

Renfrewshire Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/23 - 31/08/23

Total Crime



0.0%



6,303 Crimes

Incidents Recorded

Common Assault

Overall Dishonesty

Domestic Abuse
Incidents

+7.1%



23,108

+11.5%



804

+21.3%



1,573

+3.2%



876

Overall Violent Crime

Sexual Crime

Road Traffic
Casualties

Disorder Complaints

+9.9%



890

-1.6%



181

-35.9%



41

-6.9%*



2,826

Missing People

Counter Terrorism

Housebreaking

-23.4%



298



The threat level from INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM is SUBSTANTIAL —an attack has been deemed as likely to occur.



98

*All data provided is for the period 1 April 2023 - 31 August 2023 unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 31 August 2023.

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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration. Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, numerical comparisons are against the comparable period in the preceding reporting year.

CI William Graham

Renfrewshire Area Commander

RENFREWSHIRE POLICING PRIORITIES 2023/26

PRIORITY	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	<p>Overall violent crime has increased by 9.9% on the previous year, with a total of 890 crimes recorded in the reporting period. A greater number of murders, robberies, common assaults and threats and extortion were recorded as compared to last year. The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 62.9%, a fall of 5.6% on the previous year.</p>
 PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE	<p>181 sexual crimes have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, three less than the previous year. However 20 more rapes / attempted rapes were recorded. The detection rate for sexual crimes has decreased by 12.6 percentage points, to 61.3%.</p>
 ACQUISITIVE AND CYBER / DIGITAL CRIME	<p>Overall crimes of dishonesty have increased by 21.3%, with common theft, shoplifting and fraud (three of the highest volume acquisitive crimes) all continuing to rise. The detection rate achieved was 35.0%, an increase on the previous year of 6.7%. Over 40% of crimes tagged with the 'cybercrime' marker recorded in the current reporting year were acquisitive crimes, most commonly online frauds.</p>
 SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME	<p>Intelligence led policing resulted in 66 drugs detections in the current year, a rise of four on the previous reporting year. In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £1,294,784 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act. Two Serious and Organised Crime Group principal members and 41 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year.</p>
 ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME	<p>Overall, road casualties have fallen by 23, to a total of 41. Offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen by 10.7% on the previous year, to a total of 1,284. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 85.7%.</p>

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2023/24

Protecting vulnerable people

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division continues to support a multi-agency approach to reduce drug deaths, to engage with Scottish Government and stakeholders to influence approaches to supporting individuals with complex mental health needs, and to work in partnership to develop local effective and efficient pathways to support vulnerable people.

Working with communities

The Division continues to support this Police Scotland priority and to develop strategic partnerships to find synergy in policy making and shared resources. Police in Renfrewshire recognise the importance of engaging with communities to understand their needs, and strive to support innovation in local partnership settings.

Tackling crime in the digital age

Police in Renfrewshire continue to benefit from the support of specialised Police Scotland units such as the Cybercrime Unit and the Economic Crime and Financial Investigation Unit, amongst others. There are continued efforts to ensure our Officers have the training, resources and equipment needed to tackle the threat arising from cyber related criminality and technological advancement.

