

Renfrewshire Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/23 - 30/06/23



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe

Total Crime



+1.6%



3,895 Crimes

Incidents Recorded

Common Assault

Overall Dishonesty

Domestic Abuse
Incidents

-5.7%



13,808

+8.5%



486

+24.6%



977

+2.9%



532

Overall Violent Crime

Sexual Crime

Road Traffic
Casualties

Disorder Complaints

+6.2%



532

+2.5%



123

+11.1%



30

-9.2%*



1,696

Missing People

Counter Terrorism

Housebreaking

-27.2%



193



The threat level from INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
is SUBSTANTIAL —an attack has been deemed as
likely to occur.



47

*All data provided is for the period 1 April 2023 - 30 June 2023 unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 30 June 2023.

Renfrewshire Performance Summary Report Reporting Period: 1 Apr 2023 to 30 Jun 2023



SECTION	PAGE NUMBER
Introduction	2
Executive Summary	3
Demand Analysis	4
Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder	5
Protecting Vulnerable People	6
Serious and Organised Crime	7
Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism	7
Acquisitive Crime	8
Cyber and Digital Crime	8
Road Safety and Road Crime	9
Public Confidence - Complaints & Allegations	10
Recent Initiatives and Results	11
Forthcoming Initiatives	11






Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration. Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, numerical comparisons are against the comparable period in the preceding reporting year.

CI William Graham

Renfrewshire Area Commander

RENFREWSHIRE POLICING PRIORITIES 2023/26

PRIORITY	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	Overall violent crime has increased by 6.2% on the previous year, with a total of 532 crimes recorded in the reporting period. A greater number of murders, robberies, common assaults and threats and extortion were recorded as compared to last year. The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 58.8%, a fall of 9% on the previous year.
 PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE	123 sexual crimes have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, three more than the previous year. 13 more rapes / attempted rapes were recorded. The detection rate for sexual crimes has decreased by 29.6 percentage points, to 52%.
 ACQUISITIVE AND CYBER / DIGITAL CRIME	Overall crimes of dishonesty have increased by 24.6%, with common theft, fraud and shoplifting (three of the highest volume acquisitive crimes) all continuing to rise. The detection rate achieved was 32.7%, an increase on the previous year of 2.8%. Over 41% of crimes tagged with the 'cybercrime' marker recorded in the current reporting year were acquisitive crimes, most commonly online frauds.
 SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME	Intelligence led policing resulted in 52 drugs detections in the current year, a rise of 24 on the previous reporting year. In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £808,553 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act. One Serious and Organised Crime Group principal member and 29 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year.
 ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME	Overall, road casualties have increased by three, to a total of 30. Offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen by 12.8% on the previous year, to a total of 813. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 85.2%.

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2022/23

Protecting vulnerable people

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division continues to support a multi-agency approach to reduce drug deaths, to engage with Scottish Government and stakeholders to influence approaches to supporting individuals with complex mental health needs, and to work in partnership to develop local effective and efficient pathways to support vulnerable people.

Working with communities

The Division continues to support this Police Scotland priority and to develop strategic partnerships to find synergy in policy making and shared resources. Police in Renfrewshire recognise the importance of engaging with communities to understand their needs, and strive to support innovation in local partnership settings.

Tackling crime in the digital age

Police in Renfrewshire continue to benefit from the support of specialised Police Scotland units such as the Cybercrime Unit and the Economic Crime and Financial Investigation Unit, amongst others. There are continued efforts to ensure our Officers have the training, resources and equipment needed to tackle the threat arising from cyber related criminality and technological advancement.

Support for operational policing

Renfrewshire Police continue to link in closely with Police Scotland's Corporate Services who enable and support operational resources to deliver against the strategic priorities and their outcomes. Significant developments arising from the Digitally Enabled Policing Programme which have resulted in direct benefits to Renfrewshire Police include the National Network / Project ADEL, the rollout of mobile devices and the suite of applications delivered via Core Operational Systems (COS).

