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**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD**

**RENFREWSHIRE**

**MAY 2018**

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<b>Report to</b>	Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee
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<b>Subject</b>	Police Scotland Scrutiny Board Report

## PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Inverclyde Council Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee of Police Scotland's performance and activities during the reporting period April 2017 – February 2018.

## PERFORMANCE

2. The management information provided in this report is supplemented by the appendix which provides statistical information relating to the period 2017/18, and relates to the specific key objectives detailed in the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2021.

A summary of the key performance indicators are provided below:

Murder has increased by 3, taking the total to 5 for the reporting period. 80% of these have taken place indoors and in the majority of cases, involve persons known to one another.

Although the number of serious assaults have increased by 6.5% in comparison to the same period last year, this figure is still below the 2016/17 yearly total. The detection rate has fallen by 11.8%. The shifting trend towards violence occurring in private settings poses difficulty in both the prevention and detection. Enquiries are often complex and protracted causing a delay in detection.

Common assaults have increased by 42, however the detection rate remains high, with only a slight decrease of 3% on last year's figure.

A number of these include assaults on police officers and other emergency workers. Assaults occurring between juveniles within education establishments/residential care, also account for a proportion.

Robberies fell to a 6 year low last year making this year challenging to match.

There have been 3 more crimes for this period bringing the total to 65 for the year to date. In the vast majority of these incidents, the victim and perpetrator are known to one another.

Hate Crime and offence detections remain high at 70% with only a small decrease on the same period last year.

There has been no further fatal road traffic casualties during the reporting period and a significant 30 less injured.

Housebreaking (including attempts) have increased by 13.4% compared to last year. Almost half of these incidents have occurred at non-dwelling or classified as 'other' premises (Includes garages and sheds).

## POLICING PRIORITIES

3. Police Scotland is committed to working with its Community Planning partners in all sectors to keep the people of Scotland and its communities safe. Partnership working to achieve this goal is recognised as a critical element of our strategy.

Police Scotland Priorities
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
Serious and Organised Crime
Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
Protecting People at Risk of Harm
Road Policing
Acquisitive Crime

*Figure 1: Police Scotland Operational Priorities, 2017/18*

*Source: Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2017/18*

## RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Renfrewshire Council are asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

## VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

5. Alcohol continues to be a factor in crimes of violence, we have a dedicated team of officers in our Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit who proactively police areas known to us for violence.

We work closely with our partners to educate and raise awareness of alcohol related violence, recently the 'One Punch' campaign ran nationally and many of the local license premises also assisted in this campaign.

## SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

6. Within Renfrewshire & Inverclyde each Serious and Organised Crime group is managed by an officer of Chief Inspector or Inspector rank. Every officer in the division is briefed on these groups and are encouraged to submit intelligence in order for the division to manage the threat level. This also ensure that all officers are familiar with the members of Serious and Organised crimes groups.

## COUNTER TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

7. Police Scotland is proud to support Counter Terrorism Policing's 'Action Counters Terrorism' (ACT Campaign) to encourage the public to help the police tackle terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity.

With the enduring terrorist threat, it is now more important than ever that everyone – including Police Scotland staff – plays their part in tackling terrorism.

Areas at increased risk of exposure to this type of incident continue to be patrolled daily.

## PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK OF HARM

8. In March 2018 the social media campaign “**be greater than a hater**” was launched. It is designed to encourage and empower young people to recognise hate crime and report it.

The increasing usage of technology presents diverse and steadily increasing opportunities for criminality, particularly around child sexual abuse. This includes grooming for sexual purposes, online or webcam sexual extortion, live streaming of abuse and possession and sharing of indecent images of children.

On 27 March 2018 a public information campaign was launched on Online Child Sexual Abuse with the key aims of identifying and deterring perpetrators who pose a risk to children. The campaign is targeting perpetrators of online child sexual abuse and signposting them to relevant support pathways in order to prevent offending.

## ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

9. The Motorcycle Safety campaign was launched on 30 March 2018, running at varying periods throughout May – October. This campaign focuses on improving rider behaviour, particularly around the contributory factors which result in riders being killed or seriously injured on Scottish roads.

Officers will be adopting a proactive approach when dealing with dangerous and anti-social riding/driving practices.

During the month of May, Road Policing will be supporting sub-divisional officers within Renfrewshire operating days of action addressing local concerns and also working in partnership with Renfrewshire taxi enforcement officers.

## ACQUISITIVE CRIME

10. Pro-active patrols in key areas help deter offenders and we continue to promote safety advice and guidance via social media both locally and nationally, to ensure public maximise personal security at every opportunity.

## APPENDIX

### LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Renfrewshire February 2018

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2017 - Feb 2018	Apr 2016 - Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	246	241	5 more	2.07%
2	Murder	5	2	3 more	150%
3	Attempted Murder	17	14	3 more	21.4%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	68.5%	80.3%		-11.8%
7	Serious Assault	130	122	8 more	6.5%
8	Robbery detection rate	58.5%	93.5%		-35%
9	Robbery	65	62	3 more	-4.8%
10	Common assault detection rate	71.9%	74.9%		-3%
11	Common assault	1,611	1,560	42 more	2.68%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	8,009	8,356	347 fewer	-4.1%

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,965	2,029		-3.1%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	1,141	1,235		-7.6%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	43.8%	43.8%		same
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	65.2%	72.7%		-7.5%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	81	81		-
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	92.6%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	70.0%	74%		-4%%
<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,262	1,799		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1,262	1,754		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	0	0		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	236	-		
<p>On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. The period covered by this report includes searches conducted prior to the introduction of the code. The table above provides information on consensual searches carried out before 11th May. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.</p>					



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<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	90	116		-22.4%
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	19.4%	25.5%		-6.1%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	396	349	47 more	13.4%
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	697	921		-24.3%

<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
29	Number of Sexual Crimes	287	275	12 more	4.3%
30	Sexual Crimes detection rate	44.9%	61.1%		-16.2%
31	Rape detection rate	34.5%	57.9%		-23.4%

<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
	People Killed	2	2	same number	0.0%
	People Seriously injured	31	49	18 fewer	-36.7%
	People Slightly Injured	245	257	12 fewer	-5.0%
	Children (aged<16) Killed	0	1	1 fewer	- 100.0%
	Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	4	5	1 fewer	-33.3%

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2017 - Feb 2018			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
	Complaints received about the Police	181		34.6	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
	Total Allegations Recorded	211	0	39	250