

Inverclyde Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/22 - 28/02/23



Total Crime **+2%** **5,364 Crimes**

<p>Incidents Recorded</p> <p>-1.4%</p> <p>17,164</p>	<p>Common Assault</p> <p>+0.7%</p> <p>578</p>	<p>Overall Dishonesty</p> <p>+14.6%</p> <p>1,203</p>	<p>Domestic Abuse Incidents</p> <p>+0.9%</p> <p>752</p>
<p>Overall Violent Crime</p> <p>+2%</p> <p>676</p>	<p>Sexual Crime</p> <p>0%</p> <p>118</p>	<p>Road Traffic Casualties</p> <p>+29.7%</p> <p>48</p>	<p>Disorder Complaints</p> <p>-24.4%</p> <p>2,072</p>
<p>Missing People</p> <p>+92.4%</p> <p>177</p>	<p>Counter Terrorism</p> <p>The threat level from INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM is SUBSTANTIAL —an attack has been deemed as likely to occur.</p>		<p>Housebreaking</p> <p>+41.2%</p> <p>137</p>

*All data provided is for the period 1 April 2022 - 28 February 2023 unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 20 April 2023.

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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration. Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, numerical comparisons are against the comparable period in the preceding reporting year.

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Inverclyde Area Commander

INVERCLYDE POLICING PRIORITIES 2023/26

PRIORITY	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 <p>VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR</p>	<p>Overall, violent crime increased by two percent, with a drop in many ward areas being offset by a more substantial rise in Inverclyde North and Central wards. While recorded common assaults and attempted murders increased in number, the most substantial rise related to recorded robberies, with 14 additional recorded compared to the previous year.</p>
 <p>PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE</p>	<p>118 sexual crimes have been recorded in Inverclyde in the reporting period, no change on the reported crime volume in the previous year. The detection rate for sexual crimes has increased by 13.6 percentage points, to 55.1%. 43% of all recorded sexual crime involved non-recent reporting.</p>
 <p>ACQUISITIVE AND CYBER / DIGITAL CRIME</p>	<p>Overall crimes of dishonesty have increased by 14.6%, with housebreaking crime, motor vehicle crime, common theft, fraud and shoplifting all contributing to this rise. The detection rate for crimes of dishonesty is 47.4%. Around 44% of cybercrimes recorded in the current reporting year were acquisitive crimes and in particular online frauds.</p>
 <p>SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME</p>	<p>Intelligence led policing resulted in 51 drugs detections in the current year. In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £1,110,489 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act. Five Serious and Organised Crime Group principal members and 44 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year.</p>
 <p>ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME</p>	<p>Overall, road casualties have increased by 11, to a total of 48. Offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen by 15.8% on the previous year, to a total of 848. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 83.8%, a rise of 0.8 percentage points on the previous year.</p>

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2022/23

Protecting vulnerable people

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division continues to support a multi-agency approach to reduce drug deaths, to engage with Scottish Government and stakeholders to influence approaches to supporting individuals with complex mental health needs, and to work in partnership to develop local effective and efficient pathways to support vulnerable people.

Working with communities

The Division continues to support this Police Scotland priority and to develop strategic partnerships to find synergy in policy making and shared resources. Police in Inverclyde recognise the importance of engaging with communities to understand their needs, and strive to support innovation in local partnership settings.

Tackling crime in the digital age

Police in Inverclyde continue to benefit from the support of specialised Police Scotland units such as the Cybercrime Unit and the Economic Crime and Financial Investigation Unit, amongst others. There are continued efforts to ensure our Officers have the training, resources and equipment needed to tackle the threat arising from cyber related criminality and technological advancement.

Support for operational policing

Inverclyde Police continue to link in closely with Police Scotland's Corporate Services who enable and support operational resources to deliver against the strategic priorities and their outcomes. Significant developments arising from the Digitally Enabled Policing Programme which have resulted in direct benefits to Inverclyde Police include the National Network / Project ADEL, the rollout of mobile devices and the suite of applications delivered via Core Operational Systems (COS).

