

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2023-26 - Performance for Year 3, Quarter 2 noted - Request to Police Scotland.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Chief Superintendent Emma Croft, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Q2 period from 1st July to 30th September 2025, advising

- (1) of some of the work being undertaken in relation to protecting vulnerable people, events, crime and serious and organised crime;
- (2) of the continued drive forward of the Public Health approach to Policing, with numerous pieces of multi-agency work being carried out in relation to suicide prevention;
- (3) that there had been an increase in violent crime statistics for this quarter with robbery being the only category showing a decrease;
- (4) that there had been an unfortunate increase in recorded crimes of rape and a slight increase in sexual assaults for this quarter, which could be attributed to the volumes of historical crimes being recorded and not the number of victims, as many victims record more than one crime;
- (5) of the slight increase in Hate Crime statistics, which was kept under daily review, with officers seeking different opportunities to prevent and support;
- (6) that there had been 194 protests since the start of 2025 with 20 arrests made during this period;
- (7) that funding from the Scottish Government had been obtained for a number of dedicated officers in Glasgow to work with the National Retail Crime Taskforce to address the rise in offences such as shoplifting; and
- (8) that the Chief Constable had sought a revenue uplift for the forthcoming financial year from the Scottish Government and further information on this would be brought back to the Partnership once the budget had been confirmed.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Chief Superintendent Croft for the additional information that had been supplied in relation to Hate Crime and the Specially Trained Officer report that detailed a breakdown of taser data which clearly evidenced that its use was not discriminatory;
- (b) noted that
 - (i) historic sexual crime victims would be interviewed by Police Scotland as many times as it would take for them to feel comfortable to supply the details of a crime and they would be directed to relevant partner agencies for any additional support required, as not all victims want

additional support, it would therefore be tailored to an individuals needs;

- (ii) there had been a significant amount of work carried out in relation to Hate Crime incidents, especially around late night take aways;
 - (iii) Police Scotland were in discussions with Glasgow City Council in relation to the CCTV provision which was operational 24/7, however was not staffed until 3pm which hindered police investigations, with Bailie McCabe and Chief Superintendent Croft indicating that they would liaise further on this; and
 - (iv) there had been a significant amount of work carried out with the Jewish community given the recent incident, with a larger police presence deployed already due to it being Yom Kippur; and
- (c) supported Police Scotland's bid for an increase in funding.