Support for operational policing

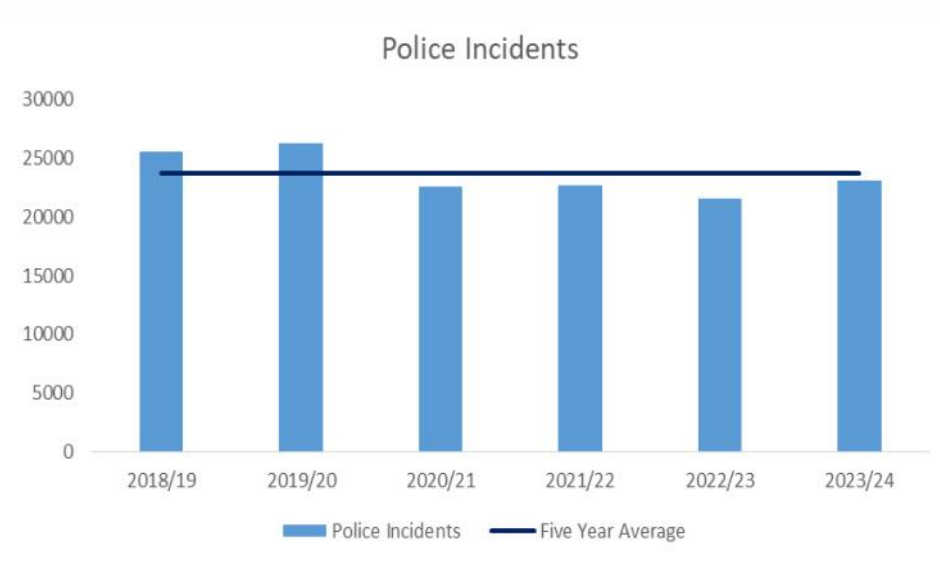
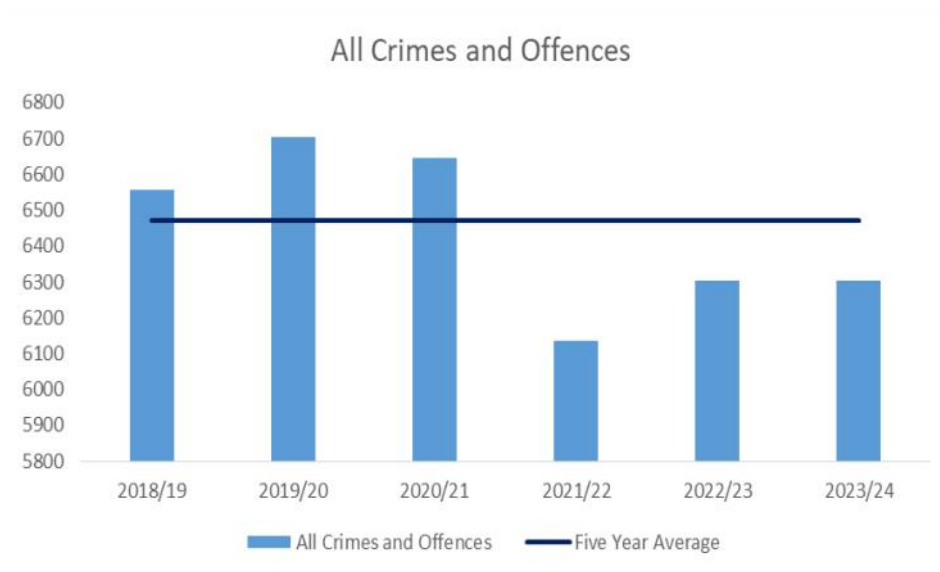
Renfrewshire Police continue to link in closely with Police Scotland's Corporate Services who enable and support operational resources to deliver against the strategic priorities and their outcomes. Significant developments arising from the Digitally Enabled Policing Programme which have resulted in direct benefits to Renfrewshire Police include the National Network / Project ADEL, the rollout of mobile devices and the suite of applications delivered via Core Operational Systems (COS).

DEMAND ANALYSIS

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE

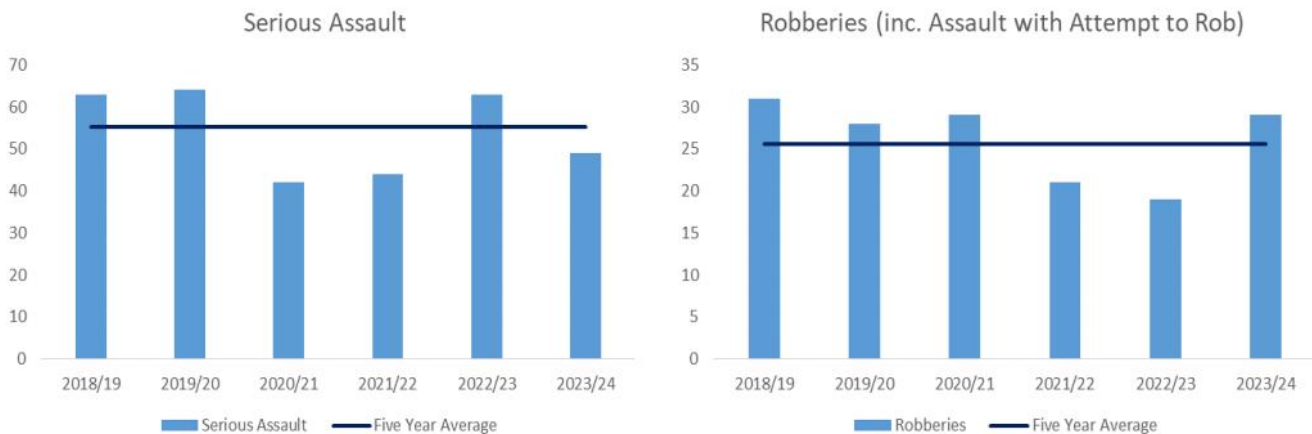
CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD	CYTD	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	6,304	6,303	Total number of incidents	21,574	23,108



The volume of recorded crime and offences has remained the same, however, with a rise in recorded crimes of violence, crimes of non-sexual violence and crimes of dishonesty. Recorded police incidents have increased by 7.1%, however remain 2.6% below five year average figures.

