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## Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/2024 - 30/06/2025

Unless otherwise stated, all data provided is for the period 1 April - 30 June 2025 and all comparisons are made with the same period in 2024/25. 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 15 August 2025.

Incidents Recorded	Common Assault	Overall Dishonesty	Domestic Abuse Incidents
<div>-5.8%</div> <div></div> <div>4,346</div>	<div>-8.4%</div> <div></div> <div>175</div>	<div>-5.3%</div> <div></div> <div>325</div>	<div>-9%</div> <div></div> <div>201</div>
Overall Violent Crime	Sexual Crime	Road Traffic Casualties	Disorder Complaints
<div>-8.2%</div> <div></div> <div>201</div>	<div>+105.3%</div> <div></div> <div>39</div>	<div>-64.3%</div> <div></div> <div>5</div>	<div>+11%</div> <div></div> <div>617</div>
Missing People	Total Crime		Housebreaking
<div>+16.7%</div> <div></div> <div>63</div>	<div>+12.2%</div> <div></div> <div>1,557 Crimes</div>		<div>-26.1%</div> <div></div> <div>17</div>



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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 POLICING PRIORITIES 2023 - 2026

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour:** Violent crime in Inverclyde fell by -8.2%, mainly due to a reduction in assaults on emergency workers. Youth violence has fallen on last year, with fewer crimes and a smaller proportion of recorded crimes of violence involving young people. Domestic abuse continues to be a key factor in violence in Inverclyde, with a large proportion of crimes occurring within private residences. Weapons crimes increased by +7.5%, with more than half of crimes involving the use of weapons in other criminality. Disorder complaints increased by +11%, though crimes of damage and reckless behaviour fell by nearly -18%, with fewer crimes of wilful fire-raising and vandalism. Hate crimes totalled 36, with race continuing to feature as the most targeted characteristic.

**Protecting People at Risk of Harm:** 20 additional sexual crimes in Inverclyde were recorded, with an increase in recorded sexual assaults, indecent communications, and causing to view sexual activity or images contributing to this. Most sexual crimes continue to take place within private dwellings. The majority of crimes were 'non-contact' in nature with most of these being cyber-enabled. Missing person reports increased by nearly +17%, with most incidents involving children, many of whom had experience of the care system. Domestic abuse incidents fell by nine percent, with the most commonly recorded domestic crimes being common assault and threatening or abusive behaviour. Five suspected drug deaths occurred in Inverclyde, with toxicology results awaited in all cases.

**Acquisitive and Cyber/Digital Crime:** Inverclyde recorded a -5.3% decrease in crimes of dishonesty, contrasting with a national increase. The majority of acquisitive crimes occurred in commercial premises, with theft by shoplifting constituting more than half of all crimes of dishonesty. Repeat offending continues to be prevalent in shoplifting crime. Housebreaking and fraud both declined, though fraud remains a complex and evolving threat. Police continue to actively engaging with businesses to tackle the issue of retail crime. Cyber-enabled fraud accounts for a large share of financial crime, with ongoing preventative efforts and public awareness initiatives underway.

**Road Safety and Road Crime:** Five road road traffic casualties were recorded - a substantial decrease on the previous year, with no road deaths and fewer serious and slight injuries. A proactive focus on road safety has resulted in an increase of nearly +39% in road traffic offences, with a rise in numerous offences including speeding and careless driving.

## POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2023 - 2026

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. As part of the Digitally-Enabled Policing Programme, migration to new national Core Operational Systems has led to increased efficiency and deployability of local Police Officers, allowing them to more effectively serve Inverclyde's communities.

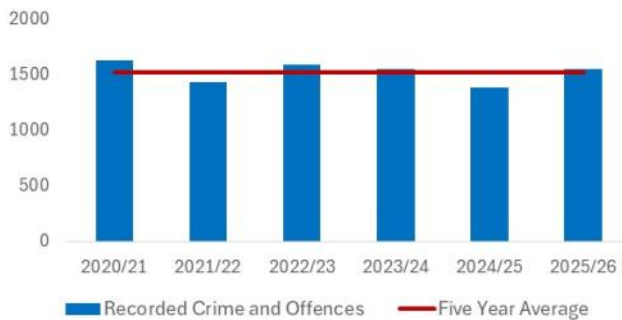
## DEMAND ANALYSIS

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE

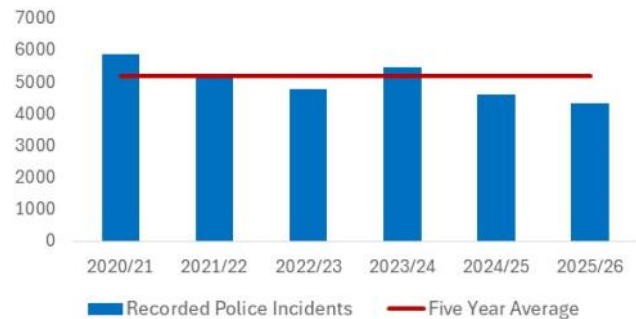
CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD	CYTD	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	1,388	1,557	Total number of incidents	4,615	4,346

