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Report By: Chief Superintendent Robert Shepherd –
Divisional Commander (N Division)

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 To provide an update to the Committee on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland Policing Plan 2023-2026.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2023–2026 Year 1 attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.

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 Interventions 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.

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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.

Chief Superintendent Robert Shepherd
Divisional Commander – N Division
29 August 2024

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**Performance Against
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Introduction by the Divisional Commander

I am pleased to present the N Division Scrutiny Report, as the Divisional Commander for Highland and Islands. This report specifically covers the Highland area for the reporting period 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.

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.

Demands on Policing continue to increase and this is likely to be seen going forward into the new reporting year.

The interpretation of statistics from the reporting period and comparisons to the previous year and 3 and 5 Year Averages can be difficult and one should be wary of drawing hasty conclusions following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Officers 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 which can be seen within the statistics.

We have seen reductions in some areas of acquisitive crime against Year on Year with a significant increase in relation to Theft by Shoplifting.

There has been a slight decrease in Domestic Crime against the 5 Year Average from the previous year. There has been an increase in Sexual Crime against the 5 Year Average with a reduction Year on 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 people involved in this 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.

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

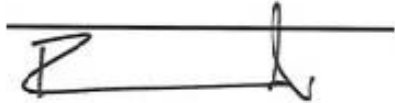
In order to support officers who are currently non-deployable, whilst at the same time ensuring best use of our resources, a Service Delivery Team was successfully established within Inverness Area Command enhancing the service provided to the public through early engagement and liaison. This team is focussed on certain lower level crimes, allowing response officers to continue to deploy to other ongoing incidents in a timely manner. This model is still in its infancy and is being considered for other areas within Highland.

Assaults against officers continue to be at an unacceptable level. N Division continues to have some of the highest rate of assaults against officers per head within Police Scotland.

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Finally, with that in mind, I updated you at the August 2023 meeting that I had volunteered N Division to be the Pilot Division within Police Scotland for officers to wear and utilise Body Worn Cameras. I can now confirm that Police Scotland's business case for Body Worn Cameras has been agreed by the Scottish Police Authority and has concluded the tender process. Police Scotland seeks to roll-out Body Worn Cameras over the next 12-18 months and forms one of our Chief Constable's priorities for Local Policing. I am hopeful to be able to provide you a further update at the next meeting in February 2025.

This report highlights the positive work and the challenges continually faced by officers in Highland.

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**Chief Superintendent Robert Shepherd
Divisional Commander – N Division**

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

N Division (Highland): At a glance

Road Safety and Road Crime

Overall, Road Crime offences have increased by 14.6% (1043.8 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 20.5% (1395 more offences) against the Last Year To Date (LYTD).

Offences in relation to Disqualified Driving have increased by 48.1% (19.8 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 9.0% (6 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

Mobile Telephone offences have increased by 107.2% (151.6 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 24.2% (57 more offences) against the LYTD.

Failure to Insure Against Third Party Risk offences have increased by 30.8% (226.2 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 22.3% (175 more offences) against the LYTD.

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

Overall, Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 2.0% (29.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 2.7% (39 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Culpable and Reckless Conduct have increased by 25.5% (12.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 48.8% (20 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Assault have increased by 14.6% (249.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 8.1% (146 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Murder have increased by 122.2% (2.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 300.0% (3 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Acquisitive Crime

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has increased by 35.1% (926.6 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 22.9% (665 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (All) have increased by 4.9% (11.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 1.6% (4 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 44.1% (474.0 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and has remained static (569 crimes) against the LYTD.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Overall, Sexual Crime has increased by 10.0% (60.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 10.3% (77 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

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Domestic related offences has decreased by 0.4% (5 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 0.5% (6 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Hate Crime has increased by 27.4% (29.6 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 13.9% (15 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Serious and Organised Crime

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Still stated:

“In the months leading up to Christmas 2023, the Division was badly affected by instances of violence and anti-social behaviour linked to the presence of County Line groups. Our approach was realigned towards short term, high visibility enforcement, coupled with information sharing with nationwide partners. We also implemented a long term approach to prevention and intervention with a view to making the Division as hostile and environment as possible for these groups to operate in”.