VIOLENCE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DISORDER



Violence

Overall violent crime has increased by 9.9% on the previous year, with a total of 890 crimes recorded in the reporting period. A greater number of murders, robberies, common assaults and threats and extortion were recorded as compared to last year. The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 62.9%, a fall of 5.6% on the previous year.

Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

55 wilful fireraising crimes have been recorded— a decrease of 6.8% on the previous year. The current detection rate is 12.7%, a drop of 7.6 percentage points on the previous year. Advice continues to be issued to all householders regarding the dangers of leaving combustible items in common close areas. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes have fallen by 18.2% on the previous year, to a total of 435 crimes in the reporting period.

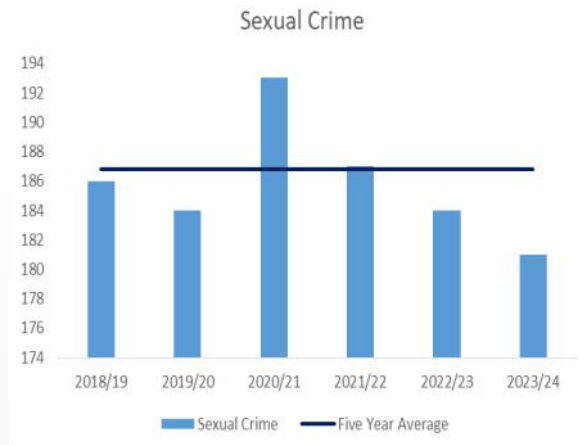
Hate Crime

13 more hate incidents have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period (n=117) compared to the same period in 2022/23. 100 of these incidents resulted in a crime being recorded, an increase of 19.0% on the previous year. The detection rate for hate crimes in Renfrewshire in the reporting period is 60.0%, up by 2.9 percentage points on last year.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Sexual Crime

181 sexual crimes have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, a decrease of 1.6% on the reported crime volume in the previous year. However, this included an increase of over 64% in the number of recorded rapes and attempted rapes. The detection rate for sexual crimes has decreased by 12.6 percentage points on the previous year, to 61.3%. 42 cyber-enabled sexual crimes were recorded in the reporting period, with a large proportion of these relating to indecent communications with children and sending sexual images to children,



Missing People

In the period April 2023 to August 2023, 298 missing person reports have been recorded in Renfrewshire, a significant decrease on the 389 reports in the same period in 2022/23. 297 of the missing people in the reporting period were traced alive, with the remaining missing person being found deceased. Repeat missing persons continue to be a concern, with the top five repeat missing people (all of whom were aged 16 or under) featuring in a total of 54 incidents – over 18% of the overall total of missing person incidents in the reporting period. Police Scotland remains committed to reducing harm related to people who go missing and continues to develop and implement key measures to ensure missing persons and their friends and family receive a consistently high level of service wherever the person has gone missing from. In Renfrewshire, over 65% of missing people were traced within 24 hours of being reported as missing, with this proportion rising to approximately 84% being traced within two days.

Domestic Abuse

Victims of domestic abuse remain one of Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division's top priorities. Recorded domestic abuse incidents in Renfrewshire increased by 3.2% on the previous year, to a total of 876. 44.0% of all recorded incidents resulted in a crime being recorded – a decrease of 4.6 percentage points on the previous year. The detection rate for domestic crime fell by 26.3 percentage points on the previous year, to 55.2% in the reporting period.

Drug Related Deaths

31 confirmed or suspected drugs related deaths occurred in Renfrewshire in the reporting period - an increase of two on the previous year. Toxicology results are awaited for all but one of the suspected DRDs in the reporting period. Although almost all of the toxicology results are still awaited, Cocaine and Valium continue to be the most commonly suspected substances to be involved.

