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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. Contest

Operation CONTEST is the UK Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy and looks at reducing the threat we face from terrorism so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. The CONTEST strategy continues to gather momentum within N division. This area of work spends a lot of time looking at ways to engage with the community in order to prevent any terrorism activity taking place. Examples of this include working with High Schools and Colleges in the area in an effort to look at up to date issues and encourage debate around such things as the Extreme Right Wing.

In relation to the PREVENT strand of CONTEST which deals with individuals, ideology's and institutions there has been individuals identified as displaying views which have caused concerns, this has resulted in liaison between the Police and other partners to address any concerns or risk.

A total of 16 ACT Now (All Communities Together Now) sessions were carried out in the last year and have been very well received by Inverness College and the schools that took part. This is part of an ongoing programme in an effort to engage with all senior pupils and students in Highland. Each session places the participant in the shoes of the counter terrorism unit and looks at a number of community issues and challenges thinking in relation to extreme groups.

22 WRAP (Workshop in Raising Awareness in Prevent) sessions also took place in the last 12 months. These sessions are delivered to any public facing staff and look at issues surrounding vulnerabilities and radicalisation. Audiences have included Highland Council housing staff, Criminal Justice workers, Highlife Highland staff, Army Welfare group, UHI lectures, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Officers and the Military.

At a national level the Scottish Government produced the Prevent Duty Guidance for Scotland. This has been looked at locally and discussed at the Divisional CONTEST board. This duty will place an onus on all partners and will involve the sharing of information and addressing any concerns identified within any organisation. It will also involve the signing of an Information Sharing Protocol with the police as discussions may take place around vulnerable individuals, or people of concern, that may be identified. Further more; there will be a requirement for certain bodies to undertake staff training and work in partnership and link in to the single national strategic lead for Prevent in their sector, institution or organisation.

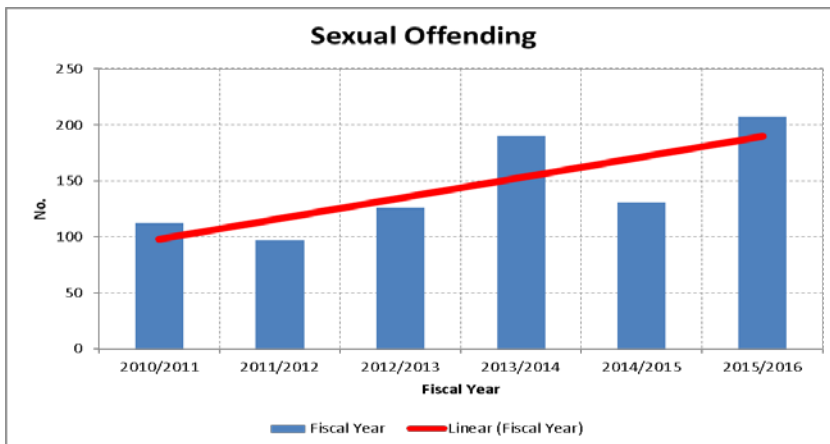
2. Performance

The Performance in Highland remains strong with an overall detection rate of 65%. However, the profile of reported crime this year during the first five months is different to last year. Reporting of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Offending, Hate Crime, Serious Assaults and Shoplifting have all increased on last year.

April to August 2015

Hate Crime			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
Not available		53	58

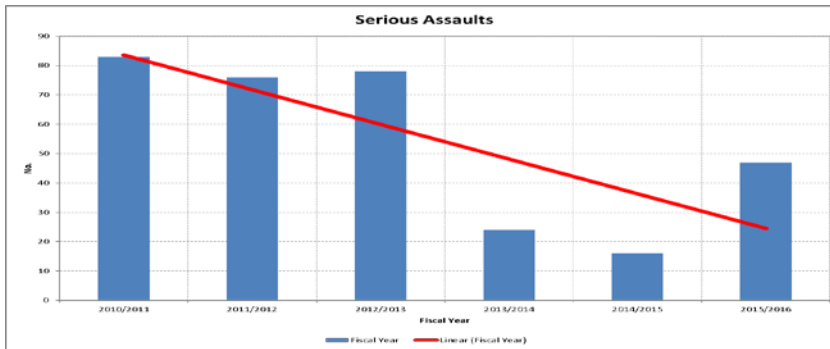
Sexual Offending			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
133	152	132	207



Domestic Abuse			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
Not available		890	960

