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Report Title: Police – Area Performance Report

Report By: Chief Inspector Alasdair MacLeod - Area Commander
(South Highland Area Command)

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 March 2022.

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.

Designation: Area Commander

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Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2020/2023



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Introduction by the Area Commander



Chief Inspector Alasdair MacLeod

I am pleased to present the Badenoch and Strathspey Scrutiny Report for the reporting period 01 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.

The demands placed on the Police have been unique and continue to be challenging. The Police continue to assist and support partners working within communities, whilst at the same time fulfilling traditional Police activity which has had both a personal and organisational strain on Policing.

There is a general feeling in policing that demands overall have increased since coming out of Covid regulations. This is likely to be seen in statistics during the coming year.

The interpretation of statistics from the reporting period and comparisons to the previous year and 3 year average can be difficult and one should be wary of drawing hasty conclusions.

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. We have seen reductions in Anti-Social Behaviour, disorder and violence against the 5 Year Average despite increases Year on Year. There has been reductions in many areas of acquisitive crime against the 5 Year Average; however Fraud, particularly online has significantly increased.

I am cautiously pleased to report a reduction in Sexual Crime, however Domestic Crime remains close to 5 year average levels with an increase Year on Year. There has been a reduction in Hate Crime against the 5 Year Average with levels remaining the same as the previous year.

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, especially those engaged in County Lines has continued to be disruptive and also identifies vulnerable young people caught up in this awful practice.

Partnership is also a key feature of our approach to countering terrorism, which continues with public sector, private sector, education and third sector partners and our communities.

Officers from N Division supported the Policing operation at the United Nations (UN) 26th Conference of the Parties in Glasgow in November which proved to be a successful Policing operation. N Division were still able to continue 'Business as Usual'.

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

Finally, assaults against officers continue to be at an unacceptable level. An assault against a Police officer is an assault against society and should not be tolerated by any of us.

This report highlights the positive work and the challenges faced by officers in Badenoch and Strathspey and I commend it to you.

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

Badenoch and Strathspey: At a glance

Road Safety and Road Crime

Overall, Road Crime offences have reduced by 53.8% (530.8 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 25.8% (158 fewer offences) against the Last Year To Date (LYTD).

Mobile Telephone offences have reduced by 33.3% (1 fewer offence) against the 5 Year Average and have reduced by 33.3% (1 fewer offence) 2 more crimes against the LYTD.

Failure to Insure Against Third Party Risk offences have reduced by 3.4% (1.2 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 6.3% (2 more offences) against the LYTD.

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

Overall, Anti-Social Behaviour has reduced by 9.1% (4.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 100% (22 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Common Assault have reduced by 24.4% (18.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 35.7% (15 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Serious Assault have reduced by 48.3% (2.8 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 25% (1 fewer crime) against the LYTD.

Acquisitive Crime

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has increased by 0.6% (0.6 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 21.3% (19 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (Dwelling House) have reduced by 61.5% (3.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 60% (3 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 137.3% (16.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have increased by 100% (14 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Overall, Sexual Crime has reduced by 25.4 (5.8 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 29.2% (7 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Domestic related offences have reduced by 0.5% (0.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 26.6% (8 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Hate Crime have reduced by 16.7% (0.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have stayed the same (2 crimes) against the LYTD.

Serious and Organised Crime

Over the last reporting year in the Badenoch and Strathspey area, offences in relation to Supply of Drugs have reduced by 41.9% (3.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have reduced by 75.0% (15 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

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

“South Highland Area Command continues to have quarterly Prevent, Protect and Prepare meetings with partner agencies to ensure a conjoined approach to any matters that arise”.

