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## Keeping People Safe in Greater Glasgow

# Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2026-27 Quarter 1

**Our 2030 Vision: Safer Communities, less crime, supported victims and a thriving workforce**



Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Policing Plan update.

This report contains management information for Quarter 1 of the fiscal year 2026-27.

It also details ongoing work and initiatives which have taken place in the Glasgow City area during the quarter. The report includes an overview of planned policing activity over the coming months.

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Our Partnerships officers and Local Problem Solving Team officers have delivered a considerable number of inputs and carried out significant engagement across Glasgow City. This includes, but not limited to inputs to asylum groups, housing associations, the deaf community, voluntary sector and the licensed trade.

Further engagement was undertaken at the Glasgow Central Mosque and Gurdwaras in response to the high profile protest activity which took place across the city in June. The Local Area Commander met with community leaders to discuss their concerns and how to work together to support them. Dedicated Liaison Officers have been identified. These officers will support and provide guidance around hate crime reporting and general personal and community safety guidance. Wider engagement across the division provided reassurance to communities at a time when community tensions across the city were heightened. Further detail around the recent protest activity can be found in the Community Well-being section of this document and the appendices document.

## Public Satisfaction

Our **User Experience Surveys** indicate that overall satisfaction levels with Police Scotland remain high. In Q1 the national satisfaction levels were, on average, **67%**.

In Glasgow City, **77%** of respondents indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience with Police Scotland.

## Introduction

Quarter 1 proved to be a significantly challenging quarter for policing across Glasgow City.

In June Glasgow city saw spontaneous protest in response to events in England and Northern Ireland putting pressure on police resources.

Saturday 16 May saw disorder after Celtic FC's premiership title win, which impacted communities, businesses and our officers. Further detail can be found in the events section of this report.

The reporting period saw a Commonwealth Games community engagement events and policing plans finalised, tested and delivered.

The city centre saw seasonal increase in footfall, with extensive work undertaken in the city, including the extension of the Dispersal Zone.

The total number of complaint cases received was 142 YTD, compared to 207 PYTD, this is a reduction of 31.4%.

The number of allegations also decreased from 447 PYTD to 246 YTD. This is a decrease of 45%. A full breakdown of Complaints About the Police data is detailed in the appendices document.



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**Plan on a Page  
Glasgow City**

**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

### Strategic Outcomes

### Our Objectives

### Our Local Policing Priorities

**CRIME**  
Reducing the crimes of greatest concern & detecting offenders

Violence & Disorder  
Hate Crime  
Acquisitive Crime  
Sexual Crime  
Cybercrime

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

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

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

Concerts & events  
Processions & Assemblies  
Football Events  
Licensed Glasgow economy

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

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

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

## PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

## PARTNERSHIPS

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

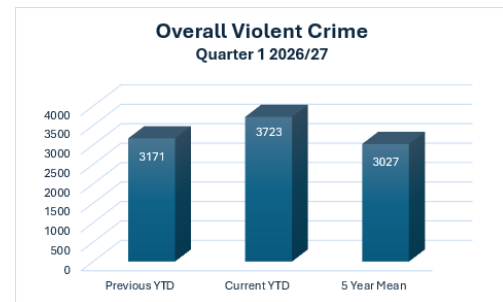
Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

## PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

## Crime

Overall violent crime has increased by 17.4% from PYTD, an increase of 23% from the 5 year mean. There were 3723 violent crimes recorded YTD, 3171 PYTD and the 5 year mean is 3027.

Detection rates for violent crime are 60.2% YTD compared to 63.7% PYTD.



## Serious Crime

**Operation Woodman**— on 3 April a 42 year old male was found deceased in a property in the south of Glasgow. The death is being treated as murder and a male has been arrested and charged.

**Operation Duomo**— on 18 April an 82 year old female was the victim of murder in the east of the city. A male, the female's grandson, has been arrested and charge.

**Operation Sask**— on 5 May a box containing 5 viable handguns and ammunition was recovered in the north-east of the city. Three males and a female have been arrested and charged and a fourth male from Merseyside has also been charged.

**Operation Landlock**— on 28 May in the north of Glasgow a 78 year old male was shot to the leg causing serious injury. The incident is linked to organised crime. A 28 year old male has been arrested and charged in relation to the incident.

On 29 June on Springfield Road a 26 year old male was stabbed repeatedly to the chest and stomach. Three males have been arrested and charge. The motive appeared to be a chance encounter.

## Serious Crime

The Greater Glasgow Public Protection Unit undertook challenging inquiries into four rape investigations. In a three-week period there were four incidents of rape reported that either occurred in or were linked to the four corners area of Glasgow City Centre. Through thorough investigations, all of the crimes were detected. Our Divisional Rape Investigation Unit (DRIU) and other specialist departments made arrests in relation to each of these crimes.