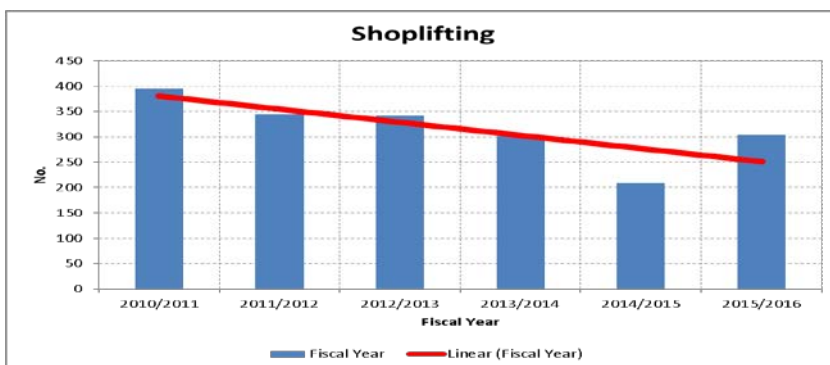
Since Police Scotland started on 1st April 2013 we have worked hard to improve our response to victims and survivors; significant support from local partner agencies such as Women’s Aid has been key to gaining the trust of victims of abuse and helping us bring offenders to justice.

Serious Assaults			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
55.4	39.3	16	47



The volume of serious assaults this year is greater than last year. In the context of the overall 5 year average violence has reduced but this year has been different – a large proportion of assaults have been behind closed doors. There is no pattern to this activity and none of the serious violence is tangibly linked to serious and organised crime or party houses.

Shoplifting			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
283.7	318.2	209	304



There has been a noticeable increase in shoplifting in the Highlands. There is a sense that this is partly due to individuals stealing to feed themselves. The Division will continue to try and work with the commercial sector to make it more difficult for this type of crime to be committed.

Road Safety

Road Safety continues to be the main concern of most areas of the Highlands. Road deaths and serious injuries are decreasing in line with increased local presence on the roads, educational and enforcement activity.

Deaths			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
Not available		8	7

Serious Injuries			
5 year	3 year	YTD 14/15	YTD 15/16
Not available		34	25

Recommendation: It is recommended that members scrutinise:

1. Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives- April 2015- August 2015.

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Highland and Island Divisional Commander
21 September 2015

Appendix 1: Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives- April 2015- August 2015;

PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017
April 2015 – Aug 2015

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 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Highland.			8	7	- 1	<p>There has been 7 fatal collisions during the first reporting period of this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collision occurred on the B9039 (1 mile west of Ardersier) and involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 7 hours. Collision occurred on the A832 (2 miles south of Altbea) and involved 2 vehicles one being a motorcycle. The rider of the motorcycle sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 7 hours. Collision occurred on the B9175 (1/2 mile south of Arabella) and involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 8 hours. Collision occurred on the A9 at Ramsraigs and involved 5 vehicles. The passenger of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 11 ½ hours. Collision occurred on the A9 (2 miles north of the Granish Junction) and involved 4 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 14 ½ hours.

						<p>6. Collision occurred on the A830 Mallaig to Fort William road near Arisaig and involved 1 vehicle. The driver of the vehicle sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 9 ½ hours.</p> <p>7. Collision occurred on the A890 between Strathcarron and Attadale and involved 1 vehicle (Motorcycle). The rider of the motorcycle sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 4 hours.</p> <p>(Averages have not yet been published. They will be included in future reports)</p>
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.			34	25	- 9	(Averages have not yet been published. They will be included in future reports)
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.			1	3	+ 2	<p>There have been 3 children injured in 2 collisions during this first reporting period. All were passengers in vehicles. Following treatment in hospital all 3 children have been discharged and are recovering.</p> <p>(Averages have not yet been published. They will be included in future reports)</p>
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences.	179.8	165.0	152	153	+ 1	This figure includes failure to provide a specimen
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	1620.0	1773.7	1910	2864	+ 954	<p>In this reporting year, in the Highland area, the tactical approach being taken by the Division involves targeting speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving and seatbelts. It is disappointing to see the numbers increasing however, we know that if we can reduce speed, and ensure that people use their seatbelts and avoid the use of mobile phones whilst driving then they are less likely to be involved in a collision.</p>
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	289.8	261.7	305	373	+ 68	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	352.8	318.3	458	509	+ 51	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.	<p>Around 1200 young people in Highland received this input in 2014.</p> <p>The Driving Ambition Programme for 2015 is well underway and it is estimated that around 1600 young people across Highland will have the opportunity to take part in this campaign over the 2015/2016 school year.</p> <p>In this reporting period the following schools have had the Driving Ambition input: Plockton High School, Dingwall Academy, Glenurquhart High School, Nairn Academy, Thurso high School, Culloden Academy, Kingussie High School and Tain Royal Academy.</p>					

