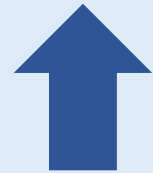


# Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

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

## Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



At year end of 2018/19, Group 1 Crimes of Violence were up 11.2% on the previous year, with 30 additional victims.

Since 1 April 2018, 2,034 crimes have been identified via police proactivity.

**Overall downward trend in minor violence and ASB**

There were 22 fewer common assaults (-1.3%) and 252 fewer disorder complaints (-2.9%). 215 common assaults targeted emergency workers and a further 13 assaults targeted other emergency workers.



The detection rate for robberies and serious assaults have both increased on last year, to 73.9% and 78.7% respectively.

## Public Protection



Recorded sexual crime continues to follow an increasing trend, with 148 additional crime reports in 2018/19 - an increase of 46.5%.

47% of reported sexual offences in the current year are non-recent in nature, up from 31% the previous year. Sexual crimes with a domestic element increased by 61% on the previous year.

Victims aged 11 - 15 years at the time of the offence constituted the highest proportion of sexual crimes (28%), with 56% of these reports being non-recent and 15% being cyber-enabled.

The detection rate of sexual crime in 2018/19 was 65.5% - up from 45.9% in the previous year.



There were 334 reported missing person incidents, of which 42% involved Looked After and Accommodated Children (LAAC). As such, Children's Units featured as the locus from which people went missing in 38% of cases. 34% of incidents involved mental health concerns. Nearly 90% of incidents were graded as 'medium' risk or lower. 60% of incidents involved repeat missing persons.

The number of unique incidents involving an adult or child concern increased by 0.1%.

2,146 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, an increase of one percent on the previous year. Meanwhile, 1,233 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, representing a decrease of two percent on the previous year.

**170 complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Renfrewshire (31.5 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 252 allegations have been made.**

## Renfrewshire

### Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

**Reporting Period – 1 April '18 - 31 Mar '19**

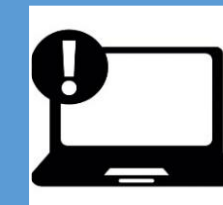
## Major Crime & Terrorism



In 2018/19, 126 persons linked to serious and organised crime were arrested, in addition to £818,129 being seized under Proceeds of Crime Act legislation.

There were 113 detections for drug supply offences, an increase of 11.9% on the previous year. Cannabis, cocaine and heroin featured most predominantly in drug supply offences, being involved in 39%, 38% and 30% of offences respectively.

There have been 37 confirmed drug related deaths, with 17 further suspected DRDs awaiting toxicology results. Etizolam continues to feature in the majority of drug related deaths.



131 crimes were designated as 'cyber-crimes' via application of the relevant cyber-crime marker, in 2018/19. This represents an increase of 60% on same period in 2017/18. Reported offences included online credit and debit card fraud, menacing and indecent communications offences, and threats to disclose indecent images of complainers.

## Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting increased by 85 crimes to a total of 981 - an increase of 8.7%. Braehead continues to be the primary hotspot location.



369 housebreakings (inc attempts) - down by 13.2%, with 56 fewer crimes. Dwelling houses account for 51% of HBs.

2018/19 saw an increase of 4.2% in the volume of recorded crimes of dishonesty. While the majority of acquisitive crime categories fell, this decline was offset by an increase in the volume of crimes of fraud and theft by shoplifting.



There have been 16 reported bogus crimes, down from 25 in the previous year. Eleven of the victims in 2018/19 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



In 2018/19, five road fatalities occurred in Renfrewshire, up from two for the same period last year. Fatalities most often involved vulnerable road users including a motorcyclist, a pedal cyclist and pedestrians. Meanwhile, serious road injuries increased by 26.5% (an additional nine recorded), while slight injuries fell by 30% (86 fewer).



While disqualified driving and speeding offences have increased by 18.5% and 14.6% respectively on the previous year, 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

**Divisional Recognition Award Ceremony** – On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 the Divisional Recognition Award ceremony was held at Renfrew Town Hall. Police Scotland promote the recognition of outstanding and noteworthy actions by Police Officers, Police Staff as well as assistance given by members of the public. These Awards are aimed at recognising and appreciating extraordinary work, performance and bravery, and actions above and beyond what would normally be expected, The Awards are an important means to increase awareness of individuals' and teams' efforts and achievements, and to note contributions which support the delivery of the Force Values.

**Dedicated Campus Officers for the Kibble School, Paisley** - This unique residential environment requires a flexible approach from a Policing perspective, in order to support staff and engage with residents in various and often difficult circumstances. Community Officers established themselves as trusted points of contact. On a daily basis, they liaise with Staff, Social Work, Youth Workers and other local agencies to contribute to the team work approach to problem solving. In addition to conducting planned inputs and dealing with individual incidents, officers regularly liaise with staff to discuss or deal with issues within the school, while building positive relationships with the staff and residents and helping to support them.

**Project ADEL** – Project ADEL is a single ICT platform for logging on to PCs, for using email, for accessing shared drives and for sharing calendars. ADEL is Skype for Business, a modern communication tool that has features such as instant messaging and Presence. This will pave the way for future developments such as desktop video conferencing. Project ADEL will allow Police Scotland to move forward, modernising and significantly reducing the complexity of our technology state. The project will ultimately result in improved resiliency, reliability and a more secure national technology infrastructure.

