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Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2025-26 Quarter 4

Our 2030 Vision: Safer Communities, less crime, supported victims and a thriving workforce



Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Policing Plan update.

This report contains management information for Quarter 4 of the fiscal year 2025-26. It also details ongoing work and initiatives which have taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st January 2026 and 31st March 2026. The report includes an overview of planned policing activity over the coming months.

Public Health

Officers and Staff across Greater Glasgow Division continue to drive the innovative Public Health Approach to Policing. The Public Health Approach is key to improved outcomes and better services across our communities. The approach underpins each area of the Glasgow City Policing Plan priorities of crime, community wellbeing, events and operations and serious organised crime.

Initiatives across Glasgow City in Quarter 4 included:

- Herbert Protocol awareness sessions delivered to Social Work partners,
- Participation in the Young Men's Minds Steering Group as part of the year long project,
- Public Health inputs delivered to Probationary Constables on arrival in our division,
- Co-delivery of Suicide Contagion training at the University of Strathclyde.

Public Satisfaction

Our **User Experience Surveys** indicate that overall satisfaction levels with Police Scotland remain high. In Q4 the national satisfaction levels were, on average, **70%**.

In Glasgow City, **72%** of respondents indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience with Police Scotland.

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1st January 2026 – 31st March 2026

Greater Glasgow Division has investigated four murders in Quarter 4. Each of the inquiries has been detected.

On Sunday 8 March the Rangers v Celtic fixture saw significant disorder. A dedicated inquiry team has been set up to investigate the actions of supporters and identify those involved.

The fire in Union Street saw Police Scotland chair the Local Resilience Partnership and provide essential support to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in their response. Given our involvement at the incident, the demand had a significant impact on resources across the division.

The Glasgow City Dispersal Zone remains in operation with significant positive impact seen within the City Centre.

The total number of complaint cases received was 764 YTD, compared to 938 PYTD, this is a reduction of 18.6%.

The number of allegations also decreased from 1596 PYTD to 1391 YTD. This is a decrease of 12.8%. A full breakdown of Complaints About the Police data is detailed in the appendices document.



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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

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

Our Objectives

Strategic Outcomes

- These 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

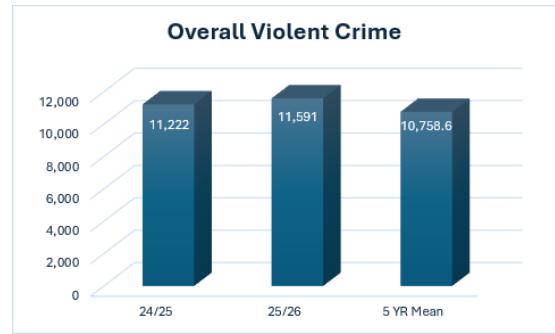
Focusing on our local policing priorities, we aim to deliver the positive outcomes highlighted, whilst promoting Glasgow's Vision and helping to deliver the Glasgow City Council Strategic Plan key themes: inequality, tackling poverty, driving inclusive growth and fighting the climate emergency

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

Crime

Overall violent crime has increased by 3.3% from PYTD, an increase of 7.7% from the 5 year mean. There were 11591 violent crimes recorded YTD, 11222 PYTD and the 5 year mean is 10758.6.

Detection rates for violent crime are 63.9% YTD compared to 63.6% PYTD.



Homicide

Operation Vantagerun– on 9th February a 61 year old male was victim of murder in the east end of Glasgow. Two males were identified as being responsible and were arrested and charged. Both have been remanded in custody.

Operation Cinderfox– on 25th February a 48 year old male was the victim of murder in the south west of Glasgow. Two males have been identified as being responsible, one of whom has been arrested and charged and is remanded in custody.

Operation Vantide– on 17th March a 41 year old female was the victim of murder in the north west of the city. A male has been identified as being responsible, arrested and charged and in remanded in custody.

Operation Altman- on the 17th March a 49 year old male was the victim of murder in the north east of the city. Two males have been identified as being responsible and have been arrested, charged and remanded in custody.

It should be noted that none of the above incidents are linked and extensive enquiries have resulted in the detection of offenders.

Serious Crime

On Sunday 8 March 2026 the Rangers Football Club and Celtic Football Club fixture took place at Ibrox stadium. The post event pitch incursion resulted in significant disorder and included assaults on police officers. A major investigation is ongoing and to date 26 arrests have been made for acts of violence and disorder. A number of other arrests are anticipated as the enquiry progresses with images of a further 35 people released to the media with enquiries ongoing to identify them.

Operation Portaledge is the Police Scotland response to feuds involving Organised Crime Groups. Greater Glasgow has seen 31 incidents linked to this operation, which include attempted murder, wilful fire raising and assault. Eleven males and one female have been arrested in relation to these incidents. The operation is ongoing.

