

The Highland Council
Communities and Partnerships Committee
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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 Crime in the Highland area has risen over the past year; Recorded Class 1-4 Crimes have increased from 4738 last year compared to 5062 this year to date which is an increase of 6.4%¹.

The Performance in Highland remains strong with an overall detection rate of 63.7% (Class 1-5 Crimes).

Class 1- Crimes of Violence: 29.8% increase from the previous year (165 last year compared to 235 this year to date).

Class 2- Sexual Crimes: 23.4% increase from the previous year (350 last year compared to 457 this year to date).

Class 3- Crimes of Dishonesty: 3.1% reduction from the previous year (2693 last year compared to 2610 this year to date).

Class 4- Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief: 13.1% increase from the previous year (1530 last year compared to 1760 this year to date).

Class 5- Other (Pro-Activity) Crimes: 14.2% increase from the previous year (1780 last year compared to 2075 this year to date).

Recorded Class 1-5 Crimes have also increased over the past year; from 6518 last year compared to 7137 this year to date which is an increase of 8.7%.

- 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 January 2016 unless stated otherwise.

Recommendation: It is recommended that members scrutinise:

1. Local performance report against Highland Policing Plan Objectives- April 2015- January 2016.

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Highland and Island Divisional Commander
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Appendix 1: Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives- April 2015- January 2016.

¹Police Scotland ScOMIS Performance System Figures

PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017
April 2015 – Jan 2016

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.	20	18	13	14	+ 1	There has been 6 fatal collisions during this reporting period: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collision occurred on the A836 at Strathy and involved 1 vehicle. The driver sustained fatal injuries as a result. Collision occurred on the B9161 at Bogallan, by Munloch and involved 1 vehicle and 1 pedestrian. The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries Collision occurred on the A836 approximately 3 miles south of Lairg, Sutherland and involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. Collision occurred on the A835 between Leckmelm and Ardcharnich, approximately 4 miles south of Ullapool and involved 1 vehicle, an HGV. The driver sustained fatal injuries. Collision occurred on the A832 between Munloch and Avoch and involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. Collision occurred on the A832, near to Blairdhu by Tore and involved 3 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. (Averages provided are full year)
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	89	81	54	52	- 2	(Averages provided are full year)

Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	3	2	4	4	=	(Averages provided are full year)
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences.	336.6	309.7	278	311	+ 33	This figure includes failure to provide a specimen
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	3027.0	3392.7	3553	4862	+1309	In this reporting year, in the Highland area, the tactical approach which has been taken by the Division involves targeting speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving and seatbelts. It is disappointing to see the numbers increasing in terms of speed and mobile phone use 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.
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	510.2	476.3	533	569	+ 36	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	602.8	617.0	785	743	- 42	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.	<p>The Driving Ambition Programme for 2015 is now complete and it is estimated that around 1600 young people across Highland had the opportunity to take part in this campaign.</p> <p>In this reporting period the following schools have had the Driving Ambition input: Fortrose Academy and Millburn Academy.</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brake National Road Safety Week- Road Safety Week 2015 was all about encouraging people to think about their car use and how they might 'drive less, live more'. The focus was on preventing death and serious injury, as well as celebrating the financial, health and environmental benefits of sustainable travel. • Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign-The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2015 ran between Friday 4 December 2015 and Friday 1 January 2016. The campaign coincided with the first anniversary of the introduction of the lower drink drive limit in Scotland. This year's initiative focused on increasing the number of vehicles stopped and thereby increasing the likelihood of offenders being detected. Across the Highland and Islands Division during the initiative 834 negative tests were carried out. A total of 38 drivers were caught under the influence in the Division of which 27 were in the Highland area this is a significant increase on the same period last year where 19 drivers were caught under the influence in the Division of which 7 were in the Highland area. 					
Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.	<p>The Motorcycle campaign- Operation Zenith which runs between April and September has concluded. The focus of this campaign 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	7468	9007	+ 1539	<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 working to increase the number of visits to licensed premises in line with our key priorities in terms of visibility.</p> <p>Operation Respect ran during December 2015- details of this operation are included within the covering paper accompanying this report.</p>
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.	<p>A number of Test Purchasing Operations have been carried out in the Highland area during this reporting period. 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. In this reporting period 6 Test Purchase operations have been carried out in Lochaber, Inverness and Easter Ross; 5 premises failed and have since been re-tested and passed.</p>					
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.	<p>The 'signpost' letter has been given to all custodies / those issued with fixed penalties from 1st April 2015. The letter is in a standard format and is accompanied by an information sheet with contact details for local support organisations. The letter is currently being reviewed with local partners and it is hoped that the accompanying leaflet will be further developed to include additional support in relation to organisations who can assist with issues in relation to debt, addictions and also local support such as food banks.</p>					
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).	<p>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>					

