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Report no	SCC/01/20

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Sutherland County Committee

Date: 24 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.

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: 18 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.

SUTHERLAND - 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 Sutherland		0	4	4	A837, Inchnadamph - One vehicle RTC. Motorcyclist later died in hospital. A836, Lairg – two vehicle RTC. Motorcyclist pronounced dead at the scene. A9, Mound, Golspie – Three vehicle RTC, Driver of one vehicle pronounced dead at the scene A836, Ardgay - One vehicle RTC. Pedestrian pronounced dead at scene
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	North Highland – Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.	119	93	-26	Includes failure to provide a specimen
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 delivered to Golspie High School				
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	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.				

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.

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			636	414	-222	Continued liaison with licensees correlates with a reduction in reports of disorder.	
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.							See Stop and Search details at Antisocial Behaviour / Disorder section below
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.							
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	0.8	1.3	3	-	-3	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation	
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	31.2	31.0	24	25	1	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. YTD figures below 5 year and 3 year average.	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	41.0	40.0	41	31	-10	Crimes and offences.	
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		There are currently no premises at Stage 3 Operation Notebook within Sutherland.	
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		There are no antisocial behaviour orders in place within Sutherland	
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	37.0	36.7	37	25	-12	Includes Malicious Mischief.	

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. Passing shoppers attending shopping hubs serving Sutherland including Kyle, Tain, Wick, Thurso and Alness were spoken to by Police and partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics including crime prevention, personal safety and suicide/vulnerability awareness</p> <p>Educative sessions are an important aspect prevent agenda and over the last reporting period the focus was on drugs awareness where S1 to S5 pupils at Golspie High School were spoken to. These sessions were complemented by school liaison events at Kinlochbervie, Dornoch Academy and Golspie High School regarding employability and encouraging young people to make positive life choices.</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)	10	3
	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	-	-

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.

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.

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	7.6	7.0	1	11	-10	Figure well below 5 year and 3 average
Number of theft by shoplifting	2.6	3.3	3	3	-	No increase on same period previous year
Number of theft from motor vehicles	2.2	2.0	1	-	-	Reduction on 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. Passing shoppers attending shopping hubs serving Sutherland including Kyle, Tain, Wick, Thurso and Alness were spoken to by Police and partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics including crime prevention, personal safety and suicide/vulnerability awareness</p>					

PRIORITY – Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm

Objective – 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	19.6	20.7	16	15	-1	Enquiries in relation to sexual crimes are focused on positive outcomes for victims of crime and led by their wishes.
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>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>North Highland 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

Serious & Organised Crime	Divisional Operation - intelligence development and investigation into drug supply and use in educational establishments throughout the Division, including Caithness. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	

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 respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	ACT Now presentation to Kinlochbervie High School and Golspie High School
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