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Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2023/24- Q2



GLASGOW COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
Safe Glasgow Partnership

2023/24-Quarterly Report Q2 April 23- September 23

Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Police Plan update. This report contains management information for quarter two of the year April 2023- March 2024.

The report provides details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or have taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st July 2023 and 30th September 2023.

Quarter two saw a number of high profile events take place in the Glasgow city area, including the County Grand Orange Lodge Annual Boyne Parade, TRNSMT and the UCI Cycling World Championships. This was a resource intensive period for Greater Glasgow and I am hugely grateful for the professionalism and commitment shown by all our officer an partners during this period.

Looking forward to quarter three, a period renowned for increased demand for both police and our partners, we have planning underway for Bonfire Night under Operation Moonbeam and Operation Academia.

We are also preparing for increased footfall in the City Centre and surrounding areas throughout the Festive period, and during this time we will continue to work closely with partners, implementing local plans to minimise disruption to our communities and enhance public safety.

Public Health

As previously reported to members, our public health approach to policing was presented to law enforcement and public health colleagues from across Europe at the Law Enforcement for Public Health European Conference 2023 in Sweden. Following on from this, we were invited to present at the Together Towards Resilient Communities event at Tulliallan on 29th August. The event was jointly hosted by Police Scotland and Public Health Scotland, allowing best practice to be shared with key stakeholders from across Scotland. Momentum continues to grow with regards to our approach in Greater Glasgow and we have since been invited to present at the Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) International Conference in November.

As members will be aware, one of our key priorities is to reduce the harms caused through drugs misuse. In August this year the drug related death figures were published for 2022, and whilst this saw a significant reduction from the previous year in Glasgow City, each death is one too many. We continue to work with our partners to link harm reduction with enforcement activity. A recent example of this was Operation Arachnoid, where we sent text messages to individuals believed to have been in contact with drug supply lines, offering signposting to addiction services, whilst robustly taking executive action on those responsible for the sale and supply.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 65.68%, with 71.31% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and September 2023 a total of 398 complaints were received compared to 437 complaints the previous year, a reduction of 8.9%, and also an 11.1% decrease from the 3 year average. This figure reflects a very small number of complaints (33.8 complaints per 10,000 incidents). (Appendix A)



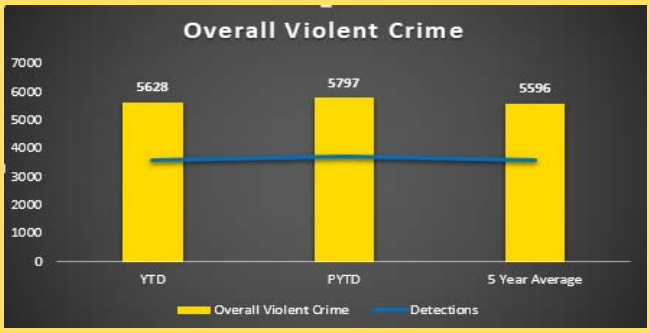
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Crime

Violent Crime

Overall violent Crime has decreased by 2.9% from PYTD, and 0.6% from 5 years mean with 5628 violent crimes recorded this YTD, 5797 PYTD and a 5 year average of 5596.

It should be noted that lower rates of violent crime during lockdown periods in 20/21 and 21/22 are still influencing 5 year mean figures.
(Appendix B)



Violence Against Women And Girls

In September a Day of Action was undertaken in the east end of Glasgow by Local Policing, Public Protection officers, Routes Out and TARA to support the roll out of a pilot drop-in centre for Romanian and Hungarian women who are at risk of serious sexual harm and exploitation.

The Public Protection Unit (PPU) has undertaken preventative work in relation to sexual crime in the city through a series of inputs delivered to Universities and Colleges across Glasgow. This was carried out in collaboration with our partners at Archway and Rape Crisis to share information, leaflets, flyers and banners with students and young people.

PPU officers hosted an information stall at the Fresher's Open Day on 12 September 2023 and positively engaged a vast number of new students which was well received by both the student population and educational staff.

This work will continue throughout the year will include an input at the 'First Responders' training at Glasgow University where guidance will be given to Security, Bar staff and personnel on the initial actions to be taken in relation to reports of sexual assault. Work is also on-going to support the university with additional guidance and information, to become available, to support a smartphone app they are developing.

Homicides

There were 3 homicides in Q2.

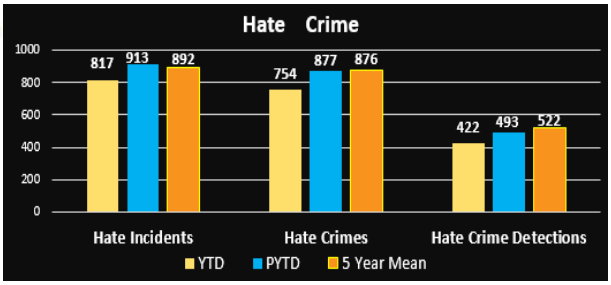
Op Tenancy relates to the murder of a 21 year old male at Stravanan Road, Castlemilk, on 28th July 2023. This was investigated by Greater Glasgow CID. An 18 year old male, who was known to the victim, was charged with his murder and is fully committed into custody.

