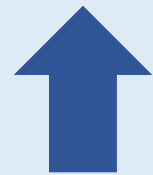


# Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

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

## Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



FYTD (April to November 2019) there were 224 Group 1 Crimes of Violence; up 16.7% on the previous year. The 5 year average for Group 1 crimes is 182.

**Since 1 April 2019, 1,477 crimes have been identified via police proactivity, up 7.5% on the previous year.**

**Overall upward trend in both serious & minor violence.**

There were 69 more common assaults (+7% to 1053 – higher than the 5 year average of 1002) and 285 fewer disorder complaints (-7.0%). 182 common assaults targeted emergency workers, 72% of these were police officers. This is an increase of 25% on the previous year.



The detection rate for robberies is down to 81.6%, and serious assaults have also decreased to a rate of 76% when compared to the previous year.

## Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting decreased by 25 crimes to a total of 645. This is a result of a 28% decrease in crime in Renfrew.



252 housebreakings (inc attempts) - up by 5.8%, with 14 more crimes. Dwelling houses account for 52% of HBs.

YTD is showing an increase of 2.4% in the volume of recorded crimes of dishonesty. A decline in these crimes was offset by an increase in the volume of crimes of common theft, housebreaking and fraud. Fraud experienced a 45% increase to 254 crimes, over half of were recorded in Renfrew.



There have been 10 reported bogus crimes, down from 13 in the previous year. Seven of the victims were over the age of 70 years, including two who suffered from ill-health. Common tactics included requests for money in advance for building work which was never completed, or charging excessively for incomplete/poor work. Six crimes involved bogus workmen purporting to be builders and gardeners.

## Public Protection



Recorded sexual crime has seen a decrease of -14.2% when compared to the previous year, with 45 fewer victims.

**38% of reported sexual offences in the current year are non-recent in nature, down from 41% the previous year. Sexual crimes with a domestic element increased by 42% on the previous year.**

**Victims aged 11 - 15 years at the time of the offence constituted the highest proportion of sexual crimes (31%), with 60% of these reports being non-recent and 17% being cyber-enabled.**

The detection rate of sexual crime YTD is 60.2% - down slightly from 63.7% in the previous year.



There were 283 reported missing person incidents, of which 39.22% involved looked after and accommodated children (LAAC). As such Children's Units were the top five locations for persons to be reported missing from within Renfrewshire. Persons aged 10-19 years were involved in 74.91% of all reported missing person incidents.

1,579 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, an increase of 8.1% on the previous year. Meanwhile, 891 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, representing an increase of 3.7% on the previous year.

## Renfrewshire

### Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

**Reporting Period – 1 April '19 – 31 Nov '19**

## Major Crime & Terrorism



Targeting serious organised crime continues to be a priority for the division. YTD there were 83 detections for drug supply offences, which is a slight increase on the previous year.

YTD there have been 18 confirmed drugs deaths and 24 suspected drug related deaths, still awaiting toxicology results. The majority of deaths involved poly-drug use, with etizolam featuring most frequently followed by cocaine and methadone.



260 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' via application of the relevant cyber-crime marker, in 2019/20. Reported offences included online credit and debit card fraud and menacing and offensive communication offences using various social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook.

## Road Safety & Road Crime



YTD, there has been one road fatality occurring within Renfrewshire; two fewer than last year. Serious and slight road injuries also decreased by -12.9% (four fewer victims), and -52.7% (77 fewer victims) respectively.



Speeding and seat belt offences have increased compared to the same period last year (up by 22.9% and 62% respectively). Meanwhile dangerous driving, disqualified driving, driving licence, insurance and mobile phone offences have all decreased (down 25.7%, 9%, 30%, 11.6% and 1.6% respectively).

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

### Support the MO, Save a Bro! Movember 2019!

Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches across the world. In between poking fun at our colleagues' efforts at growing a moustache, it is a fantastic way to raise awareness and vital funds for the fight against prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and physical inactivity. The Movember Foundation has a men's health strategy which considers four key focus areas:

- **Prostate cancer** – The most commonly diagnosed cancer in men within the UK
- **Testicular cancer** – The most common cancer in men aged 25-49
- **Poor mental health** – On average 13 men a day take their life by suicide in the UK
- **Physical activity** – 41% of men in the UK do not exercise enough

The Movember campaign isn't just for men however, and also includes the MOVE programme - a physical activity programme aimed at getting our staff and officers fitter. It's an alternative for Mo Bros who don't want to grow a moustache and also allows Mo Sistas the opportunity to make the commitment to Movember. This programme has no boundaries, the plan is to get people more active and the targets and goals are set by each individual person or group.

Festive Safety Plan implemented in assistance from analysts identified 3 main shopping areas Johnstone Town, Renfrew Town and Braehead all as historically having increased acquisitive crime on 4 week run up to Christmas. Plan in place to provide public reassurance to these areas at peak time's especially public licensees and shop keepers, increase hi-vis footprint of Police and therefore prevent and detect crime.

