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

Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2023/24- Q1



GLASGOW COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
Safe Glasgow Partnership

2023/24-Quarterly Report Q1 April 23- June 23

Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Police Plan update. This report contains management information for quarter one 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 April 2023 and 30th June 2023.

At the recent Scottish Police Authority board meeting, the Chief Constable publicly addressed the matter of institutional discrimination within Police Scotland. His comments have been reported, debated and speculated on in the media and in wider society. I would like to assure everyone across Greater Glasgow that we are taking meaningful action to eliminate racist prejudice and disadvantage and demonstrate fairness in all aspects of policing. Our vigilance has never been stronger with our focus on prevention and more visible conduct outcomes for those who have breached our values and standards.

Quarter one saw a number of football matches and public processions taking place, which placed considerable demand on officers to keep people safe. We remain committed to supporting the rights of people to gather and express themselves while doing all we can to ensure those intent on causing serious disorder are met with a robust policing response.

To ensuring these resource intensive events were successfully delivered and policed without serious issue, we continue to work closely with partners, implementing local plans to minimise disruption to our communities and enhance public safety, and I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who assisted.

We also continue to maintain focus on our Public Health Approach, maximising the effectiveness of partnership working to identify opportunities to improve our joint services and enhance the support available to individuals and communities.

Public Health

As Members will be aware, following the recent Safe Group Visit to Govan Police Station, we endeavour to ensure our officers and staff across all business areas, are supported to identify vulnerability within our communities and seek positive outcomes for individuals and their families. Our approach remains unique in Police Scotland, with Greater Glasgow Division having a dedicated public health approach to policing. We continue to receive recognition from partners both locally and internationally and welcome every opportunity to engage with like minded individuals and organisations, whilst embracing valuable opportunities to learn from others.

In May we had the privilege of being invited to present at the Law Enforcement for Public Health European Conference in Umeå, Sweden. This afforded us the opportunity to discuss at length our current strategy with policing counterparts and public health colleagues from across Europe.

Lots of new and innovative ideas were shared during the conference, which we will now reflect on to determine how we can adapt them for the benefit of the communities we serve.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 68.31%, with 74.7% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and June 2023 a total of 177 complaints were received compared to 219 complaints the previous year, a reduction of 19.2%, and also a 24.7% decrease from the 3 year average. This figure reflects a very small number of complaints (30 complaints per 10,000 incidents). (Appendix A)

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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

PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

PARTNERSHIPS

Our Local Policing Priorities

Our Objectives

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 Deter Detect & Disrupt organised criminality in our communities

→ Feuds & 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

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

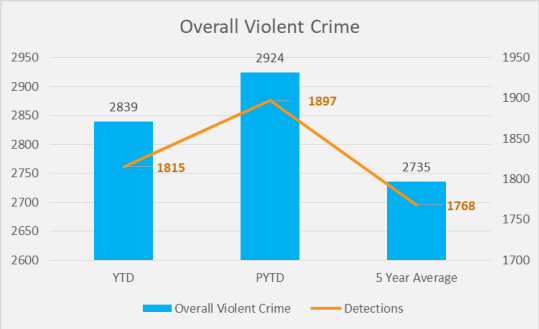
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Crime

Violent Crime

Overall violent Crime has reduced by 2.9% from PYTD, but increased 3.8% from 5 year mean, with 2839 violent crimes recorded this YTD, 2924 PYTD and a 5 year average of 2735.
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.



Detection rates for overall violent crime have decreased very slightly by 0.9% compared to PYTD and by 0.7% compared to 5 year rate.
Detection rates for serious violent crime (including murder, serious assault, robbery domestic abuse etc.) have however noted increases in detections of 6% compared to PYTD and 0.9% from 5 year mean. (Appendix B)

Violence Against Women And Girls

Operation Maxfont- Greater Glasgow Sexual Harm and Exploitation Unit (SHEU) work alongside partner agencies and stakeholders to identify and investigate circumstances of exploitation having an impact on the wellbeing and safety of young persons within the division.
The enquiries are predominantly perpetrator focused with a view to removing the threat to potential victims. A monthly multi-agency meeting chaired by Greater Glasgow Public Protection Unit is held to discuss those within G Division at highest risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and child criminal exploitation (CCE).

