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

Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2024/25– Q4



2024/25-Quarterly Report Q4
1st January 25– 31st March 25

Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Police Plan update. This report contains management information for quarter four of the year April 2024- March 2025.

The report provides details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or have taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st January 2025 and 31st March 2025.

As Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff moves on from Greater Glasgow, Chief Superintendent Emma Croft, who has previously been posted to G Division in her role as the Specialist Operations Superintendent, is delighted to be returning to the Division and taking up the role of Greater Glasgow Divisional Commander.

Public Health

Police Scotland is committed to working with partners to help ensure that women and girls across Glasgow feel safe and supported in their communities. Tackling violence against women and girls remains a key priority, and we continue to act every day to prevent harm, support victims and bring perpetrators to justice. Tackling domestic abuse is one of our most significant priorities. Understanding the underlying issues and putting effective prevention strategies in place with partners is key.

Within Greater Glasgow Division Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) has become a central component of not only the city centre policing plan but also throughout the rest of the division. Local policing meet with the Public Protection Unit

regularly to discuss trends and patterns and amend the Policing deployments accordingly.

We have extended the bystander training, which is delivered to licensed premises, to fast-food outlets, which not only improves safety but has forged better relationships with staff. Such training which focusses on predatory type behaviour is being extended to taxi marshals, CCTV operators and Glasgow Street Pastors.

On 10th Feb 2025 Contextual Safeguarding and Relationship Based Practice training was delivered at the St Enoch Centre by social work and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit to members of St Enoch Security and staff from McDonald's. This training focusses on the principles of Contextual Safeguarding and how that is applied practically.

Public Satisfaction

User experience surveys indicate satisfaction levels with policing remain high. On average this quarter, satisfaction levels are higher than national levels of 73.2%, with 76.1% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience.

Complaints - Between April and March 2025 a total of 917 YTD complaints were received compared to 920 complaints the PYTD which is a decrease of 0.3%. (Appendix A)



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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, 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

Concerts & 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

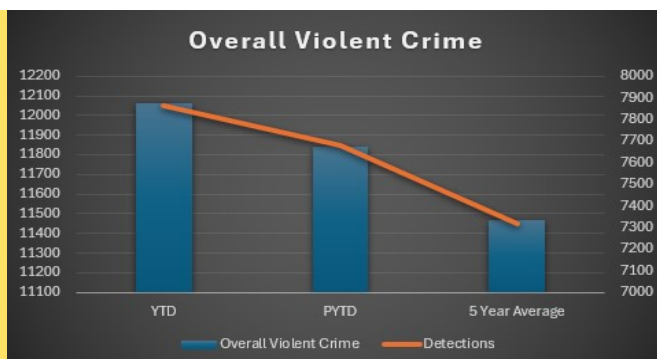
PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

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

Crime

Overall violent Crime has increased by 1.8% from PYTD, and increased 5.1% from 5 years mean with 12,060 violent crimes recorded this YTD, 11,844 PYTD and a 5 year average of 11,470

Detection rates for overall violent crime have increased slightly by 0.3% compared to PYTD with a current detection rate of 68.4% (Appendix B).



Murder

Operation Breakaway

On the 5th of March officers attended at 31 Monar Street in relation to an abandoned vehicle enquiry. The officers entered the property and found the 55-year-old male occupant deceased within. A 38-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with his death

Operation Downclimb

On the 6th of March a 15-year-old male was found deceased on the roadway outside 15 Clarendon Street, Glasgow. Investigations reveal that the deceased had been involved in an altercation and had died as a result of his injuries. A 14 year old male was arrested and charged in connection with his death.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) investigated a report of sexual abuse by three male perpetrators of a young person with additional support needs, after his mother had contacted police concerned that he had been groomed by older males.

Extensive enquiries by CAIU identified three males responsible for grooming this male, all of whom were associates of each other. Following the examination of phones belonging to the complainer and his

engagement with the Scottish Child Interview Model for Joint Investigative Interview, these males were subsequently cautioned and charged with a variety of offences, including S1 Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009 and s9 Protection of Children & Prevention of Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2005 (Paying for sexual services of a child).

Further forensic work is ongoing in this case that has already identified potential further lines of enquiries.

Hate Crime

There have been 169 hate incidents YTD compared to 236 hate incidents PYTD. This is a decrease of 28.4% from PYTD, but an increase from 16.4% from 5-year mean.

