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

Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2024/25– Q3



2023/24-Quarterly Report Q3
1st October 24– 31st December 24

Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Police Plan update. This report contains management information for quarter three of the year April 2024- March 2025.

The report provides details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or have taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st October 2024 and 31st December 2024.

Quarter three is a demanding period for both police and our partners with Halloween, Bonfire night and increased footfall in the City Centre and surrounding areas during the Festive period. During this time we continued to work closely with partners, implementing local plans to minimise disruption to our communities and enhance public safety.

Public Health

Throughout Q3 work has progressed in a number of areas supporting our public health approach to policing.

The Positive Outcomes Project (POP) aims to help adult males break their cycle of offending, particularly where it is linked to substance abuse. To date, 40 clients have been engaged, with 28 actively participating in the program. Over 90 referrals have been received, with additional individuals being referred to appropriate partner agencies when needed. New groupwork sessions have started, with 8 clients participating in a small, focused group providing intensive support and advice on harm reduction and recovery pathways.

The POP Plus initiative generated 192 referrals during Q1-Q3, primarily from individuals in custody suites across the west of Scotland. Referrals often result in individuals being directed to Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services or other relevant agencies.

The One Glasgow Reducing Offending Project continues its work with young people involved in criminal activities, offering diversion routes through partners such as Action for Children, Includem, and the GCC Neighbourhood Regeneration and Sustainability Youth Intervention Team. Between Q1 and Q3, 41 young people engaged in third-sector diversion programs, and 51 young people were supported by the social work partnership. A further 10 are currently in the diversion process. In total, the project has supported 92 individuals, with over 40 referrals received for diversion.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 69.7%, with 76.6% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and December 2024 a total of 699 YTD complaints were received compared to 683 complaints the PYTD which is an increase of 2.3%. (Appendix A)



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Our vision | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland
Our purpose | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland
Our values | Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights

PUBLIC HEALTH

Our Local Policing Priorities

CRIME
Reducing the crimes of greatest concern & detecting offenders

COMMUNITY WELLBEING
Working with partners and the most vulnerable to reduce harm

EVENTS & OPERATIONS
Ensuring the safety of participants & being responsive to community concerns

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME
Divert, Detect & Disrupt organised criminality in our communities

Our Objectives

Violence & Disorder
Hate Crime
Acquisitive Crime
Sexual Crime
Cybercrime

Mental Health
Drug Harm
Violence against women/girls
Road Safety
Adult/Child protection

Concerts & events
Processions & Assemblies
Football Events
Licensed Glasgow economy

Faiths & firearms
Interventions
Human trafficking
Serious Violence
Drug supply & manufacture

Strategic Outcomes

Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing

Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public

Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

PARTNERSHIPS

PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

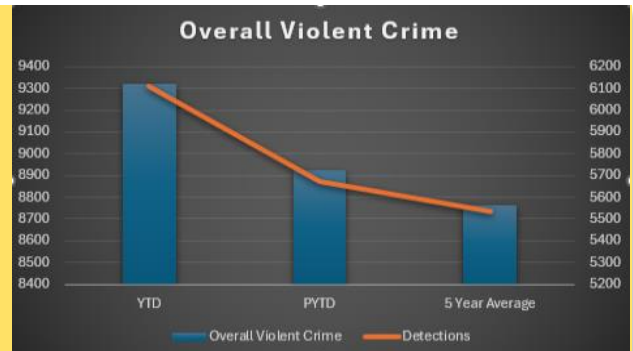
PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

Focusing on our local policing priorities, we aim to deliver the positive outcomes highlighted, whilst promoting Glasgow's Vision and helping to deliver the Glasgow City Council Strategic Plan key themes: inequality, tackling poverty, driving inclusive growth and fighting the climate emergency

Crime

Overall violent Crime has increased by 4.4% from PYTD, and increased 6.3% from 5 years mean with 9319 violent crimes recorded this YTD, 8923 PYTD and a 5 year average of 8765.

Detection rates for overall violent crime have increased slightly by 2% compared to PYTD with a current detection rate of 65.5% (Appendix B).



Operation Waterdale

Responding to prostitution and associated offences in the Calton ward area, Operation Waterdale continues to be led locally and involves high visibility directed patrols.

A public health approach remains central to tackling this issue, with a criminal justice focus predominantly aimed at those individuals seeking to obtain services.