Recorded Crime and Offences



Recorded Police Incidents



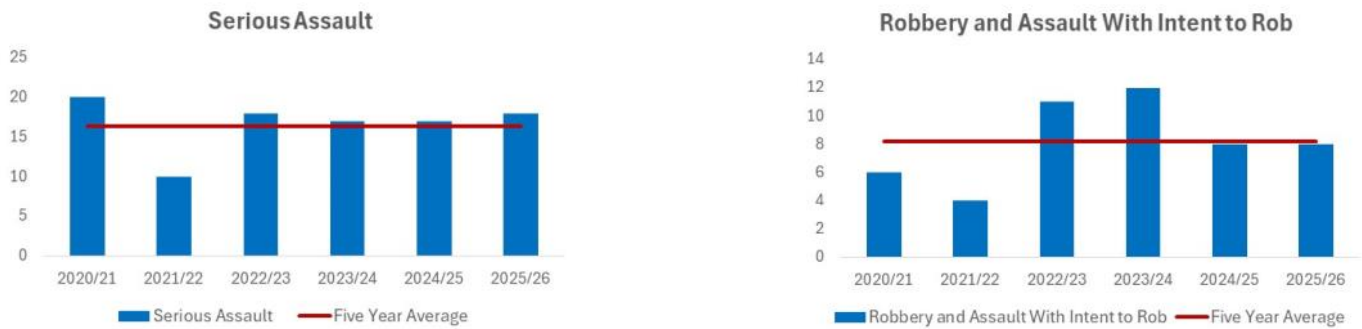
### Crime and Offences

Year on year, crimes and offences in Inverclyde have increased by +12.2%, with a total of 1,557 recorded. This is consistent with wider trends - with a rise of +11.1% at the national level. In Inverclyde, four of the eight groups of recorded crime have risen on last year's figures, these being Group 2 sexual crimes (e.g. sexual assault and indecent communications offences), Group 5 crimes against society (e.g. drugs and weapon offences), Group 6 antisocial offences (e.g. breach of the peace and threatening/abusive behaviour) and Group 8 road traffic offences (e.g. seatbelt offences and driving dangerously). Meanwhile, the remaining four crime groups (Group 1 non-sexual crimes of violence such as minor assault, serious assault, and robbery; Group 3 crimes of dishonesty, including crimes such as housebreaking, fraud and theft of motor vehicle; Group 4 crimes of damage and reckless behaviour, such as wilful fireraising and vandalism; and Group 7 miscellaneous offences e.g. licensing offences and general telecommunications offences have fallen on 2024 figures. The overall detection rate for crimes and offences in Inverclyde is 68.9%, an increase on the previous year's position of 68.5%; the detection rate also remains above the current national position of 66.8%.

### Police Incidents

A majority of incidents (80%) reported to Police do not result in a crime being recorded - with a large proportion of Police incidents centring around vulnerabilities, welfare concerns, assisting members of the public and ensuring public safety. Overall, Police incidents recorded this year have dropped by -5.8%, totalling 4,346. The reduction in abandoned/silent 999 calls (the result of technical solutions addressing accidental emergency dials from certain smartphones) accounts for around 81% of this variance. However, a decrease was also noted in other incident types including disturbance calls, theft incidents and reports relating to road traffic collisions. Conversely, there are indications of a rise in other incidents, with concern for person incidents rising by nearly nine percent to become the most common type of recorded incident in Inverclyde in the reporting period. We continue to work closely with partner agencies to ensure the implementation of the most appropriate and proportionate response to identified issues.

## VIOLENCE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DISORDER



### Violence

Overall violent crime has fallen by -8.2% (18 fewer crimes) compared to the previous year, with a total of 201 recorded crimes. A decrease in assaults on emergency workers has been a significant factor in the overall decrease, with a reduction of nine crimes on 2024/25 figures. 18 serious assaults were recorded - an increase of one crime on the previous year. Meanwhile, robbery figures remain static on last year, with eight crimes recorded. Youth violence has fallen significantly on last year, with a drop of -33.3% (ten fewer crimes) and a lower proportion of recorded crimes of violence (15%) involving young offenders. Domestic abuse continues to feature in a sizeable proportion of recorded crimes of violence in Inverclyde, with around a third of common assaults and a quarter of robberies having a domestic element. A large proportion of violence (47%) occurred within private residences, with a further 34% occurring in open public spaces, and nine percent taking place within commercial premises.

