

The Highland Council

Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities Committee – 3 December 2014

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Performance against the Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander - Chief Superintendent Julian Innes

Summary

To provide an update to Committee Members on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland 2014-2017 Policing Plan.

1. Performance

- 1.1 Performance is being maintained within the Highland Area and overall crime continues to fall with a 20.2% reduction in Class 1-4 crimes as at 31 October 2014 (3895 crimes last year to date compared to 3107 crimes this year to date¹). This figure can be broken down as follows:

Class 1- Crimes of Violence: 29% reduction from the previous year (131 last year compared to 93 this year to date).

Class 2- Sexual Crimes: 28% reduction from the previous year (252 last year compared to 182 this year to date).

Class 3- Crimes of Dishonesty: 19% reduction from the previous year (2289 last year compared to 1846 this year to date).

Class 4- Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc: 19% reduction from the previous year (1223 last year compared to 986 this year to date).

The official Police Scotland Management Information Statistics were published in June and can be found on the Police Scotland Website.

The official recorded crime statistics are produced by the Scottish Government and to date have not been published. Therefore the baseline average figures provided at Enclosure 1 are provisional and NOT official statistics. The figures have been provided to allow an indication of performance and will be amended with Official statistics once published.

- 1.2 A summary of the current performance against the 2014-17 Highland Local Policing Plan objectives is at Appendix 1. The period covered by the report is as at 31 August 2014 unless stated otherwise.

¹Police Scotland ScOMIS Performance System Figures

2. HMICS Crime Audit 2014

In September 2014 HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland carried out an audit to assess the state, efficiency and effectiveness of crime recording by Police Scotland and the extent to which recording practice complies with the Scottish Crime Recording Standard and the Scottish Government's Counting Rules. Highland and Islands Division performed consistently well and achieved compliance rates in all tests of between 98% and 100%; this was the highest result in Scotland.

3. Road Safety

3.1 Average Speed Cameras- The following statement was issued by Chief Superintendent Iain Murray at the launch of the average speed cameras:

"Police Scotland supports the introduction of average speed cameras on the A9. We are committed to Keeping People Safe on our roads and are supportive of any measure which is shown to impact positively towards the reduction of road collisions. However, road safety is not just about speeding; it's about road user behaviour and how individual road users engage with each other on the road. Police Scotland will retain a high visibility presence on the A9, as with all our roads across Scotland, to make sure that drivers are driving responsibly and within the law. We will continue to challenge risk taking on the roads and our officers will educate, advise, provide guidance and enforce legislation when necessary."

At this early stage there is no data available from the cameras; however, this will be monitored and reported to the committee at a future meeting.

3.2 Reduction in Drink Drive Limit- With effect from Friday 5 December 2014 legislation will be enacted to reduce the drink drive limit in Scotland. The new limits will be as follows:

- Breath- 22 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath;
- Blood- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood; and
- Urine- 67 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of urine.

To coincide with this the Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2014 will commence on Friday 5 December 2014, and will run for a period of four weeks until Friday 2 January 2015.

Despite the general perception that drink/drug driving is socially unacceptable, many who persist in doing so consider it to be a low-risk activity in terms of the likelihood of being involved in a collision or being caught. This year's initiative will focus on offenders detected over the new drink drive limit.

Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets. Increasing awareness of the risks associated with driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs will have a clear impact on the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties.

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (i) Members scrutinise the progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017.

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20 November 2014

Appendix 1: Performance Against Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

**PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017
1 April – 31 October 2014**

PRIORITY 1 – Road Safety

GO SAFE ON SCOTLAND'S ROADS ITS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY- SCOTLAND'S ROAD SAFETY FRAMEWORK TO 2020

Target	2015 Milestone % reduction	2020 target % reduction
People killed	30%	40%
People seriously injured	43%	55%
Children (aged <16) killed	35%	50%
Children (aged <16) seriously injured	50	65%

(In addition to the above there remains a 10% reduction target in the slight casualty rate to 2020)

Note: All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.
All data sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at published date