Following the Naloxone introduction in 2022, Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division commenced their divisional rollout in February 2023. The rollout incorporated all forward facing police resources. Approximately 92% of officers deployed in Renfrewshire have completed Naloxone training, and there have been five instances in the past five months where Naloxone has been deployed.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Intelligence led policing resulted in 66 drugs detections in the current year. This comprised of 58 detected drugs supply / possession with intent to supply crimes and eight crimes relating to the production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs.

In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £1,294,784 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act - an increase of over 186% on the previous year's POCA total.

Two Serious and Organised Crime Group principal members and 41 SOCG associates were arrested in the Division in the current reporting year.

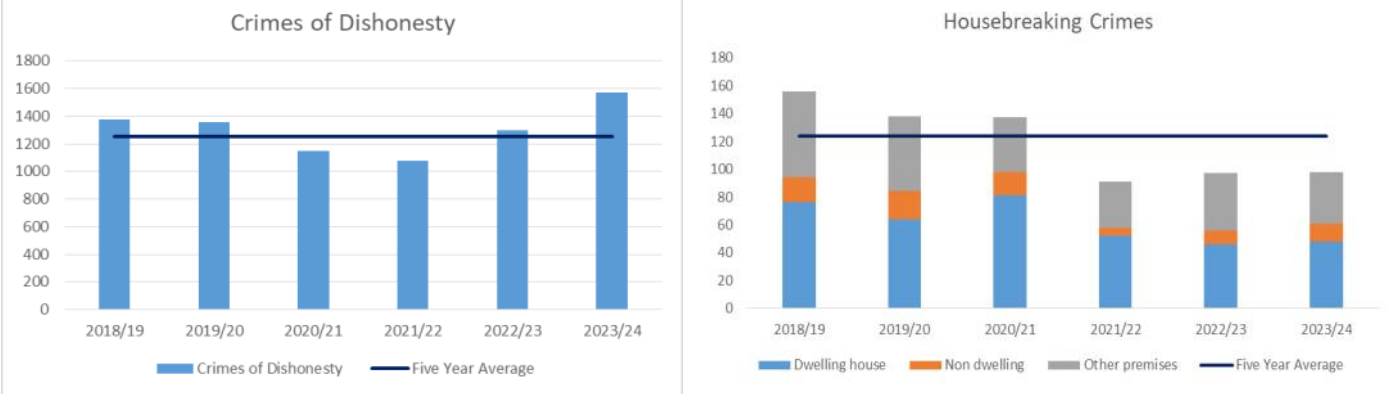
Intelligence-driven stop and search continues to be utilised to proactively target serious and organised criminals, with this tactic resulting in 80 drugs seizures in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, with 46% of these seizures relating to Class 'A' substances. Over 57% of the drug seizures occurred within the Paisley North West ward.

COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, the threat from Islam-ic, Northern Ireland and Right-wing terrorism remains a serious threat. The terrorist threat picture in Scotland is diverse and complex with current investigative activity ongoing for activity linked to Islamist extremism, NIRT and ERWT. The threat from Self-Initiated Terrorists (S-ITs) continues to represent the most significant risk of a terrorist attack occurring in Scotland. Any terrorist attack in Scotland is most likely to be conducted by a S-IT using a low-sophistication methodology such as a bladed or blunt force weapon or vehicle as a weapon. The threat from S-ITs manifests in the form of their ability to successfully plan and conduct their attacks with little or no warning. This can be particularly challenging to detect and can be motivated by ideologies across the entire ideological spectrum, and on occasion with mixed or unclear ideologies. Mental health issues are a persistent feature of investigations, and this growing issue remains a risk in relation to S-IT activity. This continues to be evidenced across all threat areas, indicating how vulnerable individuals can be influenced by extremist narratives.