### Weapons Offences

43 offensive/bladed weapons offences were recorded in the current reporting period, an increase of +7.5% on the previous year. 26 of these crimes involved the use of weapons in other criminal activity (including threatening or abusive behaviour, vandalism and other crimes not involving physical violence). Community Policing Officers and the Partnerships and Preventions Team have also worked across Inverclyde schools to deliver programs like 'No Knives, Better Lives' and have also engaged with local community groups to address specific antisocial behaviour concerns.

### Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Complaints regarding disorder in Inverclyde increased by nine percent, with a total of 617 incidents reported. Tackling disorder and antisocial behaviour remains a key focus of the Inverclyde Partnership Hub, a police-led multi-agency initiative that collaborates with statutory and third-sector organisations. Crimes involving damage and reckless behaviour also fell by -17.5% compared to the previous year, totalling 104 crimes. Six wilful fireraising crimes were recorded (a reduction of two on 2024 figures), while crimes of vandalism fell by -14.4%, with 95 crimes recorded.

### Hate Crime

During the reporting period, 36 hate crimes were recorded in Inverclyde, with a detection rate of 52.8% for these crimes. Race was the most commonly targeted protected characteristic, featuring in 42% of recorded hate crimes in Inverclyde.



## PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

### Sexual Crime

39 sexual crimes were recorded in the reporting period - an increase of 20 crimes compared to the same period in 2024 (+105.3%). Nationally, recorded sexual crimes have also risen (+7.3%). An increase in recorded crimes has been observed across a range of Group 2 sexual crimes, including sexual assault (rising from six crimes to 13, year-on-year), indecent communications (eight crimes, up from one in 2024), and causing to view sexual activity or images (six crimes, up from two crimes). Three crimes of rape have been recorded - no change on 2024 figures. The majority (65%) of recorded sexual crimes occurred within private dwellings, with open public spaces and recreational facilities featuring as the next most common location types for this type of criminality. Most (59%) of recorded sexual crimes were 'non-contact' in nature, most of these being cyber-enabled (including crimes such as indecent communications and offences involving indecent images of children).

### Missing People

Inverclyde Police take all missing person reports seriously, using a rigorous threat assessment to determine potential risks to the individual or others. During the reporting period, 45 individuals collectively featured in a total of 63 missing person reports. Seven individuals were reported missing on more than one occasion during the reporting period. Compared to the same period in the previous year, total missing person reports increased by +16.7%. A significant contributory factor for this increase is the National Missing Persons Unit's implementation of national business rules relating to how these incidents are recorded and when forms must be raised, which have helped establish an accurate reflection of the number of missing people and the resulting demand of these incidents on frontline officers. 59% of people reported missing were children - with a large proportion of these featuring care-experienced young people. While 22% of missing people returned of their own accord, 59% were traced as a result of Police investigations. A minority of missing persons were traced by social workers and other agency workers, or by other means.

