

Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



Overall, Murder, Attempt Murder, Serious Assault and Robbery are down 11.9% on last year, with 13 fewer victims of serious violence.

Since 1 April 2018, 844 crimes have been identified via police proactivity.

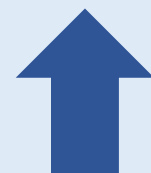
Overall downward trend in violence and ASB

There were 95 fewer common assaults (-12.2%) and 103 fewer disorder complaints (-2.5%).

84 common assaults targeted emergency workers - 82 police officers and two nurses.

The detection rate for robberies and serious assaults have both increased on last year, to 83.9% and 80.3% respectively.

Public Protection



Reported sexual crimes continue to follow an increasing trend, with 194 crimes reported year to date (59 more than the same period last year).

39% of reported sexual offences in the current year are non-recent in nature, up from 36% the previous year. The majority (88%) of sexual crime occurred indoors.

Victims aged 11 - 15 years at the time of the offence constituted the highest proportion of sexual crimes (30%), with 61% of these reports being non-recent and at least a third being cyber-enabled.

The detection rate for sexual crimes stands at 57.2%, up from 46.7% for the same period last year.



168 reported missing person incidents - four more than the same period in 2017/18. 48% of incidents involved looked-after children (LAC), compared to 43% the previous year. 30% of missing persons investigations involved mental health concerns. More than 90% of missing person investigations were assessed as 'medium' or 'low' risk. More than a third of missing people were traced or returned within six hours of going missing, and 76% were traced within 24 hours.

The number of unique incidents in which an adult or child concern was raised fell by 1.2%.

897 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, down 3.9% on the previous year. 487 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, a decrease of 10.8% on the previous year.

68 complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Renfrewshire (26.6 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 87 allegations have been made.

Renfrewshire

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

Reporting Period - 1 April -31 August 2018

Major Crime & Terrorism



As at 3rd September 2018, 28 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested, in addition to £428,069.64 being seized under Proceeds of Crime Act legislation.

54 detections for drug supply/production/cultivation offences, up from 33 the previous year. Cocaine, cannabis and heroin featured most predominantly in drug supply offences, being involved in 46%, 33% and 27% of offences respectively.

There have been 23 confirmed drug related deaths, with four further suspected DRDs awaiting toxicology results.



47 cyber-crimes have been raised between 1 April and 31 August 2018. This represents an increase of 16 crimes on same period in 2017. Reported offences included hacking online accounts, internet order fraud, indecent communications with children and young people and threatening/menacing communications.

Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting is down by 3.3% to 377 crimes - 13 fewer than last year. Braehead continues to be the primary hotspot location.



156 housebreakings (inc attempts) - up by 4%, with six additional crimes. Dwelling houses account for 49% of HBs.

The volume of acquisitive crime stands at 1,456 reports - up 7.8% on the previous year. This incorporates an increasing volume of housebreaking crimes, motor vehicle crimes, common theft and fraud.



There have been ten reported bogus crimes, down from thirteen in the previous year. Six of the victims in the recent period were elderly and/or infirm. Common tactics used included posing as utility workers to gain access and thereafter steal property, and obtaining monies to undertake gardening work and thereafter departing without completing the agreed work.

Road Safety & Road Crime



Between April and August 2018, two road fatalities occurred in Renfrewshire, up from one for the same period last year. Both fatalities involved vulnerable road users (motorcyclist and pedal cyclist). Meanwhile, serious road injuries remained at the same level (18), while slight injuries fell 43.6% (58 fewer).

While dangerous driving offences have increased 31.3% on the previous year, to a total of 42 offences, all other road traffic offences have fallen compared to the same period last year.



Our Renfrewshire is fair: addressing the inequalities that limit life chances

Wellbeing Matters - Police Scotland's first Mobile Wellbeing Unit was launched in August 2018. This unit will be utilised at divisional events and operational incidents within K Division and will provide wellbeing support to officers and staff who have been deployed at events and incidents.

Also during August 2018, in partnership with Police Mutual, 'Health Screening' appointments were offered to staff across Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division to ensure staff health and wellbeing. These took place within local offices over a three day period with over 60 staff members receiving health checks.

New People Strategy - In August 2018 Police Scotland introduced its new People Strategy which focuses on improving and encouraging leadership, creating a positive environment and becoming an agile, responsive organisation to empower, enable and develop our people. The strategy sets out the plans to all Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division officers to deliver excellence in service and protection and to build a modern workforce that will meet the future demands placed on Scottish policing.

Digitally Enabled Policing – Digitally Enabled Policing programme was launched in July 2018 with the focus on bringing more and better digital technology into everyday policing. This will allow local officers to access systems and carry out day to day policing via mobile devices which will ultimately better the service received by the public as it will give the officers the ability to spend more time in their communities and reduce the need to return to stations.

21st Century transformation of policing—In September 2018 plans were agreed for the investment in Police Scotland's data, digital and ICT capability to allow the modernising of our service giving us the tools we need to protect the public in the 21st century replacing and dramatically improving our current ageing digital, data and ICT systems. The plan will deliver improvement in phases, beginning with the rollout of mobile devices to 'K' Division officers.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) - Police Scotland Renfrewshire has recently recruited a new group of local young people aged between 13-17 years. The young people took part in an initial training programme where they have learnt about volunteering, police standards and social values through inputs from police and partners. The aim of the project is to break down barriers between young people and the police, promote positive role models and good citizenship. The Paisley PSYV assisted local police officers and external agencies conduct a successful open day at Paisley Police Office in September 2018.

