

Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



YTD (April 2020 to February 2021) there were 242 Group 1 Crimes of Violence – a decrease of 11.4% on the previous year, equating to 31 fewer victims. Nearly 58% of Group 1 crimes occurred in private spaces, compared to just under 44% in 2019/20.

Since 1 April 2020, 2,374 crimes have been identified via police proactivity – up 23.2% on the previous year.

Overall downward trend in both serious & minor violence.

1,425 common assaults have been recorded, compared to 1,676 in the previous year (-15%). 229 assaults targeted emergency workers (17 fewer than the previous year), with all but 12 crimes targeting police officers. The Royal Alexandra Hospital continues to be the primary 'hotspot' location for assaults on emergency workers.

101 serious assaults were recorded (26 fewer), with a detection rate of 81.2%, compared to 74.8% in the previous year. 57 robberies were recorded (16 fewer), with a detection rate of 80.7%, compared to 71.2% in the previous year. 42% of serious assaults, and 64% of robberies, occurred in private dwellings.

Acquisitive Crime



Crimes of theft by shoplifting fell by 43.9%, to a total of 507. The detection rate is 66.3%, slightly lower than the previous year's position (68%).



There were 285 housebreakings (including attempts) – 39 fewer than in the previous year. The detection rate increased from 24.4% to 28.4%.

A total of 2,487 acquisitive crimes have been recorded year-to-date – a decrease of 19.3% on the previous year. This continues to largely be driven by the fall in reported common theft and theft by shoplifting. However, recorded fraud has increased by 36.6% in volume on the previous year, with indications of a continuing trend of financially motivated cybercrimes such as internet order fraud, fraudulent transactions, identity theft, and others.



17 bogus crimes have been reported, eight more than the previous year, with the majority targeting elderly members of the community. Crimes typically involved victims being over-charged for roofing and gardening work, which suspects thereafter failed to undertake.

Public Protection



353 sexual offences were recorded – 27 fewer than the previous year's volume. 75% of these crimes occurred in private dwellings. While the volume of reported sexual crimes occurring in private space increased by nearly 13% on the previous year, crimes taking place in public locations fell by 40%.

38% of reported sexual offences in the current year were non-recent in nature (reported more than one year since the date the crime occurred). The number of reported non-recent sexual offences fell by two percent on the previous year; meanwhile, recent offences fell by ten percent.

52% of victims were aged under 16 years at the time of the offence, with indications of an increase in proportion of crimes involving younger victims compared to the previous year. However, 59% of the crimes targeting young people were non-recent in nature.

The detection rate for sexual crime increased by 3.8 percentage points on the previous year's position, to 60.7%



There have been 364 missing person incidents in Renfrewshire, compared to 391 in the previous year. 77% of incidents involved people aged under 19 years, and a third of all incidents originating from Young Persons Units. Repeat missing persons continue to be an issue, with the top five individuals accounting for 13% of all missing persons incidents.

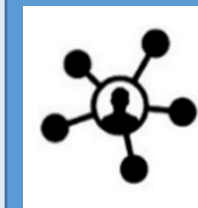
1,931 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, a decrease of 9.5% on the previous year. 1,185 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, representing a decrease of 7.6% on the previous year – with a conversion rate of all domestic incidents into crime incidents of 43.9% (compared to 44.1% in the previous year). Meanwhile, the detection rate for domestic crimes and offences increased from 64.6% in the previous year, to 70.3% in the current period.

Public Confidence

There were 165 complaints about police during the reporting period. This equates to 35.3 complaints per 10,000 police incidents.

Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan (2020 – 2021) Reporting Period – 1 Apr '20 – 28 Feb '21

Major Crime & Terrorism



Targeting serious and organised crime continues to be a priority for the division. One serious organised crime group (SOCG) which primarily impact on Renfrewshire is currently being managed by the Division. The SOCG is predominantly involved in drug supply. Drug supply detections have increased by 30% on the previous year, to a total of 143.



There continue to be indications of an increasing trend in relation to cybercrime, with recent analysis undertaken within Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division highlighting that recorded cybercrime increased by 65% in the 2020 calendar year (as compared to the previous calendar year). This included an increase in financially motivated cybercrime, cyber-enabled threats and harassment, and also cyber-enabled

Road Safety & Road Crime



YTD, two road fatalities occurred within Renfrewshire – one additional fatality compared to the same period in the previous year. There were 33 serious road injuries (20 fewer than the previous year), including five children being seriously injured, and 74 slight injuries (62 fewer than the previous year).