In the east end of Glasgow a 77 year old male was victim of an assault and robbery. Due to the nature of the incident and the proximity to a primary school this incident received increased media attention. Enquiries resulted in a 24 year old male being identified, arrested and charged with the assault and robbery as well as a bail offence and Misuse of Drugs Act offences. He has since been remanded in custody.

After a series of robberies within commercial premises in Glasgow East, a 39 year old male was identified and charge with two robberies, possession of offensive weapons and attempted robbery. He is currently remanded in custody.

## Hate Crime

Partnerships officers have worked with stakeholders in the retail sector in relation to hate crime and hate crime reporting. There has also been a focus on night-time economy with engagement with Best Bar None and disability organisations to address concerns raised when in licensed premises. Another focus in relation to hate crime is how to keep people safe on public transport.

There has been **589** hate incidents YTD, a increase of **10.7%** against **532** PYTD.

Recorded hate crimes have increased **26.1%** from **729** PYTD to **919** YTD.

Hate crime detection rates have seen a **1.4%** reduction from **65.3%** PYTD to **63.9%** YTD.

## Community

### Less Crime

Officers in Pollok have created a retail crime package, *ShopSecure*, for local retailers in Silverburn Shopping Centre. Funding from the Retail Crime Task Force has allowed officers to proactively deploy to retail crime hotspots with the overall aim of reducing retail crime within the sub-division. The officers take on responsibility for retail related Local Policing Appointments and existing retail enquiries, allowing Local Policing Teams to focus on other areas of community concern. *ShopSecure* has seen arrests, charges and the collation of intelligence. The pro-active activity has seen the disruption of four organised crime groups. *ShopSecure* activity has featured as a case study in the most recent National Retail Crime Task Force bulletin.

Our Divisional Retail Crime Taskforce continue to support Local Policing Officers in relation to all aspects of retail crime. Further details in relation to this work can be found in the appendices document.

The Easterhouse “Lead the Change” project will take place again this year where the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) have been approached to assist with funding. Officers have secured support from a raft of partners who provide experience, expertise, venues and vehicles for the 8 week project period. The project involves a blended approach of educational development and diversionary activities and runs every Friday. The work was showcased at the Youth Justice Strategy Group and received positive feedback from Senior Social Work staff. The overall aim is to change behaviours and improve outcomes for young people.

### Counter Terrorism

Officers delivered Home Office Prevent Training Modules to over 650 persons from various partner organisations and businesses across Greater Glasgow. Modules delivered covered a range of topics including extreme right wing ideology and antisemitism.

Action Counters Terrorism awareness modules were presented to over 500 persons from various partner organisations and businesses across Greater Glasgow. These modules included: Identifying and Responding to Suspicious Activity, Identifying and Dealing with Suspicious Items, Bomb Threats, Responding to a Marauding Attacker, Drones, Online Threats, Postal Threats, Insider Risk.

Officers delivered See, Check and Notify (SCaN) inputs to 40 persons from City of Glasgow College, and Glasgow Life.

The link to new Protect UK Faith Security Training sent out to partners businesses and organisations across Glasgow. As part of the government’s commitment to protecting the right of individuals to freely practice their religion at their chosen place of worship and to making our streets and communities safer, the Home Office has been developing the Faith Security Training. This is a free learning resource available to the public, with the aim of raising awareness to security risks and issues and how to respond to them, which intends to help keep places of worship and faith communities safe and secure.

Crime Prevention Surveys offered to 10 new MSP's for Glasgow, at both their home and constituency office addresses, as per Operation Sandbed procedure.

### Threat Level

As reported in the Quarter 4 report, in response to the terrorist incident in London the United Kingdom Terrorism Threat Level was increased to severe, meaning that an attack is **highly likely**. The threat level remains at severe, however there is nothing to suggest a specific threat to Scotland.

Police Scotland continues to urge the public to remain alert but not alarmed. The public should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police.

## Community

### Safer Communities

After review, the Glasgow City Centre Dispersal Zone remained in place beyond its initial conclusion date of 20 June 2026. It forms a key part of the targeting of anti-social behaviour in the city centre. See appendices for further detail.

One Glasgow continues to work with Social Work to reduce offending by referring young people to third sector partners for diversionary work. Ongoing work with *Action for Children*, *Includem* and *The Railway Children* has seen 27 young people sign up with a further 7 awaiting sign-up.

