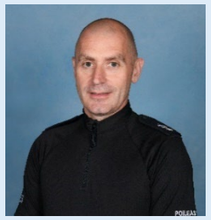
Keeping People Safe in Greater Glasgow

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 2021 – March 2022. The report focuses on providing details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st January and 31st March 2022.

As we emerge from a challenging year, with COVID restrictions now easing, daily life is returning to normality and with that, we are closely monitoring the impacts on crime trends and wider operational policing demand. Navigating our way through the latest OMICRON variant provided now familiar challenges for police and our partners, in terms of our resourcing and response. The pandemic heavily influenced performace data throughout the year and for both police and partners, renders year on year comparisons problematic moving forwards.

With capacity crowds once again permitted across sporting venues and music concerts, meticulous planning is now ongoing to support events throughout the city, ranging from TRNSMT and other music festivals, to Annual Boyne celebrations. More recently, focus has been on the first ever Glasgow and Edinburgh footballing derbys being held at the National Stadium on the same weekend. Resource intensive events, these were successfully policed without serious issue and I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who assisted.

I am delighted to note that public satisfaction levels remain high and indeed exceed the national average. In maximising our service delivery, we will retain focus on public service and professional collaboration. We will continue to work with our partners, exploring new opportunities to help deliver safer communites. across Glasgow.

Public Health

As we continue to deliver our **Public Health Approach** to Policing we have included an additional priority which considers how we can contribute to reducing poverty across the city. Police officers are often placed in unique circumstances where they are exposed to people suffering poverty and associated vulnerabilities. By working with partners we will seek to establish effective data sharing measures and interventions to help those most in need. In partnership with Public Health Scotland, our front line officers across Glasgow are now receiving awareness sessions on public health policing and how vital their role is when seeking to improve public health across the city. In Glasgow North West we are piloting a new Violent Offender Intervention programme where local community officers will be working with those committing violent offences to divert them from criminality.

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Public Protection

YTD **sexual crimes** have increased compared to last year. 2,048 crimes reflects a 14.1% increase compared to 1,795 PYTD and an 8% increase, compared to the 5-year average of 1,896. Overall detection rates for sexual crimes are currently 44.2%, which is a 4.9% decrease from PYTD and 7.6% reduction from the 5 year average. Detection rates for rape have, however, increased by 2.9% from PYTD and 10.7% from 5 year average with a current detection rate of 53.2%.

Operation Fasthold – On 18 March 2022, in addition to seven accused previously arrested for Human Trafficking offences, a significant Chinese crime group leader was arrested at Heathrow Airport attempting to re-enter the UK from China and is now fully committed without bail. Following his arrest financial investigation has resulted in the closure of over forty bank accounts linked to large scale sexual exploitation across the UK, a significant number of Suspicious Activity Reports and three further suspects have been identified for money laundering offences.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

Hate crimes have decreased by 1.1% from PYTD, with 1,656 recorded last year compared to 1,638 this year, however, there has been a 4.2% increase in Hate Incidents from PYTD with 1,686 recorded last year and 1756 this year.

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 70.03% satisfaction, with 73.57% of respondents indicating that they were satisfied, or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and March 2022 a total of 808 complaints were received compared to 836 complaints the previous year, a reduction of 3.3%, and also a 1% decrease from the 3 year average. This figure reflects a very small number of complaints against overall incident attendance (37.5 per 10,000 incidents).

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Violence

Robbery (including assualt with intent to rob) has decreased 9.3% from PYTD with 312 robberies recorded this year compared to 344 last year. This is a 15% decrease from the 5 year average of 367 robberies. Overall **violent crimes** have increased with 10,820 crimes recorded this year compared to 9,779 last year however, overall violent crime is 2% lower than the 5-year average of 11,042.8. Murder has risen slightly with 7 murders in 20/21 compared to 10 murders in 21/22. This figure, however, represents a 10.7% decrease from the 5 year average of 11.2. Detection rates for murder are 110% YTD, up 15.4% from the 5 year average of 94.6%.

Antisocial Behaviour

Drunkeness and Disorderly Conduct has decreased by 15.3% from PYTD and 36% from 5 year mean with 2,402 offences YTD compared to 2,835 PYTD and a 5 year average of 3,770.4. Public complaints regarding disorder have also reduced by 26.3% from PYTD. Many covid breaches/offences are recorded as complaints of disorder which will have affected PYTD figures.

Road Safety & Road Crime

YTD between April – March there were eleven road deaths in the Glasgow City area. This is the same figure as the previous year. In the same period YTD serious injury collisions increased from 160 last year to 203 this year up (26.9%) and slight injury collisions increased from 462 last year to 483 this year (up 4.5%)

Looking Ahead – Forthcoming Priorities

As Covid-19 restrictions come to an end, local plans are being developed to ensure events are managed as safely as possible. Planning is currently ongoing for events scheduled in Q1 and Q2 including the TRNSMT Festival, the Annual Boyne and concerts including Harry Styles, Ed Sheeran and Gerry Cinnamon.
In addition, National Road Safety initiatives in the forthcoming periods include: National Seatbelt Operation 6-26 June 2022, Child Safety Week 6- 12 June 2022, Summer Drink Drug drive Campaign 4- 17 July. The Offensive Weapons Act Surrender Scheme will also run from 1 July - 30 September.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

LGBT+ History Month- G Division PPCW officers arranged a transgender awareness session for Senior Management Team (SMT) with colleagues from Virgin Money's LGBT+ Network. The session provided factual information about the transgender community and non-binary people and afforded them the opportunity to discuss negative experiences with the police. Representatives form the Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) Campaign provided an awareness session to the Divisional SMT, which provided personal experiences and explained how to be an ally.