To this end, G Division has been working in close partnership with Public Protection Unit (PPU) and GCC Routes Out, carrying out targeted action plans in an effort to increase meaningful engagement with women and girls engaged in sex work who have previously been challenging to reach. This has resulted in greatly enhanced intelligence being obtained and an increase in service users being identified /charged. Furthermore, this work continues to inform local tasking and coordination.

Attempt Murder

On the 7th of January 2025, a 49-year-old male was the victim of an attempted murder. This was investigated by Greater Glasgow CID.

Investigations identified that the 49-year-old male victim had attended locus in the company of a 48-year-old female and 48-year-old male with the

intention of robbing the 76-year-old householder.

During an altercation, the 76-year-old householder has been the victim of a serious assault and in return, the 49-year-old male has been the victim of an attempted murder, and the 48-year-old female has been the victim of a serious assault.

Hate Crime

There have been 136 hate incidents YTD compared to 183 hate incidents PYTD. This is a decrease of 25.7% from PYTD, but an increase of 21.6% from 5-year mean.

Hate crimes have seen a 57.7% increase from PYTD and 38.8% increase from 5 year mean with 1692 crimes recorded this year compared with 1073 PYTD and a 5 year mean of 1219.

Hate crime detections are currently 66.1% which is an increase of 12.1% from PYTD and 7% from 5-year rate.

Due to the different sources of data being used, and different methodology/counting rules, comparison of recorded hate crimes from the 1st April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to this date is not advised. (Appendix B)

Community Wellbeing

Community Events & Engagement

As part of the festive winter safety action plan, the Greater Glasgow Partnerships team actively engaged with retailers and the public on issues of retail safety, personal security, bike/ vehicle protection, and home safety. Officers also raised awareness of common online scams that often occur during the holiday season.

Additionally, Public Health collaborated with various partners to host pop-up information stalls focused on mental health and personal resilience. Charities such as the Samaritans, Men Matters Scotland, and Papyrus offered support under the message "IT'S OK NOT TO BE OK." These initiatives reached thousands of members of the public and hundreds of retailers across major shopping areas in the city.

Officers within the Safer Communities team have worked to build positive relationships with the Sudanese community, many of which report a mistrust of law enforcement. To address this, a successful engagement event was held at the Glasgow Science Centre, where Sudanese families were invited to attend. The event focused on crime prevention, personal safety, and hate crime awareness. Twenty-five families participated, and an additional seventy-five families are scheduled to attend in the coming quarter. A separate event for young males is also being planned.

Bonfire Night Safety Campaign

Crime Prevention

In response to a rise in both commercial and domestic housebreakings, a Crime Prevention & Security Advice Day was organised at Hampden Park in Glasgow.

Over 20 members of the security industry displayed their latest products, and invitations were extended to a variety of community groups, religious organisations, local radio stations, and elected representatives. This event facilitated valuable networking and the strengthening of community partnerships.

In partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Glasgow City Council Neighbourhood and Regeneration Services, Trading Standards, Crimestoppers, and Safer Communities officers carried out multiple crime prevention campaigns in preparation for Bonfire Night. These efforts included promoting public safety, education on firework legislation, and addressing crimes against emergency service workers. Over 3,000 leaflets were distributed by the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) during seven deployments across the division, with campaigns also being promoted through social media at both local and national levels.

Road Policing

There have been 3 fatal road crashes since 1st April 2024 a 57.1% reduction from PYTD when 7 fatalities were recorded.

Serious injury road crashes have decreased 19.7% with 143 serious injuries recorded PYTD and 178 recorded this year.

Of these 16 were children. This is an increase of 7 from PYTD when 15 children were seriously injured.

Slight injury road crashes have noted a decrease of 6.2% with 363 slight injuries recorded PYTD and 387 this YTD.

Events and Operations

Events

The 5th November 2024 saw this year's official and unofficial Bonfire celebrations taking place in Glasgow. Operation's Moonbeam and Academia brought Police Scotland and partners, including GCC and SFRS together to support our communities and keep people safe.

Protests and demonstrations have been held by a variety of groups during the autumn period at various locations around Glasgow. These have included larger events involving Gaza Genocide Emergency Committee, Campaign Against Assisted Dying and the Stop the War Coalition. Each of these protests were risk assessed to ascertain whether a police presence was required to protect the rights of those present to protest peacefully, whilst keeping people safe and protecting the ability of the public to go about their lawful business.

