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Report Title: Police Performance Report

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 2024 – 31 December 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
15 January 2025

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Local Policing Plan 2023-2026**



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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 2024 – 31 December 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.

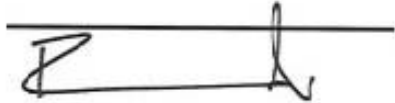
In order to support officers who are currently non-deployable, whilst at the same time ensuring best use of our resources, a Service Delivery Team was successfully established within Inverness Area Command enhancing the service provided to the public through early engagement and liaison. This team is 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 months and forms one of our Chief Constable's priorities for Local Policing. I will be able to provide you an update at the meeting on 30th January.

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 10.0% (522.0 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 1.9% (108 fewer offences) against the Last Year To Date (LYTD).

Offences in relation to Unlawful use of motor vehicle have increased by 8.3% (130.4 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 7.7% (143 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

Mobile Telephone offences have increased by 104.1% (121.4 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 22.7% (44 more offences) against the LYTD.

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

Offences in relation to Culpable and Reckless Conduct have increased by 28.8% (13.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 13.5% (7 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Assault have increased by 2.9% (38.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 6.4% (95 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Murder have decreased by 54.5% (1.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 75.0% (3 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Acquisitive Crime

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has increased by 21.6% (453.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 5.1% (135 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house have decreased by 2.9% (2.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 1.1% (1 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 19.4% (65.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and has increased by 2.5% (10 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Overall, Sexual Crime has increased by 19.7% (87.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 8.4% (42 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Serious and Organised Crime

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Still stated:

“The Division has continued in its pursuit of those involved in Serious and Organised Crime in Highlands. We have built strong relationships with our partners across the UK and have recently seen recent success through joint working with Merseyside Police. This has resulted in the imprisonment of two males directing the NAE County Line which was responsible for serious violence in Inverness in 2023. The Division has also had recent success in targeting individuals involved in the supply of controlled drugs from out with our area as well as targeted action against local facilitators. We continue to work with our statutory and third sector partners and have hosted several awareness sessions around County Line activity in our area. Further inputs are scheduled for early 2025.”

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 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 Protect duty.

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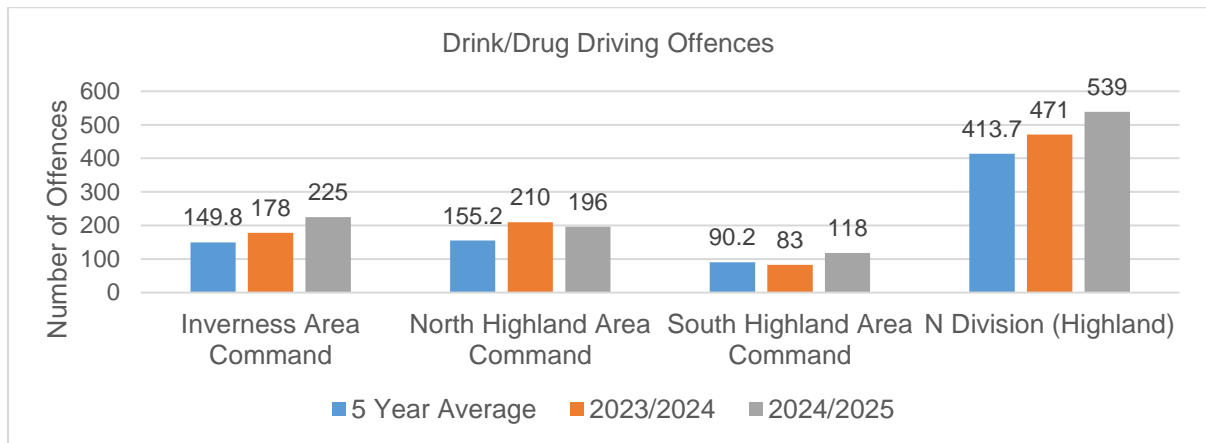
Road Safety and Road Crime

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 2023/2024	YTD 2024/2025	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	13.2	14.3	11	12	1	
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	395.2	413.7	471	539	68	87.9%
Speeding Offences	1461.2	1265.7	1255	985	-270	100.0%

2023/2024 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -



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

“For the reporting period, there were 12 road deaths across the Highland area. There were three motorcycle fatalities, two of whom were visitors to the Highlands. One foreign driver was involved in a fatal collision on the A9. Whilst these figures represent a slight reduction against the three and five year average, the fact remains that road users are still being seriously injured and killed on our road network. We are committed to working with partners to deliver a Road Safety Strategy that prioritises casualty reduction, influences driver and road user behaviour and detects and deters criminality on our road network. Investigating road deaths can be

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complex and we face competing demands, but we strive to deliver a high quality service to Highland communities through high visibility road patrols, road user interaction and public reassurance”.

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 will 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 2023/2024	YTD 2024/2025	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	2.2	1.7	4	1	-3	100.0%
Assault	1359.2	1393.0	1493	1398	-95	64.8%
Serious Assault	86.2	87.3	93	93	-	82.8%
Drug Deaths	24.0	26.3	15	18	3	

*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).