Highlighted during these meetings were four victims of CSE. Each were targeted by a named individual who was exposing them to CSE by exploiting their vulnerabilities and providing inducements of alcohol/drugs.
Investigation was undertaken by the SHEU, who worked closely with Social Work to identify the victims, and the Scottish Child Interview Model team to obtain the victims accounts and provide support. Briefings were delivered across G Division where local officer interaction and intelligence gathering provided sufficient evidence to arrest the suspect who has been charged with rape and sexual assaults and remanded pending trial.

Homicides

There were three murders in Q1.
Op Baryons relates to the murder of a 39 year old Zimbabwean male within his home address at Langbar Crescent, Wellhouse, Glasgow on 9th May 2023. This was investigated by Greater Glasgow CID. A 21 year old male was charged with his murder and is fully committed into custody.

Op Coltsfoot is the ongoing murder investigation of a 50 year old male on 25th June at Glenisla Street Glasgow. This is currently being investigated by the Major Investigations Teams and a named suspect is sought.

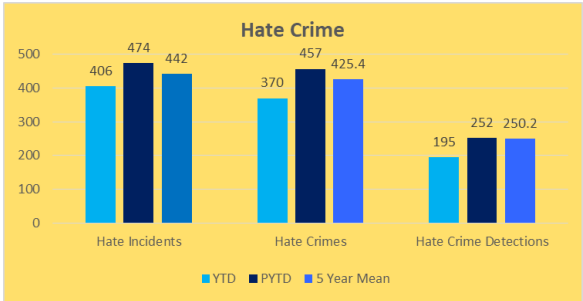
Op Airspace

Op Airspace was the domestic homicide of Marelle Sturrock (35), at her home address, in Jura Street, Glasgow on 25th April 2023. Marelle was 29 weeks pregnant at the time. The body of her 36 year old partner was later recovered at Mugdock Reservoir following an investigation, and no one else is sought in relation to the crime.

Her death was felt deeply among the responding officers and more widely across the policing and Greater Glasgow community.

Hate Crime

Hate Incidents decreased by 14.3% from PYTD and by 8.1% from the 5 year mean, with 474 incidents PYTD, 406 incidents this year and 5 year mean of 442.
Hate crime decreased by 19% from PYTD and by 13% from the 5 year mean, with 457 crimes PYTD compared to 370 this year and 5 year mean of 425.
Hate crime detections rates have decreased by 2.4% from PYTD and 6.1% from 5 year mean. (Appendix C)



Community Wellbeing

Pride Month

Pride Month was held in June which saw officers engage in continuous professional development and facilitate various events, including a Pride picnic with Scottish LGBTI Police Association and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV). During the event, participants were encouraged to engage in conversation surrounding diversity and hate crime. As a result, PSYV were able to identify a hate crime and have a better awareness on how to report such incidents.

Missing Person Coordination Unit

The Missing Person Coordination Unit (MPCU) is proactively engaging with Young Persons Care Establishments across Glasgow to ensure that they are fully aware of support services available to young people to aid their health and wellbeing and to divert young people into positive projects that run across the city.

The MPCU continues to work with NHS staff across the city to ensure that the agreed Missing Patient Protocol is followed by both NHS Greater Glasgow and Police Scotland.

Between January and June 2023 there has been 36 less missing patient incidents across the city compared to PYTD.

The MPCU also continues to proactively work with Rangers and Celtic Charity Foundations, Barnardo's, Action for Children and Missing People Charity to seek out ways to reduce missing episodes and ensure vulnerable people have the support mechanisms in place to assist in keeping them safe.

Hate Crime

Safer Communities Officers are members of the Greater Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group which has ownership of Glasgow's multiagency strategic commitments in relation to hate crime. It's overarching aim is to encourage and coordinate partnership approaches to hate crime and maintain an overview of activity to address hate crime city wide.

Along with Glasgow City Council and COPFs, officers organised and took part in a mock hate crime trial at Glasgow Sheriff Court. The trial was observed by partners to help raise awareness and provide education following the report of a hate crime to the PF.