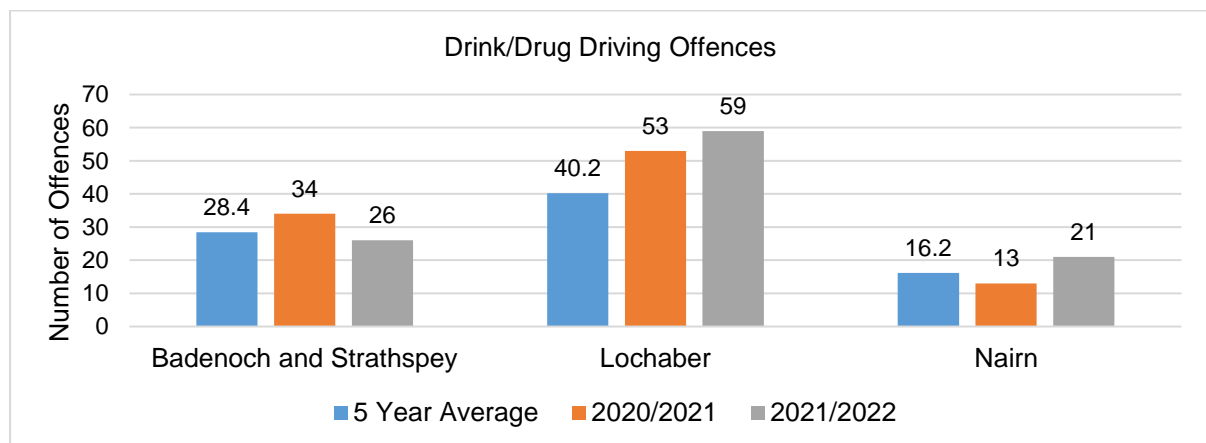
Road Safety and Road Crime

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	Detection Rate
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	1.0	1.3	2	1	-1	N/A
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	28.4	27.7	34	26	-8	119.2%
Speeding Offences	661.6	462.0	349	207	-142	103.9%

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 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.

Any interested parties looking for more information can contact:
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.

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 and patrols will be conducted on priority routes on a daily basis and undertaking specific weekends of action 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”.

Inspector Craig Johnstone, Area Inspector (Badenoch, Strathspey and Nairn) stated:

“I am delighted to see Roads Policing continuing to be present on a frequent basis in Badenoch and Strathspey. Not only do they assist in keeping our roads safe but they are responsible for detecting a variety road traffic offences and frequently assist local officers by attending road traffic collisions. Furthermore, I would like to highlight that I am in the process of having a number of additional local Policing officers trained in the use of speed detection equipment, to assist in keeping our local road users safe”.

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.

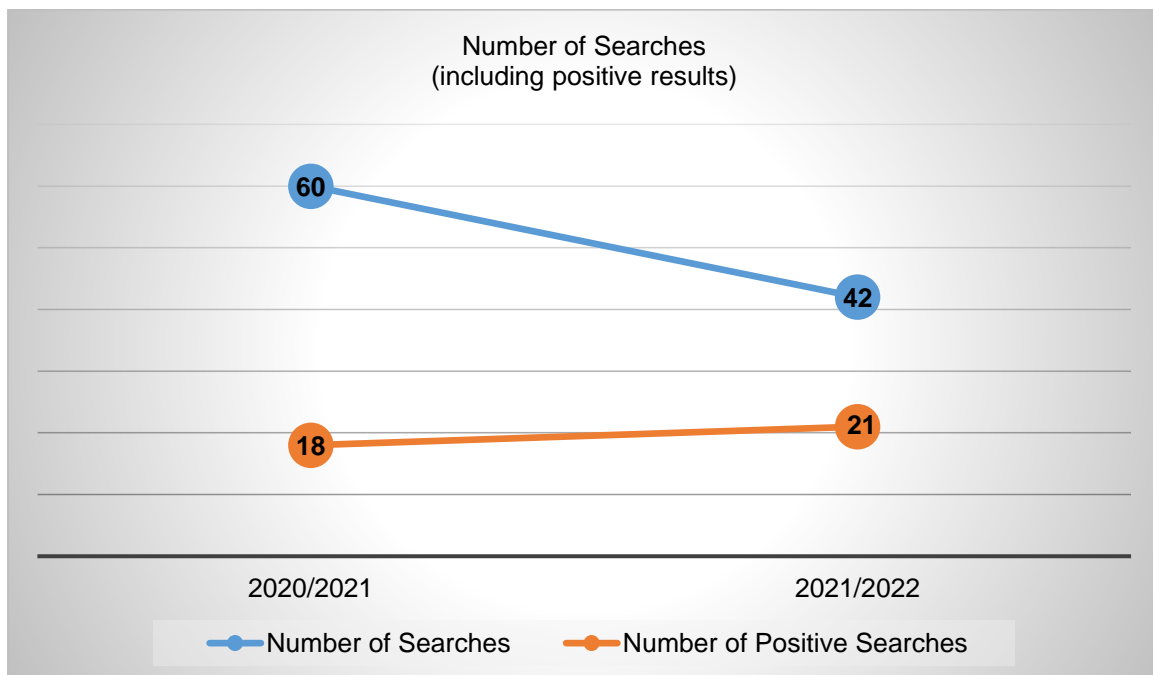
Objective – Work with Partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision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

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	-	N/A
Assault	75.4	70.3	42	57	15	75.4%
Serious Assault	5.8	5.7	4	3	-1	100.0%
Drug (Possession) Offences	49.4	47.0	37	42	5	100.0%

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) and has recently been extended to April 2023 and is anticipated to be continued beyond then.