DEMAND ANALYSIS

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE

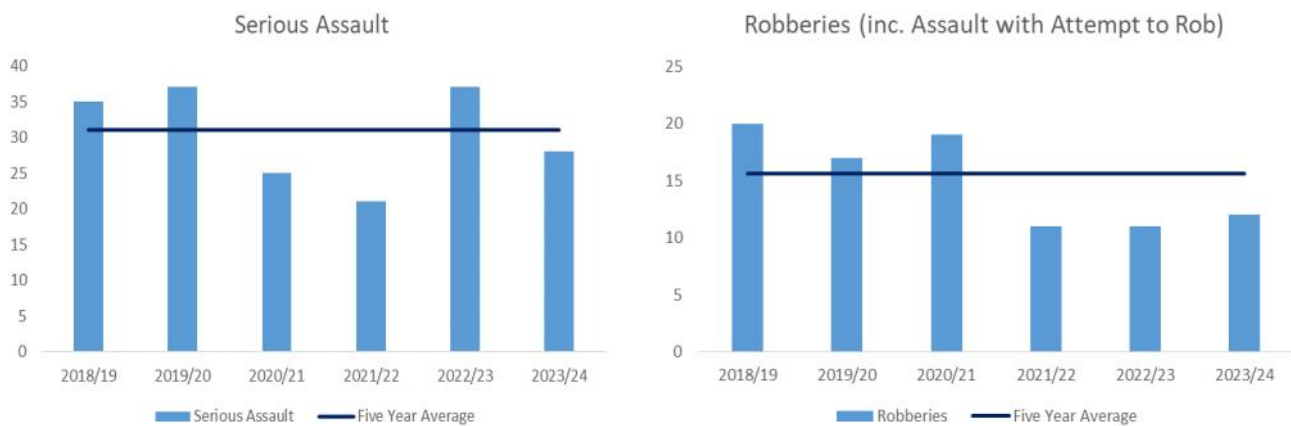
CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD	CYTD	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	3,835	3,895	Total number of incidents	13,067	13,808



The volume of recorded crime and offences has increased by 1.6% with a rise in recorded crimes of violence, crimes of non-sexual violence, sexual crimes and crimes of dishonesty. Recorded police incidents have increased by 5.7%, however remain 2.3% below five year average figures.

VIOLENCE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DISORDER



Violence

Overall violent crime has increased by 6.2% on the previous year, with a total of 532 crimes recorded in the reporting period. A greater number of murders, robberies, common assaults and threats and extortion were recorded as compared to last year. The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 58.8%, a fall of 9% on the previous year.

Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

31 wilful fireraising crimes have been recorded— a decrease of 11.4% on the previous year. The current detection rate is 12.9%, a drop of 18.5 percentage points on the previous year. Advice continues to be issued to all householders regarding the dangers of leaving combustible items in common close areas. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes have fallen by 16.3% on the previous year, to a total of 261 crimes in the reporting period.

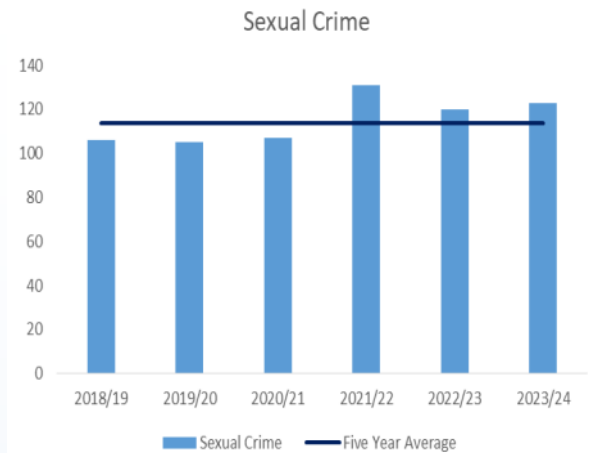
Hate Crime

17 more hate incidents have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period (n=70) compared to the same period in 2022/23. 61 of these incidents resulted in a crime being recorded, an increase of 29.8% on the previous year. The detection rate for hate crimes in Renfrewshire in the reporting period is 65.6%, up by 8.1 percentage points on last year.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Sexual Crime

123 sexual crimes have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, an increase of 2.5% on the reported crime volume in the previous year. This included an increase of over 61% in the number of recorded rapes and attempted rapes. The detection rate for sexual crimes has decreased by 29.6 percentage points on the previous year, to 52%. 31 cyber-enabled sexual crimes were recorded in the reporting period, with a large proportion of these relating to indecent communications with children, sending sexual images to children, and the disclosure (or threats to disclose) of intimate images.



