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## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Caithness Area Committee

**Date:** 9 February 2022

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

**Report By:** Inspector Alasdair Goskirk - Area Inspector (Caithness)

### **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 2020-2023.

### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020-2023 Year 2, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 01 April 2021 - 31 December 2021.

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

3.1 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.

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# Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2020/2023



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Wednesday 9 February 2022

Reporting Period - 01 April 2021 – 31 December 2021



Report by Chief Inspector Kevin Macleod–  
Area Commander (North Highland Area Command)

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# Introduction by the Area Commander

Chief Inspector Kevin Macleod

I present to you the Caithness Scrutiny Report, covering the reporting period 01 April 2021 to 31 December 2021. You will have noticed the change in the look and feel of the report. We hope this new format will make the information more comprehensible, whilst still providing a full breakdown of crime statistics.

The interpretation of statistics from the reporting period and comparisons to the previous year can be difficult and one should be wary of drawing hasty conclusions. The full consequences of lockdown and the hidden harms many members of our communities experienced have yet to be fully realised.

That said, we have been active across all priority areas of our Policing Plan. We have maintained a proactive presence on Highland roads, enforcing road traffic legislation, working with partners to improve road safety and investigating road traffic collisions.

As COVID-19 restrictions have been eased, we have seen an increase in numbers of Anti-Social Behaviour, disorder and violence. There has been a reduction in numbers of acquisitive crime; however Fraud, particularly online Fraud, has remained high. I have included a recently produced 'Guide to Keeping Safe Together in your Community'.

There have been increases in Domestic related crime, however, there have been decreases in relation to Sexual Crime and Hate Crime. We have strong partnership relationships, structures and working arrangements for the protection of vulnerable people, which we will continue to develop. Our work tackling serious organised criminals has continued to be disruptive and also identifies vulnerable young people caught up in this practice.

The implementation of technology through mobile devices, crime and case management systems will continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Policing in Caithness and the wider Highland area and will allow officers more time to actively patrol their communities.

# Local Policing Priorities

The Local Policing Priorities for the N Division area are decided by data from our Strategic Assessment which details Threats and Risks, and also feedback from Local Authorities, Partners and residents in the Your Police survey.



**ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME**

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



**ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



**PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



**SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME**

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime



**TERRORISM AND PUBLIC ORDER**

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

# Caithness: At a glance

## **Road Safety and Road Crime**

Overall, Road Crime offences have increased by 4.0% (17 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 1.4% (6 more offences) against the Last Year To Date (LYTD).

Mobile Telephone offences have increased by 23.0% (2.8 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 50.0% (5 more offences) against the LYTD.

Careless Driving offences have increased by 47.5% (17.4 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 107.7% (28 more offences) against the LYTD.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drugs Misuse)**

Overall, Anti-Social Behaviour has increased by 6.2% (6.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 23.3% (20 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Common Assault have decreased by 2.3% (4.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 3.5% (6 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Serious Assault have reduced by 55.2% (7.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 33.3% (2 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

## **Acquisitive Crime**

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has reduced by 18.9% (30.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 2.2% (3 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Theft of a Motor Vehicle have reduced by 54.5% (4.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 55.6% (5 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 66.7% (12.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 19.2% against LYTD (5 more crimes).

## **Protecting Vulnerable People**

Overall, Sexual Crime has reduced by 40.5% (25.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 21.3% (10 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Domestic related offences have increased by 11.2% (11.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 1.7% (2 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Hate Crime have reduced by 77.6% (10.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have reduced by 70% (7 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

## **Serious and Organised Crime**

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Over the last reporting year in the Caithness area, offences in relation to Supply of Drugs have reduced by 36.5% (4.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have reduced by 61.9% (13 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

There have been 18 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 search warrants executed within this reporting period.

### **Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism**

Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division's Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated,

***'North Division continues to have quarterly Prevent, Protect and Prepare meetings with partner agencies to ensure a conjoined approach to any matters that arise. Radicalisation awareness training continues with education, third sector and other partners. Through our Protect and Prepare meetings we plan to hold a multi-agency CT exercise at the Cromarty Port Authority. Planning is ongoing with the CTLO and CT planning for a table top exercise with the Inverness ELG members. Regular contact is ongoing with MSP's and MP's in respect of Op Sandbed and Op Bridger.'***



