures show an increase in overall violent crime of 30%, this equates to 11 more victims. The biggest increase has been in serious assault where 8 more victims were subject to attacks. Officers continue to be deployed in areas where attacks are known to occur. We are working with East Renfrewshire Wardens and CCTV to tackle known hotspots of disorder and anti social behaviour which can often be the prerequisite to violence.

With new crime detection methods in the area of forensics and dedicated criminal investigation officers working in East Renfrewshire the current detection rate for serious assault is 91.7%, the detection rate for common assault is 71.3%, for domestic crime 84%, hate crime 71.2% and crimes of indecency 80%.

Although common assaults continue at levels above that of last year the increase has slowed and we end the year 1.7% above last years numbers.

While detection rates are encouraging our focus remains on prevention and reduction in victim numbers.

Reports of incidents of disorder throughout East Renfrewshire continue to fall with a 15.8% drop in complaints regarding disorder from the same period last year. This equates to 446 fewer calls.

Street drinking has decreased and is 18.7% below last year's level.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

Keeping people safe is a cornerstone of Police Scotland. Our objectives include a commitment to

- 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
- Improve road user behaviour through enforcement of legislation

The numbers of domestic crimes reported has increased by 2.8% this year which in itself may seem concerning however it continues to reflect an increased confidence in how these crimes are dealt with by police and other services.

Our Reactive Domestic Abuse Unit continues to work with our key partners and is collocated with Advocacy, Support, Safety and Information Services (ASSIST) at Eastgate. Within East Renfrewshire we also use the services of East Renfrewshire Domestic Abuse Project. This ensures that some of the most vulnerable victims get access to the right support as soon as possible.

In East Renfrewshire we have an 83.1% detection rate for crimes and offences committed in domestic abuse incidents. Officers within east Renfrewshire have the continued support of the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) which has dealt with a number of investigations resulting in serious and serial domestic abuse perpetrators being brought to justice.

The detection rate for hate crime has fallen slightly from 69.8% to 68.8%. This continues to be a high priority for the police service and we encourage the reporting of such crimes.

Housebreaking continues to affect the residents of East Renfrewshire and we have seen an increase of 4 more crimes on last year. The detection rate for housebreaking crimes in this quarter is up 9.1% and we have had some notable arrests.

In the previous quarterly report I alluded to Operation Quarterlight which was set up to tackle car crime and housebreakings across Greater Glasgow Division. This operation has now concluded and the results were positive and in no doubt contributed to the increase in the detection rate for housebreaking. We are continuing the momentum set by Quarterlight and through analysis of these crimes focussing resources in relevant areas.

In an effort to keep our roads safe within East Renfrewshire we continued our road safety initiative which meant we had a designated vehicle which focused on influencing road user behaviour. As a result of this there has been a substantial reduction in the number of speeding offences by 40.8%.

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

The public consultation survey results have informed the 2015-2016 Multi Member Ward Plans for East Renfrewshire these have now been published.

We will continue to tackle the priorities identified. The development of these plans and targeting of priorities is underpinned by the Local Policing Plan. This council wide plan ensures we focus on those issues causing most concern in the communities we police.

Engagement continues to be a high priority within East Renfrewshire and the management team at East Renfrewshire sub division are currently meeting with the Councillors from all of the multi member wards to discuss policing issues within their areas.

Staff from East Renfrewshire's Trading Standards, Environmental Health and Civic Government Licensing Departments joined forces with officers from Police Scotland for a week of action to keep people safe from bogus workmen.

Operation Monarda, which began on Monday 23 March 2015, was a campaign specifically focussing on doorstep crime.

Doorstep crime affects some of the most vulnerable people within our local communities. Victims are targeted due to perceived vulnerability, such as age, gender or disability, with many becoming repeat victims. An individual's quality of life can deteriorate significantly if they become a victim.

The campaigns events in East Renfrewshire included Trading Standards and Police carrying out joint patrols visiting traders on site ensuring they were genuine and conducting their business within the confines of the law.

East Renfrewshire schools have an important part to play in the community and the campus officers have been involved in the Outreach project. The project encourages young people to volunteer at community events and is supported by the Scottish Government's Cash Back for Communities Fund which uses proceeds from crime to support youth work activities.

