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Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour

Group 1 Crimes of Violence have increased by six crimes to a total of 53, with serious assaults being the main reason for this increase. The 5 year average for Gp 1 crimes is 31.8.

There have been 201 recorded common assaults (25 more victims) - up 14.2% on the previous year. 38 assaults targeted police officers, with 10 further assaults on other emergency workers. Five police assaults occurred while the offender was in custody. The 5 year average for common assaults is 157.4

167 fewer disorder complaints (-16.2%)

The rate of overall violence per 10k population in Inverclyde remains below the national average rate. The detection rate for crimes of serious violence is 68.4%, compared to a national position of 68.2%. 17% of all recorded serious assaults in Inverclyde involved uncooperative/hostile complainers or witnesses.

Acquisitive Crime

Shoplifting has increased 33.3% to a total of 124 crimes - 31 more than last year. Food, alcohol and grocery thefts are up 15%.

Other categories of crimes of dishonesty have remained broadly similar to the previous year. An increase in fraud of 16% has been recorded with automated checkout fraud and taxi fraud having been identified as the main issues.

There have been four reported bogus crimes - two less than the same period the previous year. Tactics used by suspects included posing as utilities workers and roofers to gain access to properties and steal from within.

Inverclyde

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)
Reporting Period: 1 April 2019- 30 June 2019

Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes have decreased slightly on the previous year, to a total of 36 - one fewer than 2017/18. The rate of recorded sexual crime per 10k population remains below the national average.

32% of sexual crimes involved victims aged 15 years or less at the time of the offence, with 67% of these crimes involving non-recent reporting. 15% of all sexual offences were cyber-enabled.

The detection rate for sexual crime is 44.4% - up from the 37.8% recorded last year.

41 missing person incidents have been reported within Inverclyde only. 36.4% of all incidents across Renfrewshire & Inverclyde involved Looked After and Accommodated Children (LAAC). 75% of all incidents across Renfrewshire & Inverclyde involved children aged 10-19 years. *Note: Data cannot currently be split by council area*

514 adult / child concern Vulnerable Person forms in the current year - down 2% on the same period last year.

256 domestic incidents have been recorded, up 11.8% on the previous year. 46.1% of these incidents resulted in a crime report being raised - an increase on the 38.4% conversion rate recorded last year. Meanwhile, of the total 5,807 recorded police incidents, there were 243 public safety incidents (36 less than last year).

10 new complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Inverclyde (16.8 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 13 allegations have been made. Of these one related to quality of service.

Major Crime & Terrorism

10 individuals linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested in Inverclyde. Divisionally £108,268.01 has been seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

There have been 22 drug supply charges raised year-to-date, nine more than the previous year. Cannabis and Cocaine were each involved in 24% of drug supply charges observed during the reporting period.

There have been 3 confirmed drug - related deaths, with ten further suspected drugs deaths (awaiting toxicology results). Etizolam featured in the majority of the confirmed drug deaths.



Cyber-enabled crime continues to be an issue, with 35 crimes over the year having a 'cybercrime' marker applied (up from 17 last year). 31% of crimes in 2019/20 related to threatening communications

Road Safety & Road Crime

There has been one road fatality recorded in the period April 2019 to June 2019. This represents one more road death than the previous year. Meanwhile, serious road injuries increased by five to a total of six, while slight injuries also increased to 18 (10 more than last year).

Overall, offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen 21.9% on the previous year, in particular speeding and driving carelessly offences. However, proactive road policing has contributed to an increase in both mobile phone and dangerous driving offences.

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POPULATION

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Organisational Improvement - Contact Assessment Model (CAM) went live on Wednesday 12 June in Lanarkshire and Dumfries and Galloway. CAM has empowered frontline staff to make dynamic assessment of threat, risk and harm at first point of contact providing greater focus on individual caller needs and potential vulnerability. Initial assessment shows a reduction in the number of calls frontline officers are attending allowing them to focus on the incidents which require Police attendance.

Estate management Project - May 2019 - Police Scotland has set out an ambitious strategy to develop a sustainable, modern and demand-led property estate that enables excellence of service to communities. As part of the estate Strategy Custody division completed a significant up-grade to the custody area within Greenock Police Station. The changes are focused around improving the working cohesion within the custody area and facilities, CCTV coverage and monitoring and welfare of prisoners. This will help ensure that the facilities remains a suitable and safe environment to process, detain and provide suitable welfare to prisoners for the future.

Enhanced Police Scotland IT - Police Scotland is investing £3.9m in a faster computer network to improve service and efficiency across the country with national rollout by March 2020. Officers in rural areas are among the first to benefit from a move to a single provider giving them access to video conferencing and faster file sharing. The project is part of the organisation's 10-year strategy to improve policing in Scotland and forms part of its Digital, Data and ICT Strategy. These improvements will enhance and support the local rollout of digital notebooks in the coming months.