The Positive Outcomes Programme (POP) Plus Service is due to finish its 18 months funding period supported by the Challenge Fund (Corra). This service involves 2 Custody Peer Mentors (CPM's), with lived experience of addiction and the criminal justice system, offering support and advice to vulnerable police detained in police custiody with complex needs. A preliminary study has shown that of the detainees who engaged with the CPM's, around 21% decreased their custody admissions compared to those who did not engage. POP was successfully awarded a further 3 years funding, worth around £300,000 again from the CORRA Foundation which will support the continued employment of the 2 CPM's and the POP Recovery Co-ordinator.

Togetherall Programme- G Division Partnership Prevention Community Wellbeing team met with Glasgow City Council Head Educational Psychologist Barry Syme to discuss police access to the Togetherall programme, which is an online tool for young people to assist in improving mental health and wellbeing. This has been approved and will be used as part of our Public Health Approach to Policing and introduced through our Campus Officers. Police will be provided with a short video to make operational officers aware and small business cards for officers to distribute will be also provided.

CRIME

Operation Antiquity- Between 21 January and 3 February 2022, a 55 year old male was killed within his home address in Glenalmond Street, Glasgow. The subsequent investigation, was carried out by the Major Investigation Team and supported by G Division CID. This resulted in the arrest of a 37 year old male who has since been remanded in custody and awaits trial.

Operation Twofold involved the murder of a 52 year old male who died after a disturbance took place within his home address in Young Terrace, Glasgow. The Police Scotland Major Investigation Team led the investigation supported by G Division CID. This resulted in the arrest of two males aged 38 and 33 years and a female aged 45 years. All have been remanded in custody pending trial.

Operation Virion- Greater Glasgow Community Investigation Unit Acquisitive team assisted by resources from each Glasgow sub-division investigated an increase in high value housebreakings, targeting houses of members of the Asian community for gold and cash. The gang targeted homes both in Greater Glasgow and other policing divisions, which led to the arrest of four males from the Irish travelling community, based in Greater Manchester. The group had travelled to Scotland to offend and when arrested were found to be in a stolen car with cloned plates with a further vehicle also recovered. Enquiries are ongoing to link the gang to further crimes.

Operation Mother- this 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 were 35 protests and demonstrations in Q4. Operations Planning are continuing to work closely with internal and external partners to reduce community impact for future events. A Police Liaison Officer has been fully embedded within Operations Planning during Q4.

Public Processions - There have been 16 processions in this quarter, which includes the WOSBA, All Under One Banner and, Orange and Purple District 37 Parade which passed by St Alphonsus Church with no significant issues. 2 of the 16 processesions involved full Public Order operations supported by appropriate command structures.

Football - There have been 11 professional football games within the division at Hampden, Celtic Park and Ibrox. This includes 1 Old Firm fixture which required significant planning, preparation and resourcing with police deployments required inside and around the 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 with a number of partner agencies and residents to convene a series of meetings to develop 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, reduced 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 period of the night time economy. During Q4 various events and concerts were hosted within venues such as the Hydro, SECC and O2 Academy.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Operation INYO- Two Operation INYO principles have been reported for Serious and Organised Crime offences, Misuse of Drugs Act Offences, Firearms Offences and Money Laundering. One subject was made a designated person and found to have £396,000 in a hidden bank account. Three Sheriff search warrant were executed at addresses linked to this male, where 14 grams of Diamorphine and a further £65,300 in cash was recovered.

Operation ARACHNOID- Intelligence led operation into the criminal activities of a SOC principal concerned in the supply of multi-kilo quantities of cocaine and herbal cannabis. On 24/02/22 executive action was taken on one of the principal's suppliers. As a result, 3.1kg of herbal cannabis was recovered following a vehicle stop by the Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) Team.

Operation SPIN- On 08/02/22, executive action was taken at a suspected gambling den located in Milnpark Street, Glasgow. A search at the premises recovered 3.7 kg of herbal cannabis, 94g of MDMA, 5 ecstasy tablets and £24,620 in cash. On 10/02/22 a search warrant was executed by SOC Team officers and £27,490 in cash was recovered and the female householder is subject of a money laundering enquiry. On 10/02/22 SOC Team officers searched a male at Queen Street Station and recovered £20,530 in cash under POCA 2002 legislation.

Operation Glamour- Intelligence led operation into a Glasgow based western Balkan crime group involved in the supply and production of controlled drugs. On 11/01/22 a vehicle was stopped on M74 where 11 Kilos of Herbal Cannabis was recovered with a value of £45,000. On 19/02/22 officers attendeed an industrial premises in Niddrie Road Glasgow following reports of suspicious activity. Officers recovered a large scale cultivation (2400 plants) with a value of £1.4 million pounds. Further intelligence led activity during the period has resulted in seizures of a further 13 kg of herbal cannabis and £53,500. In total 4 males were arrested and charged.