**Adult Support and Protection CPD Event** – Police Scotland hosted the first CPD event focusing on Adult Support and Protection (ASP). The event raised awareness and understanding across all area of Adult Support and Protection to identify and protect adult victims of abuse. Financial Harm case studies were discussed and how this impacts vulnerable adults, how to spot the signs and recognise financial crimes against vulnerable adults, in addition to discussion of interview techniques that can be used to assist with ASP.

**Multi-agency CT training** - In April 2019, The CTLO and senior staff from the West College Scotland had a meeting with the Scottish Government. During this, Scottish Government representatives indicated that they can provide support and funding for a Further Education (FE) Radicalisation/extremism project, which the CTLO and West College Scotland are currently developing. All of the radicalisation projects the Scottish Government have been working on to date, in terms of the education sector, have focused on schools, with the FE sector lacking significant investment. The Scottish Government are keen to improve this situation and were delighted to hear of this project in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division. Part of the plan is to include Radicalisation in the curriculum for Social Science students.

**Protecting People at Risk – Doorstep Crime** - On 25/03/2019 a member of public was targeted by a bogus worker who attempted to defraud the victim of over £17,000 for unnecessary roofing repairs to their home. Over the course of two days the suspect was able to convince the victim to attend their local bank to withdraw the cash. Upon the victim attending at their bank, staff implemented The Banking Protocol - an initiative between the police, banking institutions and Trading Standards to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds by unscrupulous criminals. Police thereafter attended and spoke to the victim, thereafter obtaining details, attending the locus, tracing the suspect and arresting them. The accused male was charged with Attempted Fraud - Bogus Workman s. 1 and Attempts to defeat/pervert the course/ends of justice.

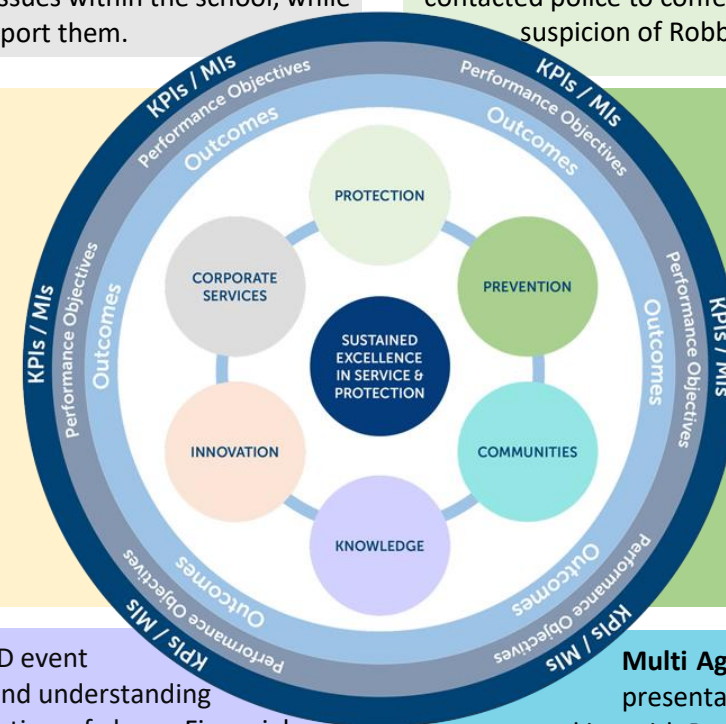
**Violence/Disorder** – A member of the public was pushed to the ground on Sandy Road and her handbag snatched, resulting in slight injuries and shock. Two witnesses observed the aftermath and came to the aid of the victim. One gave chase by car and traced the suspect in Trinity High School grounds in possession of the victim's handbag. The suspect was told to drop the bag, and did so before making off and clambering over a wall. The suspect then contacted police to confess to the robbery. Police attended at his address and subsequently arrested the suspect on suspicion of Robbery.

**Your Home, Your Street, Our Community Initiative in Shortroods area** – This is an initiative led by Police Scotland, supported by Renfrewshire Council Engage Renfrewshire, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership. The initiative is aimed at identifying and effectively tackling the main concerns and issues that matter most to local residents, building residents' pride in their area and encouraging them to contribute to the plan, in order to make the local area a place everyone feels safe and happy to live in.

**Safe Kids Event** - This event was led by Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, in partnership with Renfrewshire Council. Around 1,900 primary six pupils from Renfrewshire took part in a series of safety workshops, covering internet safety, drug and alcohol awareness and anti-social behaviour. Initiative is to keep children safe by promoting positive behaviour and reducing any potential risks of harm through education. Divisional Commander and Provost were in attendance.

**Multi Agency Partnership working** – During the month of March, Community Officers conducted presentations to local schools in relation to a weapon carrying prevention plan. This involved working with Partnership agencies such as Crimestoppers, Scottish Ambulance Service and local authorities delivering presentations to approx. 1400 secondary age children. A poll revealed that on average, 40% of those present indicated that they know someone who carried a knife. A Weapons action plan was promoted during this activity, with positive feedback received from all school management teams.

**Shut Out Scammers Campaign** - Police Scotland is working with a number of partners on the Shut Out Scammers campaign in order to signpost the public to relevant prevention advice and support services. These include Citizens Advice Scotland; Neighbourhood Watch Alert; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service safety checks; Trading Standards Scotland; Victim Support and Care and Repair. Police Scotland will also be working in collaboration with banks and building societies to eradicate the threats of scams and advise them to remain vigilant of potential cases of scams involving vulnerable individuals.



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

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