Hate crimes have seen a 42.3% increase from PYTD and 26.4% increase from 5 year mean with

1974 crimes recorded this year compared with 1387 PYTD and a 5 year mean of 1561.8.

Hate crime detections are currently 66.9% which is an increase of 13.8% from PYTD and 8% from 5-year rate.

Community Wellbeing

We continue to engage with young people highlighting the dangers of knife crime through educational lens. We have upskilled our 6 Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) groups throughout February, as peer support delivery for the No Knives Better Lives project. We have been working with partner agencies upskilling members of Glasgow Life and Early Effective Intervention Team with a bespoke Knife Crime workshop in order to use it to deliver to their young people in their respective areas. This input has also been rolled out to our Local Problem-Solving Team's ensuring delivery by local officers to local young people to break down barriers, whilst giving young people information to make better choices.

Community Engagement

Our Police School Engagement Officers, continue to work in partnership with Glasgow City Council education with rolling violence reducing programmes including, No Knives Better Lives, I Am Me, Mentors in Violence Prevention, Pitchin' In and trauma informed practice. We work extensively with Fearless the youth branch of Crimestoppers, encouraging young people not to be bystanders and to generate peer led conversations about safer choices. Fearless also provides a completely anonymous reporting mechanism for young people to provide information about crimes and a way for them to safely respond to incidents without having to put themselves at any risk. We work in partnership with Glasgow City Council adopting an Early Effective Intervention approach.

Safer Communities

Positive Outcomes Project

Greater Glasgow hosted a visit from Montreal Police. This visit was arranged to explore our approach to reducing offending and diversion from crime. Input's were delivered by our Positive Outcomes Project and One Glasgow Reducing Offending, with our holistic public health approach to adult and youth offending.

The event was also attended by Glasgow City Council HSCP with input delivered surround their approach to supporting young people in conflict with the law. Learning from this event will be taken back to Canada to inform their developing strategies to tackle violence.

G Division Safer Communities continue to provide inputs to vulnerable groups and partners. Throughout this quarter we have delivered Hate Crime Inputs/ Training to;

- * Staff at the Ruby Project who are part of Rape Crisis Scotland and work with asylum seekers and refugees.
- * Staff at Amina with a view to providing the input to their service users.
- * The Deaf Society along with Policing Together.
- * English for Speakers of Other Languages at Glasgow Clyde College, Anniesland.
- * Women and mum's group at the Go Urban Hotel.

Safer Communities also delivered an input to Red Cross Young Asylum seekers group on personal safety, knife crime and cyber awareness, where five different language groups were in attendance.

Road Policing

There have been 6 fatal road crashes since 1st April 2024 a 33.3% reduction from PYTD when 9 fatalities were recorded.

Serious injury road crashes have decreased 17.6% with 244 serious injuries recorded PYTD and 201 recorded this year.

Of these 22 were children. This is an increase of 3 from PYTD when 19 children were seriously injured.

Slight injury road crashes have noted a decrease of 5.3% with 527 slight injuries recorded PYTD and 499 this YTD.

Events and Operations

Events

On 2nd January 2025 Rangers FC hosted Celtic FC at Ibrox Stadium in the Scottish Premier League (SPL). This was the first fixture between the sides since the Viaplay Cup Final on 15th December 2024 which saw disorder occurring pre-match within Glasgow City Centre between the risk groups of both clubs. A proportionate policing operation was raised for this fixture, in which there were no away supporters within the stadium, and the event passed peacefully.

On Sunday 16th March 2025, Celtic hosted Rangers at Celtic Park in the SPL. This was the first match in several years to welcome large numbers of away supporters, with approximately 2500 Rangers Supporters in attendance. A significant policing plan was in place for this operation based on previous fixtures, recent risk group behaviour, intelligence and public re-assurance. Of note, S60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 powers were authorised at a senior policing level providing officers with specific policing powers, based on

there being a reasonable belief that serious violence may occur. These powers were utilised on groups of supporters from both clubs during which pyrotechnics and face coverings were seized. This remains an ongoing enquiry however no serious disorder took place throughout the day.

Several events have taken place at the SECC and Hydro during this quarter with the 2025 Bet MGM Premier League Darts taking place on 13th February 2025 whilst the Scottish Labour Party Conference was held over the weekend of 21st-23rd February 2025. During the conference several protest groups were in attendance outside the venue however the weekend passed without serious disruption.

