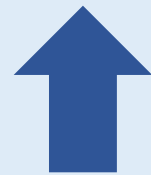


Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

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 up 10.2% on last year, with 18 additional victims of serious violence.

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

Overall downward trend in minor violence and ASB

There were 85 fewer common assaults (-6.3%) and 194 fewer disorder complaints (-2.8%).

161 common assaults targeted emergency workers - 156 police officers, 4 nurses and 2 paramedics.

The detection rate for robberies and serious assaults have both increased on last year, to 78.6% and 80.2% respectively.



Public Protection



Reported sexual crimes continue to follow an increasing trend, with 335 crimes reported year to date (82 more than the same period last year).

41% of reported sexual offences in the current year are non-recent in nature, up from 31.4% the previous year. The majority (87%) of sexual crime occurred indoors.

Victims aged 11 - 15 years at the time of the offence constituted the highest proportion of sexual crimes (31%), with 64% of these reports being non-recent and 10% being cyber-enabled.

The detection rate for sexual crimes stands at 69.9%, up from 28% for the same period last year.



413 reported missing person incidents - three more than the same period in 2017/18. 37% of incidents involved looked-after children (LAC), compared to 38% the previous year. 34% of missing persons investigations involved mental health concerns. More than 80% 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 involving an adult or child concern increased by 0.1%.

1,611 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, down 1.4% on the previous year. 907 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, a decrease of 5.3% on the previous year.

125 complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Renfrewshire (27.8 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 193 allegations have been made.

Renfrewshire

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

Reporting Period – 1 April - 31 Dec 2018

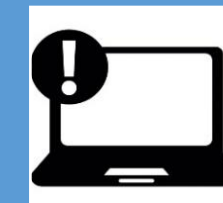
Major Crime & Terrorism



As at 7th January 2019, 61 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested, in addition to £807,434.82 being seized under Proceeds of Crime Act legislation.

87 detections for drug supply/production/cultivation offences, up from 69 the previous year. Cannabis, cocaine and heroin featured most predominantly in drug supply offences, being involved in 37%, 36% and 24% of offences respectively.

There have been 28 confirmed drug related deaths, with seven further suspected DRDs awaiting toxicology results. Etizolam continues to feature in the majority of drug related deaths.



92 crimes have been designated with a 'cyber-crime' marker in the reporting period. This represents an increase of 43 crimes on same period in 2017. Reported offences included hacking online accounts, disclosure of intimate images, indecent communications with children and young people, and threatening/menacing communications.

Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting is up by 8.1% to 800 crimes - 60 additional crimes compared to the previous year. Braehead continues to be the primary hotspot location.



260 housebreakings (inc attempts) - down by 17.5%, with 55 fewer crimes. Dwelling houses account for 61% of HBs.

The volume of acquisitive crime stands at 2,691 reports - up 7.2% on the previous year. This incorporates an increasing volume of motor vehicle crimes, common theft and fraud.



There have been 16 reported bogus crimes, down from 25 in the previous year. Eleven 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 December 2018, four road fatalities occurred in Renfrewshire, up from two for the same period last year. Fatalities involved vulnerable road users including a motorcyclist, a pedal cyclist and pedestrians. Meanwhile, serious road injuries reported were also up 21.4%, while slight injuries fell 32.2% (75 fewer).



While dangerous driving and speeding offences have increased 3.1% and 16.9% 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

Wellbeing Matters - Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division have recently recruited four additional officers to become wellbeing champions to help support and deliver on the organisation wide wellbeing initiative. Future planned activity includes a Wellbeing Day in March bringing together advisors for health, finance and social support, better resourcing the quiet rooms in each of our offices and free health checks for staff. The 'Little Things Matter' initiative was also introduced this month which seeks to empower officers and staff to identify those small irritations or disruptions that if removed would make their working day and life a little easier. Local officers are encouraged to submit suggestions and each will be evaluated for positive impact/affordability and approved suggestions announced and solutions acquired as soon as possible.

Police Scotland National Recruitment Campaign - Police Scotland have recently launched a recruitment campaign for police officers. Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division are keen to support local residents who are considering applying and are offering opportunities to talk to local officers for advice on the role and recruitment process. Applicants were invited to attend Paisley Police Office on Sunday 10th February to discuss joining and training process with officers currently in their Probation.

Children & Young People Facebook and Internet Pages Launch – In November 2018 Police Scotland launched its first dedicated internet page and social media channel dedicated to the children and young people of Scotland. The new platforms are a result of feedback from national consultation with young people, who requested better access to information and modern ways to communicate with Police. The new resources will help children in Renfrewshire by providing them with easier access to educational resources and space to voice their views on platforms recognised and commonly used by them in modern society.

Domestic Abuse Matters training – In November 2018, a pioneering training programme to help Officers and staff was rolled out for the new Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. The Act is due to come into force in February 2019 and will criminalise coercive and controlling behaviour for the first time ever in Scotland. The pioneering training programme – Domestic Abuse Matters (Scotland) – will be given to all officers in Renfrewshire to increase their knowledge of the dynamics of power and control in abusive relationships. It will also help tackle the myths and misconceptions which are common in our communities.