Missing People

In the period April 2023 to June 2023, 193 missing person reports have been recorded in Renfrewshire, a significant decrease on the 265 reports in the same period in 2022/23. 192 of the missing people in the reporting period were traced alive, with the remaining missing person being found deceased. The decrease was most evident in missing person reports involving younger people, with the incidents involving people aged under 20 years falling by 32.7% year on year. Repeat missing persons continue to be a concern, with the top five repeat missing people (all of whom were aged 16 or under) featuring in a total of 38 incidents – almost 20% of the overall total of missing person incidents in the reporting period. Police Scotland remains committed to reducing harm related to people who go missing and continues to develop and implement key measures to ensure missing persons and their friends and family receive a consistently high level of service wherever the person has gone missing from. In Renfrewshire, over 65% of missing people were traced within 24 hours of being reported as missing, with this proportion rising to approximately 84% being traced within two days.

Domestic Abuse

Victims of domestic abuse remain one of Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division's top priorities. Recorded domestic abuse incidents in Renfrewshire increased by 2.9% on the previous year, to a total of 532. 41.2% of all recorded incidents resulted in a crime being recorded – a decrease of 3.9 percentage points on the previous year. The detection rate for domestic crime fell by 22.8 percentage points on the previous year, to 60.1% in the reporting period.

Drug Related Deaths

13 confirmed or suspected drugs related deaths occurred in Renfrewshire in the reporting period - an increase of four on the previous year. Toxicology results are awaited for all suspected DRDs in the reporting period. Although toxicology results are still awaited, Cocaine and Valium are the most commonly suspected substances to be involved.

Following the Naloxone introduction in 2022, Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division commenced their divisional rollout in February 2023. The rollout incorporated all forward facing police resources. Approximately 60% of officers deployed in Renfrewshire have completed Naloxone training, and there have been three instances in the past three months where Naloxone has been deployed.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Intelligence led policing resulted in 52 drugs detections in the current year. This comprised of 45 detected drugs supply / possession with intent to supply crimes and two crimes relating to the production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs.

In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £808,553 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act - an increase of over 184% on the previous year's POCA total.

One Serious and Organised Crime Group principal member and 29 SOCG associates were arrested in the Division in the current reporting year.

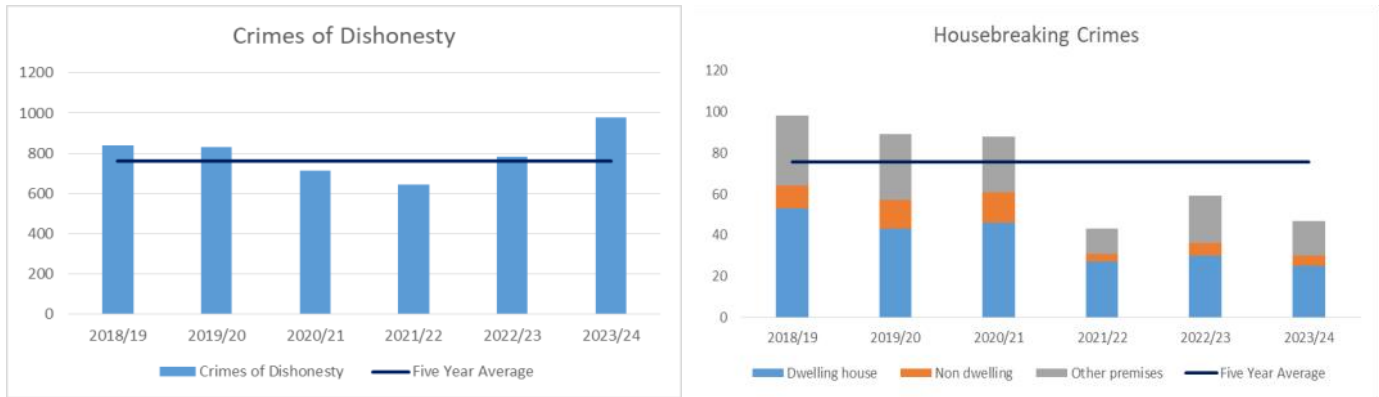
Intelligence-driven stop and search continues to be utilised to proactively target serious and organised criminals, with this tactic resulting in 50 drugs seizures in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, with 44% of these seizures relating to Class 'A' substances. 59% of the drug seizures occurred within the Paisley North West ward.

COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, the threat from Islam-ic, Northern Ireland and Right-wing terrorism remains a serious threat. The terrorist threat picture in Scotland is diverse and complex with current investigative activity ongoing for activity linked to Islamist extremism, NIRT and ERWT. The threat from Self-Initiated Terrorists (S-ITs) continues to represent the most significant risk of a terrorist attack occurring in Scotland. Any terrorist attack in Scotland is most likely to be conducted by a S-IT using a low-sophistication methodology such as a bladed or blunt force weapon or vehicle as a weapon. The threat from S-ITs manifests in the form of their ability to successfully plan and conduct their attacks with little or no warning. This can be particularly challenging to detect and can be motivated by ideologies across the entire ideological spectrum, and on occasion with mixed or unclear ideologies. Mental health issues are a persistent feature of investigations, and this growing issue remains a risk in relation to S-IT activity. This continues to be evidenced across all threat areas, indicating how vulnerable individuals can be influenced by extremist narratives.

Renfrewshire has an embedded CTLO (Counter Terrorist Liaison Officer) who provides expert guidance and support regarding emerging threats from national and international terrorism & Extremism. The CTLO has provided support, security advice and reassurance to locally elected representatives. CT Awareness and PREVENT training has been carried out over the last period with partners and other agencies such as UWS staff, KIBBLE Paisley staff, ENGAGE, BARNARDOS, WCS students. CTSA training was carried out with BRAEHEAD security and other shop staff. This consisted of national CT products such as ScAN and ACT. At the Glynhill Hotel in K Division a PROTECT CT Exercise was carried out with key managers from Renfrewshire council in attendance. Further CT Awareness and PREVENT training is planned over the coming months with ENGAGE, BEACONS Art centre staff, Domestic staff at Renfrewshire council. A CT PREVENT Presentation was given to all Head teachers in Renfrewshire with a view of additional CT Awareness training being provided to all school teachers and further details of the PREVENT referral process over the coming period. A Safe Steeple event by CT Emergency planning is being held at the Beacons Art centre Inverclyde with key partners invited. K Division has seen a 22% increase in referrals made to PREVENT since CT Awareness and PREVENT training has begun in 2021. K Division currently has 3 PREVENT nominals that are managed by the Prevent Delivery Unit. Work continues with all Op Bridger and Op Sandbed nominals in K Division with all addresses being offered security surveys and markers added to police systems.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME



Overall crimes of dishonesty have increased by 24.6%, with common theft, fraud and shoplifting (three of the highest volume acquisitive crimes) all continuing to rise. The detection rate achieved was 32.7%, an increase on the previous year of 2.8%.

270 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – an increase of 36.4% on the previous year. However the detection rate has fallen by 6.3 percentage points to 53.3%.

Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) decreased by 20.3% on the previous year, to a total of 47 crimes. While over half of all recorded HB crimes involved dwelling houses, housebreaking crimes to Renfrewshire homes have fallen by over 16% on the previous year. The HB detection rate is 19.1%, a decrease of 4.6 percentage points.