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 Interventions 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.

Further inputs have been undertaken by Prevention and Interventions Officers supported by Special Police Constables.

Inspector Craig Johnstone, Area Inspector (Badenoch, Strathspey and Nairn) stated:

"I am acutely aware of the need to continue to be present in and deal with the anti-social behaviour displayed by a minority of motorists in Grantown. I am pleased to say that the number of reports recently regarding 'boy racers' in Grantown has reduced thanks to our ongoing commitment there. I will not become complacent about this however and continue to ensure that we are present there and deal with offences as frequently as possible".

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	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	5.2	6.7	5	2	-3	50.0%
Fraud	11.8	11.3	14	28	14	10.7%
Theft by Shoplifting	14.4	16.7	10	21	11	76.2%
Motor Vehicle Crime	16.8	14.7	15	6	-9	66.7%

Fraud – The increase in Fraud related crimes last year and continuing to this year has not only been experienced by members of the public residing within the Badenoch and Strathspey area, but across the wider N Division area, Scotland and the United Kingdom.

Detective Inspector Andrew Bilton, South Highland Area Command CID stated:

“Badenoch and Strathspey continues to have low volumes of serious crime and is safe place to live and work. In terms of acquisitive crime, we have observed some reductions over the five year period, however during Covid-19 restrictions we have observed a steep increase in cyber-enabled Fraud. Through our Preventions & 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”.

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

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

Inspector Craig Johnstone, Area Inspector (Badenoch, Strathspey and Nairn) stated:

“Living in Aviemore myself I am aware there is an ongoing perception that there is an issue with the Theft of bikes in the area. It is true that several months ago there was an increase with the Theft of bikes, occasionally of high value, which has fuelled this perception. It appears that these Thefts were often opportunistic in nature and there is an ongoing positive line of enquiry with at least one of these crimes. I am pleased to report that over recent months this trend has ceased.

Badenoch and Strathspey, like every other area in Scotland, has seen an increase in the number of Fraud offences. As part of a package of measures to help tackle this issue, I intend to advertise dates where there will be a Police officer stationed in the Bank of Scotland, Aviemore to provide advice to members of the public and discuss this issue with them”.

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	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	22.8	26.3	24	17	-7	47.1%
Domestic Crime	37.2	35.0	29	37	8	67.6%
Hate Crime	2.4	2.3	2	2	-	0.0%
Missing Persons*			113	126	13	N/A

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

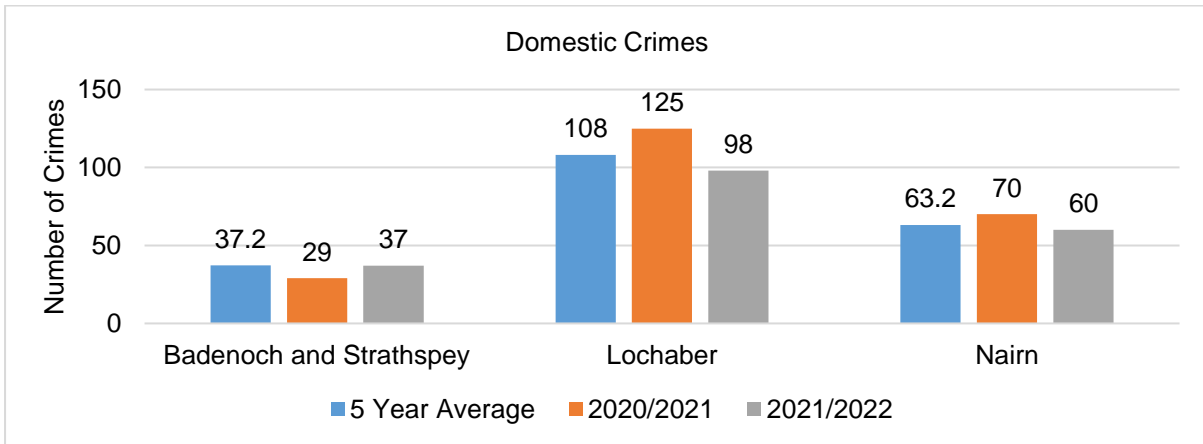
Detective Chief Inspector Donald MacDonald of N Division's Public Protection Unit stated:

“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.