Operation Bessingby is the extensive investigation into online targeting of females for sexual harm and abusive behaviour. To date 11 victims have been identified across Scotland with extensive enquiries identifying a suspect in England. Warrants have been craved for addresses and operational plans are in place to execute the warrants.

Hate Crime

Officers across Glasgow City are committed to investigating all reports of hate crime. We have a network of Hate Crime Advisors and Champions who are trained and are readily available to provide investigatory advice, support and assistance to colleagues. Our Preventions Officers undertake Hate Crime awareness inputs to across our communities promoting the reporting of Hate Incident and Crimes.

There has been 254 hate incidents YTD, a decrease of 31% against 368 PYTD.

Recorded hate crimes have increased 10% from 2109 PYTD to 2320 YTD.

Hate crime detection rates have seen a 4.5% reduction from 67.7% PYTD to 63.2% YTD.

Community Wellbeing

Less Crime

A male is subject of a report to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service having been charged with three incidents of wilful fire raising in Glasgow East which happened over a three week period, the third incident caused damage to the value of £40,000. The male was remanded in custody. He showed utter disregard for public safety and his arrest prevented further offences.

A series of commercial housebreakings to restaurants and licensed premises in Glasgow North West saw significant joint working between Local Problem Solving and Local Policing Teams which directed extensive investigation resulting in the detection and arrest of two males who were charged with 21 crimes, including thefts, housebreaking, bail and hate crime offences. Both males have been remanded in custody.

Student safety, wellbeing and prevention of housebreaking inputs were delivered to over 50 Chinese students who have recently commenced studies at Glasgow International College. Similar sessions were delivered to 60 international students at the University of Strathclyde. These inputs delivered focus on personal safety and wellbeing in a new city.

Young People

At the start of 2026, Australia's CEO of the Violence Reduction Unit represented the Australian Minister for Youth Justice on a visit to Glasgow and requested to meet with Police Scotland. As part of the visit the CEO was able to meet with officers involved in the "One Glasgow: Reducing Offending" programme. The visit allowed them to understand the local Police Scotland approach to reducing offending by young people.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) supported key community safety campaigns, including, acquisitive crime leaflet drops in Glasgow North East and North West, delivering crime prevention advice in response to an increase in related crimes. PSYV attended the Crimestoppers Fearless Appreciation event, representing our division. At this event they were thanked for their contributions to policing over the last 12 months. PSYV members undertook National Cyber Crime Training. This was a series of workshops which allowed our volunteers to learn key aspects of online safety.

Officers from our Public Protection Unit arrested and charged a male who was communicating with a female on Snapchat. The male planned for the female to attend at his address. At the address, the female was then the subject of serious sexual assault. The female escaped from the address and the incident was reported to police. Through enquiry it was found the male was communicating with a further two young females in England and was encouraging them to travel to Scotland. The male was found guilty at the High Court in April this year.

The Partick Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) has been implemented, following on from the success of the CAP in Govan. The aim of the CAP is to reduce alcohol harm amongst children and young people, improving their health and wellbeing and enhancing their communities through education, responsible retail strategies and provision of diversionary activities.

Safer Communities

The Glasgow City Centre Dispersal Zone has now been in place since April 2026. It continues to assist in the targeting of anti-social behaviour in the Glasgow City Centre. Since its implementation, dispersal powers have been used 770 times by our officers. See appendices for further detail.

Officers in Glasgow North East undertook a series of initiatives, including an action plan with Glasgow City Council targeting illegal sale of cigarettes in the community, SCAM inputs were delivered in Tollcross and a number of road policing action plans were implemented. Of note in this area, officers seized £30,000 in cash and gold under The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA). In another incident officers seized £130,000 worth of cannabis plants at a cannabis cultivation.

Community Wellbeing

Counter Terrorism

In response to the terrorist incident in Golders Green, London the United Kingdom Terrorism Threat Level was increased to severe, meaning that an attack is **highly likely**.

There is nothing to suggest a specific threat to Scotland. Police Scotland urges the public to remain alert but not alarmed. The public should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups

Officers in Maryhill continue to work closely with staff and patients at Stobhill Hospital, engaging in structured demand-reduction activity, building on the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) Unscheduled Care Transformation Plan. This includes multi-agency case conferences for repeat attendees and frequent callers. This is co-ordinated with Stobhill Hospital's Emergency Department and Assessment Unit, Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Mental Health Teams, addiction services and third sector partners. The overall aim of this partnership approach is to reduce police attendance at the hospital and repeated crisis callouts through proactive care planning for identified high-demand individuals.

