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Glasgow City – Local Policing Plan (2020 – 2023) Year Three Quarterly Report / Q4

Purpose of Report:

To provide members with an update on policing across Glasgow City in the fourth 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 four 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 January 2023 and 31st March 2023.

During quarter four we were host to the Old Firm SPFL fixture, Scottish Viaplay League Cup-Final in January, and the Viaplay Cup Final in February, which also involved the Old Firm. Although resource intensive, these matches were successfully policed without serious issue. We now look forward to the usual busy period of summer with increased use of our open spaces and the variety of events which take place in the city. Planning is well under way for these events with command teams and resourcing requirements identified. We will work closely with event organisers and partners in advance of each event to support plans to reduce the impact on the local community and residents, while supporting the delivery of multiple safe and enjoyable events.

I am delighted to update that our Glasgow City Local Police Plan for period 2023-2026 are complete and will soon be published. This plan outlines our priorities and objectives for the forth coming period which will be delivered through our Public Health approach to policing. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who took time to review and feedback on our plan allowing us shape our activities to best meet the needs of the community.

Greater Glasgow Local Policing Plan (2020-2023)

Quarterly Report (Q4- January 2023 to March 2023)

Public Protection

Sexual crimes noted a decrease of 1.5%, compared to Q4 last year and an increase of 4.4% from the Q4 5 year average. This equates to 527 crimes Q4 PY compared to 519 this quarter and a 5 year average of 497.2. **Rape and Attempted Rape** noted decreases of 16.7% compared to Q4 PY and 12% compared to Q4 5 year average, with 75 crimes Q4 this year, 90 Q4 PY, and a Q4 5 year average of 85.2%

Overall violent crimes associated with **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** have noted a downward trend compared to Q4 PY, with the exception of Domestic Abuse of Female, which noted an 11.1% increase. Although this appears to be a significant increase, it actually equates to four additional crimes recorded in Q4 compared to same period last year, with 40 crimes recorded Q4 this year compared to 36 last year. There is no data for Q4 5 year average.

An increase in reporting is a positive sign following ongoing work in G Division with corporate messaging and a local social media strategy encouraging reporting of domestic abuse.

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Violence

Overall violent Crime has reduced by 3% from Q4 PY and decreased 0.5% from Q4 5 year average, with 2590 violent crimes recorded this quarter, 2670 Q4 PY and a Q4 5 year average of 2603.4. Detection rates for overall violent crime have increased by 1.3% compared to 5 year average, but reduced very slightly from Q4 5 year mean by 1.5%.

Serious Assault has noted a 27.2% reduction compared to Q4 PY and 25.7% decrease from Q4 5 year average, with 191 serious assaults recorded Q4 PY, 139 in Q4 this year and a Q4 5 year average of 187.2. Detection rates have increased by 1.3% compared to Q4 5 year mean, but decreased 6.8% from Q4 PY.

Antisocial Behaviour

Offences relating to **Drunkenness and Other Disorderly Conduct** have decreased by 50.5% from Q4 PY and 42.3% from Q4 5 year average, with 455 crimes recorded Q4 PY, 225 crimes Q4 this year, and a Q4 5 year average of 390.2

BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 combined also noted reductions of 11.6% from Q4 PY and 12.5% from Q4 5 year average.

Public Health

Following on from Public Health Partnership Summit at Hampden Park in October 2022, we have been continuing to develop relationships with key stakeholders and explore further collaborative opportunities. Over the last few months we have enhanced our data sharing capabilities to support those identified as most vulnerable within our communities. We have established effective partnerships with the Crisis Outreach Service supporting those who have been subject of a near-fatal overdose; Glasgow Helps who provide a wide range of support mechanisms in relation to poverty, mental health and financial reviews; the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit who offer peer mentoring for youths and those involved in serious and organised crime; and the Wheatley Group who provide dedicated support plans to vulnerable individuals and families with complex needs residing within their properties. This has broadened our ability to ensure support is provided by the right organisation at the right time. We will continue to monitor changes in the external environment to ensure we are prepared to support the citizens of Greater Glasgow through the difficult challenges that lie ahead.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

Hate crime decreased by 6.1% from Q4 PY and 6.6% from Q4 5 year mean, with 360 crimes Q4 PY compared to 338 Q4 this year and Q4 5 year mean of 361.8. **Hate Incidents** decreased by 1.8% from Q4 PY and increased 3.2% from Q4 5 year average, with 386 incidents Q4 PY, 379 incidents Q4 this year and 5 year mean of 367.2.