Report received that a male had been observed drunk with what appeared to be a rifle sticking out of a bag in his possession. Local officers actioned to attend. The male was located nearby extremely intoxicated, he was found to be in possession of an air rifle and a small lock knife. Male was arrested and conveyed to Greenock Police Office. Charged with Section 19 Firearms Act – possession of a loaded air weapon.

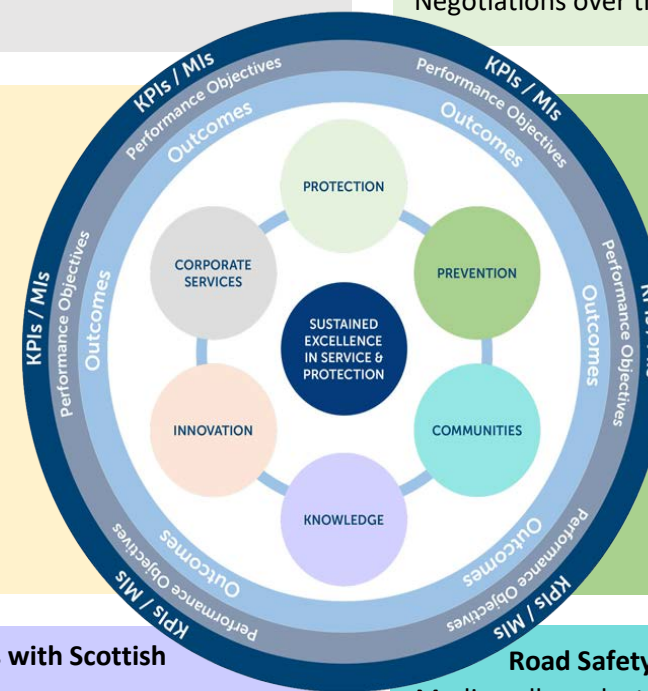
A male from the Glasgow area, attended the top level of the Piazza car park in possession of a length of rope with the intention of causing himself harm. Numerous police resources deployed, SAS, SFRS, and negotiators were in attendance. Stewards from the Piazza initially attempted to communicate with male until the arrival of officers. Negotiations over the course of an hour resulted in the male climbing down to safety.

### Mobile Devices (PDA's)

From 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 nearly 230 officers will be trained in the new devices. Benefit of mobile working is the amount of time saved by officers completing routine paperwork, this will enable more time spent in the community rather than at the station, enabling increased visibility, engagement and accessibility to the public. Direct remote access to relevant information enables officers to provide a more efficient/effective service to the public at point of contact.

### Backup buddy

Backup Buddy is an app that has been specially developed for officers and staff in recognition of the risk to mental health that is associated with police work. The app has been designed to provide useful information in the most accessible yet private way. It aims to remove stigma, provide support and highlight the range of support that is available to officers and staff.



In reaction to the suspected terror incident at INTU Manchester Shopping Centre, K Div. CT Champions and other specially trained officers in the Division's Retail Crime Unit immediately deployed Project Servator within INTU Braehead Shopping Centre, Renfrew. Project Servator is a policing tactic that aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism. This was met with great support by the centre management at INTU and provided a level of reassurance to members of the public shopping in this area of Renfrewshire.

K Division Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer delivered a Counter Terrorism Awareness presentation to Renfrewshire Council Events team and officers from K Div. Community Safety and Ops Planning, ahead of the Winter Events Campaign. Providing advice and guidance in relation to identifying and responding to suspicious behaviour, and dealing with suspect packages.

### Police Scotland asked for the views on how the national police force engages with Scottish Football supporters, and the wider public, about football policing.

This follows a recommendation made in the Independent Review of Football Policing in Scotland report - commissioned by Police Scotland last year. All the feedback we receive will be analysed and will contribute directly to our new engagement strategy. This will ensure football supporters and communities are involved in the way we police football in future.

### New legislation around drug driving testing

On Monday 21 October 2019 there was a major change in legislation, with the introduction of roadside drug driving tests. The new regulations specify 17 drugs, some illegal, some medicinal, each with a specified limit. Illegal drugs have limits set very close to zero. A driver who exceeds those limits, regardless of their fitness to drive, commits an offence.

**Road Safety** - Speed checks conducted throughout October and November at priority locations. Social Media poll conducted on 18th November on Facebook with 256 people contributing opinion, set of 10 priority locations raised and distributed to CP and RP Officers for further pro-active work.

### Financial Harm Clinic - Event at Braehead 20th Nov 2019

Police officers teamed up with RBS staff, in order to support and provide advice to shoppers in order to prevent doorstep, financial and bogus crime.

**Your Home, Your Street, Our Community Survey** – Intervention phase of the programme were the Police respond to the concerns identified from members of the public. The Community Safety Partnership will be carrying out a range of interventions to make Renfrewshire a Safer and more attractive place to live and work

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

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