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

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

“Ongoing work under Operation Bridger and Operation Sandbed with MPs and MSPs in the Highland and Island area.

CTLO continues to work with CT Intelligence, CT Security Advisors, and the Prevent Delivery Unit to address any CT Matters in the Highland and Island area and raise awareness on the CONTEST strategy”.

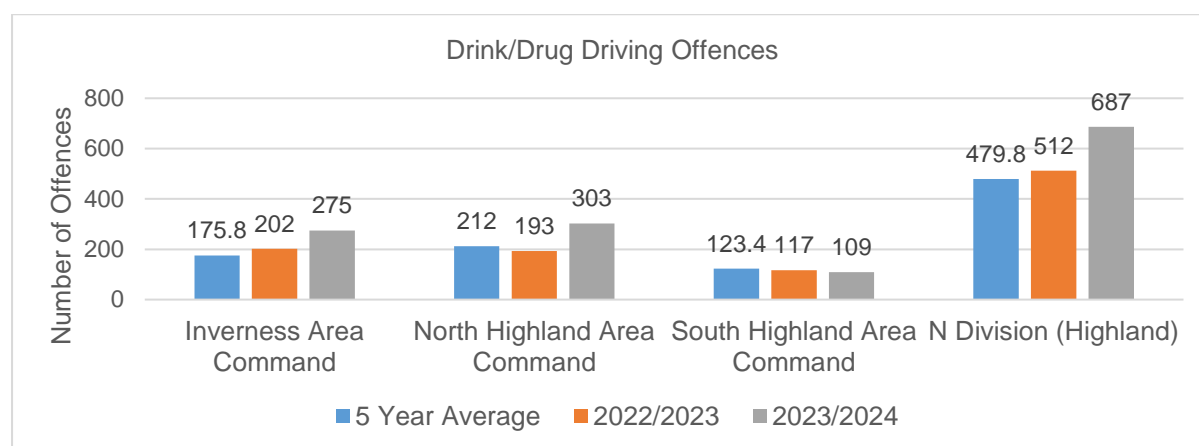
Road Safety and Road Crime

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	20.4	19.3	32	16	-16	N/A
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	479.8	535.0	512	687	185	96.3%
Speeding Offences	2321.6	1863.3	1397	1784	387	99.9%

2023/2024 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -



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

“For the reporting period, there were 16 road deaths across Highland, four of which occurred on the A9. There were four motorcycle fatalities, three of whom were visitors to the Highlands. One foreign driver was involved in a fatal collision on the A82. Whilst these figures represent a significant reduction in road deaths, we acknowledge that road users are still being seriously injured and killed on our road network and we continue to strive to deliver a road safety message through robust enforcement activity alongside our preventative

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work. Investigating road deaths can be complex and protracted and we face competing demands but despite various challenges, we continue to deliver a high quality service, patrol the roads and interact with road users with the aim of positively influencing driver behaviour”.

Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) -

This builds on established practices and continues to focus on a collaborative approach focussed on reducing road casualties in the Highland area. Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads which sits alongside preventative activity aimed at improving driver behaviour. 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 -

This innovative road safety initiative focuses on interacting with older drivers and their friends and families at a variety of venues within the Highlands and Islands where we encourage open and honest conversations about fitness to drive. We use an interactive driving simulator designed to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities. The project is led by the Police Scotland Highland and Islands Road Policing team and has since received additional funding which allow a national roll-out later this year.

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

Rider Refinement North -

This one-day course is delivered to the motorcycling community which aims to raise road safety awareness and encourage riders to think about the consequences risk taking behaviour. Led by police motorcyclists and accompanied by an Institute of Advance Motorists observer, the course considers key risk factors and provide riders with the knowledge and skills to ride in a safe manner. The course involves demonstration rides and observed rides with feedback from officers, motorcycle examination/safety checks of riders' bikes which should be carried out before any journey.

New Driver Early Intervention Scheme -

This is aimed at encouraging safe driving practices amongst new and learner drivers. The scheme generally targets drivers between 17-25 years of age who are statistically more likely to be involved in a collision.

Classroom inputs are delivered to young drivers such as apprentices, students and private/public sector employees across the divisional area.