<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>	<p>In this reporting period the following campaigns have been ongoing:</p> <p>Scottish Road Safety Week- this campaign aims to provide leadership and a focal point for awareness-raising about road safety, and particularly around the need to keep children safe. During the campaign we joined with other partners such as Road Safety Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and local authorities to provide practical advice for parents, carer and schools. The week focused on child pedestrians, cyclists and safety when travelling in the car.</p> <p>Summer Drink & Drug Drive Campaign.</p>
<p>Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.</p>	<p>Motorcycle Campaign- Operation Zenith runs between April and September and its focus is safe and responsible motorcycling, reducing the number of casualties resulting from road collisions and improving driver/rider behaviour and awareness.</p>

PRIORITY 2 – Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks	8042	9121	3841	3382	- 459	<p>Without doubt by working collectively and constructively with licensees we are better placed to achieve our primary focus of keeping people safe. The Area Commanders in Highland have been working hard to ensure that visits to licensed premises are meaningful and our relationships with licensees are positive.</p> <p>Within the Highland area we are now looking to increase the number of visits to licensed premises in line with our key priorities in terms of visibility. Over this reporting year it is anticipated that the gap in terms of visits compared to last year should decrease.</p> <p>Planning is already underway in relation to Operation Respect and the Festive period. Visits to licensed premises will be a key component of this.</p>
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.	A number of new Test Purchasers have been recruited in this reporting period and test Purchasing Operations will be undertaken over the next few months. The scheme consists of a fully briefed teenager (under 18 years of age) entering licensed premises under controlled conditions and in line with agreed guidelines to purchase alcohol. By taking part in these operations young volunteers are helping to protect their peers from potentially being a victim of or involved in crime, and the physical and emotional affects that potentially come with. They are effectively assisting in keeping friends, family and entire communities safe. A recent operation in the Badenoch and Strathspey area saw 13 premises visited all of which 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.	The 'signpost' letter has been given to all custodies / those issued with fixed penalties from 1 st April 2015. The letter is in a standard format and will be accompanied by an information sheet with contact details for local support organisations. The letter is due to be reviewed and consultation with local partners will take place in the near future.					
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 Drugs and New Psychoactive Substances.					

<p>Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.</p>	<p>Rock Challenge 2015 took place in Eden Court, Inverness on 27th and 28th April.</p> <p>Rock Challenge is a performing arts event that promotes positive life choices and has been held in Eden Court each year since 2011. The report of the event this year contains the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the Inverness 2015 event showed reductions in smoking, alcohol and drug use among the pupils that participated. Whilst there was also increases in self-esteem, school attendance, relationships with teachers and friendship groups. • Schools themselves utilise Rock Challenge as a means of proactively including children that are vulnerable or disadvantaged through poverty and a range of other issues. • The school teams are becoming more astute at harnessing community assets and the Rock Challenge event is often a culmination of very effective partnership working between teachers, pupils, parents/carers and the wider community. <p>As a Division we recognise the impact of diversionary activities on young people’s behaviour and lifestyle choices. The positive effect that events such as Rock Challenge have on our communities cannot be underestimated.</p> <p>There is already early interest from Primary and Secondary Schools in the Highland area for the 2016 event.</p>					
<p>Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.</p>	<p>Police Scotland is undergoing a testing phase on an enhanced stop and search database which went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is ongoing and data collected for June 2015 will be published in the coming weeks as part of a separate stop and search data report. Regular updates on local stop and search data will also form part of future scrutiny board reports</p>					
<p>Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.</p>						
<p>Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.</p>	<p>100.2</p>	<p>84.3</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>94</p>	<p>+ 26</p>	<p>These figures relate to detections for drugs supply, productions and cultivations.</p>