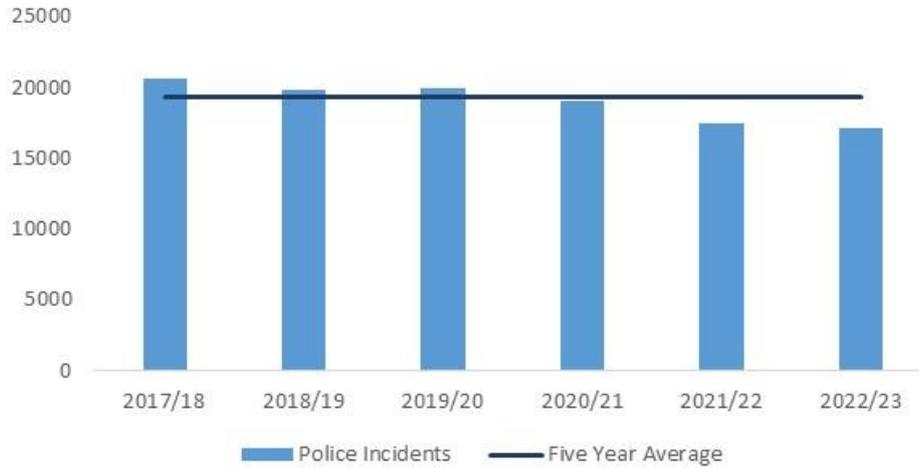
DEMAND ANALYSIS

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE

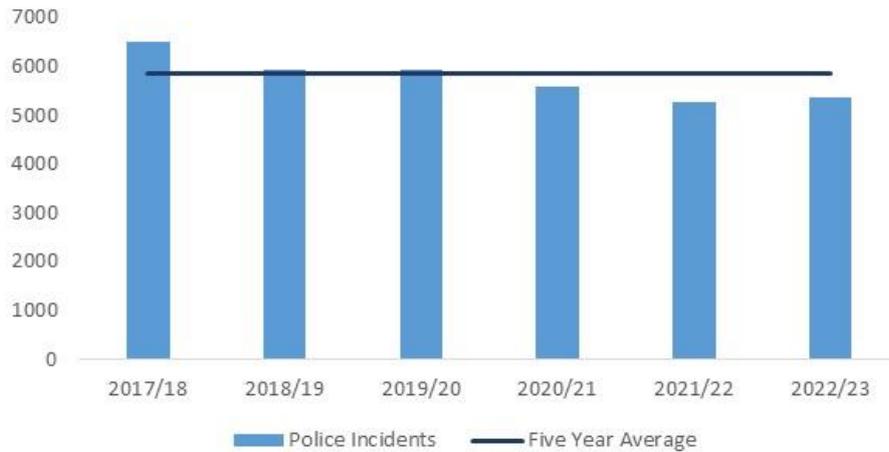
CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD	CYTD	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	5,257	5,364	Total number of incidents	17,412	17,164