Police Scotland, Highland Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have recently collaborated to allow the delivery of this scheme to senior secondary school pupils within Highland area.

Operation Close Pass -

Close Pass is a 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 / North Coast 500 (NC500) -

There are robust Road Policing plans in place for motorcyclists/vulnerable road users and Visitor Management for the year ahead. Analytical work is undertaken to ensure Police Scotland targets the right locations at the right time. We are committed to reducing road casualties across the Highland area and daily patrols are conducted on priority routes in addition to specific days of action on key tourist routes such as the NC500 route, utilising car and motorcycle patrols. We aim to positively influence driver / road user behaviour, detect and deter criminality on the road network and provide reassurance to our communities. We continue to promote our activity through media channels and encourage anyone with road safety concerns to contact Police Scotland.

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	1.8	1.7	1	4	3	100.0%
Assault	1706.6	1686.3	1810	1956	146	66.7%
Serious Assault	109.8	107.3	116	122	6	77.9%
Drug Offences (All)	1466.6	1397.3	1127	1281	154	87.9%
Drug Deaths	31	32	36*	18*	-18	N/A

*The figure provided in relation to Drug Deaths is an estimated figure at time of publication. This is the total number in the reporting period in which N Division are treating as a suspected Drug Death, however the figure is subject to change as Post Mortem results and other information are received from NHS Highland.

Drug Deaths – Drug Related Deaths within the N Division area (Highland) is of significant concern. N Division continues to work with Partner Agencies in order to support individuals who find themselves involved with alcohol and controlled substance misuse. Every Drug Related Death within the N Division area is reviewed by the Harm Prevention Officer (HPO).

Highland is one of very few areas across Scotland which has been a reduction in Drug Related Deaths.

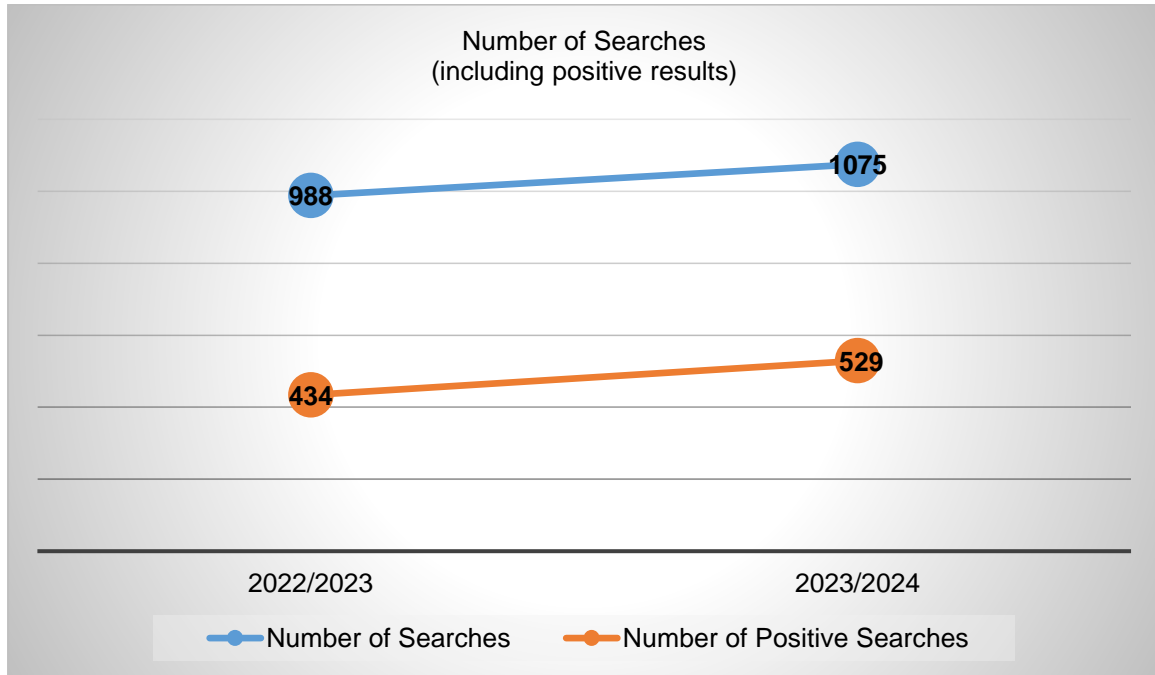
Harm Prevention Officer – Harm Prevention Officer (HPO) role was introduced within the N Division area in November 2020. This role is filled by a Police Constable who undertakes daily liaison between internal/external stakeholders with a view to reducing the risk posed to certain members of the public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

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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.