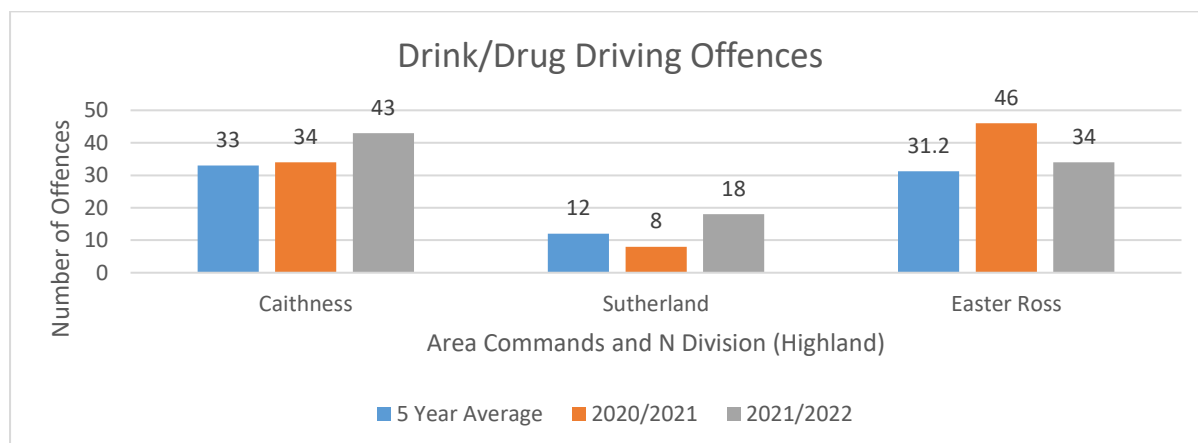
# Road Safety and Road Crime

**Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area.**

**Objective – With Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy focusing on:  
Challenging driver behaviour; Education at the road side and elsewhere;  
Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road  
Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.**

|  | 5 Year Average     | 3 Year Average     | YTD 2020/2021 | YTD 2021/2022 | YTD Variation |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions | Data not available | Data not available | 1             | 3             | 2             |
| Drink/Drug Driving Offences                    | 33.0               | 37.7               | 34            | 43            | 9             |
| Speeding Offences                              | 56.8               | 57.7               | 72            | 65            | -7            |

## 2021/2022 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -



**Operation CEDAR** - (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) builds on established practices and will continue to focus on various agencies working in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in the Highland area.

Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads, which sits alongside education activity aimed at improving driver behaviour of all ages. Partner agencies continue to work together to improve understanding of the factors which could contribute to improving road safety for everyone on the roads and together respond to these issues.

**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 2019 received funding from Transport Scotland and is led by Police Scotland with support from a number of partners

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including NHS Highland, 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 advice and support.

While this initiative is aimed at older drivers, advice will be offered to family members and/or friends who are concerned regarding an individual's fitness to drive.

(This initiative is not currently running due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any interested parties looking for more information can contact: [highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk)).

**Operation Close Pass** – Close Pass is cycle safety initiative which aims to highlight how much room motorists should allow when passing cyclists who are considered to be vulnerable road users. This educational initiative is aimed at changing driver behaviour through engagement and interaction.

**North Coast 500 (NC500) and Visitor Management** - There are Road Policing plans in place for motorcyclists/vulnerable road users and Visitor Management for the year ahead. Analytical work has been carried out to ensure Police Scotland are targeting the right areas and road users at the right time.

Police Scotland are committed to reducing road casualties across the Highland area, including Caithness and patrols will be conducted on priority routes on a daily basis and undertaking specific weekends of action on the NC500 route, utilising car and motorcycle patrols with the aim of influencing driver and road user behaviour, detect and deter criminality on our roads and reassure communities. We will continue to promote our activity through media channels and encourage anyone with road safety concerns to contact Police Scotland.

Inspector Donald MacKinnon of the Road Policing Unit, Operational Support Division stated,

***“We have demonstrated our commitment to road safety by patrolling roads in Highland and Islands, both through day-to-day general patrols as well as longer (3-6 day) dedicated deployments. This has allowed for wider geographical coverage for extended periods which has maximised our efficiency and made us more visible and available to remote communities. We listened to public concerns in relation to road safety and used intelligence, analytical and technological products such as roadside drug wipes and speed detection equipment to target those who present the greatest risk to road users and communities with the aim of tackling and reducing collisions. We worked with partners to influence road user behaviour in car, motorcycle and bicycle communities and engaged with HGV / PCV / taxi / private hire drivers / operators through joint initiatives aimed at improving road safety.”***

## Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drug misuse)

