

# 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 down 10.4% on last year, with seven fewer victims of serious violence.**

**Since 1 April 2018, 498 crimes have been identified via police proactivity.**

**There were 59 fewer common assaults (-12.6%) and 168 fewer disorder complaints (-6.5%).**

**62 common assaults targeted police officers (15% of the total), of which three occurred in police custody.**

**The detection rate for robberies and serious assaults have both increased on last year, to 66.7% and 76.7% respectively.**

**Overall downward trend in violence and ASB**

## Public Protection

**Reported sexual crimes continue to follow an increasing trend, with 108 crimes reported year to date (52 more than the same period last year).**

**45% of reported sexual offences in the current year are non-recent in nature, up from 30% the previous year. The majority (85%) of sexual crime occurred indoors.**

**Victims aged 11 - 15 years at the time of the offence constituted the highest proportion of sexual crimes (37%), with the majority of these reports being non-recent and/or cyber-enabled.**

**The detection rate for sexual crimes stands at 76.9%, up from 60.7% for the same period last year.**

**There have been 105 reported missing person incidents - one more than in the same period in 2017/18. 53% of incidents involving looked-after children (LAC). More than a third of missing people were traced or returned within six hours of going missing.**

**The number of unique incidents in which an adult or child concern was raised fell by 1.6%.**

## Major Crime & Terrorism

**As at 30th June 2018, 24 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested (one more than the previous year). £415,994.64 seized under POCA, an increase of 7% on the previous year.**

**32 detections for drug supply/production/cultivation offences, up 39.1% on the previous year. Cocaine featured in 46% of charges, followed by cannabis (41%). Operational activity also resulted in the recovery of etizolam with a street value of £400,000 and a pill press from an address in Howwood.**

**There have been ten confirmed drug related deaths, with four further suspected DRDs awaiting toxicology results.**

**26 cyber-crimes have been raised between 1 April and 30 June 2018. This represents an increase of four crimes on same period in 2017. Reported offences included online credit and debit card fraud, HMRC 'phishing' emails demanding monies, and threatening/obscene content being posted on social media platforms.**

## Acquisitive Crime

**Shoplifting is up by 7.8% to 221 crimes - 16 more than last year. Braehead continues to be the primary hotspot location.**

**97 housebreakings (inc attempts) - up by 21.3%, with 17 additional crimes. Dwelling houses account for 54% of HBs.**

**The volume of acquisitive crime stands at 1,215 reports - up 12% on the previous year. This incorporates an increasing volume of housebreaking crimes, motor vehicle crimes, theft by shoplifting and fraud.**

**There have been five reported bogus crimes, up from two in the previous year. Four 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.**

504 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, down 16.1% on the previous year. 285 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, a decrease of 25.2% on the previous year.

**34 complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Renfrewshire (22.5 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 47 allegations have been made.**

## Renfrewshire

### Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

**Reporting Period - 1 April -30 June 2018**

## Road Safety & Road Crime

**Between 1 April - 30 June 2018, one road fatality occurred in Renfrewshire which involved a vulnerable road user (motorcyclist) - compared to no road deaths in the same period of 2017/18. Meanwhile, serious road injuries increased by two, to a total of 13. Slight injuries fell by 47.9% to 37, from 71 for the same period last year.**

**Dangerous driving offences remain at the same level as the previous year (19 recorded). While recorded disqualified driving and other licence offences have increased, speeding, seat belt and mobile phone offences are all down on the previous year.**

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

**Wellbeing Matters** - 'Your Wellbeing Matters' is a national initiative aimed at ensuring officers and staff who need support or assistance have access to it. We have a number of partner organisations who offer specialist support on a wide range of issues. K Division identified 5 'Wellbeing Champions' for the Division and this was disseminated out in order to provide officers and staff a point of contact if required. Over previous months planning has also taken place in order to provide 'Health Screening' in the division which will take place in August 2018.

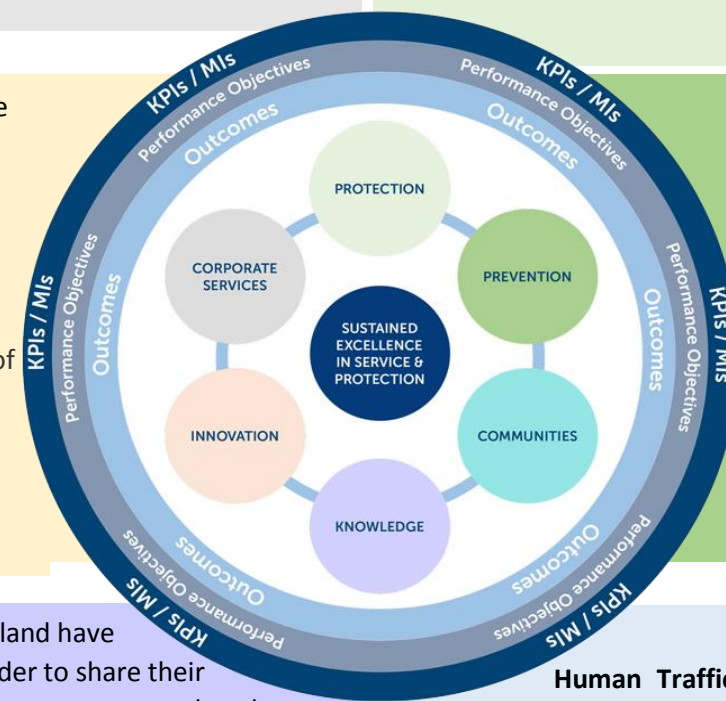
**Cyber-Attack Awareness** - Phishing scams are still the most popular way of gaining access to a computer system both personal and in business. Phishing emails rely on a number of factors to have the reader click on a link or open the infected file attached. Police Scotland is working to raise local businesses' levels of awareness and resilience to respond to the threat of phishing attacks using tools developed by leading cyber security firms. This initiative is underway in Renfrewshire and will continue to be utilised in order to protect our local businesses from potential attacks.

