

Keeping People Safe in Greater Glasgow

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

Introduction



Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Policing Plan update, covering the period October to December 2019. This update relates specifically to the priorities identified in our [Local Policing Plan](#) which is available on the Police Scotland website.

Q3 has been another busy quarter and there have been some significant improvements that will help us better protect people in Glasgow. The new Contact Assessment Model was successfully introduced in October and is now providing a far more tailored response to calls for assistance.

At the same time, the roll out of mobile devices to uniform officers commenced which enables them to check information and police databases remotely. Over 1500 officers in the Division have now been issued with the new devices, which has improved their capacity and capability to keep people safe.

Another significant development in Q3 related to the announcement that in November 2020, Glasgow will host the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties 26 (COP 26.) This is a hugely important conference that will place significant demands on our officers and a dedicated planning team has already been established.

I am delighted to report that as well as adapting to these changes and challenges, the Division has performed well working with the public and our partners to meet the normal seasonal demands. Thank you for your continued support.

Greater Glasgow Local Policing Plan (2017-2020) Quarterly Report (Q3 – 2019/2020)

Public Protection

Group 2 Sexual Crimes have reduced. In total, 1398 crimes were recorded compared to 1638 in the same period last year. Rapes have reduced from 268 to 240 (down 10.4%) and Indecent Assaults have also reduced from 609 to 515 (down 15.4%). There has however been a significant increase in sexual communications offences from 9 to 22 (up 144.4%).

Compared to last year, the detection rate for Group 2 Crimes has reduced from 51.4% to 46.4%. The detection rate for rape has increased from 32.8% to 34.2% however detection rates for these crimes have been impacted by a high proportion of non-recent reports.



Domestic Abuse crimes have increased slightly from 3,956 to 4,156 (up 5.1%) and Domestic Abuse incidents have also increased from 6,874 to 7,086 (up 3.1%).

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour



Violence

Overall crimes of violence have increased from 8,478 to 8,842. This represents an increase of 4.3%. There has been an increase in serious assaults (3.5%) and robberies (5.6%). The largest proportion of the increase in overall violent crimes actually relates to common or minor assaults (up 4.4%).

Within those overall violent crimes, some serious violent crimes have actually reduced e.g. Murders (-15.4%), Culpable Homicides (-0%) and Attempt Murders (-3.5%).



Antisocial Behaviour

Public reports of Antisocial Behaviour have reduced from 31,230 to 30,050 (-3.8%). Public drunkenness offences are down as are the numbers of people drinking alcohol in public (-23.5%).

Acquisitive Crime



YTD - Theft by Housebreaking (to dwelling houses) reduced from 1104 to 1007, a reduction

Following an increase in housebreakings to commercial properties in the Pollok area, a core group of young offenders were identified and arrested. They were subsequently either placed in secure accommodation, on a Home Detention Curfew or they were encouraged to take part in diversionary work provided by police and social work. Several offenders who undertook the diversionary programme responded positively and their offending has significantly reduced.

Local officers continue to target known offenders, exploiting all investigative opportunities to detect these crimes. Recently two offenders (21yrs and 18yrs) were reported to the PF for a dozen housebreakings. As part of the same investigation a 29 year old was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for five crimes of Reset relating the possession of stolen property. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the owners of further property recovered that is believed to have been stolen from other locations.

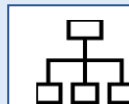


Missing People

- 551 Missing Person reports during the 3rd Quarter of 2019/20
- Of these missing people - 60% were male, 40% female
- 297 (54%) related to young people aged 10 - 19 years
- 31 (6%) related to people aged 60 years or more
- 65 (12%) were High Risk missing person enquiries

Counter Terrorism and Serious Crime

In spite of the UK terrorism threat level being reduced recently, officers remain vigilant and will continue to deliver on the Prevent, Protect, Pursue and Prepare strands of the **CONTEST Strategy**. In the reporting period Greater Glasgow Preventions, Interventions and Partnerships team provided ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) awareness inputs to over 235 people from various businesses and organisations. In addition to these traditional inputs ACT e-learning is also now being promoted. This learning is aimed at members of the public who want to become "CT Citizens." The package highlights how to identify and respond to suspicious behaviour and how to react in the event of a major incident.



Road Safety & Road Crime



There have been 11 fatalities on the roads in Glasgow up to and including Quarter 3. This 2 more than last year. Serious and slight injuries have reduced from 134 to 94 and from 767 to 431 respectively.

Police enforcement activity has resulted in an increasing number of Dangerous Driving (+6.8%), Drink or Drug Driving (+13.3%) and Speeding detections (+73.5%).



Quarter 3 figures indicate a 5.4% decrease in thefts of or from motor vehicles in Glasgow, down from 1,885 to 1,715

Public Satisfaction

In Quarter 3 service user satisfaction survey results indicate that the overall level of satisfaction with policing in Glasgow remains very high at 87.8%. This exceeds the national figure of 84.0%.