Acquisitive crimes targeting motor vehicles have fallen by 31.3% on the previous year, to a total of 88 crimes. Thefts of motor vehicles continue to account for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime (n=32). There continues to be a focus on proactive response and preventative work in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division to tackle the emerging trend of the keyless thefts of motor vehicles. The motor vehicle acquisitive crime detection rate is 50%, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points on the previous year.

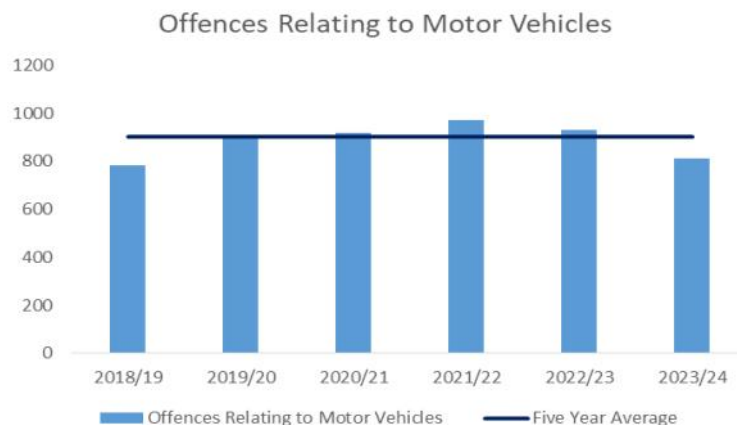
CYBER & DIGITAL CRIME

Cyber-enabled crime continues to impact on the communities of Renfrewshire, with analysis suggesting that cyber-enabled frauds remain the most commonly recorded type of cybercrime in Renfrewshire in the reporting period. Over 41% of all reported cybercrimes in Renfrewshire were acquisitive crimes. A range of online frauds and attempted fraud methods were reported, including suspects posing as employees in order to gain access to complainer's online bank accounts and online devices. Other common crimes continue to be internet order frauds, fraudulent cryptocurrency investment schemes and social engineering frauds in which suspects used messaging apps to contact complainers while purporting to be a relative in need of financial assistance, in order to fraudulently induce online payments to be sent to them.

Over 23% of the overall number of recorded cybercrimes were miscellaneous offences including threatening and abusive communications, while cyber-enabled sexual offences constituted around 13% of the total. Just under five percent of cybercrimes in Renfrewshire were cyber enabled sexual-extortion crimes.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Road Traffic Casualties		2022/23	2023/24
	Number of persons killed on our roads	0	1
	Number of persons seriously injured	8	16
	Number of persons slightly injured	19	13
	Number of children seriously injured	2	2
Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2023 to 30/06/2023			



Overall, road casualties have increased by three on the previous year, to a total of 30. Road fatalities increased from zero to one year-on-year, serious injuries have risen from eight to 16, while slight injuries have fallen by six, to a total of 13. While no children have been killed on Renfrewshire's roads, two have been seriously injured in the current reporting year - the same figure as last year.

Offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen by 12.8% on the previous year, to a total of 813. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 85.2%, a fall of 3.1 percentage points on the previous year.

Drink and drug driving offences have decreased by 23.2% on the previous year, to a total of 43. While speeding offences have fallen from 177 last year to 133 this year, a drop of 24.9%.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2023 - 30/06/2023

Table: Complaints and allegations received in the Renfrewshire Council area, by Period (Apr – Jun)

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change
Renfrewshire Council	47	62	-24.2%	63	101	-37.6%

Table: Allegations received in the Renfrewshire Council area, by Type and Period (Apr – Jun)

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
On Duty - TOTAL	71	41	-42.3%
Assault	2	4	100.0%
Discriminatory Behaviour	0	1	x
Excessive Force	8	3	-62.5%
Incivility	18	6	-66.7%
Irregularity in Procedure	39	25	-35.9%
Neglect of Duty	1	1	0.0%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	0	1	x
Other - Criminal	1	0	-100.0%
Other - Non Criminal	1	0	-100.0%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	1	0	-100.0%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	30	22	-26.7%
Policy/Procedure	4	5	25.0%
Service Delivery	8	6	-25.0%
Service Outcome	18	11	-38.9%
Grand Total	101	63	-37.6%