Further inputs continue to be undertaken by Prevention and Interventions Officers supported by Special Police Constables.

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (All)	242.2	233.7	258	254	-4	24.8%
Fraud	395.0	489.0	569	569	-	12.7%
Theft by Shoplifting	842.6	730.7	839	1492	653	61.5%
Motor Vehicle Crime	192.2	163.7	189	205	16	51.7%

Fraud –

Banking Protocol

N Division continues to work with Banks in relation to the 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.

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

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Still stated:

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“Theft by shoplifting remains an issue within the Division with several businesses being repeat victims of theft. Shoplifting can range from opportunist individuals to organised groups stealing high value premises. We take assertive action against nominals perpetrating this type of crime and seek the support of our partners in COPFS to impose bail conditions which can then be robustly policed.

Along with our partner Divisions who cover remote and rural areas we have seen an increase in high value thefts of property such as down hill mountain bikes and from second homes. These crimes are perpetrated by organised crime groups who will target specific areas and items. We have worked closely with our partner Division to carry out joint enforcement operations and share information and intelligence. A robust investigative regime has been put in place with local CID teams liaising with national units to identify best practice and provide preventative advice to our communities.

Online Fraud continues to be a major issue for the Division with victims being targeted by criminals who utilise a wide range of tactics to convince victims that they are receiving legitimate requests. We continue to provide support to victims of Fraud and highlight the need for awareness of new and emerging trends”.

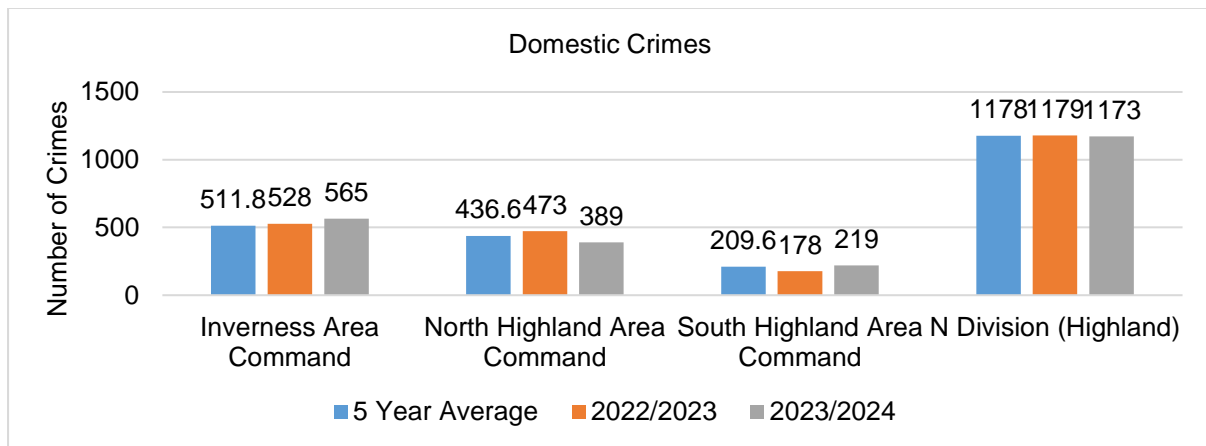
Protecting Vulnerable People

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm.