Safer Community Officers are also members of the Social Care Hate Crime group which meets on a regular basis to support all aspects of hate crime work throughout each organisation.

Officers provide hate crime training to the group and attended a recent Hate Crime Conference held by the NHS at the Golden Jubilee Hospital whereby employees were able to engage with officers to provide information on what constitutes a hate crime and the various methods of reporting hate concerns.

The Positive Outcome Plus

Positive Outcomes Project is now working in partnership with Elevate (Recovery Employability Service based in Glasgow). POP is supporting an SVQ student sponsored by Elevate by offering work experience as a Peer Mentor. The SVQ student is part time and will be working with the team for 9 months.

One outcome for the POP Plus initiative was to engage with 250+ detainees over the 1st year. In the last 5/6 months the Peer Mentors have engaged with 200 detainees in the local custody suites, offering them advice and support on their release. Analysis will take place in the next few months to determine the level of uptake and success of any referrals made.

Road Policing

In Q1 there has been: Seven fatal road crashes which is a significant increase from PYTD when two fatalities were recorded. Of these, one was a cyclist, six were pedestrians, and two of these pedestrians were children.

There have been 50 serious injury casualties which is a 4.2% increase from PYTD figure of 48. Of these 50 serious injuries casualties five were children, which equates to a decrease of 37.5% compared to PYTD.

There have been 77 slight injuries from road crashes which is a 40.3% decrease from 129 PTYD.

In Q1 operations took place such as Close Pass in GA which aimed to improve safety of cyclists, and Operations around mobile phone use, seatbelts and the Summer drink and drug drive campaign. This saw an increase in the number of mobile phone offences, seatbelt offences and drink driving offences compared to PYTD and 5 year mean.

Events and Operations

Football

Celtic v Rangers

There have been a number of high profile fixtures during Q1; Celtic v Rangers on 8th April was the second Old Firm match to see no away fans in the stadium. The operation was supported by a public order command structure, but with only one arrest there was no significant disorder.

Scottish Cup Final

On Sunday 30th April, Scottish Cup Semi-Final took place at Hampden between Celtic and Rangers.
Following disorder pre-match between opposing groups of fans in February, Hampden removed the opportunity for fan groups to access the ground early. The fixture passed with little disorder and seven arrests.

SPFL Trophy Presentation

On Saturday 27th May, Celtic were presented with SPFL Trophy at their final home league fixture. Post–match, approximately 15,000-20,000 persons attended outside Celtic Park to celebrate, with many then moving towards Trongate to continue celebrations.

A multi-agency response with a conventional command structure was implemented and over 120 officers deployed. Four serious assaults and six police assaults were recorded during the post fixture celebration. There were 10 arrests and 8 fixed penalty tickets issued.

Parades and Demonstrations

On Saturday 3rd June, the annual Opening of the Gates processions took place across Glasgow. These processions form part of the annual events calendar of the Apprentice Boys of Derry. Over 100 officers were deployed to support the operation which took place on the same day as the Scottish Cup Final in Hampden.
Over 600 participants were involved in a series of outward and return parades with no instances of disorder.

On Monday 8th May, All Under One Banner procession took place with approximately 4,000 participants.

Minor issues involving counter demonstrators were faced along the route, but sufficient police resourcing ensured the procession passed with no significant disorder.

Scottish Cup Final

On Saturday 3rd June 2023, the Scottish Cup Final took place in Hampden. 40,000 Celtic fans and 10,000 Inverness fans attended at this fixture. Approximately 8-10,000 Celtic fans gathered at Glasgow Green pre-match and carried out a procession to Hampden. The procession was supported by a public order command structure.

Following a Celtic win, a 30 minute trophy ceremony took place at Celtic Park with the players and manager on a small stage. This saw around 20,000 attendees descend upon Celtic Park and dispersed soon after. There were seven arrests linked to this operation and no significant disorder.

Look Forward

At time of writing this report we are now in Q2 and have already resourced the County Grand Orange Lodge of Glasgow Annual Boyne Parade. Q1 saw significant planning put in place to safely police this procession which comprised of approximately 4,100 participants and 4,000 followers.

