

Agenda item	5
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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Lochaber Area Committee

Date: 19 February 2020

Report Title: **Police – Area Performance Summary Report**

Report By: Inspector Isla Campbell, Lochaber Area Inspector.

1. **Purpose/Executive Summary**

- 1.1 To provide an update to Committee Board on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland Policing Plan 2017-20.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are invited to note:
- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland and Islands Local Policing Plan 2017-20 Year 3, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2019- 31 December 2019.

3. **Report Format – Police Area Performance Summary Report**

- 3.1 Highland Council have moved towards more detailed reporting of Police Performance at a local level. With this in mind, this is a good opportunity to revise the format of reporting and the attached document at Annexe A has been drafted with a view to doing this.

- 3.2 This document will now cover all priorities featured in the local Policing Plan and evidence Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the policing priorities, provide local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Resource – There are no immediate resource applications arising from this noting report

- 4.2 Legal – There are no immediate legal implications arising from this noting report.

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – There are no immediate community implications arising from this noting report.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Risk – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Gaelic – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Designation: Area Commander

Date: 10 February 2020

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Background Papers: Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Policing plan 2017- 20, Year 3, covering 1 April 2019 – 31 December 2019.

LOCHABER - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20
April 2019 – December 2019

PRIORITY – Road Safety and Road Crime

Intention – Whilst working with Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area

Objective – Whilst working with Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy which focuses on: Challenging Driver Behaviour; Education at the road side and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Collisions; and collectively reducing potential harm.

Target			YTD 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Lochaber.			1	3	2	A830 Blar Mhor Fort William – 1 vehicle and cyclist collision. Cyclist sustained fatal injury at the scene. A830 Kinlocheil – 4 vehicle collision. Driver of one vehicle sustained fatal injury at the scene Unclassified, Heatherbank, Strontian – 1 vehicle collision, driver sustained fatal injury at the scene
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	South Highland – Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.		83	81	-2	
Number of people detected for speeding.			1432	940	492	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.			17	24	7	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences			26	27	1	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2019 ran between 1 December 2019 and 2 January 2020. Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets. Increasing awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving supports the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties. The campaign was conducted through a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and static road checks.</p> <p>Eleven drink drivers were reported in the South Highland area, this is an increase of +9 on the same period last year. Following the introduction of S5A Road Traffic Act 1988 in October 2019, preliminary drug drive</p>					
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns						

testing is now available to officers. There were seven positive drug tests obtained in the South Highland command during the campaign period.

Driver Engagement North, a multi-agency initiative makes use of an interactive driving simulator designed to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities on the roads. The project, launched in Inverness during October, received funding from Transport Scotland and is led by Police Scotland, with support from a number of partners including the NHS, Local Authority Community Safety Groups, IAM Roadsmart, Age Concern and RoSPA. The simulator has been specially designed to assess and demonstrate a driver's reactions and abilities in a safe environment under the supervision of specialists who will be able to offer support and advice. While this initiative is aimed at older drivers, we will also be able to offer advice to family members or friends who are concerned about whether someone they know is fit to drive.

Any interested parties looking for more information can contact
highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk

PRIORITY – Violence, Disorder and Anti-social Behaviour including Alcohol and Drugs Misuse

Intention – With partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder to enhance community safety across the Highland Area

Objective – Work with partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks			500	493	-7	Increased liaison with licensees.
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	4.8	5.3	4	1	-3	In addition 14 packages were intercepted prior to delivery
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	120.6	118.0	124	93	-31	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	123.2	126.0	116	120	4	Crimes and offences. Slight increase, figure below 5 year and 3 year average
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		There are currently no premises in Lochaber at Stage 3.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		There are no antisocial behaviour orders in place in Lochaber. Ongoing and regular liaison with housing providers in Lochaber.
Reduce the offences of vandalism	88.0	77.3	70	65	-5	Includes Malicious Mischief. Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)	<p>Best Bar None – This industry initiative supports social responsibility as a key priority. Licensed premises throughout Lochaber have wholeheartedly embraced this initiative and there are twelve licensed premises who have signed up and have been put forward for the Best Bar None awards in February.</p> <p>Festive safety campaign - Police Scotland is dedicated to Keeping People Safe and the advice we shared helped the public do that. By working together and advising on simple precautions we helped to remove the</p>					