Road Safety & Road Crime

Q4 recorded seven road deaths, 50 serious injury and 119 slight injury collisions in the Glasgow City area. Q4 also noted the following Road Safety Campaigns; **Fatal Four**- National Operation targeting mobile phone use while driving. **Seatbelt Campaign, Vulnerable Road Users Campaign, Speeding Campaign.** The first week of each campaign involved a communication strategy followed targeted enforcement.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing in Glasgow City remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 69.73%, with 70.71% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience. 71.4% of respondents also felt they were provided an appropriate response from officers in G Division compared to the national average of 65.44%.

Complaints data for Q4 is currently unavailable, due to limitations on end of year data sharing, but will be included in future reports.

Looking Ahead – Forthcoming Priorities

At the time of writing we are already in Q1 2023/24. As we look towards the summer months planning is has already commenced for the variety of parades and events traditionally taking place during this time, including the Annual Boyne Parade and TRNSMT.

In addition, we are preparing to support the UCI Cycling World Championships, in August, which will see thousands of athletes and spectators attend events taking place in the city and across Scotland.

Integrity — Fairness — Respect — Human Rights

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Respect Programme: We are providing additional training for staff working in Young Person Care Establishments within Greater Glasgow Division. This is aimed at increasing their knowledge of the Respect Programme and their confidence and knowledge in how to manage young people who are 'not at home'. It is anticipated that this will improve the relationships between staff and young people which will further improve the effectiveness of the programme.

The Positive Outcome Plus initiative was relaunched in February 2022 with two new custody peer mentors (CPMs). After an initial induction period with Sacro and the core POP team, the CPMs started working within the custody suites across Glasgow City. They have been offering outreach and support to detainees and within two months have signed up over 70 potential service users. The peer mentors have a wealth of contact and referral routes within Glasgow City and work is ongoing to develop referral routes for those detainees that reside out-with Glasgow.

Leithland Neighbourhood Centre: This event saw officers from Greater Glasgow and across Police Scotland come together with members of our African communities in Greater Glasgow. The aim was for policing to hear the lived experience of our minority communities, to build relationships and examine opportunities to better support one another in the future.

Knife Crime Education: Over 70 members of Greater Glasgow Police Scotland Youth Volunteers have gained Peer Education Certificates in 'No Knives Better Lives' after completing a number of sessions highlighting the impact violent crime has on the community, the consequences of carrying weapons and the ways in which such behaviours can be safely challenged.

CRIME

Violence Against Women And Girls (VAWG) - Sentencing Update: In May 2020 G Division Child Abuse Investigation Unit instigated a Rape investigation following the rape of a 15 year old female within Eastfield Park, Springburn. The female was taken into a secluded wooded area and raped by two 20 year old males, both of which were unknown to her. Both accused were found guilty at the High Court on 14/02/2023, and each sentenced to five years nine months prison sentence. As we move into the summer we will continue our partnership approach to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those using our open spaces.

Hate Crime: A variety of online and face-to-face hate crime awareness inputs have been delivered by Greater Glasgow Partnership, Prevention and Community Well-being officers to members of staff from Health and Social Care Partnership, Glasgow City Council and also students from the Princes Trust.

Op Resilience: On 26/02/23 prior to the Old Firm match between Celtic and Rangers, at Hampden Park, a number of risk groups aligned to Celtic FC and Rangers FC engaged in violence and disorder. An investigation by Greater Glasgow CID assisted by Divisional Violence Reduction Unit has resulted in a significant number of arrests with football banning orders for those responsible being applied for.

