

Renfrewshire Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/22 - 28/02/23



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe

Total Crime



+2.3%



13,371 Crimes

Incidents Recorded

Common Assault

Overall Dishonesty

Domestic Abuse
Incidents

-3.5%



45,251

-0.2%



1,521

+13.9%



2,970

+2%



1,872

Overall Violent Crime

Sexual Crime

Road Traffic
Casualties

Disorder Complaints

-0.8%



1,680

-1.8%



386

+11.4%



147

-23.6%



5,409

Missing People

Counter Terrorism

Housebreaking

+23.7%



683



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



182

*All data provided is for the period 1 April 2022 - 28 February 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 20 April 2023.

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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, recorded violent crime fell by 0.8% on the previous year. Murders, attempted murders, robberies and common assaults all fell on the previous year, while serious assaults increased marginally (one additional crime on the previous year).
 PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE	386 sexual crimes have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, seven fewer than the previous year. 24 fewer rapes / attempted rapes were recorded. The detection rate for sexual crimes has increased by 9.1 percentage points, to 65.3%.
 ACQUISITIVE AND CYBER / DIGITAL CRIME	Overall crimes of dishonesty have increased by 13.9%, with common theft, fraud and shoplifting (three of the highest volume acquisitive crimes) all on the rise. A rise in the number of detected crimes resulted in the same detection rate being achieved compared to the previous year (29.3%). Almost half 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 136 drugs detections in the current year, a rise of two on the previous reporting year. In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £1,110,489 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act. Five Serious and Organised Crime Group principal members and 44 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year.
 ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME	Overall, road casualties have increased by 15 to a total of 147. Offences relating to motor vehicles have increased by 4.2% on the previous year, to a total of 3,130. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 85.5%.

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).