Following the report of a missing person in Maryhill, extensive enquiries were co-ordinated to trace her. The missing person was believed to be at risk of honour-based violence. Careful consideration was given to cultural awareness and the potential impact this could have on engagement, decision making and public confidence. Collaborative working across a number of police functions allowed the enquiry team to draw on specialist knowledge and established local and national processes. The missing female was traced with safeguarding plans put in place to support her.

Our Missing Person Co-ordination Unit (MPCU) has undertaken work with the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) to introduce Herbert Protocol keyrings. The keyrings have a QR code on them and are attached to ambulance keys. Keyrings have also been attached to all Local Policing Team vehicle keys across Glasgow. When Police Officers or Scottish Ambulance Service staff deal with families where the protocol is relevant, the families can scan the QR code on their mobile phones and gain instant access to Herbert Protocol information and assistance on the Police Scotland website.

The Missing Person Co-ordination Unit has delivered missing person inputs to Greater Glasgow Division probationary officers during their induction week. These inputs covered the initial response to missing person incidents, risk gradings and priority actions. The probationer inputs provide our newest officers with enhanced knowledge to allow them to effectively progress missing person incidents.

The unit also delivered inputs about the Respect Programme and Not At Home processes to the Divisional Inspector and Sergeant Forum. This allowed the MPCU to develop supervisory understanding when working in partnership with Children's Houses in their policing areas.

Further partnership inputs were delivered to the MPCU to staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Parkhead Hub and University of Strathclyde which covered missing persons protocols.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Our Preventions Officers undertook considerable work in this area during the reporting period. The inputs covered topics such as Hate Crime, Personal Safety, Violence Against Women and Girls and included:

- Crime Prevention inputs to the Scottish Refugee Council which included personal safety advice in relation to Hate Crime reporting,
- Online inputs to Victim Support Scotland around Hate Crime and the processes for reporting these crimes,
- Various collaborative events with partners with a focus on areas including personal safety, cultural awareness, reducing alcohol related harm, supporting vulnerable individuals and improving community wellbeing.

Events and Looking Ahead

Events and Operations

Over Quarter 4 our Events and Operations team assessed 240 events, deploying resources to 64 events and operations. Key events across the division included football fixtures, high profile events at the OVO Hydro.

Processions and assemblies continue to place a demand in Glasgow City and the wider division and organisation. We assessed 102 processions and protests, of which 30 required resource deployments. There has been a notable increase in assemblies and demonstrations primarily due to recent global events.

We continue to support Glasgow's night time economy with officers from across Greater Glasgow dedicated to the Safer Glasgow City Centre Policing Plan. This plan enhances policing in the city centre and maximises the safety of people visiting the city.

Local Problem Solving Team officers have been working closely with Partick Thistle Football Club in relation to match days. Working with club security, local officers have been present on match days, managing any disorder risk, supporting safe ingress and egress from the stadium and engaging with supporters' groups.

Forward Look

2026 Commonwealth Games— A scaled back Commonwealth Games will be hosted by Glasgow between 23 July and 2 August 2026. This games will include 10 sports across 4 existing venues in the city, namely the Scottish Events Campus (SEC), Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming Centre and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome. Over 500,000 tickets will be available over the period of the Games with 3,000 athletes from 74 Commonwealth countries competing. Police Scotland have been working with the event organiser, Glasgow 2026 Ltd, Glasgow City Council and Blue Light Partners to develop operational plans to support the delivery of the event. Policing for the event will commence in the coming months, with dedicated police deployments taking place across the city to prepare for the arrival of athletes and visitors to the city. During the event, Police Scotland will provide support to all venues through a variety of conventional and specialist resources deploying across the city, as we work with the event organiser to deliver a safe and secure event.

Significant planning has been undertaken to ensure services for business-as-usual policing, and we continue to work with the dedicated Commonwealth Games Planning Team to consider any wider city events that will be taking place during the 10-day event period.

Events and Operations— TRNSMT festival will take place in Glasgow Green over the weekend of 19, 20 and 21 June 2026. A Police Command Structure is in place for the event and a dedicated policing plan will be delivered over the course of the weekend.

Scottish born electronic dance music artist Calvin Harris will play two consecutive dates in August at Barclays Hampden. The Lumineers, Alanis Morissette, Pitbull and Kings of Leon will play dates between 27 June and 4 July as part of the Glasgow Summer Sessions at Bellahouston Park.

Due to the scale and number of attendees at each of the the concerts, a Police Command Structure will be in place and dedicated specialist and conventional resources will deploy in support of the organisers and their security operation.

The FIFA World Cup 2025 takes place between 11 June and 19 July. Scotland's involvement will see an impact on our licensed premises and night-time economy which we will support through appropriate risk assessment and proportionate policing deployments when required.