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Keeping People Safe in Greater Glasgow

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

## Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2023/24- Q3



2023/24-Quarterly Report Q3  
October 23- December 23

Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Police Plan update. This report contains management information for quarter three 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 October 2023 and 31st December 2023.

As Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland moves on from Greater Glasgow to take up a new role as the 'Chief of Staff' at Force Headquarters, he passes on his thanks and gratitude to officers and partners in Greater Glasgow Division.

Chief Superintendent David Robertson is delighted to be returning to the role of Greater Glasgow Divisional Commander.

### Public Health

Greater Glasgow Division continues to raise awareness of our public health approach to policing. In November, our Public Health Coordinator presented at the Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) International Conference.

This period has also seen a cadre of 30 Public Health Champions recruited. The Champions have received an induction day, including partner inputs, and CDP opportunities to enhance their knowledge of the approach. The champions are responsible for promoting the approach within their area and driving innovation.

In January 2024, the champions will deliver a mental health awareness input to all officers within the division to increase their knowledge and confidence when dealing

with Mental Health incidents and speaking about our own mental health.

The delivery of the approach continues to be driven and monitored internally via the Public Health Delivery Board which is chaired by the Partnerships Superintendent.

In 2024, the approach will focus on supporting communities and by launching an out of hour's referral pathway with Compassionate Distress Response Service (CDRS). CDRS provide timely and compassionate listening support to individuals experiencing acute emotional distress. The initial pilot will commence in January 2024 within the Glasgow North and South West sub divisions.

### Public Satisfaction

**User experience** surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 69.28%, with 77.97% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

**Complaints** - Between April and December 2023 a total of 670 complaints were received compared to 660 complaints the previous year, an increase of 1.5%. (Appendix A)



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## Plan on a Page 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

#### Our Local Policing Priorities

**CRIME**  
Reducing the crimes of greatest concern & detecting offenders

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING**  
Working with partners and the most vulnerable to reduce harm

**EVENTS & OPERATIONS**  
Ensuring the safety of participants & being responsive to community concerns

**SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME**  
Divert, Deter, Detect & Disrupt organised criminality in our communities

#### Our Objectives

Violence & Disorder  
Hate Crime  
Acquisitive Crime  
Sexual Crime  
Cybercrime

Mental Health  
Drug Harm  
Violence against women/girls  
Road Safety  
Adult/Child protection

Concorts & events  
Processions & Assemblies  
Football Events  
Licensed Glasgow economy

Faiths & 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

### PARTNERSHIPS

### PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

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

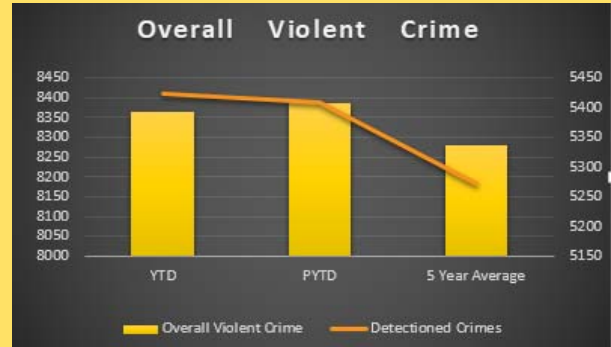
### PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

## Crime

### Violent Crime

**Overall violent Crime** has decreased by 0.3% from PYTD, but increased 1% from 5 years mean with 8364 violent crimes recorded this YTD, 8385 PYTD and a 5 year average of 8280.

**Detection rates** for overall violent crime have increased slightly by 0.3% compared to PYTD and by 1.2% compared to 5 year rate. (Appendix B)



### Violence Against Women And Girls

A national Domestic Abuse campaign ran from 25 November 2023 to 10 December 2023 and called for an end to gender based violence. The 16 Days of Activism campaign saw a variety of days of action undertaken across all Sub Divisions and coordinated by both Local Policing supervisors and the Public Protection Unit.

These included the targeting and prioritisation of high risk domestic packages which resulted in the arrest of six prolific offenders, four suspects being charged with Domestic offending, delivery of 24 Disclosure Scheme Do-

mestic Abuse Scotland disclosures to potential victims across the city;

Additional focus was placed on the daily reviews of Domestic incidents, live warrants and bail curfew checks with resources deployed in proportion with the THRIVE risk assessment.

12 Domestic Abuse Apprehension warrants were successfully executed as a result. Local Policing incorporated Festive Action Plan tasking to support Domestic Abuse actions and the Divisional VAWG strategy.