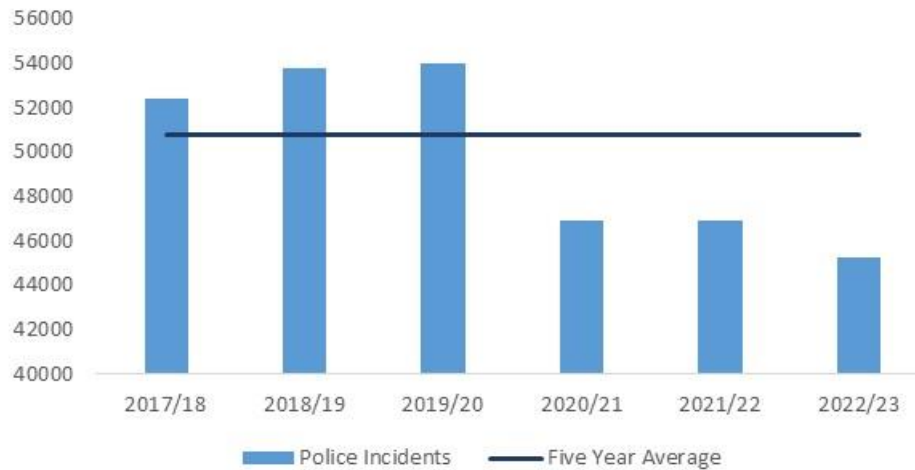
DEMAND ANALYSIS

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE

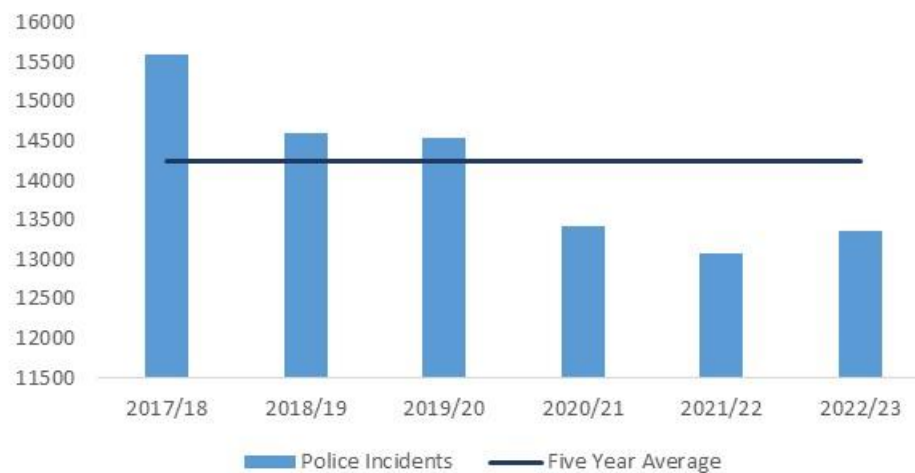
CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD	CYTD	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	13,072	13,371	Total number of incidents	46,911	45,251

Police Incidents

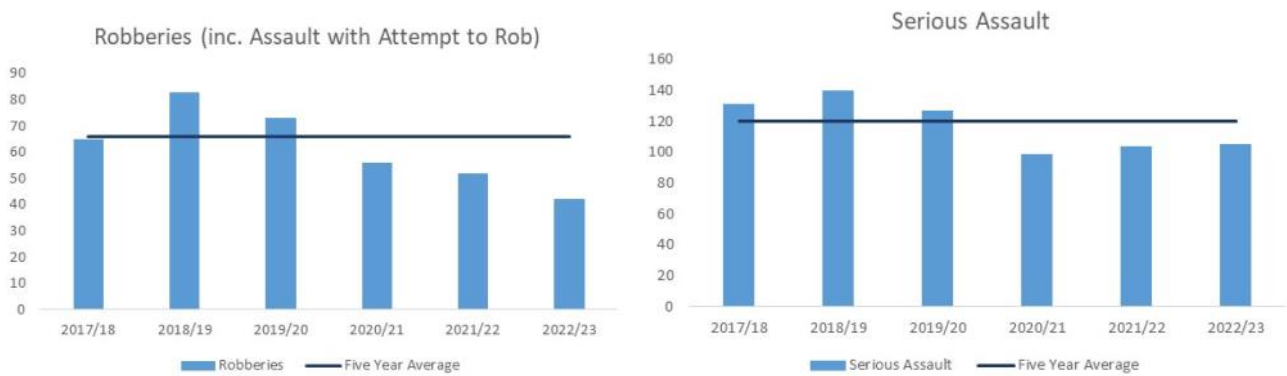


All Crime & Offences



The volume of recorded crime and offences has increased by 2.3% with a rise in recorded crimes of non-sexual violence, crimes of dishonesty, fireraising and malicious mischief, other (proactivity) crimes, and road traffic offences. Meanwhile, recorded police incidents have fallen by 3.5%, and remain 10.9 below five year average figures.

VIOLENCE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DISORDER



Violence

Overall violent crime has fallen by 0.8% on the previous year, with a total of 1,680 crimes recorded in the reporting period. Fewer murders, attempted murders, robberies and common assaults were recorded as compared to last year. The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 67.4%, a slight fall (-1.3 percentage points) on the previous year.

Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

104 wilful fireraising crimes have been recorded— an increase of 50.7% on the previous year. The current detection rate is 18.3%, a drop of two percentage points on the previous year. Advice is being issued to all householders regarding the dangers of leaving combustible items in common close areas. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes have fallen by 0.4% on the previous year, to a total of 1,063 crimes in the reporting period.