**Intention – With Partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence 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.**

|                            | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | YTD 2020/2021 | YTD 2021/2022 | YTD Variation |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Murder                     | 0.4            | 0.7            | 1             | 0             | -1            |
| Assault                    | 207.0          | 202.7          | 209           | 215           | 6             |
| Serious Assault            | 13.4           | 12.7           | 9             | 6             | -3            |
| Drug (Possession) Offences | 125.0          | 146.7          | 174           | 154           | -20           |
| Drugs Deaths               |                |                | 4             | 5             | 1             |

Drugs Deaths – The increase in Drug Related Deaths within the Caithness area is of significant concern. Similarly, there has been increased Drugs Related Deaths reported across Scotland. N Division continues to work with Partner Agencies in order to support individuals who find themselves involved with alcohol and controlled substance misuse. A Harm Prevention Officer (HPO) has been introduced within the N Division area.

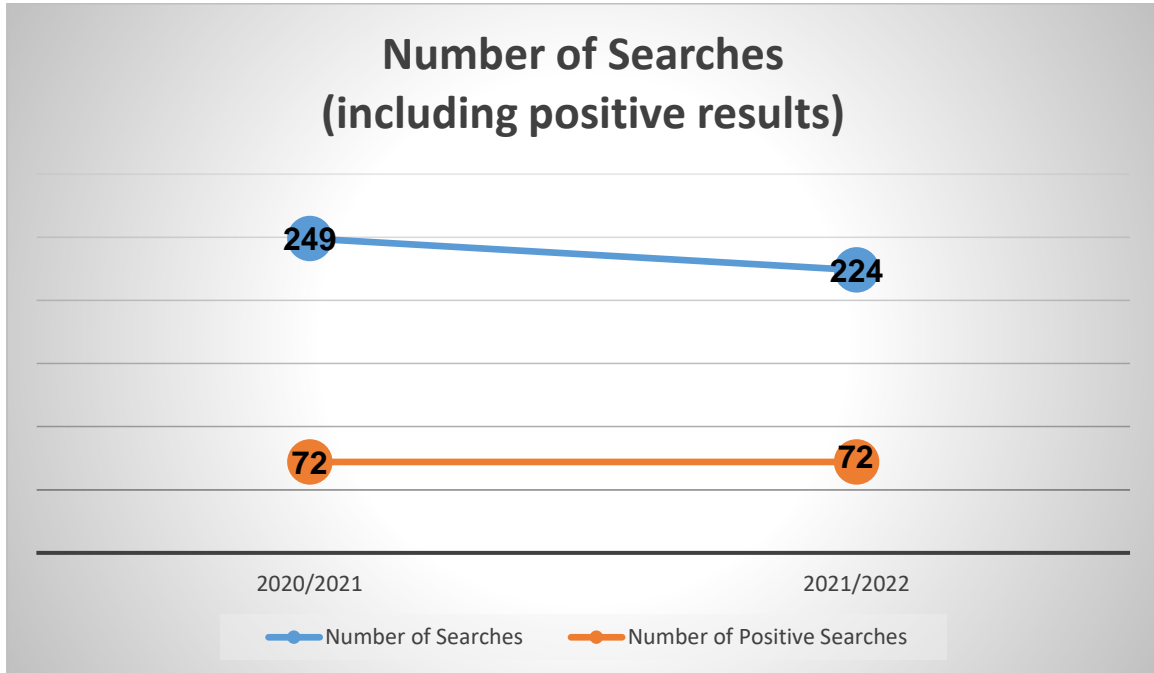
**Harm Prevention Officer** – An 18 month pilot Harm Prevention Officer (HPO) role was introduced within the N Division area in November 2020. This role is filled by a Police Constable who undertakes daily liaison between internal/external stakeholders with a view to reducing the risk posed to certain members of the public through alcohol and controlled substance misuse.

The HPO works with other partners to target Cuckooing which is a crime whereby crime groups take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for County Lines offences. The HPO works within the nationally recognised Serious and Organised Crime Strategy (Divert, Deter, Disrupt, Detect) targeting the Divert and Deter strands.

The HPO is fully funded by NHS Highland via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership (HADP).

(It is important to note that there is no information to suggest that County Lines nominals are operating within the Caithness area).

**Stop and Search -**



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.

**No Knives, Better Lives** - No Knives, Better Lives (NKBL) is a national capacity-building programme that supports primary prevention work related to knife carrying in Scotland. In 2009, the NKBL National Delivery Team at YouthLink Scotland and the Scottish Government began supporting partners in 11 selected Local Authority areas to implement NKBL. The approach to prevention is informed by the principles and values of youth work and a public health approach to violence prevention. The focus is not just on what it is we do not want young people to do and how to stop them doing it, but also what we want young people to be able to do, how we support them to understand and navigate risk and to make positive life choices.

