



Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2025-26 Quarter 4

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Complaints About the Police

Overall Complaints and Allegations Received:

TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS		
YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE
764	938	-18.6%	1391	1596	-12.8%
ALLEGATION CATEGORY AND TYPE			YTD	PYTD	% CHANGE FOR PYTD
Off Duty - TOTAL			0	1	-100.0%
Other			0	1	-100.0%
On Duty - TOTAL			1,053	1,256	-16.2%
Assault			53	95	-44.2%
Corrupt Practice			4	2	100.0%
Discriminatory Behaviour			31	43	-27.9%
Excessive Force			111	130	-14.6%
Incivility			212	260	-18.5%
Irregularity in Procedure			533	606	-12.0%
Neglect of Duty			6	17	-64.7%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment			35	38	-7.9%
Other - Criminal			7	13	-46.2%
Other - Non-criminal			17	18	-5.6%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence			23	18	27.8%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention			21	16	31.3%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL			338	339	-0.3%
Policy/Procedure			82	74	10.8%
Service Delivery			108	122	-11.5%
Service Outcome			148	143	3.5%
Grand Total			1,391	1,596	-12.8%

Data is based on case received dates

Crime

**REDUCING THE CRIMES OF GREATEST CONCERN
AND DETECTING OFFENDERS**

Violent Crime

The table below provides a breakdown of non-sexual crime of violence:

CRIME CATEGORY	RECORDED CRIME			DETECTIONS		
	PREVIOUS YTD	CURRENT YTD	% CHANGE	PREVIOUS YTD	CURRENT YTD	% CHANGE
Murder	10	12	20.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0
Culpable homicide (common law)	3	1	-66.7%	33.3%	200.0%	166.7
Culpable homicide	5	4	-20.0%	120.0%	50.0%	-70.0
Attempted murder	24	34	41.7%	95.8%	85.3%	-10.5
Serious Assault	524	510	-2.7%	67.0%	57.8%	-9.2
Common Assault	8,493	9,055	6.6%	58.9%	57.4%	-1.5
Robbery (inc. assault with intent to rob)	308	307	-0.3%	75.3%	69.4%	-5.9

Murder rates have increased from 10 PYTD to 12 YTD. The detection rates for murder remains at 100%.

Attempted Murder has increased from 24 PYTD to 34 YTD, which is an increase of 41.7%. The detection rate for attempted murder has increased from 95.8% to 85.3%, a decrease of 10.5%.

Serious Assaults have decreased from 524 PYTD to 510 YTD. This is a reduction of 2.7%. Detection rates for serious assaults have decreased by 9.2% from 67% PYTD to 57.8% YTD.

Common Assault rates have increased from 8493 PYTD to 9055 YTD, this is an increase of 6.6%. Detection rates for common assaults have decreased by 1.5% from 58.9% PYTD to 57.4% YTD.

Robbery (including Assault with Intent to Rob) have increased from 308 PYTD to 307 YTD, a decrease of 0.3%. Detection rates have decreased from 75.3% to 69.4%.

Sexual Crime

CRIME CATEGORY	RECORDED CRIME			DETECTIONS		
	Previous YTD	Current YTD	% CHANGE	PREVIOUS YTD	CURRENT YTD	% CHANGE
Domestic Abuse (of female)	249	377	51.4%	63.9%	58.9%	-5.0
Rape	468	472	0.9%	48.1%	42.2%	-5.9
Attempted rape	25	14	-44.0%	36.0%	71.4%	35.4
Sexual assault	791	749	-5.3%	49.3%	48.9%	-0.4

Domestic Abuse of Females has seen a 51.4% increase from 249 PYTD to 377 YTD. Detection rates have decreased from 63.9% to 58.9%.

Rape recorded crimes have increased from 468 PYTD to 472 YTD. The detection rate has decreased by 5.9%, from 48.1% to 42.2%.

Attempted Rape has decreased from 25 PYTD to 14 YTD, a decrease of 44%. The detection rate has increased by 35.4% on PYTD.

Sexual Assault has decreased by 5.3% from 791 PYTD to 749 YTD. The detection rate has decreased from 49.3% PYTD to 48.9% YTD, a decrease of 0.4%.

Recorded crime figures relate to the number of recorded crimes not the number of victims, with many victims reporting more than one offence.

