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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

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Glasgow City – Local Policing Plan (2020 – 2023) Year Three Quarterly Report / Q3

Purpose of Report:

To provide members with an update on policing across Glasgow City in the third quarter of 2022-23.

Recommendations:

The Safe Glasgow Partnership are asked to note the contents of this report.

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 Police Plan update. This report contains management information for quarter three of the year April 2022 – March 2023. The report provides details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or have taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st October and 31st December 2022.

During this quarter we faced challenges due to our resource commitment to Police Scotland's response to Operation Unicorn, following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our officers were required to deploy, with short notice, to support the operation. I am hugely grateful for the professionalism and commitment shown by all our officers during this period, to those deployed on mutual aid in Edinburgh and London, and to those who maintained high levels of public service to our communities across Glasgow.

Quarter three is renowned as 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

A significant amount of policing demand comes from ensuring the safety of vulnerable people during times of crisis. These individuals often have complex, multiple health needs and are usually supported by public health professionals. The volume of this demand and the vulnerabilities involved has driven Greater Glasgow Division to embed our public health approach to policing. Greater Glasgow Division welcomed key partners and practitioners to its Public Health Partnership Summit at Hampden Park on 11/10/22. The summit marked the significant progress under way in Police Scotland's collaboration with Public Health Scotland, where in July 2021 both agencies formalised their collective approach to addressing public health and wellbeing in communities. The collaboration is the first of its kind in Scotland and the summit heard first-hand from keynote speakers of their agencies' continuing focus on strengthening this collective effort to help Greater Glasgow's most vulnerable service-users. The summit included representatives from Public Health Scotland, NHS GGC, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, the University of the West of Scotland, Glasgow Centre for Population Health and the three local authorities which make up Greater Glasgow Division. Professor Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director was the first of several keynote speakers.

Greater Glasgow Local Policing Plan (2020-2023)

Quarterly Report (Q3 October to December 2022/2023)

Public Protection

YTD **sexual crimes** have noted a decrease of 0.9%, compared to last year and a slight increase of 2.4% from the 5 year average. This equates to 1,520 crimes PYTD compared to 1,506 YTD and a 5 year average of 1,470. Serious sexual crimes, however, continue to note a decrease with **Rape and Attempted Rape** showing a decrease of 13.2% compared to PYTD and a 12.1% decrease on the 5 year average.

Operation Altercation- On 10 November 2022, 4 individuals convicted of human trafficking and brothel keeping offences appeared at the High Court in Glasgow for sentencing. Two males and two females received sentences ranging from 6 years 4 months to 10 years. Their sentencing marks the end of a significant and complex operation by Greater Glasgow Human Trafficking Unit, which started in September 2019, in partnership with Home Office (Scotland) Criminal Financial Investigations, to detect offenders involved in Human Trafficking and Exploitation and demonstrates the Force's commitment tackle such crimes.

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Violence

Serious violent crimes have noted an overall decrease of 12.8% compared to PYTD, and a decrease of 8.1% from the 5 year average. **Murder and Attempted Murder** decreased by 25% and 13.9% respectively from PYTD, and 8.1% and 37% against the 5 year average. Similarly, **Serious Assault and Robbery** have noted a 21.8% and 15.9% reduction respectively, compared to previous YTD and 25.7% and 29% decrease from 5 year average. Detection rates have also increased by 2.5% compared to PYTD for serious violent crime. In particular Serious Assault and Robbery noted increases in detection rates of 9.6% and 6.4% compared to PYTD and 7.1% and 4.5% against the 5 year average.

Antisocial Behaviour

Offences relating to Anti-Social Behaviour have noted an overall decrease, with Breach of the Peace (BOP) noting a 33.3% decrease from PYTD and 35.4% reduction from 5 year average. Drunk and Incapable has also reduced by 42.5% from PYTD and 66.2% from 5 year average. Detection rates have increased slightly with detections for BOP increasing by 0.8% and Drunk and Incapable remaining static at 100%.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

Hate crime decreased by 5.3% from PYTD and by 6.7% from the 5 year average, with 1,273 crimes PYTD compared to 1,206 this year and 5 year average of 1,293.2. **Hate Incidents** decreased by 6.5% from PYTD and by 0.8% from the 5 year average, with 1,369 incidents PYTD, 1,280 this year and 5 year average of 1,290.8.

Road Safety & Road Crime

Between April and December there were four road deaths in the Glasgow City area, representing a 42.9% decrease compared to 7 fatalities in PYTD. Serious injury collisions are similar to last year (162 PYTD and 161 this year). Slight injury collisions decreased by 7% compared to PYTD with 388 PYTD and 361 this year.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing in Glasgow remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 69.46%, with 71.22% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and December 2022 a total of 626 complaints were received compared to 664 complaints the previous year, a reduction of 5.7%, and also a 3.8% decrease from the 3 year average. This figure reflects a very small number of complaints (42.4 complaints per 10,000 incidents).

Looking Ahead – Forthcoming Priorities

At time of writing this report we are now in Q4. Scottish Viaplay League Cup semi-finals taking took place in January, along with an Old Firm SPFL Fixture, and the Viaplay Cup Final, which also involved the Old Firm. Planning for the usual busy period of summer events is well under way with command teams being identified. The Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2023-2026, which outlines objectives and activities we will undertake over the next three years to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Glasgow is progressing to sign off following consultation with partners and the public.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Partnership, Prevention and Community Well-being (PPCW): Officers have delivered a variety of inputs to members of the Iqra Learning Centre, Confederation of Fujian in Scotland and Chinese Students Association, highlighting the importance of both personal and property safety, domestic violence and reporting hate crime.