Major Incident Support Co-ordination Unit – In August 2018 Police Scotland Launched the UK's first Major Incident Support Co-ordination Unit. The three disciplines of Disaster Victim Identification, HOLMES and the Casualty Bureau have been amalgamated and will serve K Division in the event of a major incident. This unit will ensure that there is a joined up approach allowing information to be shared quicker amongst emergency services and to the public.

Multi Agency Partnership Working – Drugs Recovery - An intelligence led operation resulted in a 30 year old male from the Paisley area being arrested at Glasgow Airport after being found in possession of 2 ounces of class A controlled drug (cocaine). The male is documented as to being involved in the supply of controlled drugs and linked to Serious and Organised Crime. Multi Agency working involving UK Border Agency / NSA / Customs and Excise and Police Scotland. The male was reported for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs, possession of a Class 'A' controlled drug and Customs and Excise Management - Exportation of a controlled drug.

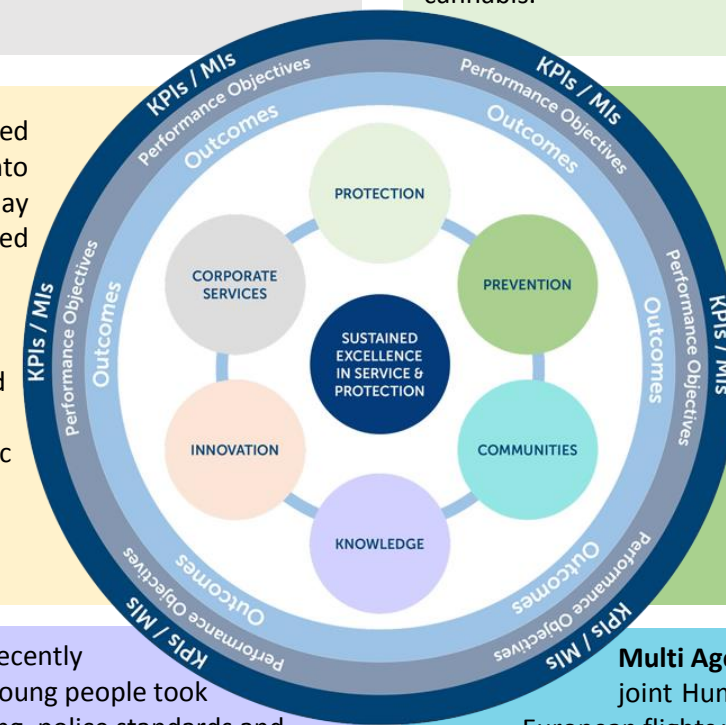
Serious and Organised Crime/Violence/Disorder - In July 2018, the Local Violence Reduction Team along with the assistance of internal and external partners carried out a week long initiative 'Operation Stagno' which resulted in; 10 Violent offenders arrested/ reported for crimes; 1 male arrested for drug supply offences (£3,550 worth of heroin recovered) 1 male arrested drug supply offences (£3,500 worth of cannabis recovered), 2 males arrested drug possession - £800 worth of herbal cannabis recovered and personal quantity of cocaine, 1 male arrested for firearms offences, 4 males reported for drug possession charges with recoveries including heroin, diazepam and cannabis.

Counter Terrorism – Local engagement – Over the past few months a notable rise in the number of protests being carried out at Sandyford Road Abattoir, Renfrew led to the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer briefing local community officers on XLW activity and groups. Local officers have carried out extensive engagement with the Save Movement Scotland who have been active at the site, to ensure peaceful protest and no disruption to business operations.

Drugs Recovery – Cannabis Cultivation – In September 2018 officers attended an industrial unit in Back Sneddon Street, Paisley to execute a drugs warrant. A large cannabis cultivation was found along with 2 Albanian males hiding within. There were approximately 500 plants with a potential value of £400 - £600 per plant which gives an overall value of £200,000-£300,000. The equipment and set up found within was estimated to be worth tens of thousands of pounds. The two males were subsequently arrested, interviewed under caution and charged with Sec 4(2) MDA 1971 offences.

Multi Agency Partnership Working – Immigration Offences- During September 2018 there was a joint Human Trafficking operation between 'K' Division and Airports Policing/UKBA. Three Eastern European flights were targeted airside and collections targeted on the landside. The operation was a success with 23 welfare questionnaires completed. Intelligence was gained and submitted. Most notably 3 persons were refused entry to the country through diligent checks and interviews. One of these males was a convicted sex offender and refused entry on the grounds of (potential) offending. The remaining two females were believed to be involved in the sex industry and refused entry on the grounds of welfare/criminality. All three posed a threat through exploitation and Serious and Organised Crime Groups which resulted in them being returned to Romania. The additional intelligence will provide details of industry (Scotland) where Eastern European visitors chose to find employment.

Community Safety – Your Home, Your Street, Our Community – Launched in September 2018, the 'Your Home, Your Street, Our Community' programme is a partnership approach led by Police Scotland and supported by Renfrewshire Council, Engage Renfrewshire and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to tackle the local issues that matter to residents and to help build a safer, stronger community. The intervention will take place with all partners feeding in across a three month period. The project follows successful interventions previously carried out in Erskine, Ferguslie and Gallowhill.



Our Renfrewshire is thriving: maximising economic growth that is inclusive and stable

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