



To: **Housing & Community Safety Policy Board
Renfrewshire Council**

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Heading: **Police and Fire Reform: Local Scrutiny and Engagement
Renfrewshire Local Policing Area
Performance Results 1st April 2016 – 2nd October 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out that the main purpose of policing is to improve the safety and well-being of persons, localities and communities in Scotland. It ensures an enhanced focus on local delivery of policing with a designated local commander for each local authority area accountable for local service provision.
- 1.2 Each local commander is required to prepare a local policing plan that meets the needs of the local area and is approved by the local authority. In response to this the local authority has a statutory power to monitor the delivery of police services and to provide feedback to the local commander.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The data within this report, which relates to the period 1st April 2016 to 2nd October 2016, is extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 2nd October 2016. The data is a year to date comparison with the previous year. It includes both recorded and detected crime data and covers all priority areas as set out in the local police plan. Members are asked to scrutinise policing performance for the period outlined and provide feedback where appropriate.

3. Background

- 3.1 The local commander is required to provide reports at an agreed timescale for scrutiny by elected members. Formal scrutiny of the Renfrewshire Police Plan falls under the governance of the Renfrewshire Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee under the auspices of the Housing and Community Safety Committee (HACS) which meets five times per year. The information is contained at Appendix 1.

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LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Renfrewshire

October 2016

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	160	149	11 more	7.4%
There have been 11 more victims of violent crime. Crimes of violence are robustly and proactively investigated. Patrols are often directed into areas where violent crimes have been highlighted to create a Police presence and act as a deterrent. We engage with numerous partnership agencies who assist in identifying offenders and share information in order that victims are sufficiently supported.					
2	Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
There has only been one murder reported during this period which has been detected. Investigations of this nature are thoroughly carried out by the Major Investigation Team and a Community Impact Assessment accompanies these investigations to ensure all possible risk to the local community is accounted for.					
3	Attempted Murder	11	11	same number	0.0%
There are currently the same amount of attempted murders as there was in the same period last year. Half of these occurred indoors with the majority of victims knowing their attackers. Of these offences have been detected and investigations have been conducted thoroughly by CID officers and are scrutinised daily by Senior Detective Officers.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
This figure remains the same for this reporting period.					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	75.9%	71.3%		4.6%
The detection rate continues to remain high. Diligent enquiries are carried out by CID officers and continually reviewed by Senior Detective Officers.					
7	Serious Assault	83	87	4 fewer	-4.6%
There have been 4 fewer incidents of serious assault in this reporting period. Often these offences take place indoors and involve complainers who are uncooperative with Police investigations which can hinder valuable witness statements and evidence gathering. Despite this, the majority of serious assaults have been detected by CID officers with the investigations being overseen by Senior Detective officers.					
8	Robbery detection rate	95.2%	81.8%		13.4%
The detection rate for robberies has risen significantly in this reporting period.					
9	Robbery	42	33	9 more	27.3%
A robbery strategy has been implemented within the Renfrewshire area in order to tackle this crime. Within this, vulnerable premises are identified and regularly visited especially those with lone or vulnerable staff working within. The Anti Violence Reduction Unit robustly complete bail checks on known offenders to ensure they are adhering to bail conditions set by the courts.					
10	Common assault detection rate	73.9%	82.9%		-9.0%
There has been a slight change in the detection rate for common assaults however this rate still remains high.					
11	Common assault	1,080	1,038	42 more	4.0%
There have been 42 more common assaults in this reporting period. Officers continue to deploy within the town centres during the late weekend hours when more of the public are out to create high visibility and to act as a deterrent. Enquiries of this nature frequently occur within private dwellings with a lack of corroboration and can therefore be difficult to detect however, each undetected offence is scrutinised by					

