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 one of the year April 2022 – March 2023. The report focuses on providing details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st April and 30th June 2022.

As we enter a new financial year, it is important to note that whilst COVID 19 is still with us, we are now clearly learning to live with its effects and are seeing a return to 'normality', both in terms of societal behaviours and policing demands.

As police and partners in Greater Glasgow recover from the impacts of the pandemic, from significant operational demands during that period and from events such as COP26, and in light of the cost of living crisis affecting our citizens and staff, it is more important than ever that we work collaboratively. Our Public Health Approach will be a key focus for such partnership working, to maximise shared effectiveness in areas such as our response to harm from drugs and prevention, to support vulnerable individuals, families and partners.

Capacity crowds have returned to events with April seeing the first ever Glasgow and Edinburgh footballing derbys being held at the National Stadium on the same weekend. Music events such as Ed Sheeran and Harry Styles have also taken place and although resource intensive, these were successfully policed without serious issue. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who assisted.

When considering the performance data in this report please remember that society was in a strict lockdown over the same period in 2021 and the pandemic is now influencing even 3 and 5 year trends.

Public Health

As we continue to deliver our **Public Health Approach** to Policing we welcome Inspector Martin Tierney as our new Public Health Co-ordinator. The evaluation of our Public Health Strategy and Approach has been completed by the University of the West of Scotland and we will now consider the recommendations and work with partners, to overcome barriers and improve the services delivered to our vulnerable people. It is my intention to update further on the findings of this report at the next meeting. Across Glasgow, we have continued to see a rise in drug related deaths, which as a division, we are committed to reducing through a renewed and focussed Public Health Approach to Policing. Crucial is our collaboration and engagement with partners whom we will continue to work with effectively, to improve our services and enhance the support available to individuals and communities, to achieve better outcomes.

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Public Protection

YTD **sexual crimes** have increased by 5.2%, compared to last year and have also increased by 3.2% from the 5 year average. This is an increase from 466 crimes PYTD compared to 490 YTD and a 5 year average of 474.6. Detection rates for sexual crimes are currently at 51.4% which is an increase of 6.1% from PYTD, however, this is also a 1.2% decrease from the 5 year average detection rate of 52.7%.

Operation Cato is a joint Human Trafficking and Exploitation investigation between Police Scotland and Criminal Financial Investigations- Home Office (Scotland), has seen the execution of 7 Human Trafficking warrants and 1 Misuse of Drugs Act warrant across 13 residential and 5 commercial premises in the Glasgow area. A cannabis cultivation was recovered with an estimated value of £110,000. This was tended by 2 Vietnamese males who were charged with drugs offences, but also indicated they were exploited by Serious and Organised Crime Group. A further £11,000 (approximately) was recovered between the other premises along with 7 victims of trafficking (including a juvenile), who agreed to enter the National Referral Mechanism.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

Hate crime increased by 10.3% from PYTD and 5.4% from 5 year average, with 417 crimes recorded PYTD compared to 460 this year and a 5-year average of 436.4. **Hate Incidents** also increased by 3.3% from PYTD and 6.9% from 5 year average, with 459 incidents recorded last year compared to 474 this year and a 5 year average of 443.6.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate that satisfaction levels with policing in Glasgow remain high. On average this quarter satisfaction levels exceeded national levels of 67.32% satisfaction, with 71.75% of respondents indicating that they were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and June 2022 a total of 179 complaints were received compared to 248 complaints the previous year, a reduction of 27.8%, and also a 19% decrease from the 3 year average. This figure reflects a very small number of complaints (33.6 complaints per 10,000 incidents).

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Violence

Overall **violent crimes** have increased by 18.9%, compared to PYTD and also increased by 7.8% from 5 year average. This is an increase from 2,497 crimes PYTD to 2,970 crimes this year and a 5 year average of 2,755.8. Detection rates have slightly decreased for overall violent crime with a decrease of 1.8% from PYTD and 0.8% decrease from 5 year average. **Murder and Attempted Murder** have decreased by 25% and 50% respectively from PYTD figures, with 4 murders recorded PYTD and 3 recorded this year. PYTD figures recorded 16 Attempted Murders compared to 8 this year. Against the 5 year average this years figures also show a 6.3% decrease in Murder and a 61.2% decrease in Attempted Murders.

Antisocial Behaviour

Disorderly Conduct (Breach of the Peace- s38/ s39 CJLSA 2010) has increased by 4.1% from PYTD and but decreased by 0.4% from 5 year average, with 2,315 crimes recorded PYTD compared to 2,410 YTD and a 5 year average of 2,419.2. **Public complaints** regarding disorder have reduced by 24.9% from PYTD with 11,777 complaints recorded PYTD compared to 8,399 YTD.

Road Safety & Road Crime

YTD between April – June there were three road deaths in the Glasgow Command area. In the same period YTD serious injury collisions increased from 46 last year to 58 this year up (26%) and slight injury collisions reduced from 146 last year to 122 this year (down 16).

Looking Ahead – Forthcoming Priorities

Planning is ongoing for events scheduled in Q2 including the TRNSMT Festival, the Annual Boyne and concerts including, Ed Sheeran and Gerry Cinnamon.
In addition, National Road Safety initiatives in the forthcoming periods include: Summer Drink/ Drug Drive Campaign 4-17 July; Drug Driving Week 15-18 August, Vulnerable Road Users Campaign 12-25 September.
The Offensive Weapons Act Surrender Scheme will run from 1 July - 30 September.

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PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Naloxone Programme - Following a successful test of change pilot in 2021, in areas across Scotland, including Glasgow, over the next year, all operational officers in the Division will be trained and equipped with a life-saving nasal spray which can be administered safely to people suffering a drug overdose. This will help save lives, support our Public Health Approach to Policing and direct vulnerable individuals to appropriate support mechanisms.