### Protecting Vulnerable Groups

Our Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) bring an exciting dynamic to the organisation and to our communities. The PSYV in Glasgow have actively supported several key events during the reporting period, working in close partnership with Local Policing Teams (LPT), Local Problem Solving Teams (LPST) and external organisations. Examples of the work our volunteers undertook is as follows:

- Youth Engagement Day in Easterhouse with a focus on knife crime,
- Community Engagement Event at Golfhill Care Home, delivering scam and fraud awareness inputs to resident and staff,
- Delivery of community newsletters across the community in Cranhill,
- Volunteers undertook certified Disability Friendly Training and “I Am Me” training,
- Supported Community Veterans Support event on Armed Forces Day in Govan,
- Undertook volunteer roles at a major incident exercise in Maryhill,
- Litter pick and gardening at care homes and around the Riverside Museum.

Our Safer Communities officers attended meetings with Best Bar None to discuss the progressing arrangements for an upcoming initiative in relation to accessibility and inclusion for disabled people in licensed premises in the city. This is a partnership campaign which will involve Police Scotland, “I Am Me” and TAG. Officers attended Glasgow East End Community Carers information fair and provided key information about the Herbert Protocol, dementia awareness and scam awareness.

### Protest Activity

Police Scotland continues to facilitate peaceful assembly in accordance with ECHR. Any policing response in relation to protest is proportionate and following a risk assessment takes cognisance of public safety and intelligence.

Throughout the Quarter 1, Greater Glasgow Division continued to assess a significant number of pre-planned protests, 76 in total. However, through assessment of risk only a small number of those protests required dedicated resources.

The most significant protests during that period include the Iranian Scottish Association protest on 2 May and 13 June, Stand Up to Racism on 6 May and 13 June.

However, the incidents in Northern Ireland on 8 June triggered significant protest which has continued to gather momentum, resulting in increased tensions in local communities, not just in Greater Glasgow, but throughout the country.

Police Scotland has experienced a significant rise in anti-immigration protest resulting in some instances in criminality, significant disruption in local communities, heightened community tensions as well as a risk to public safety.

Further detail around the protests can be found in the appendices document.

## Events and Looking Ahead

### Events and Operations

Police Scotland continue to assess each football fixture to ensure a proportionate resource is provided to support clubs in the delivery of safe events. Opportunities are explored on an ongoing basis to more effectively balance the resourcing of events with visibility in our local communities. A number of significant fixtures took place during the reporting period.

Of note, on Saturday 16 May 2026 Glasgow saw unacceptable levels of disorder after Celtic FC's Premiership title win. Significant enquiries are ongoing into the disorder which impacted on communities, businesses, police officers and supporters alike. Operation Gristaline is the policing operation responsible for the investigation into the disorder. To date 47 people have been arrested and 83 images of suspects have been released to the media seeking the assistance of the public in identifying those involved in the disorder. The media releases have resulted in 23 arrests.

Greater Glasgow Division continues to host a significant number of diverse events. Each event is assessed and proportionate resources allocated to the events, with a key focus on public safety.

In June, DF Concerts & Events delivered TRNSMT and Summer Sessions over several days. Police Scotland continues to work effectively with event organisers and engages in regular dialogue regarding their events to understand impact on local communities and resourcing. Again, there has been a focus on safe resource reduction as with football fixtures and this is assessed on an ongoing basis.

The most resource intensive processions involved a number of parading groups and cultural processions across Glasgow City. Each event was individually assessed and allocated a dedicated policing resource. These larger processions passed without incident.

During July and August, Glasgow hosted the Commonwealth Games. Policing plans were delivered across the four sporting venues and a live-site at Kelvingrove Park. Careful and considered multi-agency planning took place over 18 months, as Police Scotland worked closely with partners from across the city and Commonwealth Sport to support the organising company in delivering a safe and secure games.

### Forward Look

In September 2026, Rangers play Celtic at Ibrox on Sunday 13 September and one week later will see them play again at Celtic Park. Command structures are in place for these events which will put increased demand on policing across Glasgow and wider Police Scotland resources. In addition to these fixtures the division will also police European games in Glasgow.

Operation Moonbeam is Police Scotland's public order response to firework related disorder during the Bonfire Night period. It will run in November in tandem with the division's Operation Academia. Operation Moonbeam will provide levels of specialist support to local policing including Glasgow, and involves not only Police Scotland but a range of partners to ensure a safe operation.

Remembrance Day in November will see Greater Glasgow Division deploy police officers to police a number of processions across the division. In addition, officers form part of the main ceremonial parade in Glasgow City Centre.

Other events in the city which will see proportionate police deployments are the Great Scottish Run across the city, the IWA World Water Congress and the Evening With Barack Obama event (both at the SEC), both high profile events which will see increased footfall around Anderston and the City Centre.

In September a high profile protest will take place on Glasgow Green.