Hate Crime

Recorded Crimes and Incidents

CRIME CATEGORY	RECORDED CRIME		
	PREVIOUS YTD	CURRENT YTD	% CHANGE
Hate Incidents	368	254	-31.0%
Hate Crimes	2109	2320	10.0%
Hate Crime Detection Rates	67.7%	63.2%	-4.5

BREAKDOWN BY CHARACTERISTIC			
CHARACTERISTIC	Q4- 2024/25	Q4- 2025/26	% CHANGE
Age	4	2	-50%
Disability	62	58	-6.45%
Racial	317	402	26.82%
Religious	53	52	-1.89%
Sexual Orientation	109	133	22.01%
Transgender	5	6	20%

The most recorded hate crime aggravators continue to be Racial followed by Sexual Orientation. In addition to supporting victims, we work with partners, organisations and charities to provide hate crime awareness inputs and remain agile in supporting wider communities, individuals and organisations. We will deliver a person-centred approach to all reports and forms of hate crime and hate incidents. We support our communities and individuals providing appropriate guidance, advice and specialist support.

There are no trends or patterns in relation to hate incidents and hate crimes.

Reports of hate crime are prioritised and investigated thoroughly, and our approach is compassionate and engaging with those affected, ensuring safeguarding and support for all victims.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Operation Sedona is the operation around a murder in Glasgow East. Officers from Problem Solving Teams and Local Policing Team progress activity linked to the operation, targeting youth gang tensions around Bridgeton and Barrowfield. Recently warrants have been executed at the home addresses of two nominals, resulting in arrests and the seizures of e-bikes, drugs, machetes and other weapons. School engagement continues with inputs being delivered by School Engagement Officers. Tasking through the Glasgow North-East Violence Prevention Partnership is supporting the delivery of targeted interventions and diversionary activity aimed at reducing youth involvement in violence.

Disorder

Glasgow City Dispersal Zone

The Glasgow City Centre Dispersal Zone is in place to help address antisocial behaviour and disorder. Since its introduction in March 2026, dispersal powers have been used by officers 770 times. The powers allow officers to direct groups of two or more people to leave the dispersal zone if their behaviour is impacting on the safety and wellbeing of others. Those directed to leave are not permitted to return for a period of 24 hours. The dispersal zone covers an area bounded by St Vincent Place, Glassford Street/Stockwell Street, to the far side of the River Clyde's bank, and York Street/West Campbell Street.

Fifty-five people have been charged after returning to the area in breach of dispersal directions, with a number of those also being arrested in connection with other offences, including breach of the peace, drugs possession, police assault, possession of an offensive weapon and two in connection with sexual assault.

The use of the dispersal zone is monitored and kept under review. The powers provide officers with an additional tool to address antisocial behaviour and help keep people safe in the city centre. These powers are used proportionately and only when necessary. We continue to engage with residents, businesses and partners and feedback so far has been positive. Our focus remains on ensuring Glasgow City Centre is a safe and welcoming place for everyone. We have also had feedback from the Business Improvement District and comments on the increased visibility of officers in the area.

Glasgow North-West Violence Prevention Partnership

In Glasgow North-West, there were reports of anti-social behaviour and youth violence which affected young people in their own communities. With support from the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, a Violence Prevention Partnership was suggested. This is collaborative and cohesive approach, with one agenda. The aim is achieved through inclusion of families, children and young people. The first strategic meeting took place in March and saw 30 attendees from various departments from Police Scotland, British Transport Police, Glasgow City Council, Social Work, Education, Housing and third sector groups. The group will now meet quarterly, and an Operational Group will meet fortnightly in a response to ongoing issues in the north-west of the city and will identify what action is needed now, implementing support and structures to address youth disorder and violence.

Acquisitive Crime

Retail Crime- Glasgow South West

Local Problem-Solving Team officers in Glasgow South-West submitted an additional Retail Crime Task Force funding bid to support the ongoing work to prevent shoplifting in the sub-division through the continued development and deployment of 'Shop Secure'. A significant proportion of this work has focused on Silverburn which has resulted in twenty-three charges and reports, eight arrests, two arrested persons with

specific undertaking conditions, thirty stop searches, collation and development of intelligence and disruption to criminals and organised crime group activity. The operation also included engagement inputs with retailers and the distribution of retail crime literature across the centre.

Delivery of a child-appropriate version of 'Shop Secure' to first through fourth year pupils highlighted the consequences of shoplifting, and the impact this can have on their lives. This supports the Greater Glasgow Division's commitment to the Public Health Approach to Policing, in line with the national Prevent strand.