Police Scotland's Prevention and Intervention Officers supported this initiative in the Highland area. This is further complemented by the Joint Education and Police Knives in School Protocol which has been progressed.

# 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.**

|                                | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | YTD 2020/2021 | YTD 2021/2022 | YTD Variation |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Housebreaking (Dwelling House) | 13.8           | 13.3           | 11            | 8             | 7             |
| Fraud                          | 18.6           | 15.7           | 26            | 31            | 5             |
| Theft by Shoplifting           | 29.0           | 30.3           | 21            | 23            | -2            |
| Motor Vehicle Crime            | 13.6           | 13.0           | 12            | 7             | -5            |

Theft by Shoplifting - The reduction in this crime types can be attributed to the closure of Town Centre premises. It is anticipated that as further restrictions are eased in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, these figures will increase.

Fraud – The increase in Fraud related crimes has not only been experienced by members of the public residing within the Caithness area, but across the wider N Division area, Scotland and the United Kingdom.

## **Fraud** –

### **Banking Protocol**

Following a number of incidents across the N Division area in respect of Frauds and Banking Protocol, work has been ongoing with various Banks within N Division with a view to setting up learning sessions between staff members to talk through Banking Protocol. This has allowed for a better understanding of the Police response, management of vulnerabilities and referrals/support available to victims.

This has and will continue to allow Bank staff to be aware as to the point in they feel that they can/should intervene.

### **Parcel Scam Fraud**

General awareness messaging around parcel/delivery company scams has been circulated electronically to all housing providers across the N Division area and to the University of the Highlands and Islands for sharing with their staff, clients and students.

**A GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

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A guide containing safety advice covering; Fraud, Home Security/Pedal Cycle Security, Hate Crime and Cuckooing and County Lines was compiled and distributed across the N Division area via local newspapers. A total of 42,000 households across the N Division area received the guide with additional copies distributed to Garden Centres in order to reach households who may not necessarily have access to Social Media.

Planning is ongoing for 10,000 copies to be distributed to Post Office branches across the N Division area.

A copy of the leaflet is attached at Appendix A.

**Rural Watch** - The Highland area is renowned for great natural beauty and the rural communities are safe places in which to live, work and visit. However, the nature of the environment and way of life means there are some crime prevention tips particularly relevant to rural life. Watch Schemes work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling Highland communities to share information, allowing agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empower local communities to be more resilient.

To receive local ALERTS about crime and other threats in your area, simply click the green JOIN button on the Rural Watch Website - **[www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)**

# Protecting Vulnerable People

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

**Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the Highland CHAMPS (Highland Champion Board) strategy; with Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention.**

|                  | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average     | YTD 2020/2021 | YTD 2021/2022 | YTD Variation |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sexual Crime     | 62.2           | 55.3               | 47            | 37            | -10           |
| Domestic Crime   | 105.2          | 101.0              | 115           | 117           | 2             |
| Hate Crime       | 13.4           | Data not available | 10            | 3             | -7            |
| Missing Persons* |                |                    | 103           | 173           | 70            |

Domestic Crime – The decrease in Domestic related crimes within the Caithness area is noted. N Division continues to work with Partner Agencies in order to support victims of such crimes.

\* (Figures for North Highland Area Command - Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level).

Detective Chief Inspector Donald MacDonald of N Division’s Public Protection Unit stated;

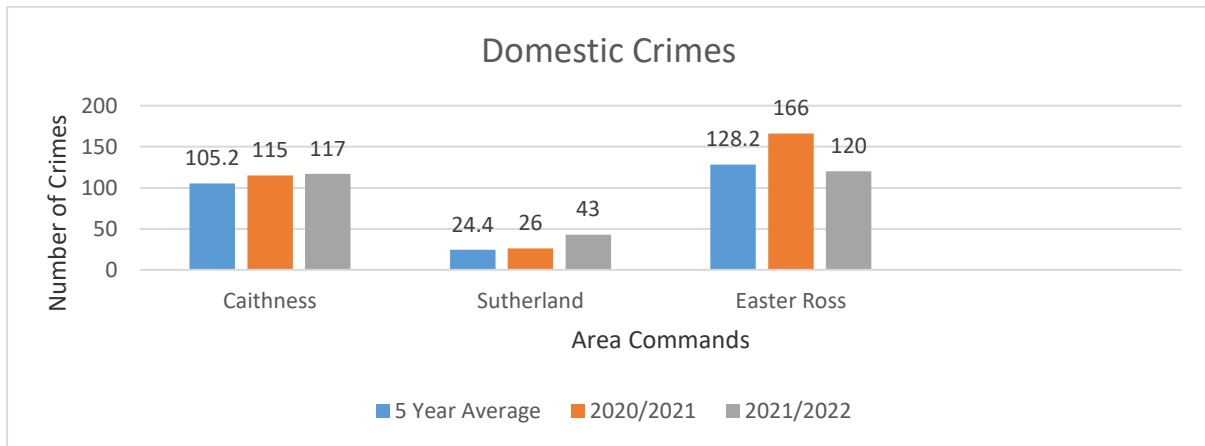
***“It is hard to explain the patterns and the various changes in Group 2 Crimes, however it is worth pointing out the tools we currently use.***