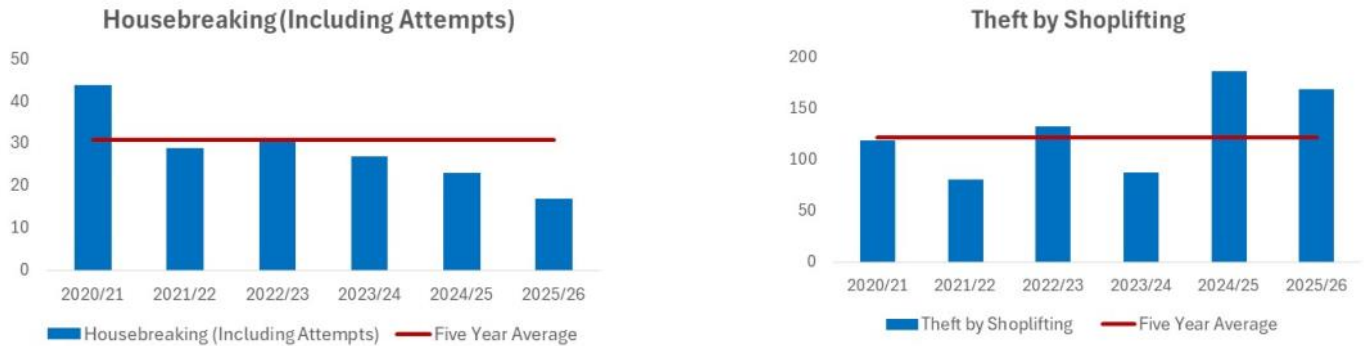
### Domestic Abuse

Tackling domestic abuse remains a top priority for Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division. While domestic abuse is widely recognised as under-reported, police remain committed to providing a professional, sensitive, and consistent response to victims. Caution should be exercised when comparing the number of domestic abuse incidents involving recorded crimes and the detection rate, as changes in methodology and counting rules, introduced with a new recording system this year, affect direct comparisons with previous periods. These caveats aside - Inverclyde recorded a nine percent decrease in domestic abuse incidents over the past year, with 201 incidents recorded. 83 (41%) of these incidents resulted in a crime being recorded. A total of 133 domestic abuse crimes recorded, with the most common crime types being common assault, threatening or abusive behaviour, vandalism, and bail offences. Multi-agency collaboration remains critical in safeguarding victims and holding offenders accountable, with the Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) frameworks continuing to provide essential support and ensuring effective partnership working.

### Drug-Related Deaths

Five suspected drug-related deaths occurred in Inverclyde during the reporting period. Though toxicology results are still awaited in all cases, drugs suspected to have contributed to these deaths include heroin, diazepam, pregabalin and cocaine. We continue to collaborate with various partners to combat drug-related harm, including delivering educational programs in schools and taking proactive measures to address drug supply and distribution within the community.

## ACQUISITIVE CRIME



Converse to a rise of +6.9% at a national level, recorded crimes of dishonesty in Inverclyde decreased by -5.3% on the previous year, with a total of 325 recorded crimes. The current detection rate for acquisitive crimes in Inverclyde is 48.3%, which compares positively to the current national rate of 35.3%. Most acquisitive crime (almost two-thirds) occurred within commercial premises, with private dwellings featuring in almost 20% of crimes.

A total of 17 housebreaking crimes (including attempts) were recorded, a decrease of -26.1% on the previous year - predominantly driven by a drop in crimes targeting dwellings (nine crimes compared to 17 in the previous year).


Although fraud continues to be identified as a key threat in Inverclyde due to ever-evolving methods used by fraudsters, recorded crimes have fallen by over nine percent on last year's figures, with a total of 29 crimes reported. Though fraud crimes incorporated a diverse range of modus operandi (M.O.), common categories included consumer and retail frauds, banking and credit industry fraud, advance fee payment, and social engineering methods.

Theft by shoplifting crimes constituted more than half of the overall total number of crimes of dishonesty - with 169 crimes recorded. Reports of shoplifting fell by nearly ten percent on the previous year - though crimes remain +39% above five-year average figures. Repeat offending continues to be a key issue in respect of shoplifting crime, with over 60% of offenders being charged in relation to multiple offences within the reporting period. Police in Inverclyde continue to work in partnership with local businesses to tackle the issue of retail crime, supported by crimes in the dedicated Retail Crime Taskforce.

## CYBER & DIGITAL CRIME

While cyber-enabled crime remains a significant concern for communities in Inverclyde, crimes tagged as having a cyber-element have decreased by nearly -11% on the previous year, with a total of 57 recorded. Telecommunications offences (non-sexual, malicious or threatening communications) are the most commonly recorded cybercrimes in Inverclyde. Other commonly reported cybercrimes include fraud, sexual extortion, indecent communications offences, and threats to disclose intimate images. We continue to address this issue through local partnerships and national collaboration with the Cyber Scotland Partnership and the financial sector to raise awareness of online fraud.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Road Traffic Casualties		2024/25	2025/26
	Number of persons killed on our roads	0	0
	Number of persons seriously injured	5	2
	Number of persons slightly injured	9	3
	Number of children seriously injured	0	0
Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2025 to 30/06/2025			



**Road Casualties**  
During the reporting period, Inverclyde recorded five road traffic casualties - a reduction of six on the same period in 2024. Police Scotland remains committed to reducing road casualties through ongoing enforcement and education efforts. The dedicated Road Policing Unit (RPU) from Police Scotland’s Operational Support Division continues to support local policing through a range of road safety and crime prevention campaigns. Recent initiatives have included the national Fatal Five, Motorcycle Safety, and 2 Wheels Campaigns.

The West Safety Camera Unit (SCU) of Safety Cameras Scotland continues to assist Inverclyde Police across the local authority area. Camera deployment is guided by a detailed assessment of collision volume, severity, and causation. Officers will maintain close coordination with the RPU, partners, and the community to enhance road safety efforts.

