

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2023-26 – Performance for Year 2, Quarter 2 noted – Request to Police Scotland.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Q2 period from 1st July to 30th September 2024, advising

- (1) of the continued drive forward with their Public Health Approach to policing that involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of the community, with a total of 194 referrals being made since the development of the Compassionate Distress Response Service in January 2024;
- (2) that there had been a slight increase in overall violent crimes and detection rates compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland committed to working towards reducing those figures;
- (3) of the ongoing multi-agency response to Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation, working with those vulnerable young people with the highest risk;
- (4) that hate crime detection rates had slightly increased this quarter compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland continuing to work with its partners to report all hate crimes via the appropriate channels;
- (5) of some of the work undertaken in relation to crime, homicides in the city, youth engagement, road safety, events, operations and serious and organised crime; and
- (6) of a detailed breakdown of the complaints against police, violent crime, violence against women and girls, hate crime and community wellbeing, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted that
 - (i) body worn cameras would initially be rolled out in Tayside Division in Spring of 2025 and then in Glasgow sometime over the coming year;
 - (ii) there was significant police activity ongoing with road safety particularly around speeding, with the focus in the city centre being on electric bikes and for the wider city, attention was on school drop off zones and the vulnerabilities of children;
 - (iii) Operation close pass had been rolled out in every police sub-division in Glasgow to educate all road users on allowing cyclists enough room when passing them;

- (iv) there would be an information and discussion event with taxi drivers which would then be followed by an enforcement event sometime in 2025;
 - (v) near miss data was challenging and sporadic, therefore could not be shared as a specific data set, however Police Scotland would look at specific areas to assess if anything could be done in relation to this;
 - (vi) a report about the ongoing work with victim support would be brought to the next meeting; and
 - (vii) the use of naloxone from a policing perspective had been hugely successful; and
- (b) requested that Chief Superintendent Lynn Radcliff
- (i) seek further clarification from 'Policing Together' colleagues in relation to when more meaningful statistics around hate crime would be available to share with the Partnership, following the changes to legislation and the challenges that this brought;
 - (ii) pass contact details of the Commander of the British Transport Police to Bailie McCabe;
 - (iii) seek clarification on whether further information could be provided in relation to taser deployment and would report back to the Chair of the Partnership; and
- (c) thanked Superintendent David Reid for his work over the past couple of years and wished him well in his new post in Edinburgh.