***Consideration of the use of Moorov doctrine in investigating Domestic Abuse crimes is a factor in the success of reporting these crimes and sexual offending crimes related to Domestic Abuse. The Moorov doctrine is a mechanism where a person is accused of two or more separate offences, connected in time and circumstances. These successful investigations have been assisted by the Domestic Abuse and Rape Investigation Unit (DARIU) and as a result, the arrest and conditions placed on perpetrators go a long way to mitigating the risks to the victim. Public Protection Unit (PPU) also consider the use of the Moorov doctrine to generate crimes following approaches to named partners. Of note, there are nominals who are targets of Domestic Abuse Task Force (DATF) and PPU. These teams are generating volumes of crimes as ex partners are identified and engage with Police. This has had an impact to the Caithness, Sutherland and Inverness Area’s in particular, where these nominals reside.***

***There has been an increase in the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) lately as the scheme becomes more widely recognised and highlighted by partner agencies. Likewise, the ongoing use of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC) and Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) ensure opportunities arising from DSDAS are explored regularly.***

**COVID-19 pandemic has caused difficulties in tracing patterns and changes in Public Protection figures due to the various stages of lockdown. However, the associated mental health issues are evident. There is a 10% month on month increase in the number of interim Vulnerable Person Database (iVPD) forms relating to adult concerns, this is considered a national trend. iVPD forms regarding Child Concern and Youth Offending have decreased slightly, however it is difficult to evaluate this trend due to the closure of schools and facilities during this time.”**

**Domestic Crime within N Division (Highland) –**

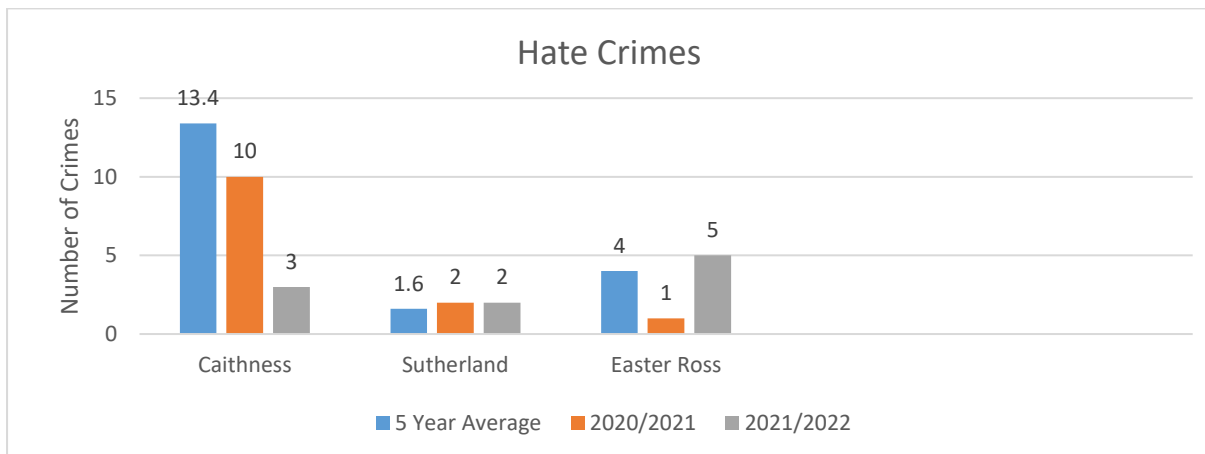


**Hate Crime –**

Police Scotland underwent a national inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) in relation to Hate Crime with N Division (Highland and Islands) being identified as one of three focussed Divisions. The subsequent report can be found at the following link:-