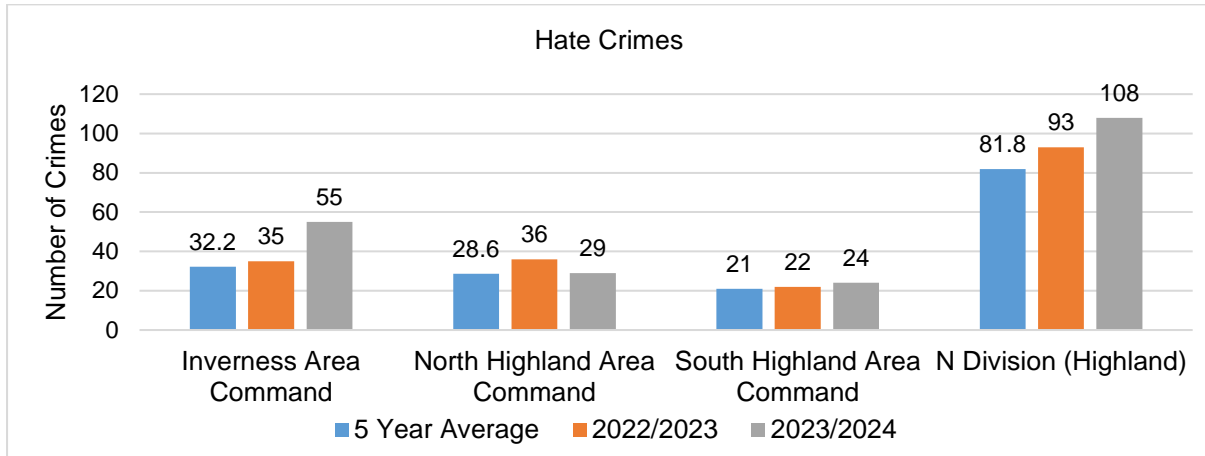
Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the Highland CHAMPS (Highland Champion Board) strategy; with Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention.

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	606.2	611.0	744	667	-77	52.8%
Domestic Crime	1178.0	1160.0	1179	1173	-6	71.5%
Hate Crime	81.8	85.3	93	108	15	71.3%
Missing Persons	885.0	939.3	967	1046	79	N/A

Domestic Crime within N Division (Highland) –



Hate Crime within N Division (Highland) -



Missing Persons –

Police Scotland treats 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	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation
Adult	337	340	3
Cared for Adult	51	70	19
Looked After Child	289	262	-27
Child	280	368	88
Absconder/Wanted	10	6	-4
Total	967	1046	79

Area Commands have an appointed 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>

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Detective Chief Inspector Ross Hamill stated:

“Addressing and tackling abuse in all its forms is an absolute priority of Policing across Highland. Protecting vulnerable people is at the core of this. Throughout the course of the reporting period, recorded domestic crimes has decreased slightly against both the three- and five-year average. The associated detection rate of domestic crimes has remained constant at 68.5%, a drop of only 1.3% against the five-year average.

Recorded sexual crime for the period has shown a decrease of 23% from 2022/23 and a 10% decrease from the five-year average, with a detection rate of 53%.

Whilst the aforementioned figures show a positive trend of falling numbers in respect of reported domestic and sexual crime, police in conjunction with statutory and third sector partners continue to be completely focussed on reducing abuse. Through the Violence against Women Partnership, work continues to educate, prevent, and reduce abuse”.

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Drug (Supply) Offences	157.0	146.7	127	176	49	80.1%

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.

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Still stated:

***“In the months leading up to Christmas 2023, the Division was badly affected by instances of violence and anti-social behaviour linked to the presence of County Line groups. Our approach was realigned towards short term, high visibility enforcement, coupled with information sharing with nationwide partners. We also implemented a long term approach to prevention and intervention with a view to making the Division as hostile and environment as possible for these groups to operate in.*”**

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We have also implemented a whole partnership approach to the issue within the Highland area, by educating our partners on the model operated by groups and how each agency can contribute to our 4D strategy to tackle County Line groups. We continue to adopt best practice and have carried out over 100 safeguarding visits to vulnerable nominals, carried out high visibility leaflet drops in affected areas and have staged community events with partners to maximise outreach in our communities.

Our activities have seen a marked reduction in County Line related violence and activity, however we remain vigilant and continue to work towards deterring these groups from establishing a base in the Highlands. Over the preceding 12 months we have arrested 126 persons and seized:-

1089.6g (1.1kg) of Heroin, value - £62,912 approx. , 2122g of Cocaine (2.1kg), value - £212,200 approx. and £108,276 of cash linked to County Line groups.