Senior Management to ensure that all avenues for further evidence gathering have been explored.					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	5,870	5,148	722 more	14.0%
Complaints regarding disorder continue to be scrutinised daily by the partnership hub which comprises of social work, housing and education authorities. This joint engagement ensures that information is shared and that all agencies work together to help minimise disorder. Within the Renfrewshire Safer Communities team Officers frequently attend schools and education facilities to provide information and presentations on different aspects of disorder. Where anti-social behaviour is identified as a frequent problem, Officers are defaulted to patrol in this area to prevent further instances.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,385	1,217		13.8%
The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police continues to rise. As a high priority for Police Scotland, this is a positive reflection of the public's confidence to report these offences. This number also reflects victims reporting numerous offences and offences of historical domestic abuse incidents.					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	828	790		4.8%
The rise in total crimes and offences can be attributed to offenders who were previously incarcerated being released and re-offending. Due to the complex nature of these offences and with the victim frequently being the only witness these crimes can be undetected despite all Police and partnership opportunities utilised.					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	44.2%	50.0%		-5.8%
All domestic incidents that are categorised as 'No Crime' are scrutinised and endorsed by Senior Management to ensure that no evidence of a crime has been committed.					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	75.1%	87.0%		-11.9%
Although this percentage has fallen, the detection rate still remains high.					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	49	94		-47.9%
The recording mechanisms for Domestic Bail offences have been altered whereby if additional crimes occur the Bail offence is not raised separately which will result in a fall of detections.					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	95.1%	-		-

19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	74.2%	82.3%		-8.1%
Hate crimes incorporate Homophobic, Disablist and Racial crimes with a high percentage being recorded against Police officers whilst on duty. All evidential avenues are thoroughly investigated to maintain this high detection rate. Increasing confidence to report hate crimes has become one of Police Scotland's high priorities and we work closely with the 'I Am Me' Charity who raise awareness of disability hate crime. We have also developed 22 reporting centres for hate crime in Renfrewshire along with a dedicated Safer Communities team, in addition to local community officers, all of whom actively work to tackle hate crime in all its forms.					
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,408	501		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1,366	499		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	42	2		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	380	-		
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication					

Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	85	142		-40.1%
These detections are highlighted through intelligence passed and generated into a package and acted upon to ensure the safety of the public is maintained.					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	22.9%	21.0%		1.9%
The detection rate for this reporting period continues to rise.					
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	253	348	95 fewer	-27.3%
We have 95 fewer housebreakings reported in this period in comparison with last year. We proactively focus on individuals who are prolific in this or similar offences and ensure that particular areas that are targeted get extra visible Police patrols. Enquiries of this nature are carried out by a dedicated team, called the Acquisitive Crime Team, meaning that enquiries can be carried out efficiently and effectively.					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	82.6%	78.8%		3.8%
The detection rate for theft by shoplifting remains on the increase.					

29	Theft by shoplifting	510	443	67 more	15.1%
The Town Centre Team continue to monitor known shoplifters within each Town Centre and build on relationships with security staff so that these crimes can be highlighted and detected more quickly. Due to engagement with retail staff, they feel more comfortable reporting minor thefts that they may have previously excluded.					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	22.0%	18.0%		4.0%
The detection rate for vandalism and malicious mischief continues to rise in this reporting period.					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	908	891	17 more	1.9%
There have been 17 more instances of vandalism or malicious mischief reported in this period. We continue to work closely with schools and other partnership agencies to educate about the effects this has on the individual victims and communities as a whole.					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	758	1160		-34.7%
The number of detections for consuming alcohol in a designated place has fallen significantly by 34.7%. Our licencing department continue to work closely with licenced premises to promote responsible drinking and educate them.					

Public Protection

		Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	160	144	16 more	11.1%
There have been 16 more crimes of a sexual nature reported in this period. Reporting sexual crimes has been heavily highlighted in the media allowing for higher public confidence in reporting such crimes. These crimes are investigated thoroughly by the Public Protection Unit and scrutinised daily by Senior Management.					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	63.8%	65.3%		-1.5%
The detection rate has decreased slightly. Enquiries of this nature are often very complex and so take longer to gain a detection.					
35	Rape detection rate	59.4%	40.6%		18.8%
We continue to utilise our Divisional Rape Investigation Unit who robustly progress these enquiries ensuring the support and safety of the victim is considered throughout. These investigations are scrutinised daily by Senior Management to ensure that all possible evidential venues are considered.					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics

	Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	2	0	2 more	-
People Seriously injured	31	26	5 more	19.2%
People Slightly Injured	172	161	11 more	6.8%
The victims of the fatal road incident are the same as in the last reporting period. The Divisional Roads Policing Unit continue to promote Road Safety Awareness Campaigns and educate drivers on best driving practises.				
Children (aged<16) Killed	1	0	1 more	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	4	4	same number	0.0%
Due to the Divisional Roads Policing Unit engaging extensively with the Council regarding the child mentioned, road markings on the road where this particular incident occurred were highlighted and changes have been implemented with new signage being effected.				