Silverburn's Security Director highlighted several positive impacts; *"This enhanced presence clearly demonstrates the strong collaborative partnership between Silverburn and Police Scotland and has been greatly valued by our onsite teams, retailers, clients and guests. The additional visibility of officers provided reassurance to customers and staff alike. Numerous members of the public and retailers approached our teams to specifically comment on the positive police presence and the increased sense of safety it created during what has been Silverburn's busiest trading year to date."*

Continued delivery of the 'Shop Secure' training package to retailers within the sub-division's shopping centres, retail parks, supermarkets and high street retailers is positively contributing to the national Prepare, Prevent and Pursue strategy through reduction in retail crime and better supported retail staff and businesses.

Divisional Retail Crime Task Force

The Divisional Retail Crime Task Force (DRCTF) based at Pollok Police Station have charged 22 offenders for 113 retail crime offences during Quarter 4. The value of property stolen in these crimes totals £27,954. Of these offenders, 21 were identified as high harm offenders and as such Post Conviction Anti-Social Behaviour Orders have been requested.

Post Conviction Anti-Social Behaviour Orders are similar to Non-Harassment Orders in that they impose specific conditions on offenders upon conviction. The use of Post Conviction Orders is not widely used and the RCTF are promoting their use to drive a reduction in retail crime.

Our DRCTF have carried out proactive visits to 297 retail premises to assess their security arrangements and to provide security advice. As we move through the year, the focus of the taskforce will move to tackling Organised Crime Groups involved in retail offences. This will see intelligence and investigation at its core with an overall aim of disrupting criminal activity in retail crime. The disruption of these groups will not only see a longer-term impact on offenders and offending in Glasgow but across the country.

The taskforce will continue to support divisional Local Policing Teams and Problem-Solving Teams in their identification and arrest of offenders involved in retail crime.

Housebreaking

As an organisation, Police Scotland employs a range of proactive, and intelligence led measures to reduce housebreaking and increase community safety. These include targeted high-visibility patrols in areas identified through crime pattern analysis, the deployment of plain-clothes officers to disrupt offenders, and close partnership working with the local authority and community groups to strengthen information sharing.

By combining preventative policing with community engagement and practical crime-reduction initiatives, officers aim to deter criminal activity, reassure residents, and create safer communities for all. Crime analysis is being used to identify peak times and locations for targeted patrols.

We are working closely with community leaders, cultural organisations, and faith groups to better understand concerns and provide tailored crime prevention sessions. Crime Prevention Officers proactively engage with the community and victims offering enhanced advice guidance to reduce further incidents. This includes input lead by our crime prevention officers at places of worship throughout Greater Glasgow over coming months.

We encourage the reporting of all suspicious incidents to support intelligence-led policing. Police Scotland continues to work alongside partner agencies, including local authorities and community organisations, to identify crime patterns and strengthen communication channels.

We have recently launched the new “Housebreaking In Your Area” leaflet campaign to alert residents of areas experiencing increased housebreaking activity. The leaflet, produced by our Crime Prevention Team, contains practical advice and guidance to help the public secure their homes.

Community Wellbeing

WORKING WITH PARTNERS AND THE MOST VULNERABLE TO REDUCE HARM

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Confidence in reporting and trauma informed partnerships generate an ever-growing positive increase in Domestic Abuse demand. Greater Glasgow is driving a risk led strategic focus on the immediate and ongoing safety of victims.

We are embedding a culture of shared responsibility across the Division, sharing of best practice and specialist officer engagement, ensuring Domestic Abuse incidents are not viewed in isolation but require a unified response across departments and specialisms. Intrusive and robust triage protocols are in place across Local Command Areas, with additional Tier 2 Public Protection collaboration, enhancing levels of service and relationships.

This allows for the proportionate and rapid tasking of resources to the highest levels of threat. We are extending this scrutiny to our Domestic Abuse partnership frameworks including MATAAC, MARAC and DSDAS, ensuring our focus remains agile and focused on meeting demand.

The Greater Glasgow Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) have ownership of a substantial number of MATAAC nominals, who are repeat domestic offenders, each carrying a significant amount of risk. The DAIU had ownership of eleven of these nominals who are subject to a full investigation to identify any potential links between offences and incidents to mitigate any risk of re-offending. Recognising the operational requirement to mitigate this risk, the DAIU focused resources to each of the nominals, ensuring a reduction in outstanding enquiries and partnership working with external agencies to support vulnerable victims within Greater Glasgow, which has resulted in the closure of eight enquiries since January 2026.