3,231 offences relating to motor vehicles have been recorded year to date – a decrease of 3% on 7.1% on the previous year. However, notable increases continue to be observed in relation to drink/drug, insurance and licensing offences.



Our Renfrewshire is **fair**: addressing the inequalities that limit life chances
 Our Renfrewshire is **well**: supporting the wellness and resilience of our citizens and communities

Partnerships, Prevention & Community Wellbeing – M division

The division has been created and designed to reflect and reinforce the increasing shift within Police Scotland to adopt a public health, whole system approach to tackling many of the complex issues faced by a significant proportion of the people our officers and staff come into contact with. M division brings together the specialist teams from legacy Safer Communities, as well as the International Development & Innovation Unit (IDIU) and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU). The division's focus on primary prevention and intervention opportunities are key in situations which can dramatically improve the life chances of the individuals we interact with on a daily basis. Interactions of this sort can result in individuals being less likely to face adverse experiences which could cause long term trauma and harm, and also result in ongoing involvement with the police and the justice system.

Telematic Alarms

Telematic Alarms have been installed by the local Authority to protect vulnerable members of society who leave their homes and an alarm is activated. By sharing information with the local Authority, Police Scotland have been able to produce a list of all persons who have the alarms fitted in Renfrewshire and a file had been created for each individual. This includes a photograph and information in respect of the person's description, habits, and previous locations found, which can be emailed to officers on the ground via their mobile devices. This will ensure a more effective response to these vulnerable persons and give a more efficient response to protecting their wellbeing.

Pedal Protect

Launched nationally in Edinburgh and promoted in Renfrewshire, Pedal Protect aims to provide modern bike day security through an online bike register, endorsed by SBD (Secure By Design). This will see Police Scotland hold events where bikes are digitally marked and uploaded to a database, storing the owner and bikes details allowing police to tackle bike theft.



Financial Harm

- During April 2021, within Renfrewshire, Police Scotland have undertaken a month long action plan targeting Financial Harm. Initial work in conjunction with the Safety Partnership Hub saw the insertion of guidance literature within all council tax bills, reaching over 177,000 homes. Messages reinforcing financial harm safety advice was put out on all social media platforms, as well as traditional media outlets. The plan culminated in a week long campaign of targeted action, working alongside road policing and Trading Standards.
- PSYV have been provided with a 'Friends against Fraud' input which they will disseminate to a wider audience.

Strategic Workforce Plan (SWP) covering 2021-2024.

The SWP has been developed with contributions from all divisions and departments across Police Scotland, all staff associations and unions, as well as the support of the Scottish Government and Scottish Police Authority. The plan will help identify the officer, staff and skills profile needed to best serve our communities, to ensure policing provides value for money to the public purse. It provides an evidence based approach to identifying policing requirements across the country, with considerations such as changing population profiles and the needs of communities. This work will be subject to further discussion with staff associations, unions and partners and additional communication to officers and staff as progress is made. People are at the heart of policing in Scotland, whether in the communities we are privileged to serve, or within our dedicated workforce. By looking after our people we will enable them to continue their work maintaining a safe, protected and resilient Scotland.

Partnership working within Renfrewshire

- A multi-agency approach has been adopted by Police Scotland, ROAR, STAR project and I Am Me Scotland to reach vulnerable members of the community through information sharing. The partners have been provided with letters in respect of call blockers for the vulnerable, which they are delivering and signposting. This will ensure that these vulnerable groups are still protected from risk of falling victim to crime, even when difficult to reach during the current pandemic.
- *Future Paisley* is a radical and wide-ranging programme of events, activity and investment using the town's unique and internationally-significant cultural stories to transform its future. The local Community Inspector has been working with this group through their yearly strategic review workshops to find areas where Police Scotland can support their endeavours.

Our Renfrewshire is **thriving**: maximising economic growth that is inclusive and stable
 Our Renfrewshire is **safe**: protecting vulnerable people, and working together to manage the risk of harm
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