

The Highland Community Planning Partnership

Community Planning Board – 4 March 2015

Safer Highland Update

Structure

The work on developing the Safer Highland structure under the Chief Officer Group is complete. An update chart has been attached for member information and noting that hate crime group is now included.

Performance

Overall the communities in Highland remain safe. Crime has been reduced by 19% and when crime is reported there is good evidence of catching those responsible.

	Last Year	This Year
Group 1 – Violence	176 crimes	136 crimes
Group 2 – Sexual Offence	341 crimes	300 crimes
Group 3 – Thefts	3254 crimes	2520 crimes
Group 4 – Vandalism, Fireraising	1646 crimes	1401 crimes
(Figures as of week ending 8/2/2015)		

Nationally there is continued debate about the deployment of Firearms Officers and the stop search tactic. Firearms Officers will not be routinely deployed in the Highlands as they were prior to July 2014. Stop and Search has never been an issue here. There have been no consensual searches of under 12 year olds, which is topical in the media at this time.

Locally progress has been made raising the profile of the Safer Highland Group. There has been coverage on television and in the newspapers, linking crime reduction to the work of the group, not just the Police.

Ch Sup Julian Innes
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