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.

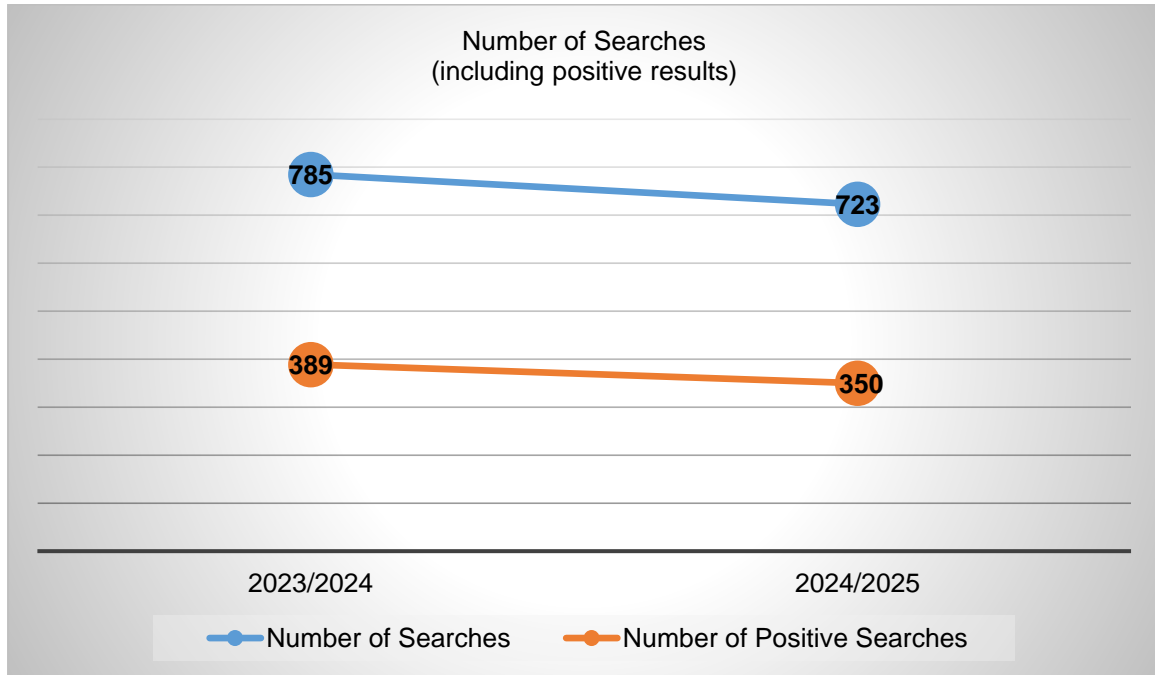
The HPO works with other Partners to target Cuckooing which is a crime whereby crime groups take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for County Lines offences. The HPO works within the nationally recognised Serious and Organised Crime Strategy (Divert, Deter, Disrupt, Detect) 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 2023/2024	YTD 2024/2025	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	90.6	86.0	89	88	-1	25.0%
Fraud	339.2	400.7	395	405	10	15.3%
Theft by Shoplifting	693.2	738.0	1125	1022	-103	65.5%
Theft of a motor vehicle	77.0	79.3	104	54	-50	72.2%

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

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Detective Chief Inspector Craig Still stated:

“The Division currently has one of the highest detection rates for offences of Robbery across the organisation. This has come from implementing robust governance and targeting resources to ensure individuals who commit acts of serious violence are apprehended at the earliest possible opportunity. We continue to work closely with internal and external partners to target travelling criminals who commit acts of dishonesty with the Highland area.

We are currently assessing how we approach Fraud investigations following a continued increase in reports of online criminality including romance and investment fraud. This has involved discussion with partner Divisions to take examples of good working practice and implement those within N Division. We have also ensured that victims of fraud are contacted by our Preventions and Interventions team and provided with practical advice around safeguarding.”

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 2023/2024	YTD 2024/2025	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	442.6	477.7	489	530	41	58.1%
Domestic Crime*				1182		63.2%
Hate Crime**				193		66.3%
Missing Persons	611.6	647.3	749	599	-150	

*Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, and the different methodology/ counting rules, comparison of recorded domestic crimes from 1st April 2024 with recorded domestic crimes prior to 1st April 2024 would not be advised.

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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	2023/2024	2024/2025	Variation
Adult	240	185	-55
Cared for Adult	42	62	20
Looked After Child	176	178	2
Child	285	174	-111
Absconder/Wanted	6	0	-6
Total	749	599	-150

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

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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>

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 have a 62.3% detection rate, which is 2.5% lower than the national average. Recorded sexual crime for the period has shown an increase of 41 more offences than the previous year, with a detection rate of 58.1%. The detection rate for hate crime is 66.3%, which is 2% higher than the national average.

