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## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Easter Ross Area Committee

**Date:** 20 February 2020

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

**Report By:** Chief Inspector Jamie Wilson, Area Commander

### 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 2017-2020.

### 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are invited to note:
- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland and Islands Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 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.

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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: 13 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.

**ROSS AND CROMARTY - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20**  
**01 April 2019 – 31 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 Ross and Cromarty.		7	5	-2	See appendix for further detail
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.	119	93	-26	
Number of people detected for speeding.		851	573	-278	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		34	42	8	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		63	69	6	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Driving Ambition sessions delivered to Tain Royal Academy				
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	<p><b>Festive Drink/Drug Drive</b> 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>Seven drink drivers were reported in the North Highland area, this is a decrease of -7 on the same period last year. Following the introduction of S5A Road Traffic Act 1988 in October 2019, preliminary drug drive testing is now available to officers. There were six positive drug tests obtained in the North Highland command during the campaign period.</p>				

**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](mailto: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			1345	1464	119	8% increase on same period last year and correlates with reduction in disorder. Continued liaison with licensed premises
Increase the number of <b>positive</b> stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.						See Stop and Search details at Antisocial Behaviour / Disorder section below
Increase the number of <b>positive</b> stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.						
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	17.0	14.0	18	13	-5	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	263.6	268.7	270	201	-69	Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average, 25% reduction on same period last year.
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	337.8	325.7	294	230	-64	Figure well below 3 year and 5 year average, 21% reduction on same period last year.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		Partnership working with Highland Council, Albyn, Cairn Housing. Through early intervention, there are no Stage 3 Notebook addresses. Where required, joint visits conducted reinforcing the message that any form of Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		

Reduce the incidents of vandalism	305.8	286.3	241	230	-9	Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)	<p><b>Festive safety campaign</b> - 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, Trading Standards, Womens Aid took place in Dingwall, Alness and Tain. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.</p> <p>Safer Highlander delivered to 700 P7 pupils from throughout Ross and Cromarty and delivered at Dingwall.</p> <p>Awareness raising and education sessions in respect of drugs awareness was delivered to parents at Dingwall Academy. These sessions were also delivered to management at Nigg in order to equip and inform management and enhance their own drugs policy.</p>					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches			
		April 2019 – December 2019	April 2019 – December 2019 (positive search)
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	296	113 (38%)
	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	1	-
<p><b>Positive Stop Search</b> - 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 <b>seizure</b> 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	43.2	34.0	31	32	1	YTD figures below 3 year and 5 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	65.8	77.0	86	85	-1	Proactive anti-shoplifting initiative in Alness, Dingwall and Tain where local police carried out high visibility patrols and provided shoppers with crime prevention advice.
Number of theft from motor vehicles	19.8	17.3	9	9	-	YTD figures well below 3 year and 5 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p><b>Festive safety campaign</b> - 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, Trading Standards, Womens Aid took place in Dingwall, Alness and Tain. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.</p> <p>Awareness raising in respect of rural crime delivered during the Black Isle Show, and at Dingwall Auction Mart.</p>					



**PRIORITY – Protecting People at Risk of Harm**

**Intention – Protect people at risk of harm**

**Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the C.H.A.M.P.S (Highland Champion Board) strategy; with Partners 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	72.2	77.3	89	89	-	Enquiries in relation to sexual crimes are focused on positive outcomes for victims of crime and led by their wishes. This figure also includes reporting of non-recent incidents.
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 Persons</p> <p>Police investigated 203 reports of missing persons in North Highland during this reporting year. Of this number, 47% related to care experienced youth people in North Highland.</p> <p>Ross and Cromarty have a local police liaison officer who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in the area. This role has developed and regular contact has built a good relationship with residential unit(s). Where required this officer also works in conjunction with the missing person co-ordinator who similarly enjoys a good working relationship with residential units.</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 &amp; Organised Crime</p>	<p>Divisional Operation - intelligence development and investigation into drug supply and use in educational establishments throughout the Division, including Ross and Cromarty. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.</p>
<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity</p>	<p><b>The Slide</b> 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. These sessions were delivered to pupils at Dingwall Academy and further sessions will be delivered to secondary schools in the area.</p> <p>As with all policing priorities, awareness raising and education is important which is why <b>County Lines</b> presentation delivered to partners throughout Invergordon, Easter Ross and Wester Ross can help communities identify people at risk of exploitation when their accommodation is taken over and drugs dealt from this address (<b>Cuckooing</b>) and how to report any concerns.</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>The ACT NOW for schools project consists of four lessons exploring issues surrounding terrorism, It centre around a fictitious table top exercise delivered by external community facilitators with support from the local police. The lessons also cover political and historical terrorism and human safety versus human rights. The purpose of ACT NOW for schools is to encourage diverse communities to understand counter-terrorism issues and to feel confident about making decisions based upon the information they are given.</p> <p>WRAP sessions delivered to local authority staff in Dingwall. Continued liaison with local authority and secondary schools in Dingwall.</p>
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