**Road Traffic Offences**  
A total of 319 road traffic offences were recorded in Inverclyde during the period, with figures rising by +38.7% on the same period in 2024, and by +19.4% on five-year average figures. This is generally reflective of wider trends, with a +24.4% increase in recorded road traffic offences across Scotland, in the same period.

In Inverclyde, a proactive focus on road safety and road crime has contributed to an increase in the majority of road traffic offence categories, with a substantial rise in offences relating to the unlawful use of motor vehicles (+25.3%), driving carelessly (+94.7%), speeding (+146.2%), vehicle defects (+146.2%) and mobile phone offences (+80%).



# PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

## COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED			Allegation Category and Type	YTD	PYTD	% change from PYTD
YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change				
16	26	-38.5%	36	60	-40.0%	<b>On Duty - TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-41.2%</b>
						Assault	4	6	-33.3%
						Discriminatory Behaviour	0	1	-100.0%
						Excessive Force	10	6	66.7%
						Incivility	3	8	-62.5%
						Irregularity in Procedure	9	25	-64.0%
						Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	2	2	0.0%
						Traffic Irregularity/Offence	1	0	x
						Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	1	3	-66.7%
						<b>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
						Policy/Procedure	2	4	-50.0%
						Service Delivery	3	2	50.0%
						Service Outcome	1	3	-66.7%
						<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-40.0%</b>

In the reporting period, a total of 16 complaint cases and 36 allegations were received in Inverclyde - a decrease of -38.5% and -40% on the previous year's figures, respectively. Of the 30 'on duty' allegations, excessive force and irregularity in procedure constituted the highest proportion. A further six allegations were received relating to quality of service, with half of these centred on service delivery.

## PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

58.8% of respondents to the 'Your Police' survey reported that they felt safe in their local area, compared to the national figure of 78.6%. 52.9% of respondents reported that their concern about crime had increased in the last 12 months - reflective of the national proportion of 53.9%.

50% agreed, or strongly agreed that they had confidence in the Police in their local area, with 42.5% of respondents giving this response at the national level. 43.8% of Inverclyde respondents expressed the opinion that the police were doing a good job in the local area (nationally, 35.1% of respondents responded this way).

Key concerns raised by the community in the recent period include antisocial behaviour, drug dealing and misuse, weapons-related criminality, and vandalism. Some respondents expressed positive views centred on proactivity of Police in Inverclyde and tackling issues including issue of drug distribution and antisocial behaviour.

## LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY OUTCOMES – CASE STUDIES

### Preventions Engagements

The Preventions and Interventions Team have delivered a range of inputs to Inverclyde's communities in recent months, covering a wide variety of topics - including Scots Law inputs to younger new Scots in West College Scotland; 'No Knives, Better Lives', hate crime, and sexual extortion inputs to pupils at Notre Dame and St Columbas high schools; an online safety and cyberbullying awareness session at Ardgowan Primary School; and financial harm educational inputs to members of Lyle Kirk Church and the surrounding community.

### Tackling Disorder Hotspots

Operations in Inverclyde in the recent period have focused on various issues including action plans to tackle antisocial behaviour at Greenock Esplanade, involving high-visibility patrols and unmarked cars being deployed in the area at peak times for disorder.

## FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

### Road Safety Initiatives

Police in Inverclyde will support national road safety campaigns, with support from their colleagues in the Operational Support Division (OSD) Road Policing Unit. Forthcoming campaigns include the Young Drivers Fatal Five Campaign in late September into early October; Operation Dark Night (focused on pedestrian safety) in October into November; and Operation Drive Insured in mid-November.

### Student Safety Events

Following on from the delivery of educational inputs to pupils of Inverclyde Academy on the issue of violence and knife crime in late August, the Preventions and Interventions Team will be delivering inputs focused on acquisitive crime to West College Scotland students in September, during which important student safety advice will be dispensed to students via engaging and interactive awareness sessions.

### Crimestoppers Campaigns

Supported by their colleagues in the Divisional Intelligence Unit, Police in Inverclyde will promote several national Crimestoppers national campaigns. These aim to raise awareness about specific types of crime or social issues, encourage the public to report relevant information about criminal activities, and ultimately empower individuals to help stop crime by providing vital, anonymous intelligence to the police. Forthcoming campaigns will focus on issues including domestic abuse and sexual harassment; student and young peoples' safety; drug and drink driving; violence against women and girls; serious violent crime; and modern slavery.