Police Incidents

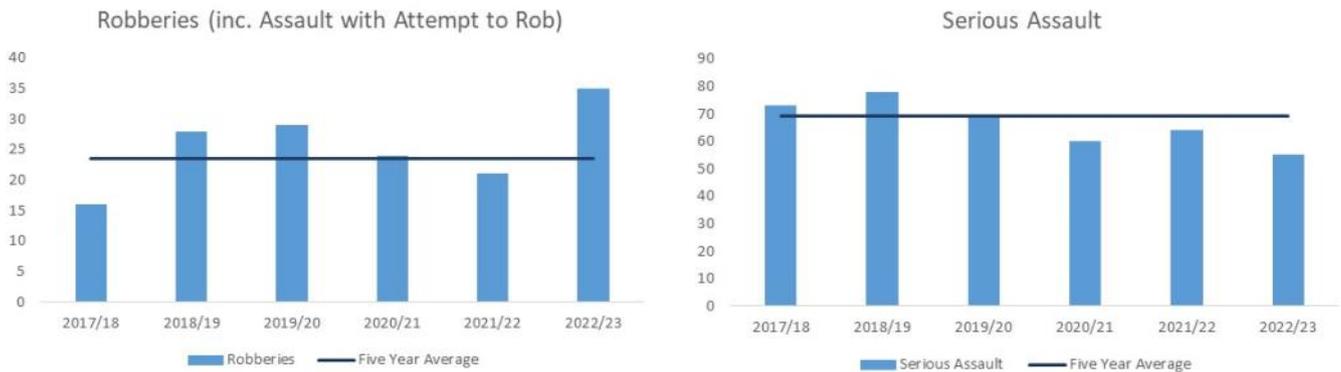


All Crime & Offences



The volume of recorded crime and offences has increased by two percent, with a rise in recorded crimes of non-sexual violence, crimes of dishonesty, fireraising and malicious mischief and other (proactivity) crimes. Meanwhile, recorded police incidents have fallen by 1.4%, and remain 11.4% below five year average figures.

VIOLENCE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DISORDER



Violence

Overall violent crime has increased by two percent on the previous year, with a total of 676 crimes recorded in the reporting period. The primary drivers of this overall increase were robbery and attempted robbery (14 additional crimes), attempted murder (five additional crimes) and common assault (four additional crimes). The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 75.9%, a rise of 9.5 percentage points on the previous year.

A decrease in many wards of Inverclyde was offset by a more substantial rise in Inverclyde North and Central wards.

Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

65 wilful fireraising crimes have been recorded— an increase of 41.3% on the previous year. However, the current detection rate is 27.7%, a substantial rise on the previous year’s rate of 10.9%. Advice is being issued to all householders regarding the dangers of leaving combustible items in common close areas. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes have increased by 14.3% on the previous year, to a total of 479 crimes in the reporting period.

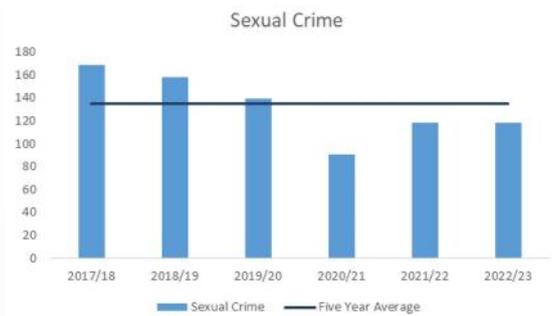
Hate Crime

Four fewer hate incidents have been recorded in Inverclyde in the reporting period (n=60) compared to the same period in 2021/22. However, more of these reported hate incidents resulted in a crime being recorded, with 47 crime incidents - one additional on last year. The detection rate for hate crimes in Inverclyde in the reporting period is 78.7%, a substantial rise on the previous year’s rate of 67.4%.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Sexual Crime

118 sexual crimes have been recorded in Inverclyde in the reporting period, no change on the reported crime volume in the previous year. The detection rate for sexual crimes has increased by 13.6 percentage points on the previous year, to 55.1%. 43% of all recorded sexual crime involved non-recent reporting - a lower proportion than recorded in the preceding year (39%). 17 cyber-enabled sexual crimes were recorded in the reporting period, with the majority of these relating to indecent online communications and the online sharing of indecent images with child victims. Two cyber-enabled threats to disclose intimate images were also recorded.