The Division has recently dealt with a large-scale Cannabis cultivation in a derelict building, and this mirrors a trend which has been seen nationally with OCG's utilising disused buildings to produce large quantities of drugs. We continue to explore ways we can target harden premises and adopt a proactive approach to this problem".

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 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:

“Ongoing work under Operation Bridger and Operation Sandbed with MP and MSPs in the Highland and Island area.

CTLO continues to work with CT Intelligence, CT Security Advisors, and the Prevent Delivery Unit to address any CT Matters in the Highland and Island area and raise awareness on the CONTEST strategy.

Work is ongoing with the Contest group in relation to the Annual Overview Product and the launch of Martyn's Law, aka the Prevent duty.

Plans are underway for a “lockdown” exercise as part of the Protect and Prepare strands of Contest.

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Training is available on various CT subjects including radicalisation awareness and ACT Awareness”.

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Crime Statistics

Group 1 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	1.8	1.7	1	4	3	100.0%
Culpable Homicide	0.6	0.7	0	0	-	N/A
Attempted Murder	12.2	13.3	16	23	7	95.7%
Serious Assault	109.8	107.3	116	122	6	77.9%
Robbery	32.8	33.7	31	48	17	54.2%
Cruel & Unnatural Treatment of Children	11.8	12.7	8	12	4	91.7%
Threats & Extortion	41.6	58.7	90	98	8	5.1%

Group 2 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Rape	122.6	134.3	142	131	-11	41.2%
Sexual Assault (Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009)	150.4	143.7	195	190	-5	51.1%
Lewd & Libidinous Practices	31.8	31.3	38	29	-9	86.2%
Public Indecency	5.6	5.3	7	12	5	50.0%
Threatening/ Disclosure of Intimate Image(s)	27.2	26.7	29	39	10	25.6%

Group 3 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	117.6	115.3	124	127	3	17.3%
Housebreaking	36.0	34.0	35	26	-9	19.2%

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(Non-Dwelling House)						
Housebreaking (Other)	88.6	84.3	99	101	2	35.6%
Housebreaking (All)	242.2	233.7	258	254	-4	24.8%
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	89.8	85.0	92	125	33	65.6%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	67.8	55.3	72	53	-19	26.4%
Opening a Lockfast Place	42.4	35.3	45	48	3	22.9%
Theft	712.2	660.3	760	779	19	20.2%
Theft by Shoplifting	842.6	730.7	893	1492	599	61.5%
Fraud	395.0	489.0	569	569	-	12.7%

Group 4 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Fireraising	56.2	52.3	67	53	-14	43.4%
Vandalism	1383.6	1981.0	1453	1415	-38	32.1%
Culpable & Reckless Conduct	48.6	58.7	41	61	20	72.1%

Group 5 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Offensive Weapon & Bladed/Pointed Instrument	220.6	232.7	272	271	-1	84.9%
Drugs (Supply)	157.0	146.7	127	176	59	80.1%
Drugs (Possession)	1303.0	1242.7	1000	1098	98	89.1%
Bail Offence(s)	374.8	420.7	424	524	100	92.2%

Group 6 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Assault	1706.6	1686.3	1810	1956	146	66.7%
Assault (Emergency Workers)	281.8	283.7	308	326	18	98.2%
Breach of the Peace/	1396.8	1303.7	1408	1364	-44	83.3%

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Threatening & Abusive Behaviour						
Stalking	33.4	25.7	32	37	5	56.8%

Group 7 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2022/2023	2023/2024	Variation	Detection Rate
Dangerous Driving	165.6	169.0	163	188	25	88.3%
Drink/Drug Driving	479.8	535.0	512	697	185	96.3%
Speeding Offence(s)	2321.6	1863.3	1397	1784	387	99.9%
Disqualified Driving	41.2	43.3	67	61	-6	101.6%
Drive without Licence	279.6	280.3	293	320	27	98.4%
Fail to Insure Against Third Party Risks	733.8	776.0	785	960	175	98.8%
Seat Belt Offence(s)	127.2	108.7	103	162	59	100.0%
Mobile Telephone Offence(s)	141.4	145.0	236	293	57	99.7%
Careless Driving	524.0	569.7	705	922	217	91.8%