### Fire Raisings

Wilful Fire-raising has increased 11.9% from PYTD and 1.7% from 5 year mean, with 357 crimes recorded this YTD, 319 PYTD and a 5 year mean of 351.

Detection rates have increased by 0.6% from PYTD with current detection rates being 21.6%. Detection rates have also noted an increase of 2.3% from 5 year mean.

Wilful fire-raising are challenging to detect due to forensic opportunities being destroyed in the commission of the crime. (Appendix B)

### Hate Crime

Hate Incidents decreased by 5.9% from PYTD and by 4.5% from the 5 year mean with 1206 incidents this year, 1282 incidents PYTD and 5 year mean of 1262.

Hate crime decreased by 11.3% from PYTD, and 13.5% from 5 year mean, with 1078 crimes this year, 1216 crimes PYTD and a 5 year mean of 1246.

Hate crime detections rates have decreased 3.2% from PYTD and 6.1% from 5 year mean, with current detection rate being 54%. (Appendix B)

### Homicides

There were 3 homicides in Q3.

A 30 year old male was seriously injured in Braid Square, Glasgow on 30th September and later succumbed to his injuries. A 47 year old female and 27 year old male were charged with his murder and fully committed into custody.

A 23 year old male was murdered in Southcroft Street, Glasgow on 3rd November. A 31 year old male, was charged with his murder and is fully committed into custody.

A 51 year old male was murdered at Dyke Street, Glasgow on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A 37 year old female and 39 year old male have been charged with the murder.

## Community Wellbeing

### Student Safety

G Division Safer Communities have spoken to around 450 students- including a significant number from overseas on personal safety. These inputs covered topics such as cyber-crime, party safety, travel safely, protecting valuables and belongings, hate crime, sexual crimes, support and methods of reporting crime. This has been carried out between International College of Glasgow and International College of Strathclyde.

### MCR Pathways

G Division Safer Communities has been working in partnership with MCR Pathways to encourage police staff and officers to volunteer as mentors with the project. We have re-shaped the marketing material specifically for serving police officers and have created a promotional video featuring existing force mentors. This has been complemented by interactive sessions delivered online by MCR Pathways to encourage participation, with over 50 officers and staff attending at the online interactive sessions delivered over three workshops. To date 28 additional officers and members of staff have signed up, increasing resources from 16 to 44 (175% increase) across the division. Plans are in place for similar events to be held in 2024.

### Force First

G Division Safer Communities delivered 'A Force First' prevention foundation course to 12 divisional officers.

The course upskilled officers by providing them with training to carry out crime prevention surveys at domestic and retail properties.

This enables properties to improve and upgrade security and work towards being a more defensible, target hardened space.

### Let's Get Re-Connected

In partnership with Glasgow City Council, G Division Safer Communities hosted the 'Let's Get Re-Connected' event at the Emirates Arena. This involved eight showcase events and 12 practitioner stalls to highlight the public and third sector organisations and projects delivering services in Glasgow. The event allowed the 100 participants to:

- \* Increase their awareness of a complex system;
- \* Enhance knowledge & understanding of the delivery environment;
- \* Make vital links to improve multiple outcomes through better joined up working;
- \* Promote and share information about services; and
- \* Enhance inward and outward referral flow.

### Road Policing

### Crime Prevention

G Division Safer Communities continue to provide reassurance, assistance and support to victims of crime and preventative engagement work, as detailed in the Community Safety Index tasking. Reassurance visits were carried out at the Hindu temple, Gurdwara and with various members of the Jewish community, including the Honorary Consul for Israel, with regards to ongoing global tensions. (Appendix C)

G Division Safer Communities also carried out a number of personal safety and scam prevention inputs to vulnerable groups across Glasgow. These groups included the Macula Society which supports persons who have little to no sight and Glasgow's Golden Generations who support senior members of the public.

There have been 10 fatal road crashes since 1st April 2023 (7 pedestrians, 1 cyclist, 1 driver and 1 passenger). During Q3 the Festive Drink/ Drug Drive Campaign took place along with continued focus on "Fatal 5" offences. This activity saw increasing crime recording in these areas.

- Careless driving noted an increase of 11% from PYTD and increase of 21.5% from 5 year average.
- Drink / Drug driving saw an increase of 4.7% from PYTD and an increase of 18.7% from 5 year average.
- Seatbelt offences noted an increase of 53.4% from PYTD and an increase of 40.6% from 5 year average.
- Mobile phone offences saw an increase of 25.3% from PYTD and an increase of 69.9% from 5 year average.
- Speeding offences saw a decrease of 15.9% from PYTD and a reduction of 7.7% from 5 year average.



