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Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2025-26 Quarter 3

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



Quarterly Report Q3 1st October 25 – 31st December 2025

The reporting period was demanding in Glasgow City, with several high-profile events, operations and incidents, including demonstrations, Halloween and delivery of our fireworks anti-disorder plans, Operations Academia and Moonbeam. An increase in footfall across the city during the festive period saw local action plans implemented.

On Christmas Day a seriously injured male was found on a roadway in Glasgow northwest, he died from his injuries on Boxing Day. A male was arrested for his murder and is remanded in prison.

We continue to work closely with our partners to police incidents, implement our overall plans at events, minimise disruption to the local community and maintain business as usual service delivery across Glasgow City.

Welcome to the latest Glasgow City Local Policing Plan update. This report contains management information for Quarter 3 of the fiscal year 2025-26. The report provides details of ongoing work and initiatives which have commenced or have taken place in the Glasgow City area between 1st October 2025 and 31st December 2025 and also includes an overview of policing for the next six months.

Public Health

Greater Glasgow Police Division has undergone a considerable period of transformation by developing its public health approach to policing. This approach has been sustained in Quarter 3 with a focus on preventative action and multi-agency partnership work across several key areas including; suicide prevention, mental health and overarching support of vulnerable individuals. We continue to actively engage with organisations and groups within our communities, with the following examples demonstrating this engagement:

- Mental Health & Missing Person pop up event in Maryhill,
- Facilitated a Youth and Young Adults Suicide Prevention forum,
- Lifelines Wellbeing session delivered,
- Public Health inputs delivered to probationers at Govan Police Station.

Public Satisfaction

Our **User Experience Surveys** indicate that overall satisfaction levels with Police Scotland remain high. In Q3 the national satisfaction levels were, on average, **67%**.

In Glasgow City, **74%** of respondents indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience with Police Scotland.

The total number of complaint cases received was 603 YTD, compared to 725 complaints PYTD, this is a reduction of 16.8%.

The number of allegations also decreased from 1226 PYTD to 1068 YTD. This is a decrease of 12.9%. A full breakdown of Complaints About the Police data is detailed in **Appendix A**.



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Plan on a Page
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

Strategic Outcomes

- These acts 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

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
- Fuels & firearms
- Interventions
- Human trafficking
- Serious Violence
- Drug supply & manufacture

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

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: the quality, tackling poverty, driving inclusive growth and fighting the climate emergency

PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

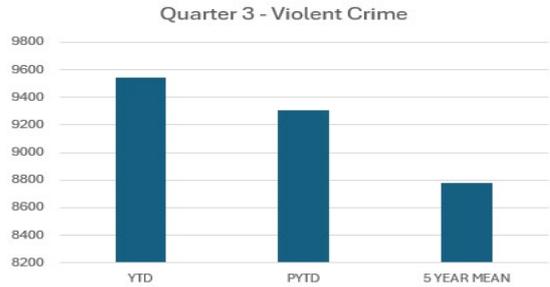
PARTNERSHIPS

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

Crime

Overall violent crime has increased by 2.5% from PYTD, an increase of 8.7% from the 5 year mean. There were 9545 violent crimes recorded YTD, 9309 PYTD and the 5 year mean is 8781.2.

Detection rates for violent crime are 62.6% YTD compared to 65.6% PYTD.



Murder

Operation Yellow Brick

In October 2025, officers from Police Scotland along with colleagues from the Scottish Ambulance Service were called to a report of a male with significant stab wounds. The male was conveyed to hospital where he later died.

A male was identified as being responsible for the male’s death and was arrested, charged with his murder and is currently remanded in custody.

Drugs & Weapons

Operation Carex took place between September and December 2025. The operation saw focused policing activity from Local Policing, Problem Solving Policing, SOC Teams, and Specialist Resources from our Operational Support Division including Road Policing and the Operational Support Unit. This high profile activity centred around St Enoch Square and Union Street, Glasgow. The following detections are a result of the operation: 27 drug supply offences, 45 drug possession offences, 16 Breaches of Bail/Exclusion Zones Orders/Undertaking Conditions. This operation coincides with a 32% drop in non-fatal overdoses in the City Centre sub-division from Quarter 2 to Quarter 3. Our teams are maintaining activity in these areas. A full overview of Operation Carex can be found in the Serious Organised Crime Overview section of this report.