Due to change in recording standards, we are unable to compare domestic recording figures to the previous year, three- and five-year average. The introduction of the Hate Crime and Public Order Act came into effect on 1st April 2024 has led to an increase in reporting of hate crime, however like domestic abuse, we are unable to make comparisons to the three- and five-year average.

Missing person reports have shown a reduction of 150 fewer reports in 2024/25 to date than the previous year.

Whilst the aforementioned figures show a trend of increased 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 and harm to vulnerable persons. 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 2023/2024	YTD 2024/2025	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Drug (Supply) Offences	103.2	89.7	114	137	23	73.0%

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.

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/>

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Crime Statistics

Crime Bulletin Categories	Highland Area Command					
	2019 /20	2020 /21	2021 /22	2022 /23	2023 /24	2024 /25
TOTAL CRIME & OFFENCES	14077	13643	13462	13587	15647	15272
Group 1 - Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	1849	1722	1769	1900	2083	2038
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	2	4	0	1	4	1
Culpable homicide (common law)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Culpable homicide (other)	2	3	4	3	1	4
Attempted murder	4	10	5	13	13	8
Serious Assault (incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	92	77	81	88	93	93
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	241	228	226	233	254	261
Common Assault	1381	1236	1318	1368	1493	1398
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	21	25	23	24	32	50
Stalking	27	19	13	17	22	35
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	10	12	12	4	4	11
Threats and extortion	10	20	26	62	73	53
Other group 1 crimes	13	17	18	25	23	28
Group 2 - Sexual Offences	390	390	419	525	489	530
Rape	66	101	77	98	94	118
Attempted rape	2	8	1	5	3	1
Sexual assault	137	102	129	166	180	185
Crimes associated with Prostitution	0	0	0	1	1	1
Indecent photos of children	23	27	18	39	37	37
Communicating indecently	33	43	40	53	32	39
Causing to view sexual activity or images	69	49	58	79	58	71
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image*	22	18	21	20	25	24
Other Group 2 crimes	38	42	75	64	59	54
Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty	2037	1806	1813	2166	2692	2556
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	94	101	74	95	89	88
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling	31	28	19	26	22	18
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	77	69	50	78	84	69
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	21	16	11	16	13	23
Theft of a motor vehicle	86	61	69	65	104	54
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	64	46	32	56	40	71
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	6	3	6	3	11	11

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Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	40	26	25	30	45	21
Common theft	558	459	495	575	575	605
Theft by shoplifting	703	549	503	586	1125	1022
Fraud	204	290	373	434	395	405
Other Group 3 crimes	153	158	156	202	189	169
Group 4 - Damage and Reckless Behaviour	1101	1055	1135	1206	1173	1131
Fireraising	54	32	38	53	49	60
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	1008	965	1045	1115	1068	1008
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0	1	2	0	0	3
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	39	56	48	34	52	59
Other Group 4 crimes	0	1	2	4	4	1
Group 5 - Crimes Against Society	1858	2171	1836	1604	1882	1820
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	5	0	5	3	6	3
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	91	126	96	104	120	107
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	0	0	0	2	0	2
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	0	0	0	0	2	1
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	53	63	42	104	91	57
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	14	19	19	6	15	1
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	124	123	64	91	114	137
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0	1	2	0	0	1
Possession of drugs	1013	1136	981	700	774	757
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	7	5	0	1	1	0
Bail offences (other than absconding)	251	330	315	311	386	407
Other crimes against public justice	288	352	305	280	361	333
Other crimes against society	5	4	3	1	1	1
Group 6 - Anti-Social Offences	1270	1099	1087	1179	1157	1114
Breach of the Peace	181	99	69	64	64	54
Threatening or abusive behaviour	920	905	925	1005	1001	959
Hate aggravated conduct (incl. stirring up hatred)	18	16	13	28	25	39
Drunk and incapable	1	3	1	1	0	0
Consume alcohol in designated place (local by-laws)	49	28	19	9	11	13
Other alcohol related offences	45	17	24	41	31	29

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Urinating	56	31	36	31	25	20
Group 7 - Miscellaneous Offences	244	314	299	311	353	350
Wildlife offences	21	39	29	25	21	16
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	24	29	27	34	48	66
Community and public order offences	134	183	172	185	221	193
Environmental offences	23	22	28	11	14	10
Licensing offences	35	40	36	51	35	47
Other misc. offences	7	1	7	5	14	18
Group 8 - Road Traffic Offences	5328	5086	5104	4696	5841	5733
Dangerous driving offences	110	123	164	118	145	159
Driving Carelessly	386	322	450	551	722	643
Driving under the influence	309	426	409	361	471	539
Speeding offences	1753	1756	1661	881	1255	985
Seat belt offences	119	83	99	75	130	115
Mobile phone offences	104	64	95	126	194	238
Unlawful use of motor vehicle	1550	1463	1431	1577	1847	1704
Vehicle defect offences	363	351	268	366	386	504
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	123	64	77	85	83	106
Road Traffic Offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	5	5	2	3	5	2
Other Group 8 Offences	506	429	448	553	603	738

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