Renfrewshire has an embedded CTLO (Counter Terrorist Liaison Officer) who provides expert guidance and support regarding emerging threats from national and international terrorism & Extremism. The CTLO has provided support, security advice and reassurance to locally elected representatives. CT Awareness and PREVENT training has been carried out over the last period with partners and other agencies such as UWS staff, KIBBLE Paisley staff, ENGAGE, BARNARDO'S, WCS students. CTSA training was carried out with BRAEHEAD security and other shop staff. This consisted of national CT products such as ScAN and ACT. At the Glynhill Hotel in K Division a PROTECT CT Exercise was carried out with key managers from Renfrewshire council in attendance. Further CT Awareness and PREVENT training is planned over the coming months with ENGAGE, BEACONS Art centre staff, Domestic staff at Renfrewshire council. A CT PREVENT Presentation was given to all Head teachers in Renfrewshire with a view of additional CT Awareness training being provided to all school teachers and further details of the PREVENT referral process over the coming period. A Safe Steeple event by CT Emergency planning is being held at the Beacons Art centre Inverclyde with key partners invited. K Division has seen a 22% increase in referrals made to PREVENT since CT Awareness and PREVENT training has begun in 2021. K Division currently has 3 PREVENT nominals that are managed by the Prevent Delivery Unit. Work continues with all Op Bridger and Op Sandbed nominals in K Division with all addresses being offered security surveys and markers added to police systems.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME



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478 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – an increase of 41.4% on the previous year. The detection rate has risen by 4.6 percentage points to 59.6%.

Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) decreased by 1.0% on the previous year, to a total of 98 crimes. HB crimes involved dwelling houses in Renfrewshire have risen by over 4% on the previous year. The HB detection rate is 16.3%, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points.


Acquisitive crimes targeting motor vehicles have risen by 15.1% on the previous year, to a total of 137 crimes. Theft from a motor vehicle accounts for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime (n=61). There continues to be a focus on proactive response and preventative work in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division to tackle the emerging trend of the keyless thefts of motor vehicles. The motor vehicle acquisitive crime detection rate is 36.5%, a decrease of 3 percentage points on the previous year.

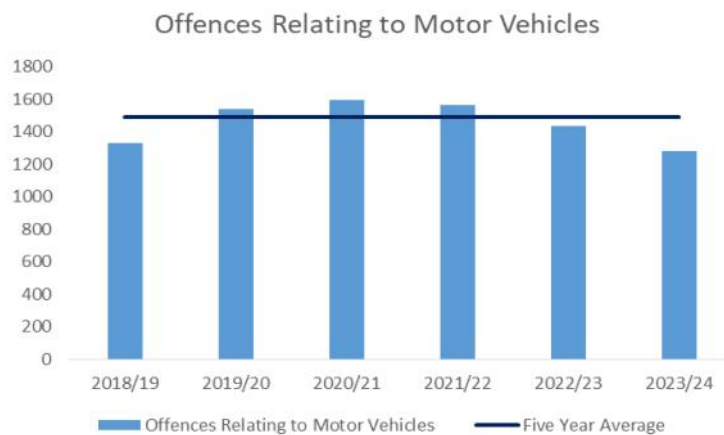
CYBER & DIGITAL CRIME

Cyber-enabled crime continues to impact on the communities of Renfrewshire, with analysis suggesting that cyber-enabled frauds remain the most commonly recorded type of cybercrime in Renfrewshire in the reporting period. Over 40% of all reported cybercrimes in Renfrewshire were acquisitive crimes. A range of online frauds and attempted fraud methods continue to be reported, including suspects posing as bank employees in order to gain access to complainer's online bank accounts and online devices. Other crimes reported were internet order frauds and social engineering frauds in which suspects used messaging apps to contact complainers while purporting to be a relative in need of financial assistance, in order to fraudulently induce online payments to be sent to them.

Over 30% of the overall number of recorded cybercrimes were miscellaneous offences including threatening and abusive communications, while cyber-enabled sexual offences constituted around 12% of the total. Just under 10% of cybercrimes in Renfrewshire were cyber enabled sexual-extortion crimes.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Road Traffic Casualties		2022/23	2023/24
	Number of persons killed on our roads	1	1
	Number of persons seriously injured	24	19
	Number of persons slightly injured	36	18
	Number of children seriously injured	3	3
Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2023 to 31/08/2023			



Overall, road casualties have fallen by 23 on the previous year, to a total of 41. Road fatalities remained the same at one year-on-year, serious injuries have fallen from 24 to 19, while slight injuries have fallen by 18, to a total of 18. While no children have been killed on Renfrewshire's roads, three have been seriously injured in the current reporting year - the same figure as last year.

Offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen by 10.7% on the previous year, to a total of 1,284. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 85.7%, a fall of 1.7 percentage points on the previous year.