**Child Sexual Exploitation Education DVD** - An officer from DAIU, Osprey House commenced a joint project with a local Residential School, The Kibble, and in conjunction with staff and residents there obtained funding, developed and scripted a film highlighting the dangers of Child Sexual Exploitation. The film was thereafter screened in a local cinema and placed on the Choices for Life website to provide access for schools across Scotland.

**Serving a changing Scotland** - Cybercrime makes up an increasing proportion of the total crime we aim to prevent and investigate. Procurement has been underway for 40 "Cyber kiosks" that will enable local police officers to triage electronic devices which will enable quicker investigation of devices, quicker return of devices to victims and witnesses and reduce the number of devices being sent into the central digital forensic teams.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** - From 25 May 2018, Police Scotland have developed a new process for seeking views and consent from individuals in order to share their information with statutory agencies in relation to protection or wellbeing concerns to ensure that the requirements of GDPR are being complied with whilst still safeguarding vulnerable persons within our communities. A series of online training packages have been completed by K division officers in order to deliver the best service to the community with regards to information sharing.

**Specially Trained Officers (STO) - Tasers** - Training for STO's commenced in May 2018 whereby officers were thereafter deployed to the local community from early June. A Police Scotland priority is to ensure that at all times the safety of the public and the safety of officers who are attending incidents. Having these specially trained officers will improve our ability to keep the public and officers safe when attending incidents of a violent nature. These officers will be deployed at the heart of local policing in all 13 divisions across Scotland, helping to keep their colleagues and the public safe and bringing Police Scotland into line with forces throughout the UK. K division currently has 19 trained officers who cover the Renfrewshire area.



**Sexual Crime - Notable Arrest - May 2018** - A 63 year old male was arrested for a public indecency offence that took place at Braehead Shopping Centre. At the time of the offence the area was heavily populated with families including young children. Officers acted promptly to trace the male and ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public.

**Drugs Recovery - Notable Arrest - May 2018** - A 29 year old male and a 24 year old female arrested for drugs supply offences whereby 20.1g of Heroin was seized, 2kg of Rock MDMA with a street value of £80,000 seized along with 164,000 Etizolam tablets also being seized with a street value of £164,000. Total value of drugs recovered £245,000.

**Sexual Crime - Notable Arrest - June 2018** - A 21 year old male was arrested, charged and held in custody for numerous reports of rape against female children aged between 14 - 16 years old, within 'K' Division. This case was particularly complex due to the vulnerability of the children involved and the degree of coercion and control exhibited by the perpetrator throughout these incidents. This outcome could not have been achieved without the tenacious and victim centred approach by the Public Protection Unit and Uniformed officers involved in this enquiry. On 6th July 2018 the perpetrator was fully committed until trial, further protecting the community from risk of harm.

**Offensive Weapon / Proceeds of Crime Act - Notable Arrest - May 2018** - A 26 year old male reported for an offensive weapon offence (Knife) and £1100 seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act. The male is concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

**Offensive Weapon - Notable Arrest - June 2018** - A 28 year old male arrested after a pro-active stop whereby two axes, one sledgehammer, one adapted spiked screwdriver attached to metal pipe, one mallet, four knives and two golf clubs were all recovered. The male is a career criminal who has a substantial violent offending history and was on bail at material time for an offensive weapon offence.

**Road Traffic Offence - Notable Arrest - June 2018** - A 34 year old male arrested and reported for Theft and Theft of a motor vehicle plus three other road traffic offences after a pro-active stop. The male has a significant criminal history.

**Human Trafficking Initiative** - In May 2018 Community Policing Teams based at Paisley led a multiagency approach as part of the Government and National Crime Agency strategy in relation to Human Trafficking / Labour exploitation. This focused on two carwashes (one within Paisley and one within Renfrew). 16 Police Officers from Paisley and Renfrew, accompanied by colleagues from Health and Safety Executive, Department of Working Pensions and Home Office Immigration Enforcement attended the locations. 13 workers from Romania and Slovakia were engaged and spoken with utilising bespoke questionnaires. No criminality and more importantly, no Potential Victims of Human Tracking were identified. This collaborative approach has without a doubt enhanced the working environment and safety for all those concerned.

**Counter Terrorism Awareness** - In partnership with the NHS to raise awareness of Counter Terrorism, our Counter Terrorism Liaison officer attended at the local Royal Alexandria Hospital to provide a presentation to staff within the Stroke Unit. This was extremely well received by all attendees who provided positive feedback stating it has made them more vigilant both in the workplace and also outwith. This resulted in recommendations being passed on to other departments to receive the presentation in the future.

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

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