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Highland.	22	19	19	13	-6	Fatal Collisions which have occurred in this reporting period: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collision occurred on the A836 at Bettyhill. There was one vehicle and one cyclist involved. The cyclist sustained fatal injuries as a result. The road was closed for 8 ¾ hours. Collision occurred on the A82 at Altnafeadh. There were three vehicles (1 x Car, 2 x Motorcycles) involved. The rider of one motorcycle sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 5 ½ hours. Collision occurred on A9 at Berriedale. There was one vehicle involved and one person sustained fatal injuries. Collision occurred on A96 at Tornagrain. There were 2 vehicles and 1 pedestrian involved. The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries as a result. The road was closed for 4 hours. Collision occurred on A862 between Ardullie and Dingwall. There were 2 vehicles involved and 1 person sustained fatal injuries.
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	100	90	54	29	-25	

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	6	3.4	2	0	-2	
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	264.6	234.3	221	218	-3	This figure includes failure to provide a specimen
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	2071.4	2093.7	2428	2685	+ 257	
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	391	347	368	412	+ 44	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	427.6	387.3	434	605	+ 171	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.	<p>During 2014 Driving Ambition has been carried out within the following Schools/Colleges across Highland:</p> <p>North Highland Colleges- Thurso & Alness, Invergordon Academy, Thurso High School, Nairn Academy, Dingwall Academy, Culloden Academy, Portree High School. Tain Royal Academy, Alness Academy, Lochaber High School, Golspie High School, Dornoch Academy, Kinlochleven High School, Ardnamurchan High School, Wick High, Inverness High School, Kilchuimen Academy, Inverness Royal Academy, Grantown Grammar, Millburn Academy, Charleston Academy, Fortrose Academy and Gairloch High School.</p> <p>At the time of reporting 1242 young people across Highland have received this input in 2014.</p>					
Participate in all Police Scotland Road Safety Campaigns and safety initiatives identified through the safer Highland Road Safety Group, including specific targeted campaigns for young and male drivers.	<p>In this reporting period the following campaigns have been ongoing: National Motorcycle Campaign – Concluded on 29th September. Getting Ready for Winter Campaign- Monday 6th- Sunday 12th October.</p> <p>Campaigns planned for the following months as follows: Brake National Road Safety Week- Vulnerable Road Users- Monday 17th- Sunday 23rd November Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign- Friday 5th December- Friday 2nd January.</p>					
Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.	<p>The national motorcycle campaign- Operation Zenith commenced on 17th April and will run until 29th September. This campaign primarily focuses on safe and responsible motorcycling, reducing the number of casualties resulting from road collisions and improving driver/rider behaviour and awareness.</p>					

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PRIORITY 2 – Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks	7745	8398	4822	4926	+ 104	Officers will continue to be vigilant with licensed premises checks over the coming months/year. Without doubt by working collectively with licensees we are better placed to achieve our primary focus of keeping people safe.
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.	During this reporting period 50 test purchasing operations have been carried out in Lochaber and Inverness. Of the 50 tested there were 2 failures in Inverness. All were given advice and premises which failed have since been re-tested and passed.					
In conjunction with the Safer Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership introduce an advisory 'signpost' letter outlining available assistance for alcohol, drugs and violence issues to all custodies/ those issued with fixed penalties.	Work is ongoing across the Division to develop this letter which is currently in draft format. It is anticipated that distribution will begin over the coming months.					
As part of the ADP contribute to the development and conduct of a targeted drug and alcohol awareness campaign for school children (e.g. Safer Highlander).	A range of initiatives are taking place with local community officers visiting schools, youth groups and community events to help raise awareness and educate young people on the dangers of New Psychoactive Substances. A recent event was held at Culloden Academy; along with partners an input was delivered to all S4 pupils, this was followed by an evening event held with parents which was very favourably received. Plans are ongoing to deliver this input to other schools within the Division. Police Scotland actively encourage young people to visit the 'Choices For Life' website. This is an interactive resource where young people can get accurate information about substance misuse, including New Psychoactive Substances. The website is also extremely useful for parents, carers, teachers and youth workers who want to know more.					
Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.	Planning is ongoing and funding well in hand for Rock Challenge 2015.					
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.	13.6	18.7	54	79	+ 25	
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.	529.2	575.3	405	283	- 122	There were 309 drug stop searches carried out at Rockness in 2013. Of this number 78 were positive; as a result of the event not being held in 2014 this figure is considerably lower for this reporting period.
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	148	144.3	67	67	=	The figure includes the number of detections for drug supply, productions and cultivations