In addition planning was in the final stages TRSMT music festival which took place between 7th and 9th July and also the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships which saw many events organised to take place in the Greater Glasgow and Glasgow City area.

Moving forward to Q3 we will be planning to host Scotland v England football match in September, Viaplay semi finals in October and November as well as music events and concerts including 50 Cent, Prodigy and Pete Tong.

Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland will be working away from Greater Glasgow Division for a period, between August and December 2023 and also February and March 2024, while he embarks on continuous professional development, in the form of Chief Officer training. In his absence Superintendent David Robertson will take on the role of Temporary Chief Superintendent and Divisional Commander for Greater Glasgow Division.

Serious Organised Crime

Operation GLAMOUR

Operation GLAMOUR is a Greater Glasgow Pro-Active CID investigation into a Glasgow based Western Balkan Organised Crime Group (OCG) involved in the production and supply of controlled drugs throughout Scotland. The purpose of Operation GLAMOUR is to disrupt, deter and detect OCG members involved in criminality. On 18 May 2023 coordinated executive action took place at 12 premises across G, K, P, Q and V Divisions. During the course of the searches, drugs to the approx. value of £1,149,200 were seized together with £28,000 cash and £5,400 POCA seizures.

There were 11 arrests made with all the accused being charged with Misuse of Drugs Act offences and one accused charged with immigration offences.

SOC Disruptions Unit

During April the Serious and Organised Disruption Unit (SOCDU) targeted SOC nominals involved in violence in Glasgow and Greenock areas. During the period of May and June 2023, the SOCDU were involved in a GJ sub divisional initiative to disrupt local Serious and Organised Crime nominals impacting on Greater Glasgow . The total returns for this period included;

- ⇒ £156,347 seized in drugs
- ⇒ £141,399 in cash seized (productions and POCA)
- ⇒ £242,000 in assets
- ⇒ 12 persons being reported to COPFS
- ⇒ 8 stolen vehicles recovered
- ⇒ 210 reported cases/tickets issued

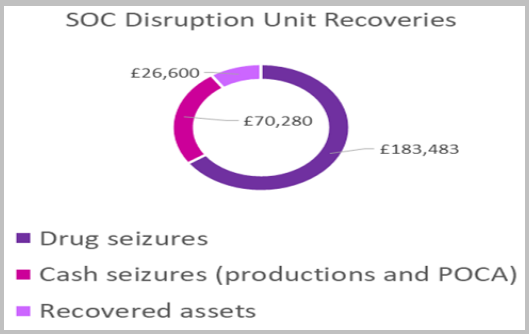
Operation GADGET

Four addresses were recently searched under warrant with a combined total of 5.1kg of herbal cannabis, 87,000 suspected Etizolam tablets recovered. (total drugs value £106,395), and £5,360 in cash recovered.

Four males aged between 34 and 38 years old and a 46 year old female are being reported to COPFS.
On 6th May 2023, 168 cannabis plants worth £67,000 were recovered at an Industrial Unit in Easterhouse and one male aged 28 was reported.

On 15th June 2023, 2.5kg of cannabis worth £9,500 was found in an address in Castlemilk and a 25 year old male was arrested and charged.

In total between 1st April and 25 June 2023 the SOC Teams recovered; £183,483 seized in drugs, £70,280 in cash, £26,600 in assets and 12 persons reported to COPFS.



Operation Proximity

G Division Human Trafficking Unit had cause to attend at an address of a Vietnamese male after housing had discovered a number of Vietnamese passports and a quantity of cash. Officers seized 25 Vietnamese passports and 25 MoneyGram cards along with receipts, £1000 cash and additional financial paperwork.
Further investigation revealed the suspect had sent in excess of £300,000 to Vietnam using various transfer locations throughout the UK. Investigations were thereafter undertaken to locate and safeguard the passport holders and also the source of funds. Extensive investigation and partnership working with the UK Home Office established that the suspect was involved in criminality throughout the UK and linked this Operation to Op Caton.

Executive action was undertaken whereby seven warrants were executed at six addresses, resulting in a quantity of drugs and cash being recovered and the arrest of two males.