	<p>opportunities for criminals to commit crime. Partnership working with SFRS and Womens Aid took place in Morrisons Supermarket, fort William. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.</p>
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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches			
		April 2019 – December 2019	April 2019 – December 2019 (positive search)
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	87	31(35%)
	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	-	-
	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	-	-
	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	-	-
	Number of seizures made	-	-
<p>Positive Stop Search - A positive stop and search is when an item is recovered where possession of same implies criminality on the part of the individual being searched or any other; or potentially compromises the safety of that individual or another.</p> <p>A seizure occurs when - alcohol, and/or; tobacco product, and/or; cigarette papers are surrendered, or are removed from an individual by a Police Officer, for the purpose of safeguarding the health and well-being of that individual or any other, in circumstances where the stop and search tactic has NOT been utilised and no physical search of an individual has taken place.</p>			

PRIORITY – Acquisitive Crime

Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across the Highland area

Objective – With Partners, share information, support education, prevention, diversionary and enforcement activity linked to acquisitive crime; develop work with targets – recidivist offenders to reduce reoffending linked to acquisitive crime e.g. Persistent Offenders programme; enhance the use of all media platforms to raise awareness of local and national preventative initiatives.

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking	21.6	21.7	19	22	3	Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	22.6	24.0	25	37	12	High detection rate 86%
Number of theft from motor vehicles	7.6	7.7	11	7	-4	On par with 5 year and 3 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Festive safety campaign - Police Scotland is dedicated to Keeping People Safe and the advice we shared helped the public do that. By working together and advising on simple precautions we helped to remove the opportunities for criminals to commit crime. Partnership working with SFRS and Womens Aid took place in the main shopping hub for Lochaber. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.</p>					

PRIORITY – Protecting People at Risk of Harm – Safer Communities

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm

Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes – sexual crimes	36.4	38.3	43	13	-30	Enquiries in relation to sexual crimes and domestic abuse are focused on positive outcomes for victims of crime and led by their wishes. This number also includes the reporting of non-recent incidents.
Hate Crime			1	1	-	
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	Police Scotland will undergo a HMICS National inspection in relation to Hate Crime and N Division Highland and Islands has been identified as one of the three focussed Divisions. The result of this report will be circulated to elected members when available					
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Missing Person enquiries are very high risk area of police business and necessitate immediate response. Police Scotland missing person co-ordinator meets with the local authority on a weekly basis to review placements for care experienced young people.</p> <p>Year to date, there have been 162 missing person reports in South Highland. Of this figure, 42% of investigations relate to missing children and missing care experienced young people. This figure does not include missing persons from other areas who are traced in the Lochaber Command area.</p> <p>Awareness raising and educative sessions continue and focus on young people attending UHI took place over the recent reporting period. Safe Partying sessions were delivered and police were available during the Fresher's Fayre to provide information and advice.</p>					

PRIORITY – Serious & Organised Crime

Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime

Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Highland area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Highland area a hostile environment for Serious & Organised Crime Groups; to improve outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce offending through prevention, early intervention and diversion; in support of our Partners in the Local Authority and NHS via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy we will direct those who are substance dependant towards recovery through prevention, treatment and support services; with Partners work to reduce the instances of substance misuse in our communities

<p>Serious & Organised Crime</p>	<p>Serious organised crime has the potential to affect every community in Scotland and can be described as multiple people exerting control, planning and use of specialist resources to commit serious crime. Police Scotland will work in partnership to prevent harm caused to individuals, communities and businesses by serious organised crime.</p>
<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity</p>	<p>The Slide is a specially-created film detailing a young person's downward spiral into criminality from teenage years into early adult life. After watching each film scene, attendees participate in a range of discussions to promote positive lifestyle choices and discuss the consequences of becoming involved in crime. Sessions were delivered to Ardnamurchan, Lochaber and Mallaig secondary schools.</p>

PRIORITY – Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

Intention – Support the delivery of the CONTEST strategy to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism

Objective – Strengthen PREVENT work with Partners and institutions; with Partners, support individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism; strengthen PREVENT work in relation to the internet and Social Media; Effective Multi-agency planning in respect of Counter Terrorism is taking place; Develop our ability to response effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	<p>Tackling terrorism and domestic extremism is a national priority for Police Scotland and we will work with our partners to protect our communities by reducing and mitigating the threat and harm it causes.</p> <p>Ongoing liaison and contact with premises in Lochaber.</p>
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