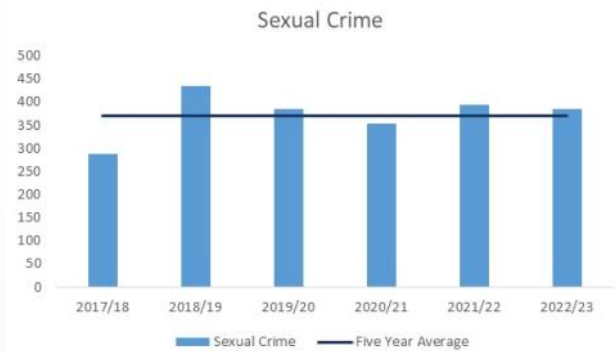
Hate Crime

18 fewer hate incidents have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period (n=213) compared to the same period in 2021/22. 179 of these incidents resulted in a crime being recorded, a decrease of 9.1% on the previous year. The detection rate for hate crimes in Renfrewshire in the reporting period is 62%, down by 11.1 percentage points on last year.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Sexual Crime

386 sexual crimes have been recorded in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, a decrease of 1.8% on the reported crime volume in the previous year. This included a decrease of nearly 30% in the number of recorded rapes and attempted rapes. The detection rate for sexual crimes has increased by 18.4 percentage points on the previous year, to 65.6%. 42 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 2022 to February 2023, 683 missing person reports have been recorded in Renfrewshire, a substantial rise on the 552 reports in the same period in 2021/22. 682 of the missing people in the reporting period were traced alive, with the remaining missing person being found deceased. The increase was most evident in missing person reports involving younger people, with the incidents involving people aged under 20 years rising by 31.2% 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 89 incidents – around 13% 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 73.2% of missing people were traced within 24 hours of being reported as missing, with this proportion rising to approximately 94% being traced within three 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 two percent on the previous year, to a total of 1,872. 42.9% of all recorded incidents resulted in a crime being recorded – a decrease of 0.7 percentage points on the previous year. The detection rate for domestic crime increased by 1.8 percentage points on the previous year, to 71.8% in the reporting period.

Drug Related Deaths

27 confirmed or suspected drugs related deaths occurred in Renfrewshire in the reporting period - a decrease of 18 on the previous year. Toxicology results are awaited for six suspected DRDs in the reporting period. Where toxicology results were available, cocaine was the most commonly implicated controlled substance, though it should be noted that poly-drug use was identified in the vast majority of cases.

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.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Intelligence led policing resulted in 136 drugs detections in the current year. This comprised of 129 detected drugs supply / possession with intent to supply crimes and seven crimes relating to the production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs. Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division recorded the highest rate of drug supply crimes per 10,000 population, of any Police Scotland Division.

In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £1,110,489 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act - an increase of over 30% on the previous year's POCA total.

Five Serious and Organised Crime Group principal members and 44 SOCG associates were arrested in the Division in the current reporting year.

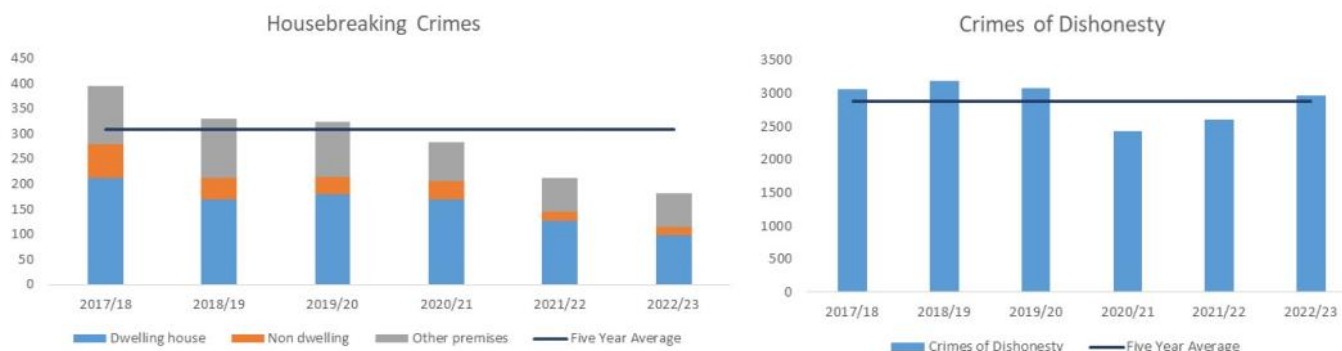
Intelligence-driven stop and search continues to be utilised to proactively target serious and organised criminals, with this tactic resulting in 234 drugs seizures in Renfrewshire in the reporting period, with nearly a third of these seizures relating to Class 'A' substances.