A total of 47 complaint cases and 63 allegations have been received in Renfrewshire in the reporting period. 41 allegations were 'On Duty' with a further 22 relating to quality of service.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

From 01/05/2022 - 31/03/2023

66.7% of respondents to the 'Your Police' survey reported that they felt very or fairly safe in their local area. 36.4% agreed, or strongly agreed that they had confidence in the police in their local area. 50% of Renfrewshire respondents felt that the police were doing a good job in the local area. While 58.3% strongly agreed that they had respect for the local police. Your Police survey results indicate that some local residents feel Renfrewshire Police could be doing better by having more officers on patrol and more visibility. Issues which were highlighted which continue to cause concern in the local community include antisocial behaviour, housebreaking, speeding motorists and a lack of police resources.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY OUTCOMES – CASE STUDIES

With the lighter evenings of the summer now in place the Community Policing teams have been engaged with the “It’ll Cost You!” programme. This initiative is a collaboration between Police Scotland, local authorities and alcohol producers and retailers with the aim to raise awareness of the damaging effects and criminal nature of buying alcohol for under 18s. It has seen an increase in patrols in and around identified hotspots in an attempt to reduce attempted purchases of alcohol for under 18s.”

Across the last quarter the community policing teams have continued to deliver the annual programme of safety inputs to local schools (both primary and secondary) and nurseries. The inputs cover a wide range of subjects and are targeted towards age appropriate year groups.

In April 2023 the Community Policing team organised the Annual Renfrewshire Schools Football Tournament, the competition held at the On-X Sports centre in Linwood and was sponsored and supported by local businesses including Tesco's, Linstone Housing and both Linwood and Houston Community Councils. St Mirren Football Club sent representation for the awards ceremony. The aim of this annual event is to help build relationships between young people and the Police.

Additional youth engagement also took place in May through the representation of Community Policing officers at the multi-agency Renfrewshire ‘Safe Kids’ initiative. The event held at the St. Mirren football club stadium with the police focus on Online Safety and Bullying.

Throughout the last quarter Community officers were also involved with Operation SMEW a multi-agency SEPA led operation that focussed on unlawful use of landfill site in Renfrewshire.

With the opening of the largest Asylum hotel in Scotland in Erskine, the Community Officers have been engaged in a continuous programme of service user engagement by making themselves available at regular drop-in sessions at the hotel whereby the residents can informally engage with officers who can provide advice and a range of matters related to Policing in Scotland.

The month of June also saw the formation of the new Preventions and Interventions Department within K Division. This department comprises of many functions and responsibilities including but not limited to: developing and strengthening partnerships and networks; liaising with the National Partnership, Preventions and Community Wellbeing Division to deliver policies around vulnerable people, anti-social behaviour and educational programmes; developing preventions activities; and exchanging and developing ideas between police and partners.

FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

An initial focus of the department is conducting work around repeat missing persons and getting the groundwork in place for the implementation of the Philomena Protocol which Police Scotland has adopted. The national Philomena Protocol initiative, aims to help locate a young person as quickly as possible when they are missing from care. The scheme enables partner agencies to record on a dedicated form, vital information about the young person which can be used to locate them. The intention is that if a child in care should then go missing the partner agency can quickly supply Police Scotland with a copy of the form which speeds up the response time. The police officer seconded to Kibble has been progressing the implementation of the protocol which builds on the best practice that she has achieved already within Kibble around prevention of absconding, and actions to be taken when absconding does take place. This has been invaluable in terms of improving the relationship between both organisations, and bridging the gaps with the young people accommodated there. Another focus has been progressing missing person inputs to hospital settings in Renfrewshire. At the start of July the team delivered an input to nurses at the RAH on how police and NHS can work together to prevent people going missing from hospitals. The input was very well received and plans are in place to deliver these on a regular basis to NHS staff within the hospital. We hope that this multi-agency approach to community safety will bring about long term improvements which cannot be achieved by police action alone.