## Events and Operations

### Events

Q3 saw some significant policing operations linked to events across Glasgow, from high profile European football fixtures to our annual National and Local response to Firework's Night.

The conflict in Palestine has seen an increase in protest activity, particularly within the City Centre of Glasgow.

Policing operations have sought to protect the rights of people to protest peacefully while at the same time protecting the ability of others to go about their lawful business. Dialogue with community leaders has been essential in achieving this balance and it is likely that protest activity will continue into Q4.

### Licensing

Q3 was a busy period for officers in Greater Glasgow Licensing, setting up and rolling out a 'Licensing Champion' programme in the division, with a number of local officers in sub divisions trained in licensing matters.

Licensing solicitors and those working in the licensed trade have already noticed a difference in the confidence of local officers whilst dealing with licensing matters.

Licensing Officers continued to support divisional operations and events such as football and protests, ensuring all licensing issues were dealt with quickly, efficiently and competently, particularly in the run up to the busy Christmas period, ensuring Bystander training was delivered to premises as a priority. Q4 will be another busy period, with a particular focus on continued working with the Security Industry Authority to help drive up standards in stewarding and security in the licensed trade.

### Fireworks Night

#### Glasgow Response (Operation Academia)

Prevention work started from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. This involved partners from Glasgow City Council Neighbourhood Regeneration & Stability teams (NRS), Scottish Fire and Rescue (SFRS) and trading standards.

This work included reviewing previous years incidents, prevention work via campus based police officers and fireworks leaflets disseminated on how to report bonfires being prepared.

Over the weekend of 3rd to 5th November, 37 bulk up-lifts of unauthorised bonfires were made by GCC supported by Police Scotland. On the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 153 fireworks related incidents were reported in Glasgow. 84 additional conventional officers were deployed solely for fireworks calls.

Five officers were injured in Barmulloch whilst attending large scale disorder following a local bonfire and five arrests have been made so far in relation to this disorder, these being males and females ranging from age 15-40.

### Look Forward

At the time of writing we are now into Q4. With Rangers FC qualifying top of their group, they will continue in the Europa League competition with their first fixture taking place in March 2024.

High profile trials, including the trial of Ian Packer, accused of the murder of Emma Caldwell, are due to take place in Q4.

### 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 and congregating in 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.

## Serious Organised Crime

### Recoveries

Greater Glasgow currently have 13 mapped Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs). Since the last report three SOCGs, through police investigation and arrests, have been significantly disrupted and are no longer being mapped for their threat to our communities.

#### Controlled drugs

- 6.427 Kg of Heroin with a street value between £102,832 – £160,675
- 4.7 Kg of cocaine with a street value between £181,006 – £200,154
- 1.86 Kg of MDMA with a street value of £74,400
- 4117 Ecstasy tablets with a street value between £20,585 - £41,170
- 38.3 Kg Herbal cannabis with a street value between £146,097 – £249,283
- Gummy factory with cannabis edibles approx. street value of - £73,000

- 45,000 Etizolam tablets street valued at £8,100 - £22,500
- 19Kg of Benzocaine with a street value of £5700

#### Cash and valuables

- £243,813 in cash
- £177,006 restrained from assets and valuables
- 11 x stolen vehicles recovered

#### Firearms

- 6 x Firearms and associated ammunition.

### Significant Conviction

During Q3, one of the most high profile trials of the last few years took place at Glasgow High Court. 11 men and women were accused of being part of a paedophile ring that involved abuse of young children, with eight being found guilty of various offences and three not guilty.

The trial lasted for almost three months, with Lord Becket commending court police officers for the manner in which they dealt with the accused and witnesses, ensuring the integrity of the trial throughout.

### SAOC - Interventions

Officers from the National Serious and Organised Crime Interventions Unit, Greater Glasgow Interventions and the North East Local Problem Solving Team assisted Op Xenon, a Trading Standards Scotland operation, into counterfeit and potentially dangerous goods.

Two warrants were executed at addresses in the Easterhouse area on 31 November 2023, where officers seized around £150,000 worth of counterfeit and dangerous goods, together with £5,500 in cash. The seized items included counterfeit designer clothing, perfumes and children's toys, the latter of which did not meet the required safety legislation. Four persons were arrested and charged in connection with the enquiry.