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COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

In February 2022 the Home Secretary announced a decrease in the UK's Terrorist Threat Level from 'Severe' to 'Substantial'. This means it is deemed an attack is likely. At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, the threat from Islamic, Northern Ireland and Right-wing terrorism remains a serious threat. 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. PRE-VENT awareness training has been carried out at HMP Greenock, local RSLs, Social Work and Mental Health teams within NHS to provide guidance and information. Op SANDBED hosted a briefing to all local new and current elected members.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME



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727 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – an increase of 21.6% on the previous year. The detection rate also increased by 3.3 percentage points to 55.4%.

Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) decreased by 14.2% on the previous year, to a total of 182 crimes. While half of all recorded HB crimes involved dwelling houses, housebreaking crimes to Renfrewshire homes have fallen by over 22% on the previous year. The HB detection rate is 22%, an increase of 1.7 percentage points.


Acquisitive crimes targeting motor vehicles have fallen by 26.8% on the previous year, to a total of 265 crimes. Thefts of motor vehicles continue to account for the highest proportion of motor vehicle crime (n=127). In recent months, there has been a significant 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 33.6%, an increase of 5.7 points on the previous year.

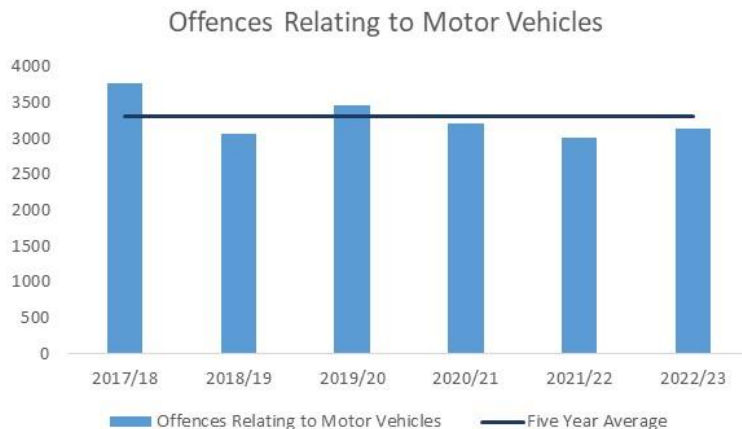
CYBER & DIGITAL CRIME

Cyber-enabled crime continues to impact on the communities of Renfrewshire, with analysis suggesting that cyber-enabled frauds have become the most commonly recorded type of cybercrime in Renfrewshire in the reporting period. Almost half of all reported cybercrimes in Renfrewshire were acquisitive crimes. A range of online frauds and attempted fraud methods were reported, including suspects posing as bank and internet service provider employees in order to gain access to complainer's online bank accounts and online devices. Other common crimes included 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 friend or relative in need of financial assistance, in order to fraudulently induce online payments to be sent to them.

A further 20% of the overall number of recorded cybercrimes were miscellaneous offences including threatening and abusive communications, while cyber-enabled sexual offences constituted around 19% of the total. Just under ten percent of cybercrimes in Renfrewshire were cyber enabled sexual-extortion crimes.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Road Traffic Casualties		2021/22	2022/23
	Number of persons killed on our roads	3	2
	Number of persons seriously injured	41	51
	Number of persons slightly injured	88	94
	Number of children seriously injured	3	7
Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2022 to 28/02/2023			



Overall, road casualties have increased by 15 on the previous year, to a total of 147. While road fatalities fell from three to two year-on-year, serious injuries have risen from 41 to 51, while slight injuries have increased by six, to a total of 94. While no children have been killed on Renfrewshire's roads, seven have been seriously injured in the current reporting year - four more than last year.