<https://www.hmics.scot/publications/hmics-thematic-inspection-hate-crime>

**Hate Crime within N Division (Highland) -**



**Missing Persons –**

Police Scotland takes every report of a missing person seriously and investigates appropriately with access to local, regional and national specialist resources. Missing persons investigations are a core part of local Policing and it is local officers who undertake all investigations, supported by specialist



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colleagues where necessary. Further, each Division, including N Division has a dedicated Missing Person Co-ordinator who advises on operational and preventative approaches.

| Missing Person Category | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adult                   | 37        | 47        | 10        |
| Cared for Adult         | 3         | 5         | 2         |
| Looked After Child      | 43        | 87        | 44        |
| Child                   | 19        | 33        | 14        |
| Absconder/Wanted        | 1         | 1         | 0         |
| Total                   | 103       | 173       | 70        |

Over the last reporting year, each Area Command has appointed a local Police liaison officer who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in their respective 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.

**Highland CHAMPS** - The Highland CHAMPS (Children have Amazing Minds, Potential and Stories) are a group based in Clachnaharry, Inverness. Highland CHAMPS welcome any young person from the Highland area who identifies as care-experienced whether they are a care-leaver, looked after at home, fostered, adopted, in residential care or other. Highland CHAMPS provide a safe space for activities, opportunities, socialising and fun. Further information regarding Highland CHAMPS can be found at:- <https://www.highland.gov.uk/highlandchamps>

## Serious and 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.**

|                        | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | YTD 2020/2021 | YTD 2021/2022 | YTD Variation |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Drug (Supply) Offences | 12.6           | 14.3           | 21            | 8             | -7            |

Detective Inspector Ross Hamill, North Highland Area Command CID stated,

***“Caithness continues to have low volumes of serious crime and is safe place to live and work. In terms of acquisitive crime, we have observed a steep reduction over the five year period, however during COVID-19 restrictions we have observed a steep increase in cyber-enabled Fraud. Through our Preventions and Interventions Unit, Corporate Communications and Banking industry we will continue to utilise in-person engagement events, social media to highlight the dangers and common trends of digital crime, we will work closely alongside banking partners to identify victims of these crimes and where possible prevent these crimes occurring in the first place.*”**

***Despite seeing a reduction in drug related offences there remains real concern in respect of drug users consuming highly dangerous synthetic drugs and the evidenced link to drug related deaths in Caithness. We will continue to work alongside Highland Drug & Alcohol Partnership and other support agencies in supporting addicted persons into recovery. We have also seen an increase in controlled substances entering Caithness through the postal service. We maintain a close partnership with the Royal Mail and regularly deploy drug dogs and instigate joint operations to intercept these packages from entering our communities. Through our Divisional County Lines, local CID and community teams, we will continue to target those Serious & Organised Crime Groups from exploiting vulnerable individuals in N Division, which has included 18 misuse of drug warrants in last year. We encourage community engagement and will vigorously pursue those that perpetrate these crimes in close partnership with Crown & Procurator Fiscal Service”.***

# Counter Terrorism

**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).**

WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) - The workshop covers issues such as crime, normal social processes that are used to influence and manipulate, case studies that cut across the spectrum of extremism, terrorist ideologies and factors which may contribute to an individual's susceptibility to a terrorist ideology.

In particular, it seeks to support them to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to being persuaded by an extremist or terrorist ideology. Workshops delivered to partners across the Highland area.

ACT Now delivered to schools across the Highland area.

Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division's Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated,

***“North Division continues to have quarterly Prevent, Protect and Prepare meetings with partner agencies to ensure a conjoined approach to any matters that arise. Online webinars on the new Prevent referral process has been held with partner agencies. Radicalisation awareness training continues with education, third sector and other partners. We have Local Contest Liaison Officers to cover the force area who are kept updated by the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer with regular training and information shared. We continue through our Protect and Prepare sub-group to provide information and assistance to all members to increase resilience and security within their business area. In relation to Pursue we continue to develop and improve understanding amongst partners, the private sector and the public on mechanisms available to promptly share information regarding concerning or suspicious activity that may be linked to Counter Terrorism and/or Domestic Extremism”.***