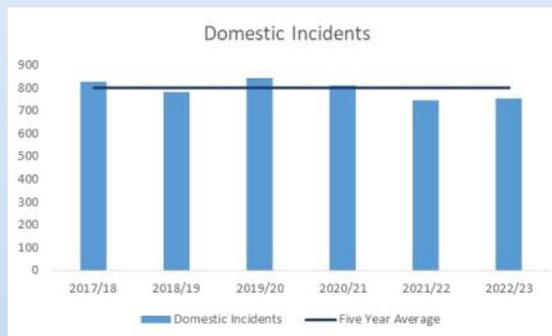


Missing People

In the period April 2022 to February 2023, 177 missing person reports have been recorded in Inverclyde, a substantial rise on the 92 reports in the same period in 2021/22. 173 of the missing people in the reporting period were traced alive, with the remaining four people being traced deceased. The increase was most evident in missing person reports involving younger people, with the incidents involving people aged under 20 years rising from 44 to 103 year on year. Repeat missing persons continue to be a concern, with the top five repeat missing people (all of whom were aged under 18 years) featuring in a total of 41 incidents – around 23% of the overall total of missing person incidents in the reporting period. Police Scotland remains committed to reducing harm related to people who go missing and continues to develop and implement key measures to ensure missing persons and their friends and family receive a consistently high level of service wherever the person has gone missing from. In Inverclyde, over 78% of missing people were traced within 24 hours of being reported as missing, with this proportion rising to 92% being traced within three days.

Domestic Abuse

Victims of domestic abuse remain one of Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division's top priorities. Recorded domestic abuse incidents in Inverclyde increased by 0.9% on the previous year, to a total of 752, though figures remain below the five year average. 45.2% of all recorded incidents resulted in a crime being recorded – a decrease of 2.6 percentage points on the previous year. The detection rate for domestic crime increased by over nine percentage points on the previous year, to 75.8% in the reporting period.



Drug Related Deaths

21 confirmed or suspected drugs related deaths occurred in Inverclyde in the reporting period - an increase of three on the previous year. Toxicology results are awaited for two suspected DRDs in the reporting period. Where toxicology results were available, cocaine was the most commonly identified substance, though it should be noted that poly-drug use was identified in the vast majority of cases.

Following the Naloxone introduction in 2022, Renfrewshire Inverclyde Division commenced their divisional rollout in February 2023. The rollout incorporated all forward facing police resources. 40% of officers deployed in Inverclyde Sub Division have completed Naloxone training.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Intelligence led policing resulted in 51 drugs detections in the current year. This comprised of 46 detected drugs supply / possession with intent to supply crimes, four crimes relating to the production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs, and one crime relating to the introduction of drugs into the Scottish Prison Service estate. Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division recorded the highest rate of drug supply crimes per 10,000 population, of any Police Scotland Division.

In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £1,110,489 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act - an increase of over 30% on the previous year's POCA total.

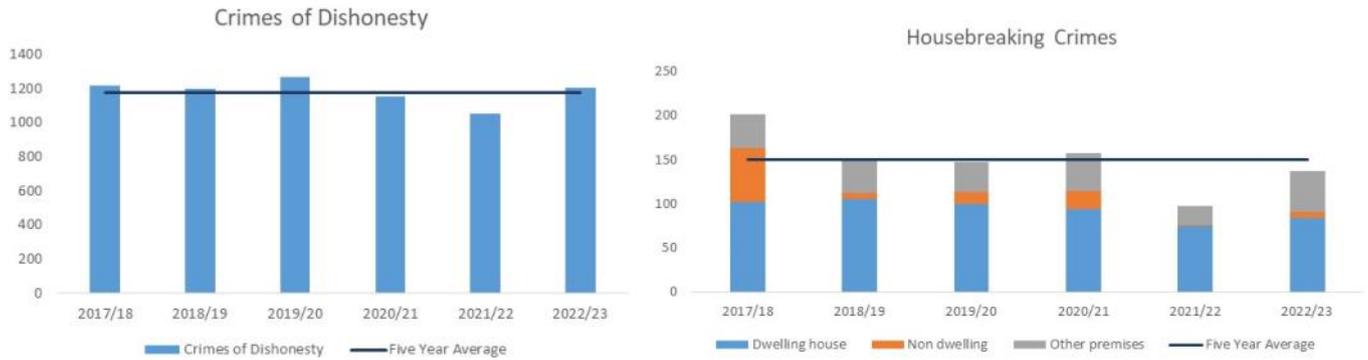
Five Serious and Organised Crime Group principal members and 44 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year.