Efficiencies and structural changes recently implemented to Greter Glasgow's Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Unit (DASU) has transformed the Unit from being a predominantly office based, administrative team, into a front facing team who proactively visit victims to better support and protect victims.

Intelligence received that a High-Risk male in prison threatened to murder his wife should he be released following imminent court trial. The prisoner was on remand for assaulting immediate family members. Significant partnership working allowed for safeguarding to be put in place for family members, including pro-active visits to the family home. Plans were also put in place, should the male have been released from prison.

The Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Unit's proactive management of this threat resulted in witnesses attending court to give evidence which ultimately led to a guilty plea prior to trail negating the requirement to give evidence. A joined-up approach of

sharing risk, implementing safety measures, and building essential trust and confidence was key to the family attending court which was reason for guilty plea and negated risk and harm to our communities.

Union Street Fire Multi-Agency Incident Response

On 8 March 2026, a multi-agency response was put in place in response to the Union Street fire. Agencies included Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Network Rail, British Transport Police and Glasgow City Council.

Police Scotland played a central leadership and co-ordination role by chairing the Local Resilience Partnership. Working collaboratively with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Glasgow City Council, NHS partners, transport agencies and third sector organisations, Police Scotland ensured a structured multi-agency approach focused on public safety, public communication, traffic management, economic impact, and support for affected residents and businesses. Through the Local Resilience Partnership arrangements, partners maintained effective communication, shared situational awareness, and coordinated recovery planning to minimise disruption and support community reassurance. The chairing role provided clear governance and accountability throughout the incident response, enabling agencies to respond effectively to emerging risks while supporting the longer-term recovery across the city centre.

Along with representatives from the involved partner agencies, Police Scotland Greater Glasgow Division officers who played a role in the response to the incident were recognised at a special reception held by The King at Dumfries House in April 2026.

Body Worn Video (BWV)

All frontline uniformed officers were trained in the use of Body Worn Video. All officers now routinely deploy wearing BWV. The use of BWV across Glasgow City is allowing officers to help achieve the 2030 Vision of Safer Communities, Less Crime and Supported Victims. Examples of the positive impact on our officers' use of BWV are:

- Officers in Glasgow South-West attended an ongoing domestic incident and on forcing entry to the property found the suspect assaulting the victim. Evidence was recorded on BWV which was essential in this case as the victim was a reluctant witness. The BWV footage allowed the charge to be upgraded to Attempted Murder and the accused appeared at court and was subsequently remanded in custody,
- Officers in Glasgow West End attended a report of a disturbance. On arrival the officers engaged with the male who then became increasingly more hostile and aggressive towards police officers. Given the behaviour displayed by the male and the assessed threat, risk and harm presented to officers and the public alike, TASER was deployed and the male was subsequently arrested. The male's conduct with police was recorded on BWV which provided evidence to support the arrest and evidence to justify that the deployment of TASER was proportionate and accountable,

- Officers in Glasgow City Centre attended a concern call where a male had taken an overdose and was in possession of knives. The male intimated that he was intent on harming himself and others and had been thinking about mass killings. Officers traced the male and on engaging with him he presented a knife at the police, refusing to drop it. Officers used excellent tactical communications and drew TASER due to the threat presented. After a short time, the male dropped the weapon and was arrested and on being searched he was found to be in possession of five knives. The conduct of the male, the tactical communications used by the police officers and the recovery of the knives were recorded on BWV, and the footage will be presented in any court proceedings.
- Officers in Glasgow South-West were conducting warrant enquiries at a house. As they carried out the enquiries a male jumped from the window resulting in him sustaining serious injuries. As with such incidents, the circumstances are scrutinised and on this occasion PIRC were able to immediately review BWV and swiftly conclude their enquiry and were satisfied with police action.

Community Events

Officers in Maryhill have maintained regular informal community engagement sessions modelled on the “*Coffee with Cops*” initiative which was piloted in Springburn by Greater Glasgow Division in December 2025. These drop in events have taken place across venues within the sub-division, providing an accessible and non-threatening opportunity for residents to see their local officers in person and raise any personal concerns or wider community issues directly. Local Problem-Solving Officers delivered other initiatives and inputs, including:

- Addressing anti-social behaviour in stairways and common areas,
- Drug misuse and dealing at specific addresses and at the canal,
- Road safety concerns near local schools and the environs of Firhill Stadium,
- Young people gathering in parks and open spaces,
- General community safety concerns (bike thefts and other bike related ASB).