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

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

- Reduce the capability of organised crime groups to cause harm to communities
- Target organised crime groups through proceeds of crime legislation

Serious and organised crime in the UK is a multi-billion pound industry.

It is invariably international and sophisticated but it also strikes at the heart of our local communities, creating suffering and misery for its victims.

All officers in Greater Glasgow Division are engaged in tackling Serious and Organised Crime and are supported by specialist resources. The main objective is to keep our communities safe and allow them to flourish.

The following information highlights our continuing efforts to divert, disrupt, deter and detect individuals involved in serious and organised crime:

Organised Crime is the medium by which drugs are available in local communities.

Between April – December 2014 in the East Renfrewshire area there have been 28 detections for drug supply cases which is a significant increase on the 2013 figure of 21.

Between April – March 2015 within Greater Glasgow Division:

571 persons involved in Serious and organised crimes have been arrested.

Through the use of proceeds of crime legislation, criminals were deprived of in excess of £14,000,000. This figure includes restraints of assets, cash seizures and expedited referrals where criminal conduct or a criminal purpose was suspected.

Conclusion

As local Police Commander I present the final report of the 2014/2015 year on our Local Policing Plan. Although the figures relating to violence have continued to increase over the year I can assure you that our focus remains firmly on the reduction in these numbers over the coming year. I am more than aware that these crime figures relate to victims are not just numbers we compare month on month year on year. The spotlight remains on reducing the number of victims and on supporting these victims through the criminal justice process. Through the strong partnerships built with East Renfrewshire Council, the wider criminal justice network and the voluntary sector I am committed to providing a safe and secure environment for residents of East Renfrewshire.

Appendix 1

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - EAST RENFREWSHIRE MARCH 2015

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	47	36	11 more	30.6%
(Context)					
2	Murder	1	0	1 more	-
(Context)					
3	Attempted Murder	5	4	1 more	25.0%
(Context)					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	91.7%	81.3%		10.4%
(Context)					
7	Serious Assault	24	16	8 more	50.0%
(Context)					
8	Robbery detection rate	50.0%	71.4%		-21.4%
(Context)					
9	Robbery	6	7	1 fewer	-14.3%
(Context)					
10	Common assault detection rate	70.1%	63.1%		7.0%
(Context)					
11	Common assault	358	352	6 more	1.7%
(Context)					
12	Stop and searches conducted	7,508	11,902		-36.9%
(Context)					
13	Number of positive stop and searches conducted.	1,370	2,031		-32.5%
(Context)					
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2,376	2,822	446 fewer	-15.8%
(Context)					

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	531	463		14.7%
(Context)					
16	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	373	363		2.8%
(Context)					
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	56.9%	59.6%		-2.7%
(Context)					
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	83.1%	73.6%		9.5%
(Context)					
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	30	32		-6.3%
(Context)					
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	98.0%	-		-
(Context)					
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	68.8%	69.8%		-1.0%
(Context)					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	28	21		33.3%
(Context)					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	22.9%	13.8%		9.1%
(Context)					
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	258	254	4 more	1.6%
(Context)					
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	63.0%	74.8%		-11.8%
(Context)					
26	Theft by shoplifting	127	135	8 fewer	-5.9%
(Context)					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	12.5%	13.9%		-1.4%
(Context)					
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	498	505	7 fewer	-1.4%
(Context)					
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	204	251		-18.7%
(Context)					

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Public Protection					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	53	51	2 more	3.9%
(Context)					
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	79.3%	54.9%		24.4%
(Context)					
32	Rape detection rate	80.0%	58.3%		21.7%
(Context)					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
People Seriously injured	17	11	6 more	54.5%
People Slightly Injured	98	93	5 more	5.4%
(Context)				
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	5	1	4 more	400.0%
(Context)				

Road Safety & Road Crime				
	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
33 Dangerous driving	19	20		-5.0%
(Context)				
34 Speeding	699	1,180		-40.8%
(Context)				
35 Disqualified driving	8	12		-33.3%
(Context)				
36 Driving Licence	55	79		-30.4%
(Context)				
37 Insurance	190	197		-3.6%
(Context)				
38 Seat Belts	295	559		-47.2%
(Context)				
39 Mobile Phone	326	524		-37.8%
(Context)				

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	26		16.4	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	33	1	14	48
(Context)					