Drink and drug driving offences have decreased by 22.3% on the previous year, to a total of 73. While speeding offences have fallen from 244 last year to 222 this year, a drop of 9.0%.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2023 - 31/08/2023

Table: Complaints and allegations received in the Renfrewshire Council area, by Period (Apr – Aug) ¹

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change
Renfrewshire Council	89	88	1.1%	119	158	-24.7%

1. Data is based on the case received date.

Table: Allegations received in the Renfrewshire Council area, by Category, Type and Period (Apr – Aug) ¹

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change
On Duty - TOTAL	113	83	-26.5%
Assault	7	7	0.0%
Corrupt Practice	0	1	x
Discriminatory Behaviour	0	2	x
Excessive Force	11	11	0.0%
Incivility	25	16	-36.0%
Irregularity in Procedure	61	38	-37.7%
Neglect of Duty	1	1	0.0%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	1	0.0%
Other - Criminal	2	2	0.0%
Other - Non Criminal	1	0	-100.0%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence	0	2	x
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	4	2	-50.0%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	45	36	-20.0%
Policy/Procedure	8	8	0.0%
Service Delivery	12	10	-16.7%
Service Outcome	25	18	-28.0%
Grand Total	158	119	-24.7%

1. Data is based on the case received date.

A total of 89 complaint cases and 119 allegations have been received in Renfrewshire in the reporting period. 83 allegations were 'On Duty' with a further 36 relating to quality of service.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

From 01/04/2023 - 31/08/2023

80.8% of respondents to the 'Your Police' survey reported that they felt very or fairly safe in their local area. 30.4% agreed, or strongly agreed that they had confidence in the police in their local area. 29.8% of Renfrewshire respondents felt that the police were doing a good job in the local area. While 40.4% strongly agreed that they had respect for the local police. Your Police survey results indicate that some local residents continue to feel Renfrewshire Police could be doing better by having more officers on patrol and more visibility. Issues which were highlighted which continue to cause concern in the local community include antisocial behaviour by youths, speeding motorists, drug dealing and a lack of police resources.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY OUTCOMES – CASE STUDIES

The partnerships team have an Inspector in post who is committed to developing and strengthening partnership working in Renfrewshire. One focus for the team is supporting vulnerable people particularly in relation to missing episodes. Recently a missing person co-ordinator role has been created with an officer dedicated to supporting the public and partners. Ongoing work with the RAH continues along with continued and well established engagement with Kibble. A joint application between Kibble and Police Scotland secured assistance from the National Missing persons charity who are in the process of delivering additional training to Kibble staff, with the view of reducing missing episodes. The partnership teams are currently delivering training to Dykebar, Charleston Centre and addictions services with the offer of ongoing refresher training. This provides information on staff responsibilities and police procedures which aims to strengthen relationships and reduce periods of missing. Work is also ongoing with our cadre of supervisors and Inspectors to keep them apprised of the ongoing work by the preventions team.

We are still continuing prevention work to deter vehicle crime incidents with a recent event at Asda, Linwood which was very well received. Organisations/locations who have a high population of our elderly community have received visits from the team to discuss doorstep scams, cyber-crime and frauds. In addition the team did some promotional work at financial premises speaking to people on the risks of financial harm and around 250 students at West college were met by the team to discuss the dangers of Sextortion.

To target acquisitive crime, the team have visited every fuel station in Renfrewshire engaging staff, managers and business owners with crime prevention advice and promoting the civil recovery scheme through the government. This allows retailers to report and reclaim funds for customers who forget to pay for fuel rather than reporting to Police on every occasion and which then keeps reports to police of purely criminal instances. This has proved positive with reduced reporting noted.

FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

With the work ongoing with partners on missing person instances we are hoping to roll out training for partners to enter intelligence onto an online system which is then directed straight to our Intelligence team. This work is in the early stages however is an ideal opportunity to capture intelligence that may have otherwise been lost. The preventions team are planning to deliver inputs to all care establishments in Renfrewshire on the not at home procedure along with the Philomena process. This is to ensure consistency, give staff reassurance and of course offer the best possible response to missing person incidents of children in a care setting. The team delivered this training to establishments in Inverclyde which was well received and reporting has decreased.

On the run up to Fireworks night the team have already started engagement with colleagues in SFRS and the local authority youth workers where joint inputs will be delivered to High Schools in Renfrewshire. We have a joint safety letter which will be circulated to schools for emailing to parents and we are planning on running an article with partners in local media to highlight safety messages. We plan to conduct joint visits with Trading standards to engage with retailers and promote the joint working to keep people of Renfrewshire safe.