Intelligence-driven stop and search continues to be utilised to proactively target serious and organised criminals, with this tactic resulting in 102 drugs seizures in Inverclyde in the reporting period, with around a third of these seizures relating to Class 'A' substances.

COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

In February 2022 the Home Secretary announced a decrease in the UK's Terrorist Threat Level from 'Severe' to 'Substantial'. This means it is deemed an attack is likely. At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, the threat from Islamic, Northern Ireland and Right-wing terrorism remains a serious threat. Inverclyde has an embedded CTLO (Counter Terrorist Liaison Officer) who provides expert guidance and support regarding emerging threats from national and international terrorism & Extremism. The CTLO has provided support, security advice and reassurance to locally elected representatives. PREVENT awareness training has been carried out at HMP Greenock, local RSLs, Social Work and Mental Health teams within NHS to provide guidance and information. Op SANDBED hosted a briefing to all local new and current elected members.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME



Overall crimes of dishonesty have increased by 14.6% on the previous year, with housebreaking crime, motor vehicle crime, common theft, fraud and shoplifting all contributing to this rise. The detection rate for crimes of dishonesty is 47.4%, a decrease of 2.9 percentage points on the previous year.

450 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – an increase of 1.1% on the previous year (and 13.8% above the five year average). The detection rate also increased by 1.1 percentage points to 80.4%.

Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) increased by 41.2% on the previous year to a total of 137 crimes. However it should be noted that HB crimes remain nine percent below the previous five year average. Around six in ten HB crimes targeted dwelling houses, with crimes to this type of property rising by 12% on the previous year.

Acquisitive crimes targeting motor vehicles have risen by 23.2% on the previous year, to a total of 101 crimes. Thefts of motor vehicles continue to account for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime (n=57). In recent months, there has been a significant proactive response and preventative work in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division to tackle the emerging trend of the keyless thefts of motor vehicles. The motor vehicle acquisitive crime detection rate is 31.7%, an increase of 3.6 points on the previous year.

CYBER & DIGITAL CRIME

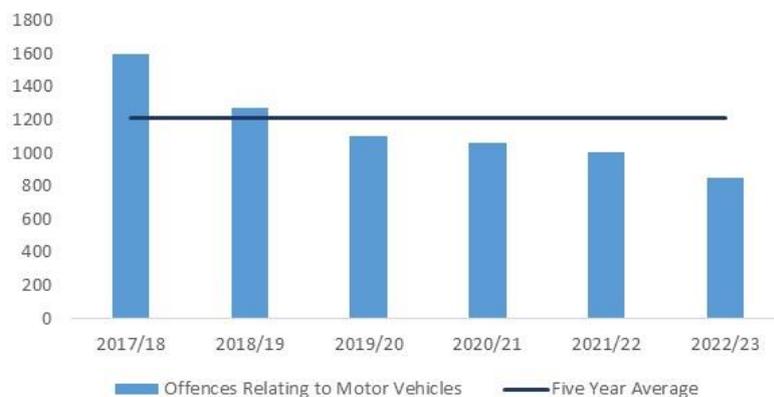
Cyber-enabled crime continues to impact on the communities of Inverclyde, with analysis suggesting that cyber-enabled frauds have become the most commonly recorded type of cyber-crime in Inverclyde in the reporting period. Around 44% of all reported cybercrimes in Inverclyde were acquisitive crimes. A range of online frauds and attempted fraud methods were reported, including suspects posing as bank and internet service provider employees in order to gain access to complainer's online bank accounts and online devices. Other common crimes included internet order frauds, fraudulent cryptocurrency investment schemes and social engineering frauds in which suspects used messaging apps to contact complainers while purporting to be a friend or relative in need of financial assistance, in order to fraudulently induce online payments to be sent to them.