Operation ENZONE: Investigation of high value motor vehicle theft assessed as being 'keyless' vehicle theft where the true keys are accounted for by the vehicle owner. Since November 2022 there has been a notable increase in crime with this modus operandi. G Division has a dedicated team supported by national specialists to tackle this crime series. This has resulted in a 65% recovery rate of the stolen vehicles with five persons arrested and reported to COPFS. Investigations are continuing, and there has been a significant reduction of this crime type in recent weeks. In support of the investigation Greater Glasgow Safer Communities created a booklet containing vehicle and motorcycle security advice, which was shared with all Area Commanders and those impacted by such crimes.



EVENTS

Parades and Demonstrations: There were 15 processions during this period, including Stand Up to Racism, and Cairde na hEireann, none of which required a significant policing deployment or caused wider public concern.
There were 47 protests /demonstrations held by various groups throughout the City, many of which included workers rights and other topical issues. 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 25 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 Celtic in January and in the ViaPlay League Cup final in February which attracted media attention due to pre-match disorder. A significant number of arrests have been relating to the cup final disorder and we are working closely with the clubs and authorities to support the safe delivery of future fixtures.

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. 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.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Operation Caton: Joint Home Office and G Div Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) operation into a Serious and Organised Crime group involved in Human Trafficking, immigration facilitation and the sale, supply and production of cannabis across Scotland. The group use legitimate businesses; nail bars, restaurants and a supermarket to shield criminality. During the investigations phase, 16 arrests were made and over £1,000,000 of disruption was caused to the group through the recovery of cash, drugs and search activity at business premises. On 21/02/2023 the principle nominal, a 44 Vietnamese female was subject to executive action, arrested and charged with immigration offences, along with six key associates. Conditions have been implemented severely impacting their business model. Additional arrests and disruption phases are planned with the assistance of other law enforcement partners.

Operation Virion- On 17/01/23, acting on intelligence and working alongside Serious Crime Division, G Division officers arrested five significant nominals from an address in West Kilbride, Ayrshire. These nominals aged 27, 27 23, 22 and 18 are from outwith Scotland and were charged with 17 housebreakings, all of which occurred in G Division. Three stolen vehicles linked to housebreakings in G Division were also recovered with quantities of cash. Since these arrests there has been a significant reduction in Op Virion incidents.

Op Prentice- There has been one murder in Glasgow in Q4 which was investigated by Greater Glasgow CID. This related to the murder of a 43 year old male on 13th February at Flat 95, 50 Kennishead Avenue, Glasgow. A 31 year old male was charged with the murder and is remanded in custody.

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As outlined in the main report overall, crimes usually associated with Violence Against Women and Girls have noted a downward trend compared to Q4 PY, with the exception of Domestic Abuse Against Female. There is limited data to provide a 5 year average, however it should be noted that change in figures are relatively small and Q4 22/23 actually noted a decrease from Q4 20/21.

Domestic abuse is defined as any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and takes place in the context of a relationship between partners (married, co-habiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners.

Crime Statistics

	Q4	Q4 PY	Q4 5 Year Mean	% Change PY	% Change 5Yr Mean
Domestic Abuse of Female	40	36	-	11.1%	-
Rape/ Attempted Rape	75	90	85.2	-16.7	-12%
Indecent/ Sexual Assault	198	202	176.2	-2%	12.4%
Stalking	26	27	32.6	-3.7%	-20.2%

Detection Rates

	Q4	Q4 PY	Q4 5 Year Mean	% Change PY	% Change 5Yr Mean
Domestic Abuse of Female	62.5%	66.7%	x	-4.2%	-
Rape/ Attempted Rape	44%	68.9%	45.1%	-24.9%	-1.1%
Indecent/ Sexual Assault	41.9%	46%	45.4%	-4.1%	-3.5%
Stalking	88.5%	85.2%	84%	3.3%	4.4%

In March 2023 Police Scotland launched its VAWG Strategy which aims to drive change through the development of effective prevention strategies, the pursuit of perpetrators and the creation of safe spaces for everyone to live freely and safely, ensuring women and girls live free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation and harassment.