Op Factice relates to the murder of a 29 year old male at Dumbreck Court, Glasgow. This investigation was led by Police Scotland Major Investigation Team in conjunction with Greater Glasgow CID. A 33 year old male was charged with his murder and is fully committed into custody.

On Saturday 5th August 2023, at George Street, Glasgow, a 40 year old male was knocked down and killed by a 48 year old male. An investigation led by Greater Glasgow CID, identified the accused who was charged with murder and is fully committed into custody.

Hate Crime

Hate Incidents decreased by 10.5% from PYTD and by 8.5% from the 5 year mean with 817 incidents this year, 913 incidents PYTD and 5 year mean of 892.
Hate crime decreased by 14% from both PYTD and the 5 year mean, with 754 crimes this year, 877 crimes PYTD and 5 year mean of 876.
Hate crime detections rates have remained almost static from PYTD and decreased 3.6% from 5 year mean. (Appendix C)



Community Wellbeing

Student Safety

Greater Glasgow Safer Communities attended a two day 'Fresher's Festival' event in Glasgow City Centre where student safety and crime prevention advice was distributed along with various partner organisations, including Glasgow City Council.

The event was attended by approximately 20,000 people.

Citizen Aid Event

Greater Glasgow Safer Communities in partnership with Citizen Aid delivered the 'Post Manchester Arena Attack: Empowering the Public to Save Lives' event on 12th September at the SEC.

The event was attended by over 200 people from partners, local businesses and organisations across Glasgow and focused on preparing individuals, communities and organisations to help themselves and casualties in the immediate aftermath of a terrorist or other deliberate attack. This included guided practical sessions such as safe tourniquet application and bomb scene triage.

The guest speaker at the event was Figen Murray, mother of Martyn Hett, one of 22 people killed in the Manchester Arena bombing in 2017.

Side Step Programme

One Glasgow has engaged 13 nominals in the Action for Children Side Step Programme (with 9 nominals currently in the process of referral). One Glasgow has delivered joint inputs with national Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) colleagues to remind SOC investigation teams of the availability of diversion routes for young people. We have been working closely with Sexual Harm and Exploitation Units and national Specialist Crime Division to identify and divert young people currently involved in child criminal exploitation within Glasgow City Centre.

Hate Crime

G Division Safer Communities continues to provide inputs to vulnerable groups and partners. Inputs have been delivered to various groups including Glasgow Disability Alliance, Hutchison Grammar School and The Advisory Group who enable people with learning disabilities.

Further inputs were also delivered to the Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde staff within the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Golden Jubilee Hospital. Initial links have also been established with the Red Cross with a view to delivering future inputs.

PSYV

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) have recently recruited 65 young people from varying socioeconomic backgrounds across the Division. The young people have successfully completed mandatory inductions and are looking forward to representing Police Scotland at divisional and national events.

One Youth Volunteer from G Division PSYV along with a further 12 Youth Volunteers from across Police Scotland deployed to New Zealand on a Leadership and Development Training programme in partnership with 'Blue Light: New Zealand' and the New Zealand Defence Force. This deployment also included representatives from similar police youth engagement programmes from the US, Australia and New Zealand.

Road Policing

There have been 10 fatal road crashes since 1st April 2023 (7 pedestrians, 1 cyclist, 1 driver and 1 passenger). Three of these crashes occurred during Q2.

Q2 road safety continued to focus on "Fatal 5" offences, with directed activity increasing crime recording in these areas.

- Careless driving noted an increase of 9.3% from PYTD and increase of 17.2% from 5 year average.
- Drink / Drug driving saw an increase of 4.6% from PYTD and an increase of 12.4% from 5 year average.
- Seatbelt offences noted an increase of 39% from PYTD and an increase of 29.6% from 5 year average.
- Mobile phone offences saw an increase of 13.9% from PYTD and an increase of 47.7% from 5 year average.
- Speeding offences saw a decrease of 15.4% from PYTD and a reduction of 12.3% from 5 year average.

Events and Operations

Football

The new football season commenced on 5th August 2023. At the time of writing there have been 19 professional football games within the division throughout this period at Hampden, Celtic Park, Ibrox and Firhill, with an estimated 650,000 persons in attendance.

During Q2 there were several high profile fixtures including Rangers v Celtic which again saw no away fans and only one arrest for a disorder offence.

On 12th September at Hampden Park, Scotland v England Heritage match took place with 3000 away support in attendance and three arrests for disorder offences. These fixtures were assessed to be 'High Risk' fixtures, with significant numbers of officers deployed and supported with a public order command structure.