A further quarter of the overall number of recorded cybercrimes were miscellaneous offences including threatening and abusive communications, while cyber-enabled sexual offences constituted around 20% of the total.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Road Traffic Casualties		2021/22	2022/23
	Number of persons killed on our roads	1	1
	Number of persons seriously injured	12	22
	Number of persons slightly injured	24	25
	Number of children seriously injured	3	5
Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2022 to 28/02/2023			

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles



Overall, road casualties have increased by 11 on the previous year, to a total of 48. While the number of road fatalities remain unchanged on the previous year (n=1), serious injuries have risen from 12 to 22, while slight injuries have increased by one, to a total of 25. While no children have been killed on Inverclyde’s roads, five have been seriously injured in the current reporting year.

Offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen by 15.8% on the previous year, to a total of 848. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 83.8%, a fall of 0.8 percentage points on the previous year.

Counter to the overall decrease in the number of recorded motor vehicle offences, drink and drug driving offences have increased by 5.2% as a result of local officers and Road Policing officers carrying out proactive checks on motorists while on high visibility patrols. Speed checks continue to be carried out at various locations with relevant action being taken.

Inverclyde Police in Partnership with Inverclyde Council continue to promote the initiative which resulted in a ‘Parking Buddy’ being delivered to each Primary School in the area in order to make motorists think about their actions when driving and parking around school zones which should result in more awareness of the safety of children on the roads near to schools.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2022 - 28/02/2023

Table: Complaints and Allegations received in the Inverclyde Council area, by YTD period (Apr – Feb)

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change
Inverclyde Council	68	57	19.3%	116	105	10.5%

Table: Allegations received in the Inverclyde Council area, by type and YTD period (Apr – Feb)

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
On Duty - TOTAL	81	71	-12.3%
Assault	14	9	-35.7%
Discriminatory Behaviour	0	1	x
Excessive Force	12	12	0.0%
Incivility	17	17	0.0%
Irregularity in Procedure	26	29	11.5%
Neglect of Duty	1	0	-100.0%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	3	1	-66.7%
Other - Criminal	3	2	-33.3%
Other - Non Criminal	3	0	-100.0%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	2	0	-100.0%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	24	45	87.5%
Policy/Procedure	4	13	225.0%
Service Delivery	2	12	500.0%
Service Outcome	18	20	11.1%
Grand Total	105	116	10.5%

A total of 68 complaint cases and 116 allegations have been received in Inverclyde in the reporting period. 71 allegations were 'On Duty' with a further 45 relating to quality service.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

From 01/05/2022 - 31/03/2023

63.3% of respondents to the 'Your Police' survey reported that they felt safe in their local area. 32.5% agreed, or strongly agreed that they had confidence in the police in their local area. 22.5% of Inverclyde respondents felt that the police were doing a good job in the local area. Your Police survey results indicate that one of the main issues that local residents feel Inverclyde Police are doing well is tackling drug supply in the area. Issues which were highlighted which continue to cause concern in the local community include antisocial behaviour, the continued desire for a visible police presence, and road traffic concerns such as speeding and dangerous driving.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY OUTCOMES – CASE STUDIES

Proactive Response to Acquisitive Vehicle Crime - a dedicated and focused response within Inverclyde was implemented in response to rising vehicle crime. Around 40 crimes have been recorded since November 2022 to April 2023 and some of these cross borders into Renfrewshire and beyond. On 25/04/2023, three premises were searched and four males have been arrested and charged with a combined 31 offences of vehicle theft. 15 vehicles have been recovered during the investigation and returned to their owners. This investigation was supported from Road Policing colleagues.

Drug Dealing - After a four month investigation, 12 males and two females have been reported to the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service for drugs supply offences. Drugs including Diamorphine and Cocaine along with £5,475 in cash and 18 mobile phones were recovered.

School Inputs - Officers from Community Policing have been delivering inputs to local schools ranging from Road Safety, Cyber Security and Bullying.

FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

Forthcoming focus of activity to raise awareness of Cyber enabled crime planned for June'