## Crime Statistics

| Group 1 Crimes (Recorded)               |                |                |           |           |           |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
| Murder                                  | 0.4            | 0.7            | 1         | 0         | -1        |
| Culpable Homicide                       | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0         | -         |
| Attempted Murder                        | 1.0            | 1.3            | 2         | 0         | -2        |
| Serious Assault                         | 13.4           | 12.7           | 9         | 6         | -3        |
| Robbery                                 | 2.0            | 2.3            | 2         | 1         | -1        |
| Cruel & Unnatural Treatment of Children | 2.0            | 2.3            | 5         | 2         | -3        |
| Threats & Extortion                     | 0              | 0              | 0         | 3         | 3         |

| Group 2 Crimes (Recorded)                          |                |                |           |           |           |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
| Rape   | 8.6            | 7.0            | 9         | 12        | 3         |
| Sexual Assault (Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009) | 13.6           | 12.0           | 10        | 8         | -2        |
| Lewd & Libidinous Practices                        | 4.0            | 2.7            | 1         | 2         | 1         |
| Public Indecency                                   | 0.4            | 0.7            | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| Threatening/ Disclosure of Intimate Image(s)       | 2.0            | 3.0            | 0         | 6         | 6         |

| Group 3 Crimes (Recorded)          |                |                |           |           |           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2020 | Variation |
| Housebreaking (Dwelling House)     | 13.8           | 13.3           | 11        | 18        | 7         |
| Housebreaking (Non-Dwelling House) | 4.0            | 3.0            | 2         | 2         | -         |
| Housebreaking (Other)              | 6.2            | 7.0            | 2         | 5         | 3         |

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|----------------------------|------|------|----|----|----|
| Housebreaking (Total)      | 24.0 | 23.3 | 15 | 25 | 10 |
| Theft of a Motor Vehicle   | 8.2  | 8.3  | 9  | 4  | -5 |
| Theft from a Motor Vehicle | 4.4  | 3.3  | 1  | 2  | 1  |
| Opening a Lockfast Place   | 2.4  | 2.3  | 1  | 1  | -  |
| Theft                      | 60.2 | 57.3 | 49 | 41 | -8 |
| Theft by Shoplifting       | 29.0 | 30.3 | 21 | 23 | 2  |
| Fraud                      | 18.6 | 15.7 | 26 | 31 | 5  |

| Group 4 Crimes (Recorded)   |                |                |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                             | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
| Fireraising                 | 5.2            | 5.7            | 9         | 3         | -6        |
| Vandalism                   | 182.6          | 173.3          | 138       | 154       | 16        |
| Culpable & Reckless Conduct | 5.4            | 7.7            | 15        | 6         | -9        |

| Group 5 Crimes (Recorded)                    |                |                |           |           |           |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
| Offensive Weapon & Bladed/Pointed Instrument | 17.6           | 23.0           | 31        | 19        | -12       |
| Drugs (Supply)                               | 12.6           | 14.3           | 21        | 8         | -13       |
| Drugs (Possession)                           | 125.0          | 146.7          | 174       | 154       | -20       |
| Bail Offence(s)                              | 33.2           | 29.3           | 37        | 17        | -20       |

| Group 6 Crimes (Recorded)                            |                |                |           |           |           |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
| Assault  | 181.2          | 175.0          | 171       | 177       | 6         |
| Assault (Emergency Workers)                          | 25.8           | 27.7           | 38        | 38        | -         |
| Breach of the Peace/ Threatening & Abusive Behaviour | 97.2           | 86.7           | 83        | 104       | 21        |
| Stalking   | 2.6            | 3.0            | 3         | 2         | -1        |

| Group 7 Crimes (Recorded) |                |                |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           | 5 Year Average | 3 Year Average | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | Variation |
| Dangerous Driving         | 14.8           | 14.7           | 16        | 29        | 13        |

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|--|------|------|----|----|-----|
| Drink/Drug Driving                       | 33.0 | 37.7 | 34 | 43 | 9   |
| Speeding Offence(s)                      | 56.8 | 57.7 | 72 | 65 | -7  |
| Disqualified Driving                     | 2.6  | 2.7  | 3  | 3  | -   |
| Drive without Licence                    | 22.8 | 25.7 | 33 | 22 | -11 |
| Fail to Insure Against Third Party Risks | 50.2 | 61.0 | 75 | 53 | -22 |
| Seat Belt Offence(s)                     | 22.6 | 21.3 | 11 | 21 | 10  |
| Mobile Telephone Offence(s)              | 12.2 | 9.7  | 10 | 15 | 5   |
| Careless Driving                         | 36.6 | 30.7 | 26 | 54 | 28  |

**Appendix A**



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# A GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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## Together let's stop fraud.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

**STOP**

Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

**CHALLENGE**

Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**PROTECT**

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland by calling 101.





## Together let's stop cold callers.

A cold-caller may contact you about your bank account. They may claim to have noticed some unusual transactions on your account and ask you to transfer money to another account to "keep it safe", to send your bank details, or ask to access your computer remotely. A genuine bank will NEVER ask you to do these things.