Partnership Operations

Officers in Glasgow City Centre planned and implemented a high visibility multi-agency co-ordinated day of action, working with Glasgow City Council, Community Enforcement Officers and British Transport Police.

Activity	Number
Stop Search Activity	17 negative, 6 positive
Fixed Penalty- Street Drinking	2
Fixed Penalties- Road Traffic	2
Vehicles Seized	1
Recorded Police Warnings	2
Taxi License Suspension	1
Removal of Taxi Plates	2

Officers also delivered a Retailers Against Crime operation which focussed on known shoplifters and shoplifting activity in the City Centre.

Activity	Number
Arrests- Warrants	9
Arrests- Immigration Offences	4
Arrests- Breach of CCEZ	4
Arrests- Offensive Weapon	1
Arrests- Shoplifting	3
Arrests- Drugs	1
Recorded Policing Warnings	5 (Drugs and shoplifting)
Fixed Penalty- Street Drinking	2
POCA Seizures	£2035

Protecting Vulnerable People

Over 100 colleagues from Police Scotland, Glasgow City Council and Wheatley Housing attended a community partnership networking event. This event focused on strengthening relationships between each agency and improving joint working in line with the Police Scotland 2030 Vision. The networking event saw a series of inputs and discussions, sharing organisational priorities and exploring how collaborative and preventative approaches can better support our communities. A central theme of the event was reducing poverty and vulnerability which reflected a shared commitment to tackling inequality, reducing harm and improving longer term outcomes for the people of Glasgow City. Work is continuing to allow agencies to build on the learning gained from the networking event to allow meaningful improvements to be delivered across our communities.

Road Safety

Road Policing Officers have delivered training inputs in the use of Unipar Speed detection to Community Policing Officers across the division. This allows officers to address community issues at a local level.

Road Policing has accommodated secondments of Local Policing Team Officers, sharing learning and enhancing officer development. Learned knowledge can then be shared further with their teams within the division.

Officer from Road Policing apprehended a prolific organised vehicle thief and housebreaker in Glasgow South-West. The offender was responsible for several pursuits which had been abandoned for reasons of safety or lost.

Events and Operations

ENSURING THE SAFETY AND RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS AND BEING RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS.

Concerts, Events, Processions and Assemblies

In addition to football fixtures, officers across Glasgow City continued to support events and operations. Notable events at the OVO Hydro were the PRTY techno music dance event and the 2026 Premier League Darts. Proportionate policing operations were planned and delivered in support of the Security Operations at the venue. A significant number of events were assessed and no resources deployed to them with Local Policing Teams and Problem-Solving Teams having awareness of such events. Over the reporting period 30 processions and protests were assessed as requiring a dedicated policing response. Plans were developed and delivered in support of the procession organisers.

Licensed Glasgow Economy

The Safer Glasgow City Centre Policing Plan continues to be delivered each weekend. Each operation sees officers deployed proportionate to threat, risk and demand. The City Centre Policing Plan enhances our commitment to safer communities.

Glasgow City Lanes Action Plan

Given the layout of Glasgow City centre there are numerous lanes which intersect main pedestrian and vehicular routes. Many of the lanes are not well lit and are not covered by public space CCTV and as such are attractive locations for criminality. The standing Lanes Action plan delivers a policing response aimed at the disruption of criminality, enforcement and visible policing coupled with plain clothes policing deployments. Operating at peak times, the action plan underpins our 2030 Vision of Safer Communities and Less Crime. Collaborative work is ongoing with partners in Glasgow City Council and private property owners within the lanes to improve environmental factors, including the removal of items such as discarded wooden pallets, clearing up of rubbish and the removal of graffiti. These actions aim to improve the overall environment of the lanes within the city.

Glasgow City Centre Violence Against Women and Girls Delivery Plan

Glasgow City sub-division works closely with VAWG Partnership in joint co-ordination of events. This partnership allows us to share learning, best practice and new and different ways of thinking across the policing area. City Centre officers promote Project AWARE amongst the visiting public. This project covers planning visits to the city, looking out for yourself and others, advising people about the impact of their behaviour, reporting concerns to friends or the appropriate authority and to engage with services. Key messages are delivered through our social media networks.

Greater Glasgow Specially Trained Officers (STOs) (Q4) - 1st January 2026 – 31st March 2026

(% figures represent a national comparison)