A large-scale policing operation supported the Hampden security team and partners on Sunday,

15th December 2024 as both Celtic and Rangers took part in the Viaplay Cup Final at Hampden Park. Prior to this match, police quelled disturbances between rival supporters in Glasgow City centre, whilst during the match itself, pyrotechnics were used by both sets of supporters, endangering those present. Extensive enquires are ongoing to identify those involved and it is anticipated that arrests will follow.

The Bridgeton Apprentice Boys of Derry parade took place on 10th November 2024, in the East End of Glasgow. The proposed route for the parade saw it pass by two Catholic churches and in previous years well publicised disorder had taken place outside St Alphonse between supporters of the parade and opposing groups. An Intelligence led policing operation supported the parade, however due to opposing factions attending the area, police re-routed the parade for public safety, resulting in those taking part abandoning the parade early.

Annual Interpol Conference

Scotland welcomed the annual Interpol Conference within the SECC over several days at the beginning of November 2024.

A proportionate policing plan supported this prominent event which was attended by high level VIP's, officials and delegates.

Look Forward

On the 13th March Rangers will play Fenerbahçe in the Europa League. Work is currently ongoing to gather intelligence ahead of this fixture as Fenerbahçe are known to have large fanatical fanbase. On 16th March 2025, Celtic will welcome Rangers to Celtic Park in a league match which will see the return of approximately 2500 away supporters to the opposing club's stadium.

DF Concerts have now confirmed a number of acts playing who will be playing at Hampden Park and Bellahouston Park. These include,

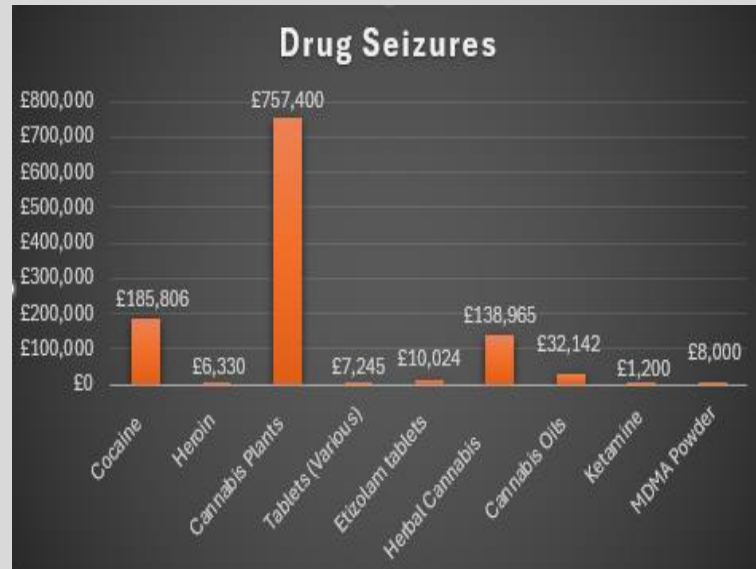
- The sex pistols—21/06/2025
- Sting—25/06/2025
- Lana Del Ray—26/06/2025
- Simple Minds—27/06/2025
- Stereophonics—28/06/2025
- Kendrick Lamar—08/07/2025

Planning is also underway for this years TRNSMT Festival at Glasgow Green which will take place during the weekend of 11-13th July 2025

Serious Organised Crime

Recoveries

| Controlled drugs | Value |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Cocaine | £185,806 |
| Heroin | £ 6,330 |
| Cannabis Plants | £ 757,400 |
| Tablets (Various) | £ 7,245 |
| Etizolam tablets | £ 10,024 |
| Herbal Cannabis | £ 138,965 |
| Cannabis Oils | £ 32,142 |
| Ketamine | £ 1,200 |
| MDMA Powder | £ 8,000 |
| Total | £ 1,147,112 |



Cash Seizures

- £227,825

Glasgow PAU seizure

On 9th October 2024 at Blantyre Street, Glasgow officers executed an MDA warrant whereby 591g of Ketamine valued at £18,640 and 1.1 Kilo of Cocaine valued at £74,400 was recovered.

Also £285 cash was seized. A 21 year male has been arrested and subject of a report to the PF.

Operation Darkcloud

On Wednesday 20th November 2024 a day of executive action was taken whereby 13 nominals were arrested, 7 x charged and released on undertaking.

These nominals were charged with the following offences

- 3 x 5(2) MDA Offences
- 12 x 4 (3) (A) MDA Offences
- 2 x Culpable and Reckless
- 1 x Breach of Bail,
- 1 x Breach of Undertaking,
- 1 x Attempt to Pervert