During this period we have continued to work with clubs and football authorities to support the delivery of fixtures and continue to develop and adapt Local Reassurance Plans, to provide additional patrols to minimise disorder and anti-social behaviour.

Parades and Demonstrations

There were 33 processions during the period of Q2, including the Annual Boyne procession which saw no public order officers being deployed, which is a first in recent times, with four arrests for minor offences.

In addition there were protests/demonstrations held by various groups throughout the City, some of which required specialist officers to deploy in order to support the conventional policing operation.

We continue to focus on proportionately protecting the rights of individuals to assemble and protest, whilst balancing the needs of the wider communities.

Concerts and Events

The summer months during Q2 saw the TRNSMT festival taking place in Glasgow Green, over three days, with in excess of 100,000 persons attending over the weekend. Specialist resources were in attendance supporting the conventional operation.

Over the course of the weekend there were 27 arrests for offences including drugs and minor disorder.
In addition to this Hampden Park hosted the Red Hot Chilli Peppers with a crowd of 50,000 in attendance.

During this period there were also numerous concerts in the OVO Hydro, Barrowlands and O2 Academy.

The UCI Cycling Championships also took place over a two week period in August, with significant deployments taking place throughout the City for the duration of the event.

There was a national planning team in place for the event with a smaller divisional team overseeing the G Division operations, ensuring consistency across all operations.

Look Forward

At the time of writing we are now into Q3 with the football season underway. There are several high profile fixtures during this period including Celtic v Lazio, Rangers v Sparta Praha and Celtic v Rangers. The planning of these operations is ongoing and continues to adapt in line with the intelligence picture.

Operation Moonbeam and Operation Academia are also taking place during Q3 with command structures in place and planning is well underway.

This period will also see the annual Closing of the Gates ceremony with numerous processions throughout the City culminating in the main procession with around 1000 participants and 25 bands.

Night-Time Economy

The Safer Glasgow City Centre Policing Plan (SGCCPP) continues to be resourced and reviewed in line with the demands and changeable dynamic of the night-time economy, particularly in relation to young people frequenting and congregating in the City Centre.

We continue to work with communities and partner agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in the City Centre, and also to reduce the harm caused through alcohol and drugs, referring those affected to appropriate support services and diversionary activities.

Serious Organised Crime

Operation ARACHNOID

In September 2023 Operation Arachnoid saw executive action taken against a Serious and Organised Crime Group (SOCG), where eight addresses, including a business linked to the group, were searched under warrant and six individuals were arrested and charged with offences, which included directing serious and organised crime, involvement in serious and organised crime, the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. The two principal members of the group were remanded in prison pending High Court trial.

An estimated;

- £100,000 in money was seized or confiscated.
- Four high performance vehicles worth £497,234 were uplifted for return to finance companies.
- Six high value watches and other expensive jewellery were taken as productions.

Drug Dealing Telecommunications Restriction Orders (DDTROs) were submitted by Police Scotland to the telecommunications providers for the OCG's drugs telephone lines including WhatsApp, which disconnected the numbers from the networks indefinitely.

About 1800 SMS messages have been sent by Police Scotland to mobile numbers identified as having been in contact with the SOCG's drugs lines (suspected customers), using a system named Smart Desk. The text messages contained a hyperlink to the Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) website for addiction support, details of Crime Stoppers and Police Scotland's contact numbers, should anyone wish to report on the SOCG or drug dealing in general.

The SDF reported that visits to the website increased above average by about a half on the days when Police Scotland messages were sent out.

Serious and Organised Crime Recoveries

Greater Glasgow Pro-Active Unit

Drug Recoveries

- Cocaine – 2.6 Kg
- Heroin – 126 g
- Etizolam – 2805 tablets
- Cannabis – 14.6 Kg
- Plants – 1300

Total value- £800,360

Money/ Asset Seizures

- Money seized - £56,000
- POCA valuables seizures - £80,000

Serious and Organised Crime Disruptions Unit

Recoveries

- £43,765 seized in drugs
- £109,452 cash (Productions and POCA)
- £44,925 in assets

In addition

- 8 stolen vehicles recovered
- 144 reported cases/tickets issued
- 2 Firearms recovered

Operation GALILEO

In June 2023 the female principal of Operation GALILEO was stopped driving a high value Audi vehicle. During this time she had in her possession £2,780 and a Rolex watch valued at £13,600.

At the time the female was subject to civil proceedings under section 295 and section 303L Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. These proceedings are ongoing.

A request has been made to halt proceedings in order to allow these circumstances to be used in criminal proceedings against her.

On 20th September 2023 evidential search warrants were executed at two addresses connected to the principal. During the search a further Rolex watch valued at £25,000 was recovered. She also had in her possession over £11,000 cash, a quantity of cannabis and deal bags of cocaine. The principal was charged with S 4(3) B Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.