Cyber Kiosks 2nd phase - Training has been successfully completed giving a total of 410 officers from across all Local Policing Divisions trained to examine devices using a Cyber Kiosk. This includes 18 officers from the Inverclyde area. Cyber Kiosks are an important advance that will streamline the existing process of reviewing digital devices for evidential content. Kiosks will be less intrusive than current processes and will allow devices to be returned to their owners quicker than is possible at the moment, providing a more efficient process for frontline officers, digital forensics, the public and the criminal justice system.

ALO – Architect Liaison Officer - A small number of specially trained ALOs working in partnership with Architects and Developers with a view to design out crime for new and refurbished developments in order to and achieve the 'Secured by Design' award. This is a time consuming and often difficult process however invaluable in making communities safer by removing common design issues which can lead to opportunities for crime to manifest. In Inverclyde, officers are working on 12 separate projects worth millions of pounds worth of development / investment.

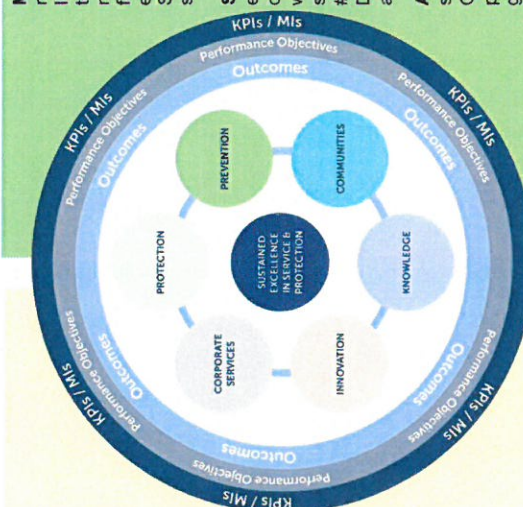
Counter Terrorism Champions - April 2019 K Division identified 16 officers who expressed an interest in becoming Counter Terrorism Champions for Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. Over recent months these local officers have been given additional training and knowledge and will enhance the existing mechanisms for delivery of the UK Government's CONTEST strategy at an operational level, with support from the dedicated Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer already embedded within the Division. The CT Champions are well positioned to disseminate key points to their frontline colleagues to ensure a greater link between Counter Terrorism Policing and front line officers to ensure vigilance and awareness.

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Notable Arrests - June 2019 - Following a number of reports about sneak in thefts in Port Glasgow local officers conducted a number of enquiries and traced a suspect who had been released from prison earlier that day. The suspect was picked up on a nearby CCTV doorbell providing around an elderly resident's property. Suspect was identified by local officers, traced and arrested whereby he pled guilty and received a 19 month prison sentence.

Protecting People at risk - April to June 2019 - Local Preventions and Interventions officers have been engaging with partner agencies within HSCP, Inverclyde council, Trading Standards and local schools to provide training and inputs regarding hate crime, financial harm and third party reporting. The training is to raise awareness, educate staff to help identify the signs and how they impact on victims and reporting mechanisms.



Multi Agency Partnership Working - June 2019, Oak mall Security observed a suspect male trying to access a number of parked vehicles in Greenock Town centre. On contacting Inverclyde Council CCTV they jointly co-ordinated the male's location which was passed to Town centre police officers in real time whereby they were able to trace a 54 year old male found trying to hide from police. Suspect was arrested and appeared at court the following day and was remanded in custody. This is one of many great examples of effective partnership working between Local Authority, private businesses and Police Scotland which help to reassure the public that we continue to work together to keep people safe.

Safeguarding Young people - During Easter holidays a number of locations in Inverclyde experienced an increase in disorder and anti-social behaviour attributed to large gathering of young people. As part of a co-ordinated approach a number of multi-agency action plans were conducted throughout Inverclyde to mitigate and prevent similar issues during the summer holidays. Local and social media were used to highlight the issues including the #DoYouKnow campaign. Police have seen a significant reduction in reports of ASB / Disorder associated with young people gathering over the summer holidays due to the pro-active approach taken.

ACT Awareness briefings to SFRS, Port Glasgow - May 2019 saw the completion of a series of Counter Terrorism Awareness briefings delivered to the officers at SFRS, Port Glasgow Station by K Division Counter Terrorist Liaison Officer. The 2 hour sessions provided the officers with an awareness of the current terrorism threat, and advice and guidance on key security issues including: Recognising and Responding to Suspicious Behaviour, and Identifying and Dealing with Suspicious Items.

Road Safety Awareness - June 2019 - Local officers have carried out a series of engagement and enforcement initiatives aimed at raising awareness about various aspects of road safety. This has included high visibility patrols and speed checks at various locations throughout Inverclyde with several drivers issued fixed penalties or reported for a number of road traffic offences. Police in conjunction with tracks Inverclyde conducted a cycle safety campaign at Boglestone Community centre to highlight important cycle safety advice and offer bike security marking.

Drugs Recovery - June 2019 - Pro-active officers in Inverclyde conducted enquiries around a disused factory in Port Glasgow whereby suspicion was raised to obtain a search warrant for one of the units. After forcing entry Police recovered an industrial scale operation with Cannabis plants estimated to be worth £1million. Enquiries are still on-going as part of a large operation into manufacturing and distribution of illegal drugs.

Included

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