CORPORATE SERVICES

A “Your Police” national online survey was undertaken in November and December. Over 600 responses were received from people in Glasgow. As well as individual responses, responses were received from several local organisations including Primary Schools, Community Councils, Housing Associations and a homeless charity. The respondents highlighted the following Top 5 Policing Priorities, which will help inform our policing plans:

- 1) Homes being broken into
- 2) Rowdy drunken behaviour in public places
- 3) Selling or using drugs
- 4) Road Safety (including speeding and dangerous driving)
- 5) Violent Crime (including murder, robbery or mugging)

To also help gauge public opinion, the Scottish Police Authority has initiated a consultation to seek views on a refreshed Joint Strategy for Policing entitled “Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland.” This strategy describes proposed policing objectives and outcomes. The consultation, which opened on 20 January 2020, runs until 2 March 2020 and can be found at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/policingforscotland/>

PROTECTION

To assist in more effectively responding to reports of missing young people, staff within our Missing Person Unit recently collaborated with GCC, Social Work, NHS and Barnardo’s. As a result of dialogue, Barnardo’s staff instead of police, now carry out return discussions with returning MPs at three GCC Children’s Care Centres. The aim is to capture more information to prevent young people from going missing or to help find them quickly if they do. This pilot initiative will run for nine months from September 2019.

At the other end of the demographic scale, officers have also been working to respond more effectively to missing elderly people e.g. dementia sufferers. They have initiated a pilot scheme aimed at ensuring relevant information can be made available to investigating officers quickly. Based on principles of the Herbert Protocol, the pilot provides an information pack to family/carers to complete and retain. Forms should be completed post diagnosis and kept up to date with recent photographs and information. Such crucial information can then be sent directly to officers’ mobile devices during time-critical investigations.

In relation to preventing and recording sexual offences, often perpetrated against vulnerable students, senior CID officers have now attended at every College and University in G Division to ensure they have SPOCS within the **Public Protection** business area to build rapport and pass relevant information.

INNOVATION

In the Glasgow South East area, Local Problem Solving Team officers based at Gorbals Police Station have been working with Govanhill Housing and Glasgow City Council to tackle Housebreakings and thefts in the area. Joint funding was secured through the Southside Area Partnership and Police Scotland Divisional Commanders Partnership Fund, to purchase a significant number of *SelectaDNA* kits for use in the Govanhill area. The kits allow property to be discreetly security marked with unique DNA codes which can then be used to link crimes and offenders. The kits have been distributed to previous victims of acquisitive crime or to those identified as being vulnerable. The kits have been used by other UK Police forces and have been credited with reducing acquisitive crime significantly. The planning phase for this operation took place during Nov/Dec 2019, and Police Scotland with partners from Govanhill housing and Glasgow City Council, will visit householders to deploy the marking kits.

PREVENTION

The Violence Reduction Unit and partners recently collaborated to reduce violence in the Castlemilk area. The initiative involved an eight week pilot at the Castlemilk Youth Complex for young people 13 to 16 years. The two-hour weekly project involved inputs to up to 10 young people identified by Campus Officers and Youth Workers. It was delivered by ‘lived experience’ mentors and the timetable included: Introductions/Ice breakers, Violence, Drugs/Alcohol, Gangs, Early Years (ACES), Ripple Effect, Exit Ramps and a Celebration Event. The intention is now to repeat and review the initiative.

Operation Soapdish is an initiative targeting unlicensed parties predominately with GA Sub Division. A number of multi-agency enforcement visits have taken place with Health and Safety, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Utilities companies. This has resulted in closure orders being made, as well as other offences being reported. The known locations are now frequently visited by officers from the Safe Glasgow Policing Plan.

KNOWLEDGE

Following the introduction of new drug driving legislation on 21 October 2019, which allowed for the use of roadside drug testing kits, officers from the Road Policing Unit have carried out a number of tests on drivers. This has resulted in a significant rise (35 compared to 5 last year) in the number of persons reported for driving under the influence of drugs.