Keep Safe Initiative - I AM ME is a charity developed to support the victims of disability hate crime and our Glasgow North West area has been supporting this worthwhile cause. One aspect of this is the development of the 'Keep Safe' initiative that allows a pre-identified location that anyone can use if they feel lost, scared, and vulnerable or simply need some breathing space. These can range from business premises, community halls to GP surgery's and require minimal extra work from the staff within to commit to this scheme.

The Four Corners Steering Group - a partnership project between PS and GCC leads (chaired by the Chief Exec of GCC) and the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership, established to identify the root causes of the plethora of complex and long-standing social and environmental issues spanning 3 decades, specifically chronic drug use, violence and the associated vulnerabilities. 42 recommendations linked to public health, criminal justice and environmental issues are now being progressed to identify work streams, actions and owners.

LGBT Hate Crime Awareness - Campus Officers and Adult Volunteers from the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers took part in an LGBT Hate Crime awareness session delivered by Time for Inclusive Education. The session was in response a recent LGBT youth report which documented the under reporting of LGBT hate crime/incidents by young people and aimed to build confidence on LGBT hate crimes and ways to give support to young people who may have been affected by such incidents.



CRIME

Operation Makesure- On 17th April, a 39 year old male was found badly injured in Whitevale Gardens, Dennistoun after becoming involved in an altercation with a group of males. He was pronounced dead at the scene and subsequent investigation was launched between the Major Investigation Team supported by G Division CID. This resulted in the arrest of 5 males, aged 15 – 30, for this crime.

Operation Grinshaw- On 1st May, police received a report of a 47 year old man injured within a property on Glenalmond Street, Glasgow. This male was taken to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital however, died a short time later. An investigation was launched into this incident resulting in a 47 year old male being charged with this murder.

Operation Langra- On 8thMay, officers were called to an address on Rye Road, Glasgow following the death of a 50 year old female who had sustained serious injuries. As a result of enquiries made into this incident by CID, a 62 year old male was arrested for this incident.

Operation Mother- annual policing operation within Kelvingrove Park which involves partnership working with Glasgow City Council, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and British Transport Police to minimise anti-social behaviour and youth disorder. The charity Street Aid have joined efforts to keep our communities safe and will be located within the park to provide first aid on key dates/public holiday weekends. The Operation commenced on 17/03/22 and will run until 25/09/22, to ensure the Park is policed proportionately and effectively throughout the summer months, enhancing public confidence and reassurance.

EVENTS

Protests/Demonstrations - There have been 40 protests and demonstrations in Q1. Operations Planning are continuing to work closely with internal and external partners to reduce community impact for future events.

Public Processions - There have been 38 processions in this quarter, which includes the WOSBA, All Under One Banner and, Orange and Purple District 37 Parade. None of these parades required a Public Order command structure.

Football - There have been 13 professional football games within the division at Hampden, Celtic Park and Ibrox. This includes 3 Old Firm fixture which required significant planning, preparation and resourcing. A police deployment was required both inside and around environs of the stadia.

Hampden Reassurance Plan- Following complaints of anti-social behaviour from residents in relations to events in Hampden. Cathcart LPST and GD Senior management engaged a number of partner agencies and residents to convene a series of meetings to developing solutions. Through partnership with Mount Florida Community Council, Scottish Football Association, Hampden Stadium, G4S and the local community; partners committed to adding resources to reduce the community impact, including additional targeted cleansing pre and post event. More efficient targeting of Local Authority Traffic Enforcement Officers, CCTV vans and increased vehicle uplifts to reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking.

Night-Time Economy - Our Safer Glasgow City Centre Plan continues to be resourced appropriately to offer protection to those attending and working within the city centre during the he period of night time economy. During Q1 various events and concerts were hosted within venues such as the Hydro, SECC and O2 Academy.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Significant Recoveries – On 15th June 2022 police officers executed a warrant at an address in Summerston, Glasgow. During the search they recovered 10 kilos of herbal cannabis, 15000 Etizolam Tablets and £40,000 cash. The householders were arrested and appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Court. On the same date, police attended at another address within the Anderston area of Glasgow with a search warrant. On entering there were no persons within however an industrial scale cannabis cultivation was found which consisted of 1400 plants with an estimated value of £700,000. Enquiries are ongoing regarding this matter.

Operation PIBIT - Since April 2022 this operation has been ongoing within Glasgow city centre. It is focussed on the supply of controlled drugs, in particular around the area of Glasgow Central Station and the surrounding area. The priority has been to maximise public safety due to the anti-social and violent behaviour associated with drugs misuse. In line with our public health approach another priority has been to reduce the number of drug related deaths and support those with drug related issues through referrals to partner agencies. To date numerous and significant drug recoveries have been made, several persons arrested for drug supply offences and a large amount of intelligence gathered to assist this continuing operation.

Operation SPIN- On 21 April 2022 officers observed suspicious activity in a secluded carpark late at night involving a South East Asian female. £15060 in cash and 795g of herbal cannabis were found in her vehicle. The female was charged with Misuse of Drugs Act offences. On 27th May 2022 following intelligence received two Vietnamese males were stopped in Glasgow Central Station with 25.5kg of herbal cannabis in their possession. Both males charged with Misuse of Drugs Act offences and appeared AT Glasgow sheriff court. On 9th June 2022 a Chinese male was arrested having been observed placing 33kg of herbal cannabis into a vehicle within the carpark of an industrial estate in the Gorbals area of Glasgow. Male was arrested and appeared at Glasgow sheriff court charged with Misuse of drugs act offences.

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