Offences relating to motor vehicles have increased by 4.2% on the previous year, to a total of 3,130. The detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles is 85.5%, a fall of 2.6 percentage points on the previous year.

Drink and drug driving offences have increased by 3.1% as a result of local officers and Road Policing officers carrying out proactive checks on motorists while on high visibility patrols. Speed checks continue to be carried out at various locations with relevant action being taken.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2022 - 28/02/2023

Table: Complaint cases and allegations received in the Renfrewshire Council area, by Period (Apr – Feb)

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change
Renfrewshire Council	179	180	-0.6%	286	356	-19.7%

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

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
On Duty - TOTAL	282	187	-33.7%
Assault	14	11	-21.4%
Corrupt Practice	8	0	-100.0%
Discriminatory Behaviour	5	1	-80.0%
Excessive Force	24	17	-29.2%
Incivility	66	39	-40.9%
Irregularity in Procedure	141	98	-30.5%
Neglect of Duty	2	1	-50.0%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	8	4	-50.0%
Other - Criminal	1	4	300.0%
Other - Non Criminal	8	1	-87.5%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence	2	3	50.0%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	3	8	166.7%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	74	99	33.8%
Policy/Procedure	11	23	109.1%
Service Delivery	23	21	-8.7%
Service Outcome	40	55	37.5%
Grand Total	356	286	-19.7%

A total of 179 complaint cases and 286 allegations have been received in Renfrewshire in the reporting period. 187 allegations were 'On Duty' with a further 99 relating to quality service.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

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

79.1% of respondents to the 'Your Police' survey reported that they felt safe in their local area. 33.8% agreed, or strongly agreed that they had confidence in the police in their local area. 26.6% of Renfrewshire respondents felt that the police were doing a good job in the local area. Your Police survey results indicate that some local residents feel Renfrewshire Police are doing well is a high level of community engagement and being visible, tackling antisocial behaviour and making a positive impact on house-breaking crime. Issues which were highlighted which continue to cause concern in the local community include antisocial behaviour and drug dealing and misuse.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY OUTCOMES – CASE STUDIES

The Community Policing Team held an event at Morrison's Supermarket, Anchor Mill in Paisley to provide crime prevention advice on vehicle security and preventions material, including Smart Water Catalytic Converter marking kits. The event also covered other areas of acquisitive crime including home security and current scams etc.

There has been a number of nursery/school inputs delivered to educate Renfrewshire's children on topics and issues such as the Police Officer role, stranger danger, road safety, and drugs awareness.

The Community Policing Team also organised the Renfrewshire Schools Football Tournament, which was attended by six primary schools and sponsored/supported by local businesses including Tesco Superstore, Linwood, Linstone Housing, On-x Sports centre, Linwood and Houston Community Council, Sign Art and St Mirren Football Club. This, and similar initiatives are vital in helping to build and improve relationships between young people and the Police.

In partnership with Renfrewshire Trading Standards, Renfrewshire police also delivered an event at Braehead Shopping Centre to support the current Shut Out Scammers campaign. This was promoted on social media channels and by the local media, the Paisley Daily Express and the Paisley Gazette. Details of the campaign have also been shared with a number of partners and community groups. Following the event, preventions materials were shared with Paisley West Parish Church and Hopehall Evangelical Church, Paisley, with plans for wider distribution amongst other religious organisations in Renfrewshire to reach a greater audience who may not be internet enabled or use social media platforms.

FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

May is Water Safety month for Police Scotland and we will be supporting partners with Social Media being utilised to issue Safety messaging.

The Renfrewshire Safe Kids 2023 programme is due to run for 10 days in May. This is being organised by Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Partnership Hub and will see children from Renfrewshire primary schools attend inputs being delivered by a number of agencies. CPT will deliver an input covering internet safety to children attending.