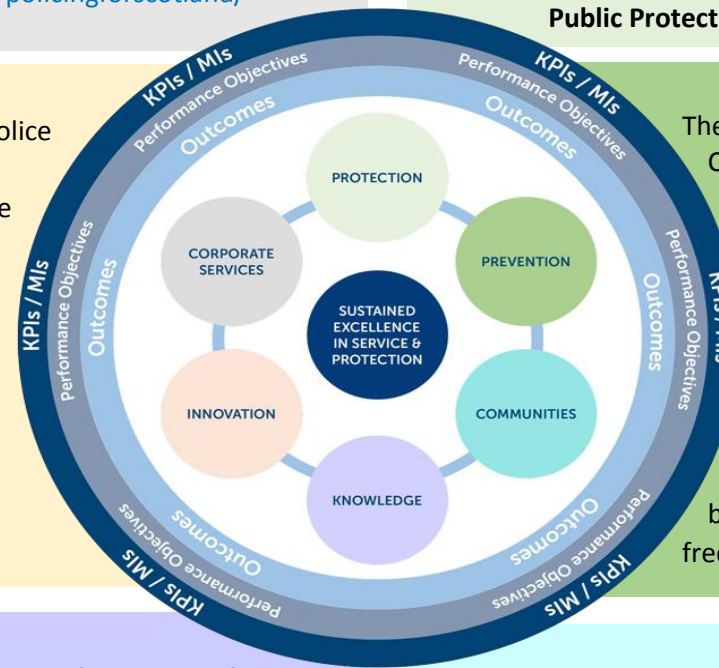
Operation SPIN - On 24 October 2019 Greater Glasgow Serious & Organised Crime Pro-Active Unit, carried out an intelligence-led operation in Glasgow South, resulting in the recovery of a Cannabis Cultivation within domestic premises, containing 770 plants (value £462,000). Enquiries are ongoing to identify/trace those responsible. This recovery has been linked to a serious and organised crime group within the South East Asian Community.

Operation BLANC - On 23 December 2019 officers from Greater Glasgow Serious & Organised Crime Pro-Active Unit carried out an intelligence-led operation resulting in the recovery of 250,000 Etizolam in the Pollok area of the city. Significantly this recovery was made at the home address of the principle nominal of Operation BLANC resulting in his remand and incarceration into prison. This concluded a year-long operation which recovered in excess of 980,000 Etizolam, (value £490,000) and resulted in nine persons being charged with involvement in serious and organised crime and a further 10 for standalone drug dealing offences.

COMMUNITIES

Since October, Cathcart Local Problem Solving Team officers have been working with the charity Freedom from Torture (FFT.) FFT provide 'safe and secure places for people who have survived torture, allowing them to process what has happened to them and begin to rebuild their lives'. The charity operates in areas that have large populations of asylum seekers and Glasgow is their only Scottish centre. Partnership working with FFT, the Jimmy Johnstone Football Academy and the SFA resulted in a successful bid for funding from the Divisional Commander’s Partnership Fund. This has resulted in the introduction of a ten-week course at the Toryglen Regional Football Centre that will use football and football training, to help assimilate a very vulnerable group into the local community. Officers are undertaking coaching training to help run the sessions and interact with the focus group and this has already yielded positive results. As well as breaking down barriers and enhancing communication links with the group, additional contacts have been established with other niche support groups for culturally diverse, hard to reach females, dealing with issues as diverse as Female Genital Mutilation and basic self-defence.

In the East End of Glasgow partnership working is ongoing with the Glasgow Housing Association and youth workers to identify and divert young people from committing acts of antisocial behaviour. A jointly funded programme has enabled outreach workers to identify young people in the community who are then invited to a local community centre to take part in sports activities and inputs designed to help them to make positive life-choices.



Appendix A – Locally Monitored Management Information

Violence	Period	Number of Crimes or % Detection Rate	Change
Overall Crimes of Violence* – Number of Crimes	April - Dec 2019	8842	+5.9%
	April - Dec (5-year average)	8352	
Overall Crimes of Violence* – Detection Rate	April - Dec 2019	60.7%	-5.7%
	April - Dec (5-year average)	66.4%	

Antisocial Behaviour	Period	Number of Complaints	Change
Public Reports of Antisocial Behaviour	April - Dec 2019	30,050	-3.8%
	April - Dec 2018	31,050	

Housebreaking	Period	Number of Crimes or % Detection Rate	Change
Overall Domestic Housebreakings – Number of Crimes	April - Dec 2019	1007	-13%
	April - Dec (5-year average)	1158	
Overall Domestic Housebreakings – Detection Rate	April - Dec 2019	18.1%	-1.2%
	April - Dec (5-year average)	19.3%	

* Overall Crimes of Violence include - Murder, Attempt Murder, Culpable Homicide, Serious Assault, Culpable and Reckless Conduct, Robbery, Assault with Intent to Rob, Common Assault and Common Assault on and Emergency Worker.

Road Crashes	Period	No. of Casualties	Change
People Killed	April - Dec 2019	11	+22.2
	April - Dec 2018	9	
People Seriously Injured	April - Dec 2019	94	-29.9%
	April - Dec 2018	134	
People Slightly Injured	April - Dec 2019	431	-43.8%
	April - Dec 2018	767	

Domestic Abuse	Period	No. of Crimes or Detection Rate	Change
Domestic Abuse Crimes	April - Dec 2019	4156	+5.1%
	April - Dec 2018	3956	
Domestic Abuse Detection Rate	April - Dec 2019	62%	-8.1%
	April - Dec 2018	70.1%	

Hate Crime	Period	No. of Crimes or Detection Rate	Change
Hate Crimes	April - Dec 2019	1201	-0.1%
	April - Dec 2018	1202	
Hate Crime Detection rate	April - Dec 2019	59.3%	-0.6%
	April - Dec 2018	59.9%	

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