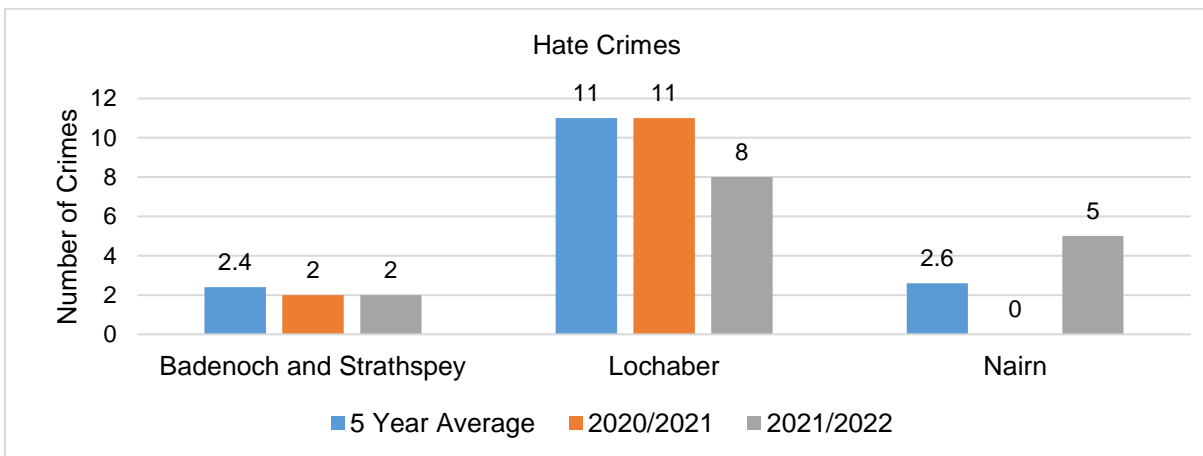
Consideration of the use of Moorov doctrine in investigating Domestic Abuse crimes is a factor in the success of reporting these crimes and sexual offending crimes related to Domestic Abuse. The Moorov doctrine is a mechanism where a person is accused of two or more separate offences, connected in time 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.

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”.

Domestic Crime within Badenoch and Strathspey –



Hate Crime within Badenoch and Strathspey -



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>

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 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	51	66	15
Cared for Adult	6	3	-3
Looked After Child	33	31	-2
Child	23	25	2
Absconder/Wanted	0	1	1
Total	113	126	13

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	Detection Rate
Drug (Supply) Offences	8.6	10.3	20	5	-15	220.0%

Detective Inspector Andrew Bilton, South Highland Area Command CID stated:

“Despite seeing some reductions in drug related offences, we will continue to work alongside Highland Drug & Alcohol Partnership and other support agencies in supporting addicted persons into recovery. 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 Highland & Islands Division. We encourage community engagement and will vigorously pursue those that perpetrate these crimes in close partnership with Crown & Procurator Fiscal Service”.

County Lines - When Organised Crime Groups from major cities such as Birmingham, Derby, Liverpool and London are expanding their drug networks to other areas, bringing with it serious criminal behaviour such as violence, exploitation and abuse. The term County Lines refers to the use of a single telephone number to order drugs, operated from outside the local area. They often set up a base in a rural town for a short time, taking over the home of a vulnerable person by ‘cuckooing’ and use adults and children to act as drug runners. Preventions and Interventions delivered advisory presentations to Partner agencies including Highland Council (Housing/Social Work) and NHS Highland.

Police Scotland has relaunched an awareness-raising initiative aimed at preventing young people from falling into a life of crime. Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, Police have devised an educational pack for young people that shows the devastating effects of Serious Organised Crime.

N Division has also recently expanded its team of dedicated officers with the sole purpose of targeting County Line offenders, working in partnership with partner agencies and protecting vulnerable persons.

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.