'ACT Awareness' Training – Counter Terrorism – ACT Awareness is the national counter terrorism awareness initiative produced by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) to protect businesses, the workplace and our communities from the threat of terrorism. On 29th November 2018 within Tweedie Hall, Linwood 'ACT Awareness' training was delivered to a number of partner agencies including Police Scotland, Civil Contingencies Services, Renfrewshire Council, Inverclyde Council and British Red Cross in order to help individuals and agencies understand the threat of terrorism. It also provided a guide to individuals on what to do if they find themselves involved in a terrorist incident and to enable people to recognise suspicious activity.

Serious and Organised Crime/Violence and Disorder - In December 2018, principal nominals of a Serious and Organised Crime Group were sentenced to five years and five and a half years in custody, while their associates were sentenced to five and a half years and three years respectively. They were found guilty of producing 1,676,094 million Etizolam tablets worth £1.67 million within a garage in Paisley using a pill press machine.

Protecting People at Risk – Sexual Offences - During the Festive Period, the 'K' Division Licensing Department, Paisley organised a joint action plan targeting vulnerability around the night time economy'. Inputs from the Rape Investigation Unit and the Business Continuity and Licensing Department were provided to staff and stewards from all nightclub premises within Renfrewshire. This highlighted positive intervention opportunities to protect people at risk. The #AskforAngela campaign and anti-drink spiking tools were also promoted throughout licensed premises.

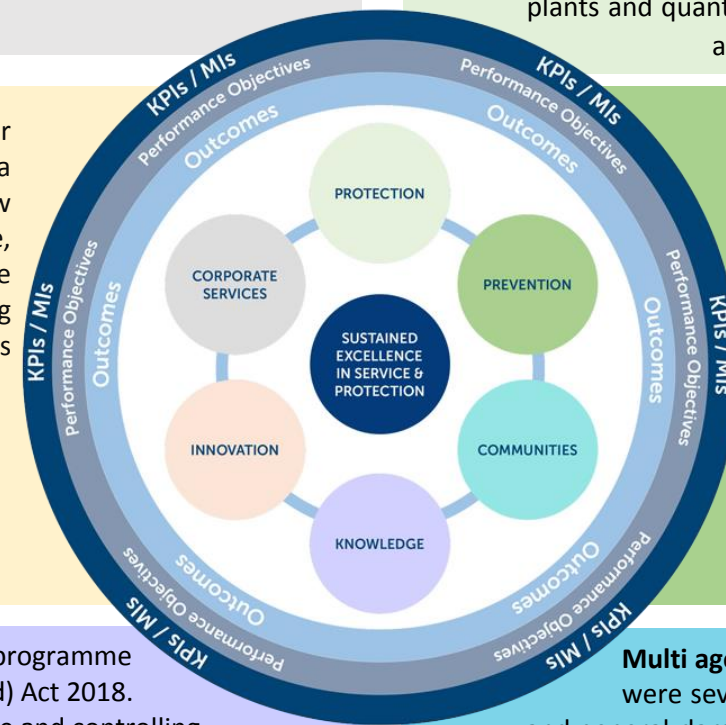
SOC/Violence/Disorder – Drugs Recovery -An intelligence led operation was carried out on a property suspected to be involved in the production of controlled drugs. During the search officers recovered approximately 70 cannabis plants and quantity of Class 'A' drugs. This drugs seizure was valued at £27,000. A male was subsequently arrested and charged with two drug supply charges and an offence under the Electricity Act.

Operation Aromatic – Acquisitive Crime initiative - Due to an emerging trend in vehicle crime within Renfrewshire a proactive operation 'Operation Aromatic' commenced in November 2018 with the aim of focusing specifically on vehicle crime within local communities. Areas of prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance were covered during this period. The Operation utilised high visibility strategic road checkpoints, plain clothes proactive unmarked patrols and OSD assisting with Road Policing and Dogs Branch deployment. This resulted in 166 vehicles stopped and checked and 18 offences detected.

Festive Road Safety Campaign – In December 2018 the national and local festive road safety initiative was launched. Throughout Renfrewshire local community officers carried out speed checks, road stops and high visibility patrols to ensure our roads were safe. The use of social media also assisted in highlighting the safety message.

Multi agency partnership working – McGills Buses - Over the course of a number of months there were several incidents of stones being thrown at buses in Foxbar area, causing smashed windows and general damage to buses. Community policing officers created an action plan in order to target the disorder. Officers carried out plain clothes patrols along with high-visibility patrols in order to monitor the area and identify any potential suspects. Multi agency meetings were held in order to tackle the issue which resulted in good communication with bus drivers and inspectors leading to the identification of two suspects. Both were charged with the offences and were referred to housing intervention due to their levels of anti-social behaviour.

Renfrewshire Bogus Caller Action Plan – Acquisitive Crime initiative – Officers ran an intelligence led action plan designed to tackle Bogus Workers, focusing on small businesses and linked vehicles operating in the Renfrewshire area. Identified nominals and companies were targeted and householders were given safety advice and contact details for the local Trading Standards Department. Numerous vehicles were stopped and eight houses were visited, with interaction with residents and businesses working on these properties. Neighbourhood officers also commenced a month long awareness operation working alongside Trading Standards officers to inform people about doorstep crime and the risk of online fraud.



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

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