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PRIORITY 3 – Antisocial Behaviour/Disorder						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded.	9094	9463.7	5024	4471	-553	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.	The Antisocial Behaviour Group is currently developing the updated Antisocial Behaviour Strategy. Scott Hay- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is chair of this group.					
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence- Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes	633	1044.7	1074	948	-126	Definition: A person commits an offence if, (a) they behave in a threatening or abusive manner, (b) the behaviour would be likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm, and (c) intends by the behaviour to cause fear or alarm or is reckless as to whether the behaviour would cause fear or alarm. This applies to, (a) behaviour of any kind including, in particular, things said or otherwise communicated as well as things done, and (b) behaviour consisting of- (i) a single act, or (ii) a course of conduct.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace	1244.4	679.7	425	206	-219	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	1601	1568.7	1501	1365	-136	
Reduce the level of serious assaults, petty assaults, breach of the peace, vandalism and antisocial behaviour in the top 3 beats with the highest levels of incidents.	Work is ongoing with our analysis and performance unit to identify the top 3 wards in terms of level of incidents. This will develop over the coming year.					
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.	There are currently no premises at Stage 3- Positive multi-agency working has meant that identified issues have been resolved prior to escalation.					
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.	There are currently 9 Antisocial Behaviour Orders in place in the Highland area.					
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	1636.2	1406.3	1147	925	-222	These figures include Malicious Mischief

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In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.				64		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.				6		

PRIORITY 4 – Crimes of Dishonesty						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)	2561.4	2391.3	2289	1846	-443	
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)	46.5%	46.7%	40.7%	45.0%	+ 4.3%	
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.	<p>Many victims are embarrassed, fearful or indeed do not realise that they have in fact been the victim of a Bogus Tradesmen thus actual notification of crimes or complaints is thought to be as little as 1 in 10.</p> <p>Highland and Islands Division is committed to reducing the number of individuals affected by doorstep crime, ultimately keeping vulnerable groups safe and empowering local communities. Pro-active work is ongoing in this area in partnership with key organisations in the public, private and third sector.</p> <p>The aim is to enforce the law, maintain order and protect life and property in order to: Reduce the number of victims related to doorstep crime activities and empower local communities Raise awareness through the media Adopt a multi agency approach Interact with vulnerable groups Investigate all instances of doorstep crime Proactively target Organised Crime Groups involved in doorstep crime Provide Public Reassurance</p>					
Develop and introduce a 'Construction Watch' campaign in order to increase awareness, intelligence and information around plant and building material theft.	A Construction Watch campaign is still under development.					
Increase membership of Farm Watch	<p>There are currently 254 members of Farm Watch. The purpose of the scheme is to help combat and prevent criminal activity within the farming and wider rural community by establishing and developing trust and communication pathways between members of the rural community and Highland Division.</p> <p>Farm Watch has been shortlisted for a prize in the Partnership Working Category in the Local Policing Awards. The Awards were launched this year to recognise innovative ideas and successful initiatives and to improve the sharing of Policing best practice.</p>					

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Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.	262.8	263.7	282	238	- 44	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)	35.6%	38.1%	28.4%	41.6%	+ 13.2%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting	491	453.7	434	273	- 161	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles	210.6	189.7	166	181	+ 15	This figure includes opening lockfast places-motor vehicle, theft of and from a motor vehicle and attempted theft of a motor vehicle

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PRIORITY 5 – Protecting People						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Increase in reporting of sexual crimes	173.2	183.3	252	182	- 70	This figure shows a reduction in crimes and therefore victims.
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	TARGET FOR 2014/15- 78%			95.1%	+ 17.1%	
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	TARGET FOR 2014/15- 80%			83.0%	+ 3%	
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			109	83	- 26	This figure shows a reduction in crimes and therefore victims.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	From January 2015 a questionnaire will be sent to all persons reporting a Hate Crime within the Highland and Islands Division, a programme of consultation has taken place in relation to this and partners at a local and national level have inputted into the process.					
In support of the Safer Highland Child Protection, Adult Support and Protections and Violence against Women groups play an active role in preventative initiatives and campaigns.	These groups are meeting regularly and some positive work is being developed.					

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