### Always remember

- Never disclose your PIN or let anyone persuade you to hand over your bank card, financial information or withdraw cash.
- Check their credentials – a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online, but never use contact details they give you.
- Take the time to think about what they are asking you to do, even if it's genuine.
- Don't be embarrassed to say 'No'.
- Don't feel pressured. Don't agree to transfer over money. Take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust.

**STOP CHALLENGE PROTECT**

[scotland.police.uk/takefive](https://scotland.police.uk/takefive)

## Together let's protect your home and belongings.

Crime can make its way to any neighbourhood, however there are some simple steps you can take to secure your home from intruders.



### How can I protect my home?

- Ensure your door is always locked.
- Make sure your keys are well out of sight and reach of letterboxes and windows.
- Don't keep house and car keys together.
- Don't put your name or address on your key ring.
- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are in the house.
- Security mark your property with a UV pen.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house.
- Don't leave valuables in view of windows.

If you see signs of a break-in at your home, call Police Scotland on 101 or, if you believe the intruder is still there, dial 999.

## Together let's protect your bike.

More than 500,000 bikes are stolen in the UK each year because they're poorly secured or not secured at all.



### How can I help protect my bike?

Make sure you take a note of all your bike details, including the frame and serial number. This is usually found underneath the bottom bracket.

If your bike is stolen or stripped, you can pass details to Police Scotland to help them find your bike or parts, and help catch those responsible.

You can register your bikes details free online at [bikeregister.com](https://www.bikeregister.com) and also on [immobilise.com](https://www.immobilise.com) along with any other property that bears a serial number.

## Together let's tackle Hate Crime

### What is Hate Crime?

Hate crime happens in many different ways, and can be someone shouting and swearing at you, threatening or verbally abusing you, being physically attacked or receiving online abuse.

It can happen anywhere, for example, at home, on public transport, in the street, in school, college or at work.

There is no place for hate crime in our communities.

### How can I report Hate Crime?

Police Scotland works with a wide variety of partners where staff are trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police.

You can find your nearest reporting centre at [scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-hate-crimeand-third-party-reporting](https://scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-hate-crimeand-third-party-reporting)

If you or someone you know is the victim of hate crime, you can call us on 101, visit your nearest police office or use our online form.



## Together let's fight County Lines

### What is County Lines?

County Lines is the police term used for the criminal exploitation of children and young people. Drugs dealers from large cities including London, Manchester and Liverpool expand their operations into smaller towns. They target children and young people to move drugs and money across the country using dedicated mobile phone 'deal lines'.

Gangs will often set up a base in a rural area for a short time, taking over a local vulnerable person's house by force or coercion. This is known as 'cuckooing'.

### Why does it matter?

This is having a significant impact on Scotland's towns. Gangs target local vulnerable people and once they are involved, it is difficult to escape. It can lead to sexual exploitation, violence and human trafficking.

### How can I report County Lines?

Your information can help get them removed and keep your communities safe. If you have concerns, you can report them to Police Scotland by calling 101 or anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

## Useful Contacts

There are a range of organisations in your local community who can provide advice, support and information on the topics covered in this guide.

### Fraud

Police Scotland Fraud Advice

Visit - [scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud](https://scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud)

TakeFive Visit

Visit [takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)

Trading Standards

Call 0808 164 6000 or visit [tsscot.co.uk](https://tsscot.co.uk)

### Home Protection

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Call 01786 463732 or visit [neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

### Hate Crime

Hate Crime Advice & Third Party Reporting Centres

Visit [scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/hate-crime/](https://scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/hate-crime/)

### County Lines

ChildLine

Call 0800 1111 or text SHOUT for support on 85258 or visit [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)

Crimestoppers

Call 0800 555 111 or visit [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://crimestoppers-uk.org)

Fearless.org

Visit [fearless.org](https://fearless.org)

### Alcohol & Drugs Partnership

Visit [highland-adp.org.uk](https://highland-adp.org.uk) or [orkneyadp.org.uk](https://orkneyadp.org.uk) or [outerhebadp.com](https://outerhebadp.com) or [sfad.org.uk/service/shetland-substance-misuse-recovery-service](https://sfad.org.uk/service/shetland-substance-misuse-recovery-service)

Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol

Visit [sfad.org.uk](https://sfad.org.uk)

### Other

Victim Support Scotland

Call 0800 160 19885 or visit [victimsupport.scot](https://victimsupport.scot)

Citizens Advice Scotland

Visit [citizensadvice.org.uk/Scotland](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/Scotland)