PRIORITY 3 – Antisocial Behaviour/Disorder						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded.	5540.8	4356.0	3281	3014	- 267	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.	In this reporting period continued focus has been given to the Inverness Response Team and the implementation of the Safer Caithness model. The effect of the ongoing multi-agency partnership working within the Inverness Response Team is proving successful in ensuring a real positive outcome for reducing incidents. The Antisocial Behaviour Group Annual Report will be presented to the committee in December.					
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence-Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes	592.6	809.3	687	673	- 14	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace	603.4	299.7	166	153	- 13	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	1120.4	1075.3	953	1007	+ 54	
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.	Police Scotland are now making use of a ward trending tool. This product is monitored by the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit. In this reporting period we have seen some trending in terms of Antisocial Behaviour in the Inverness Central Ward. This enhanced analysis has allowed us to direct resources and focus on emerging issues. As a result of this the Inverness Central Ward trending has altered downwards. In addition to the ward trending tool, Area Support Inspectors have been developing and implementing Area Tactical Plans, these are designed to provide focus around local emerging issues.					
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.	At the end of this reporting period there is 1 premises at Stage 3 for noisy behaviour in relation to Operation Notebook. Positive multi-agency working has meant that issues identified have been resolved prior to escalation. Premises reach stage 3 if they have had 3 calls to the address each month for 3 months- At stage 1 and 2 multi-agency responses are carried out to try and divert occupants away from their course of behaviour.					
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.	There are currently 3 Antisocial Behaviour Orders in place in the Highland area.					
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	1008.6	833.7	638	707	+ 69	Includes Malicious Mischief

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.				58		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.				7		

PRIORITY 4 – Crimes of Dishonesty						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)	1734.6	1515.0	1285	1295	+ 10	Gp 3 Crimes of Dishonesty
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)	46.2%	45.6%	45.1%	47.7%	+ 2.6%	Gp 3 Crimes of Dishonesty
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.	Operation Monarda 4 is due to take place at the end of September. Many victims are embarrassed, fearful or indeed do not realise they have in fact been the victim of Bogus Tradesmen thus actual notification of crimes or complaints is thought to be as little as 1 in 10. As a Division we continue to work hard to reduce the number of individuals affected by doorstep crime, ultimately keeping vulnerable groups safe and empowering communities					
Develop and introduce a 'Construction Watch' campaign in order to increase awareness, intelligence and information around plant and building material theft.	The Inverness Construction Crime Prevention Program was rolled out in April 2015. The program is being lead by a Preventions & Interventions Officer in Inverness and involves working with local construction companies to develop and promote good practice in areas such as; forensic marking of property etc. In this reporting period liaison has been ongoing with the Construction Industry Training Board, they are keen to have a local officer carry out a security education input during their training courses for people who are new to the industry and/or self-employed.					
Increase membership of Farm Watch	There are currently in excess of 600 members of Rural Watch (new name 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.					

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.	189.6	181.7	189	147	- 42	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)	35.5%	37.1%	36.0%	34.0%	- 2.0%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting	318.2	283.7	209	304	+ 95	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles	142.6%	119.0%	126	133	+ 7	Includes opening lockfast places-motor vehicle, theft of and from a motor vehicle and attempted theft of a motor vehicle

PRIORITY 5 – Protecting People						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Increase in reporting of sexual crimes	133.0	152.0	132	207	+ 751	Gp 2 Crimes of Indecency
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	TARGET FOR 2015/16-90%			81.2%	- 8.8%	Gp 2 Crimes of Indecency
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	TARGET FOR 2015/16- 82%			82%	=	
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			53	58	+ 5	
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	A Hate Crime Survey is now being sent to all victims of Hate Crime; this survey has been in place since 1 st January 2015. In the first 6 months of the year we have seen an 11% response to the survey: 90% of respondents were satisfied with the Police response to their report and would feel confident to report if something happened in the future. A full report will be provided after results for the first year are collated. Members are welcome to see the survey which is also in an easy read format should they wish.					
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.	<p>The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 became law on 27th March 2014 and contains several changes to how children and young people in Scotland will be cared for. The Act has created new systems to support children and young people and to help identify any problems at an early stage, rather than waiting until a child or young person reaches crisis point. Over the coming year we will support the implementation of the Children and Young People Act 2014 across public protection partnerships.</p> <p>We continue to prevent, deter and detect those who pose the greatest risk in our communities by maximising use of legislative powers and effectively working with partners and communities to share information and develop meaningful action plans with clear identification of ownership and accountability.</p>					