<p>Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.</p>	<p>Rock Challenge 2016 will take place in Eden Court, Inverness from 19th - 21st 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. This year the event is being supported by the Scottish Government's 'Choices for Life' programme which, locally, we are utilising to raise awareness around the dangers of substance misuse - especially New Psychotic Substances (NPS).</p> <p>The 2016 event has had to be extended from 2 to 3 days due to its popularity. 22 schools are involved this year - up from 13 in 2015.</p> <p>Evaluation of the 2015 event contained the following key point which formed the basis of the objectives for this year's event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions in smoking, alcohol and drug use among the pupils that participated. • Increases in self-esteem, school attendance, relationships with teachers and friendship groups. • Schools 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>Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.</p>	<p>199.0</p>	<p>136.7</p>	<p>111</p>	<p>162</p>	<p>+ 51</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.	10074.8	7880.3	6069	5568	- 501	
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 Inverness Response Team recently received a Highland Council Quality Award.					
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence-Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes	1204.2	1526.0	1330	1355	+ 25	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace	1037.4	533.7	291	288	- 3	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	2141.4	2038.3	1927	2058	+ 131	
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 utilising a ward trending tool. This product is monitored by the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit. This enhanced analysis has allowed us to direct resources and focus on emerging issues. 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 are 3 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	1878.0	1556.3	1293	1508	+ 215	Includes Malicious Mischief

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In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.				108		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.				12		

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

	Jun 2015 - Oct 2015	Jun 2015 - Oct 2015 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1263	328		
Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1211	321		
Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	52	7		
Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
Number of seizures made	126	-		

An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions.

Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>.

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)	3220.0	2888.0	2428	2355	- 73	
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)	48.3%	47.5%	46.3%	46.0%	- 0.3%	
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.	<p>Operation Monarda 4 took 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.</p> <p>The most recent Operation Monarda ran between 28th September and 4th October and had the following results: 4000 leaflets issued and over 300 posters displayed, 49 offences detected, over 50 people given advice, over 170 vehicles stopped and checked, 6 Prevention Presentations and 2 Multi-Agency 'Days of Action'. In addition to this the Division produced a film featuring an elderly householder that had successfully deterred possible Bogus Workmen. This film was used as a springboard for the local media launch and saw extensive coverage. The film is on the Police Scotland website and can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doczPoJvtKE</p> <p>Operation Monarda 5 is due to take place in April 2016.</p>					
Develop and introduce a 'Construction Watch' campaign in order to increase awareness, intelligence and information around plant and building material theft.	<p>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 the officer has worked with the Highland and Islands Construction Safety Forum to encourage smaller businesses and new people to the industry through this platform. In addition to this, work is ongoing to obtain funding for the detection equipment and officers are being educated in forensic marking. There are currently 12 companies signed up to the scheme.</p>					
Increase membership of Farm Watch	<p>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.</p>					

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.	362.4	357.3	312	298	- 14	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)	38.6%	39.1%	38.1%	38.3%	+ 0.2%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting	607.0	544.7	410	484	+ 74	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles	273.0	239.3	231	247	+ 16	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	266.8	306.7	306	406	+ 100	
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	TARGET FOR 2015/16-90%			83.5%	- 6.5%	
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	TARGET FOR 2015/16- 82%			83.0%	+ 1.0%	
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			92	104	+ 12	
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	<p>A Hate Crime Survey is now being sent to all victims of Hate Crime; this survey has been in place since 1st January 2015. A full year report will be presented to members at the next meeting once all the responses have been collated.</p> <p>Members are welcome to see the survey which is also in an easy read format should they wish.</p>					
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>The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland is now 'live' across Scotland. The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse provides a formal mechanism for potential victims, their family members, or another concerned member of the public or professional body e.g. Police Scotland, Social Work, Advocacy Services, Woman's Aid etc.) to make enquiries about an individual who they are in a relationship with or is in a relationship with someone they know, and there is a concern that the individual may be abusive towards their partner. It provides Police Scotland with a way of disclosing information about a partners abusive past with their potential victims and gives people at risk of Domestic Abuse the information they require to make an informed decision on whether to continue in a relationship. The scheme operates two entry pathways that may lead to a disclosure being made: 'Right to Ask' and 'Power to Tell'.</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>					