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2016 - Oct 2016	Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	44	49		-10.2%
37	Speeding	420	942		-55.4%
38	Disqualified driving	6	16		-62.5%
39	Driving Licence	122	137		-10.9%
40	Insurance	301	313		-3.8%
41	Seat Belts	95	154		-38.3%
42	Mobile Phone	175	162		8.0%
The Divisional Roads Policing Unit continue to listen to community concerns highlighted regarding certain driving offences and conduct static speed checks or vehicle checks to provide advice and promote safe driving behaviours. They continue to support divisional resources for special events with traffic management and investigate serious and fatal road incidents.					

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Scottish Crime Recording Standard Quarter 3 & 4 Audit 2015/16 <i>(not available at Local Authority level but detailed at Divisional and Force level for information purposes)</i>								
45	Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 3/4 (October to March)	Test 1 - Incidents			Test 2 - Recorded Crime			
		Incidents Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance	
		K Division	149	9	94.0%	124	16	87.1%
		Force	2,360	129	94.5%	1,814	126	93.1%
Details of the methodology for Audit 1 can be found in Appendix A								

46	Audit 2 - Divisional Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarter 4 (January to March)	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	224	18	92.0%
	Force	3,500	212	93.9%
Details of the methodology for Audit 2 can be found in Appendix A				

47	Audit 3 - "No Crime" Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 3/4 (October to March)	Number of "No Crimes" Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	52	1	98.1%
	Force	973	47	95.2%
Details of the methodology for Audit 3 can be found in Appendix A				

APPENDIX "A" - AUDIT METHODOLOGY

Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime

The audit sample was selected from Command and Control incidents over a specific four day period

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Produced by Police Scotland Analysis & Performance Unit on 20/10/2016.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 2nd October 2016.

with initial call types CR-60 to CR-79 within the Crime category, and incidents with initial call types AB-57 Communications, AB-58 Hate Crime, PW-40 Domestic Incident and PW-76 Child Protection. The incident sample selected for audit ensured, working to a 95% confidence level with a confidence interval of +/-3%, that the sample audited was statistically representative of all incidents of this type recorded during the four day audit period. A formula was applied to the total number of incidents per Command Area and apportioned out between Divisions in that Command Area in order to obtain sample sizes. These were subject to a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 per Division.

Compliance in each of the two Tests is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

The audit tested:

Test 1 – Crime Related Incidents

- That incidents initially inferring a crime or apparent criminal activity and closed as a non-crime contained a satisfactory narrative to eliminate any inference of criminality and fully justify a non-crime disposal.
- That each incident clearly indicated a crime or non-crime as a disposal on the incident text.
- Where an incident was closed as a crime, the corresponding crime record was traced.

Test 2 – Recorded Crime

- The correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

Audit 2 - Recording of Specific Crime Types (Divisional Crime Audit)

To ensure that a number of different areas of crime recording are represented by Audit 2, samples were obtained from the following categories:

- Assault (Common Assault only)
- Group 1 Crime (Crimes of violence)
- Group 2 Crime (Sexual offences)
- Group 3 Crime (Crimes of dishonesty)
- Group 4 Crime (Damage to property)
- Other Crimes from Groups 5, 6 and 7

While not as statistically representative of all records within the audit period as Audit 1, the sample sizes in Audit 2 were weighted to take into account higher volumes of crime being recorded in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 100 records and a maximum of 300 records.

The audit tested the correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

Audit 3 - Crime Records Reclassified to "No Crime"

The third principle of SCRS states "once recorded, a crime will remain recorded unless there is credible evidence to disprove that a crime had occurred".

The audit tested the correct application of this principle in respect of recorded crime which was reclassified to "No Crime" following Police enquiry into the reported circumstances. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime reclassified incorrectly was counted as having failed the audit.