I Am Me/ Keep Safe: Greater Glasgow PPCW continue to develop their partnership with charity I AM Me by providing training raising awareness on disability hate crime to staff within Glasgow Central Station and refresher training to staff in Glasgow City Council.

Hate Crime Awareness Week: G Division PPCW delivered Hate Crime Awareness inputs to partners and vulnerable people including students from three Glasgow City College campuses, members of Glasgow Disability Alliance and Interfaith Glasgow. G Division Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) also received Hate Crime inputs. A Hate Crime and Equality Awareness Event was also delivered, in Glasgow City Chambers, to six primary and secondary schools.

Missing People: A presentation was delivered to Housing First, senior and managerial staff, to inform them of the information required by police when making a report of a missing person. The presentation will be delivered to their front line staff at various locations across the city in the coming months and will be augmented by the creation of a pro-forma document to assist staff in collating the information required by police in relation to MP reports.

Public Health Task Cards: cards have been introduced in Glasgow South to record and analyse the root causes behind individuals driving demand on police services and establish the action required either by police or partners to provide long term sustainable solutions. This local method, used in conjunction the Vulnerable Person database, records the effects of local coordinated partnership approaches.



EVENTS

Parades and Demonstrations: There were 33 processions during this period, none of which required a significant/Public Order deployment. In addition there were 53 protests/demonstrations held by various groups throughout the City. There were several high profile demonstrations held in relation to the impact of cost of living increases some of which required specialist officers deployed 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.

Football: There have been 26 professional football games within the division throughout this period at Hampden, Celtic Park, Ibrox and Firhill, with an estimated 900,000 persons in attendance and significant resources deployed. High profile fixtures included Rangers v Liverpool, Rangers v Aberdeen and Rangers v Hibernian. During this period we continued to work with clubs and football authorities to support the delivery of fixtures and continued to develop and adapt Local Reassurance Plans, to provide additional patrols to minimise disorder and anti-social behaviour.

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 the City Centre. Deploying resources to City Centre Disorder Hot Spots has resulted in a decrease in youth disorder over recent months and a reduction in the number of young person's frequenting the City Centre. We are enhancing engagement with those who remain, focussing on vulnerability. 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, in line with our public health approach.

CRIME

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence: The annual campaign commenced on 25/11/22 and included International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This year marked the 31st anniversary of the campaign. Our response was coordinated by our Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Unit, with support from Safer Communities, Divisional Violence Reduction Unit and local sub-divisional officers. Activities centred on education and enforcement. Education included daily media postings and presentations on Domestic Abuse, Honour Based Abuse and Stalking, which were delivered in conjunction with partners to various secondary schools/ colleges). Enforcement resulted in the arrest of three offenders for sexual crimes, seven offenders arrested on warrant and 26 breach of bail offences detected.

Operation Moonbeam: On 4th and 5th November 2022, officers from Safer Communities worked with partners from Glasgow City Council and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Multi-Agency Coordination Centre. Joint working identified and removed materials being collected for unauthorised public bonfires to ensure the safety and well-being of communities across the city. In the two weeks leading up to Guy Fawkes Night, PSYV and Local Policing Officers working in partnership with Crimestoppers, carried out various leaflets drops across the Division to educate members of the public regarding firework safety and highlight the current legislation associated with fireworks.

Robbery: December 2022 recorded two violent robberies in the City Centre. These crimes targeted lone females on their way to work and were committed by a male and female. Working alongside Area Control Room, CCTV and local officers, the Community Investigation Unit traced and identified the persons responsible. Both accused were held custody to attend court.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Homicides : There were 3 murders in Glasgow in Q3. These crimes were investigated by the Major Incident Team, supported by G Division CID. Operation Checkrow related to the murder of a 36 year old male on 05/10/22 on Cornwall Street South, Glasgow. Two males, aged 23 and 28 were subsequently arrested. Operation Gardenwheel was the response to the murder of a 48 year old male on 21/11/22 within a dwelling in Castlemilk. A 36 year old male, was quickly identified and arrested in relation to this crime. Operation Marcro is the investigation in to the murder of a 44 year old male on 20/12/22, at Aberfoyle Street, Glasgow. The accused, a 55 year old male, was arrested in relation to this offence. The investigation continues to establish the involvement of two further suspects. One of these suspects is currently detained in hospital under the Mental Health Act.

Serious and Organised Crime Group (SOCG) Disruptions : During Q3 officers from the G Division Serious and Organised Crime Proactive Teams targeted those causing the greatest risk to the communities of Glasgow, in particular those involved in the supply of controlled drugs. The SOCG's targeted were in relation to Operation Blanc, Operation Pibit and Operation Spin. This resulted in cash seizures in excess of £238,000 and the significant drugs recoveries of cannabis, cocaine, diamorphine and etizolam with a street value of around £2 million.

Drug Supply/ Harm: Glasgow East maintain a focus on disrupting drug dealing and supply in Calton and Gallowgate areas. Officers continue to work to prevent violence in communities, which often stems from criminal activities such as drug supply. Our dedicated high visibility weekend patrols aim to disrupt violence and ensure people in Glasgow East enjoy licensed premises, events and community facilities safely. We work with partners such as housing providers, education colleagues and community leaders to identify and detect drug misuse. In accordance with our Public Health Approach to Policing, we also direct those who need support for drug addiction to relevant services.