During this quarter there have been regular protests at locations across the city by a number of groups including Gaza Genocide Emergency Committee, Association of Ukrainians and Stand Up to Racism amongst others. Current world events support this being a regular occurrence throughout 2025.

40 days of life

The annual '40 days of life' vigil took place during the lent period resulting in the arrest of one individual, who breached current legislation in relation to protest zones. Police engaged in

dialogue with the group to discuss areas of safe standing outside the 'zones' imposed at the Queen Elizabeth University.

Look Forward

Looking forward into Q2 of 2025/26 this will be a busy period. The Annual Boyne parade will take place on the 5th July which will involve dozens of bands, hundreds of band members as well as thousands of followers.

TRNSMT festival will take place between 11th—13th July and is expected to attract 150,000 persons of mixed age.

19th July will see Glasgow host its annual PRIDE

event. This is expected to attract 5000 persons and will have 500 stewards present. The march will end in Glasgow Green.

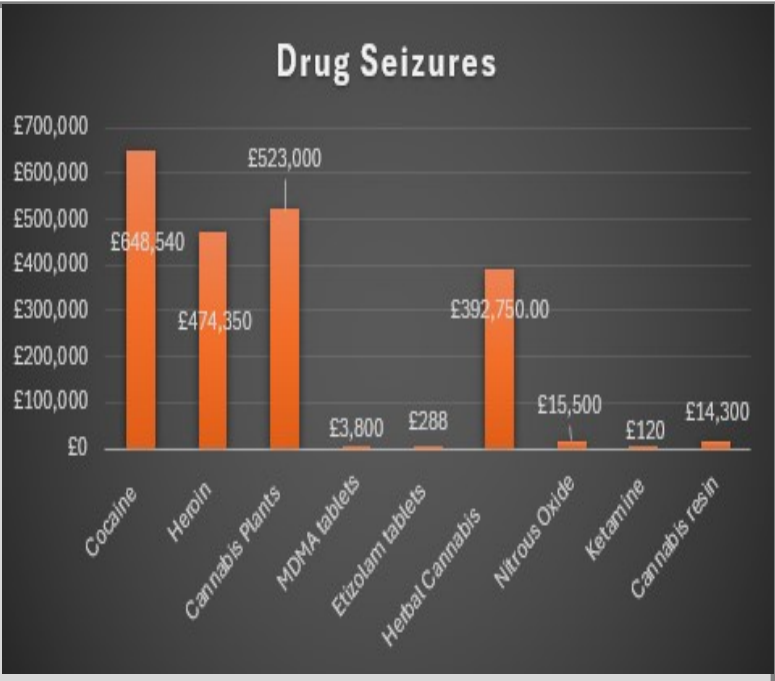
This quarter will also be busy with music events:

- 21st June— Sex Pistols at Bellahouston Park
- 25th June— Sting at Bellahouston Park
- 26th June— Lana Del Ray at Hampden Park
- 27th June— Simple Minds at Bellahouston Park
- 28th June— Stereophonics at Bellahouston Park

Serious Organised Crime

Recoveries

Controlled drugs	Value
Cocaine	£648,540
Heroin	£474,350
Cannabis Plants	£ 523,000
MDMA tablets	£ £3,800
Etizolam tablets	£ 288
Herbal Cannabis	£ 392,750
Nitrous Oxide	£ 15,500
Ketamine	£ 120
Cannabis resin	£ 14,300
Total	£ 2,072,648



Cash Seizures

- £134,872

Glasgow PAU seizure

On the 2nd February 2025 officers from Greater Glasgow PAU executed a Misuse of Drugs Act search warrant at an address on Meadow Quay Walk, Glasgow. As a result of this warrant execution, a 44 year old female and a 42 year male were arrested and held in custody. £3220 in cash, 24 kilos of cocaine and 11 kilos of Diamorphine were recovered.

Operation Chainring

Greater Glasgow Serious & Organised and Proactive Teams executed multiple search warrants under Operation Chainring. This is in response to the disorder in Glasgow City Centre prior to the old firm game on the 15th December 2024. As a result of excellent investigative work including viewing hours of CCTV footage and working closely with Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, 9 persons have been arrested whereby they were held in custody and thereafter bailed from court. They were also issued with Glasgow City Centre exclusion zones and also stringent conditions not to attend football matches or be within 1 mile of Parkhead and Ibrox stadiums on match days.