There are 4 strategic outcomes:

- Supporting women and girls
- Preventing harm and securing justice
- Creating safe spaces
- Trust and confidence

The implementation of this strategy requires a whole service approach and to ensure appropriate arrangements, oversight and measures of success are in place which will enable us to maintain and build public trust and confidence in policing. In Glasgow South following discussions with local elected members, and in line with the Scottish Government's Violence Against Women and Girls Implementation Strategy, GD Community Officers have begun exploration of a framework to apply the strategy on a sub-divisional level with the general principles being to identify and tackle issues which affect the safety and wellbeing of women within our communities.

We are further utilising Social Media platforms to promote messaging around reporting of domestic abuse and recognising behaviours of a domestic abuser via **#Every9Minutes, #ReportDomesticAbuse, #IsThatMe.**

In Q1 of 20223/2024 we have already supported National Stalking Awareness Week which ran from 24-28 April 2023. This year's theme was in relation to young people 16-25 yrs. The campaign involved local inputs to young people around what stalking is, where to go for support and how to speak up.

Appendix B- Hate Crime

As outlined in the main report overall Hate Crime incidents have noted a downward trend compared to Q4 PY, however it should be noted that changes in figures are relatively small. Detection rates for racially aggravated conduct have noted a decrease from Q4 PY and Q4 5 year average, however it should be noted that these percentage changes equate to 6 additional crimes being detected PY.

Crime Statistics

	Q4	Q4 PY	Q4 5 Year Mean	% Change PY	% Change 5Yr Mean
Hate Incidents	379	386	367.2	-1.8%	3.2%
Hate Crimes	338	360	361.8	-6.1	-6.6
Hate Crime Detections	61.5%	62.8%	61%	-1.2%	0.6%
Racially Aggravated Harassment/ Conduct	86	87	89.2	-1.1%	-3.6%
Racially Aggravated Harassment/ Conduct Detection Rate	77.9%	83.9%	82.7%	-6%	-4.8%

Hate Crime Aggravators

Internal Management Information provides decreases in the following Hate Crime Aggravators compared to Q4 PY;

- Race
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Transgender
- Multiple Aggravators

In general, when looking at the number of incidents, there are no significant changes in Disability and Transgender Identity, with a very small decrease in each area.

Religious Hate Crime Aggravators noted a slight increase, however it should be noted that the increase related to a small number of reports. These small number changes can cause high percentage increases/ decreases.

There are no known events, or lack of events (i.e. a significant event being removed from the calendar), that can account for the decreases/ increase outlined compared to Q4 PY.

There is continuing local community engagement aimed at crime prevention, encouraging crime reporting and building trust and confidence in Police Scotland. Among the events taking in place in Q4 were;

- Hate Crime Awareness inputs and the Hope and Trust Event at Leithland Neighbourhood Centre, both of which are included in the main report.

- Greater Glasgow Safer Communities delivered a number of inputs to members of the Chinese community at Glasgow University on personal safety, domestic violence, crime prevention and the reporting of hate crime. Officers were subsequently invited by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association to participate in Chinese New Year Celebrations at the SEC to further strengthen our links. These inputs followed on from sessions held in Q3 with members of the Iqra Learning Centre, Confederation of Fujian in Scotland and Chinese Students Association specifically highlighting the importance of both personal and property safety, domestic violence and the reporting of hate crime.

Greater Glasgow Division are also encouraging Hate Crime reporting on Social Media via the **#Don'tTolerateHate** and **#HateCrime.**

Don't Feed Hate- Campaign
Police Scotland's latest hate crime campaign launched on Tuesday 25 April, and targeted young white men aged 18 to 30, who are identified as most at risk of committing a hate crime.

The campaign messaging was also shared widely by a range of diversity staff associations and stakeholders along with a wide range of emergency and front line responder partners.