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

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 response 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 participants 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 Early is a program delivered to schools across the Highland area. The ACT Early session is a vehicle for debate around the sensitive issue of violent extremism within communities. As such it is an enabler for community participants to air grievances, debate matters of interest to them and work through a group problem solving experience. The following links can provide more information regarding the program:

<https://act.campaign.gov.uk/>
<https://actearly.uk/>

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

“South Highland Area Command 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	Detection Rate
Murder	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	N/A
Culpable Homicide	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	N/A
Attempted Murder	0.4	0.7	1	1	-	0.0%
Serious Assault	5.8	5.7	4	3	-1	100.0%
Robbery	0.8	0.3	1	0	-1	N/A
Cruel & Unnatural Treatment of Children	0.4	0.7	0	0	-	N/A
Threats & Extortion	0.8	0.3	0	1	1	0.0%

Group 2 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Rape	4.6	6.0	6	1	-5	0.0%
Sexual Assault (Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009)	5.0	6.0	8	6	-2	66.7%
Lewd & Libidinous Practices	1.8	1.7	0	0	-	N/A
Public Indecency	0.2	0	0	0	-	N/A
Threatening/ Disclosure of Intimate Image(s)	1.0	1.0	2	1	-1	0.0%

Group 3 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	5.2	6.7	5	2	-3	50.0%
Housebreaking (Non-Dwelling House)	1.8	1.0	0	2	2	100.0%
Housebreaking (Other)	6.4	5.3	6	4	-2	25.0%

Housebreaking (Total)	13.4	13.0	11	8	-3	50.0%
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	6.0	6.0	7	2	-5	200.0%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7.4	4.0	5	3	-2	0.0%
Opening a Lockfast Place	3.2	4.3	3	1	-2	100.0%
Theft	37.2	34.3	29	33	4	18.2%
Theft by Shoplifting	14.4	16.7	10	21	11	76.2%
Fraud	11.8	11.3	14	28	14	10.7%

Group 4 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Fireraising	1.8	1.7	1	2	1	100.0%
Vandalism	50.6	47.3	46	40	-6	47.5%
Culpable & Reckless Conduct	1.4	2.3	4	1	-3	100.0%

Group 5 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Offensive Weapon & Bladed/Pointed Instrument	6.2	8.3	1	4	3	100.0%
Drugs (Supply)	8.6	10.3	20	5	-15	220.0%
Drugs (Possession)	49.4	47.0	37	42	5	100.0%
Bail Offence(s)	8.0	7.0	2	11	9	100.0%

Group 6 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Assault	67.6	64.3	41	51	10	72.5%
Assault (Emergency Workers)	7.8	6.0	1	6	5	100.0%
Breach of the Peace/ Threatening & Abusive Behaviour	47.2	37.7	21	44	23	88.6%
Stalking	1.2	1.7	1	0	-1	N/A

Group 7 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Dangerous Driving	14.2	16.3	18	14	-4	92.9%

Drink/Drug Driving	28.4	27.7	34	26	-8	119.2%
Speeding Offence(s)	661.6	462.0	349	207	-142	103.9%
Disqualified Driving	1.6	1.7	3	2	-1	100.0%
Drive without Licence	18.6	14.7	13	14	1	100.0%
Fail to Insure Against Third Party Risks	35.2	33.0	32	34	2	108.8%
Seat Belt Offence(s)	2.8	3.3	2	7	5	114.3%
Mobile Telephone Offence(s)	3.0	3.0	3	2	-1	100.0%
Careless Driving	26.8	27.0	26	38	12	97.4%

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

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

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)

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

TakeFive Visit

Visit takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

Trading Standards

Call 0808 164 6000 or visit tsscot.co.uk

Home Protection

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Call 01786 463732 or visit neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Hate Crime

Hate Crime Advice & Third Party Reporting Centres

Visit 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

Crimestoppers

Call 0800 555 111 or visit crimestoppers-uk.org

Fearless.org

Visit fearless.org

Alcohol & Drugs Partnership

Visit highland-adp.org.uk or orkneyadp.org.uk or outerhebadp.com or sfad.org.uk/service/shetland-substance-misuse-recovery-service

Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol

Visit sfad.org.uk

Other

Victim Support Scotland

Call 0800 160 19885 or visit victimsupport.scot

Citizens Advice Scotland

Visit citizensadvice.org.uk/Scotland