The sample sizes in Audit 3 were weighted to take into account the higher number of records reclassified to "No Crime" in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

In order to allow Divisions a reasonable period of time to ensure that records are complete and compliant with SCRS, audits are generally undertaken once a period of three months from the date of the incident/crime has elapsed. Any record incomplete at the time of audit will be audited based on the information available at the time.

APPENDIX 'B' – LOCAL INITIATIVES

Renfrewshire continue to promote partnership engagement within all possible areas of Policing. We prioritise promoting and educating safe practices, whether it be through safe driving, safe drinks promotions in licenced premises or educating Children and Young People on safe lifestyle practices. Some local initiatives we have been involved in for this reporting period include:

- **Licensing seminar** – The Renfrewshire Festive Licencing Seminar took place within the function suite at 'the Little Steakhouse' in Sma' Shot Lane, Paisley. This event was opened by Chief Inspector Martin Gallagher in front of 60 attendees from the local licensing trade. Specialist officers from the Drugs Unit, Roads Policing, Crime Scene Management and Counter Terrorism delivered inputs and highlighted Police Scotland's focus on 'Keeping People Safe'. Partner agencies such as, Renfrewshire Council, Best Bar None and Paisley First all provided relevant inputs.
- **'Grey Space' Community** – This Community Tension monitoring meeting was developed and continues to numerous communities. This has brought together senior representatives from the Catholic Church; Church of Scotland; Local Mosque; Buddhist Community; West of Scotland Racial Equality Council; LGBT+; Polish Community; Create Paisley; the 'I Am Me' Disability Awareness Charity; West College Scotland; University of West of Scotland (including corporate, student body and academic research staff); Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Local Authorities; NHS; CHSCP; and Police Scotland. This group has a specific focus on addressing hate crime, and has met on a quarterly basis since establishment. It is undertaking a number of positive actions in support of awareness raising around hate crime in the area.
- **Road Safety for Older Adults** – The Divisional Roads Policing Unit are running a road safety event for older adults in order to provide advice around responsibilities and direction agencies who can support them with concerns. These events were run in conjunction with numerous partners including Road Safety Scotland, local support services, Age Scotland, Alzheimers, NHS the feedback was very positive and focuses on an identified vulnerable group in terms of road safety.
- **School Bus Road Safety** – DRPU are also running a check across the Division in conjunction with Strathclyde Passenger Transport and DVSA around school buses and their road worthiness. This has largely demonstrated a high level of compliance however there have been several vehicles that have been required to have been put off the road for safety reasons due to defects.
- **Safer and Greener** – A Police lead multi-agency tasking group in Renfrewshire which includes statutory and third sector partners to develop the principles set out in the Building Safer Communities National Strategy of reducing victims of crime and unintentional harm through interventions in key communities to help them build capacity to resolve issues affecting their areas. Gallowhill is currently the focus of this initiative which began with an extensive consultation period with the community via a survey and focus groups to identify their main areas of concern. All partners have contributed to the action plan currently being implemented to address these concerns, with the police focus being on high visibility patrols after school and in the evenings to provide reassurance and regular advice and guidance to local residents around specific issues such as personal/internet/road safety and antisocial behaviour. It is envisaged that the community will take an active part in developing

solutions to some of the issues raised, supported by the Partnership to implement sustainable measures.

- **PSYV** – The Police Scotland Youth Volunteers have been involved in leaflet drops in areas that have been identified as being targeted by Bogus Workmen to help raise awareness. The Youth Volunteers have accumulated 109 hours volunteering for the month of October. Within this period they have attended numerous events in Renfrewshire including, Garden clean-up of Barshaw ‘Peace’ Gardens, Johnstone Town Hall Adult Protection Conference, Paisley Halloween Parade in partnership with Renfrewshire Council and many more.
- **Renfrewshire Special Constables** – 3 new Special Constables were sworn in on Sunday 23rd October at Tulliallan and have all been active in their duties. There are now 31 Special Constables in all of K Division who have contributed 361 hours for October.
- **Johnstone Adult Protection Conference** – An Adult Protection Conference was held within Johnstone Town hall. The local area commander for KB delivered an input on hate crime along with the ‘I Am Me’ project.