Local Problem Solving Officers and the Prison Liaison Team have been working closely with staff at HMP Barlinnie to tackle drugs entering the prison estate. Capitalising on anti-drone technology at the prison, a multi-agency snap plan was put in place which has resulted in increased reporting and a wider understanding of the management of drone related incidents. This area of work has resulted in the interception of drones and the subsequent recovery of controlled drugs and weapons. These items had the potential to jeopardise the safety of staff and prisoners had they reached their intended target. This proactive work will continue and develop in 2026.

Hate Crime

Police Scotland has a key role in ensuring Scotland is safe and welcoming and we are committed to preventing hate crime. We want everyone targeted by hate crime, or those who witness it, to have the confidence to report it.

Our Safer Communities and Local Problem Solving Teams continue to engage with communities about hate crime as detailed in the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion section of the Appendices document.

There have been 159 hate incidents YTD, an increase of 5.3% against PYTD.

Recorded hate crimes have increased, 8.7% from 1757 PYTD to 1910 YTD.

Hate crime detection rates have seen a reduction 3.6% reduction to 63% YTD from 66.6% PYTD.

Community Wellbeing

Less Crime

Student Safety- We delivered inputs to 140 International Students who had recently started studying at the University of Strathclyde. The input focused on general safety and wellbeing of students studying and residing in Glasgow, with an emphasis placed on scam and fraud awareness.

Public Space CCTV- During Quarter 3 we carried out 1106 reviews of public space CCTV which has resulted in the production of 456 CCTV packages for inclusion in ongoing enquiries. These enquiries included serious assaults, robberies, sexual offences and wilful fire raisings.

City Centre High Visibility Day- to support and maximise visibility in the city centre local officers, Glasgow City Council and British Transport Police, undertook a high visibility day. The overarching aim was to showcase resources available in the city centre and to enhance safety and security to those visiting and working there. The operation was well received and future similar operations are in the planning stages for delivery in 2026.

Supported Victims

Police Scotland has a critical role to play in preventing violence and safeguarding women and girls. Our vision is to create a society and culture where women and girls live free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation and harassment. Throughout the *16 Days of Activism* campaign, we actively supported national operations to prevent Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) by delivering a series of targeted social media posts across Facebook and X social media platforms. These posts highlighted key safety messages and signposted support through initiatives including the National Domestic Abuse Campaign, the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS), Victim Support Scotland, stalking awareness, the *"That Guy"* campaign and sextortion prevention.

Officers in Maryhill undertook an operation in line with the *"16 Days of Activism"* which aligned to the national campaign to tackle gender-based violence. Offenders were apprehended and victims safeguarded. Officers worked with local support agencies for victims of domestic abuse. Third sector support agencies, including Scottish Women's Aid and Possilpark's Chara Centre, recognised the work undertaken which had broken down barriers, especially with women who are settling in Scotland. The operation also ensured cultural awareness amongst our officers.

Safer Communities

Greater Glasgow Division has 25 School Engagement Officers covering 26 schools. The key roles of these officers is engagement and prevention. They deliver a calendar of inputs covering key topics such as *"No Knives, Better Lives"*, drugs and anti-social behaviour. The officers work closely with partner organisations, including *"Medics Against Violence"* and *"Fearless"*. In addition they provide advice, guidance and support to schools, allowing issues to be dealt with locally, preventing young people entering the Criminal Justice System. This engagement also prevents such incidents being reported and reduces demand on Local Policing.

"Positive Outcomes Project", based at Glasgow City Council's Criminal Justice Services in Norfolk Street, attended the *"Unseen Stories, Lasting Change"* event at the Tron Theatre. They also held an information stall at the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership event in Glasgow City Chambers. This event was attended by numerous statutory and third sector support agencies and Health and Social Care Partnership staff.

A Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) event took place at the City of Glasgow College. This multi-agency public sector event at the CGC was attended by 510 school and college students. Information and resources were provided to students regarding online safety and promotional material around cyber and STEM based careers in Police Scotland was also distributed to delegates at the event.

Community Wellbeing

Counter Terrorism

Officers attended a tabletop event at the Scottish Event Campus aimed at students in the Events Management academic field and allowed attendees to explore a number of counter-terrorism related issues that could arise within the event management arena.

In December we participated in Exercise Shopboard at the Scottish Event Campus. This multi-agency exercise tested and enhanced multi-agency preparedness for the response and recovery phases of a terrorist related incident. Over 130 delegates attended and included representatives from Police Scotland, the Scottish Government, National Health Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Local Authority, Education, Glasgow Life, Commonwealth Games Planning and concert promoters.

The Quarter 2 report provided an overview of the Greater Glasgow Counter Terrorism Liaison Officers' launch of the CT Webinars. Between October and December our CTLOs continued to provide online and in person inputs covering ACT awareness, Home Office Prevent Awareness and "See, Check and Notify" (SCaN). These inputs were delivered to 526 people from Police Scotland, UK Government Cabinet Office, Local Authorities, Education Staff and music and concert venue staff.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups

In Glasgow South West our Probationer Inclusion Programme was developed. The programme, which is designed to reflect the vibrant cultural diversity of the area, was further developed this quarter. Through close work with Glasgow Central Mosque, Glasgow Gurdwara and local Synagogues we provide our new probationary officers with an immersive learning experience, allowing officers to engage directly with various faiths and cultures, gaining first hand experiences, perspectives and challenges within our community. The programme fosters mutual trust between police and groups that may have historically seen lower engagement levels. This has seen an increase in public confidence in policing in this area, encouraging higher rates of reporting and reducing the fear of crime, ensuring our community feel heard and supported.

Operation Waterdale developed further and in line with our commitment to tackling VAWG and responding to prostitution and associated offences in the Calton ward area. The operation continues to be locally led by Local Problem Solving Team and the Public Protection Unit (PPU) and has focused around the Necropolis, Duke Street, Hunter Street and Barrack Street. Our deployments have seen seven males reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, two of the males were known for sexual offending and were released with undertaking conditions prohibiting them from entering the area.

A convicted sex offender in breach of their Sex Offender Notification Requirements re-offended over a two day period in Glasgow. After significant enquiries the offender was identified, arrested and charged. They were remanded in custody and remains in prison on full committal. Without swift investigation and action of local officers it is highly likely that the offending would have continued with a propensity for further escalation.

Local Problem Solving Teams in Glasgow City Centre and Maryhill supported the national festive drink drive campaign alongside the general road safety theme of "Fatal Five". A blended approach of education and enforcement ensured the promotion of trust and confidence in Police Scotland by road users. City Centre officers focussed activity on cyclists and e-bikes, which had been raised as an area of concern by the community and elected members.

Events and Looking Ahead

Events and Operations

During the reporting period our Operations and Events Planning team assessed some 217 events, and planned the policing deployments for 29 processions and protests and 29 football fixtures across Glasgow City. We continue to police the weekly Gaza Genocide Emergency Committee (GGEC) demonstrations.

Greater Glasgow Division will continue to support events with an emphasis on maximising public safety. Work is ongoing with event organisers to reduce the impact on policing, emphasising the responsibility of organisers to ensure robust and proportionate safety plans are being implemented. This will reduce impact on police and return resources to local communities.

Processions including those organised by “Friends of the Earth” and the “Scottish Trades Union Congress” took place in November. These processions attracted a high number of participants. Working closely with the organisers, policing plans were put in place to support each event.

There were a number of concerts and events throughout the period, taking place at various locations across the city. Greater Glasgow continue to work with Event Organisers to ensure concerts and events are delivered safely with due consideration to wider community impact. The majority of events passed without incident and managed by Local Area Commanders (local awareness).

Forward Look

Body Worn Video (BWV)- The national roll out of Body Worn Video (BWV) is one of our Chief Constable’s commitments, helping make our communities safer. The rollout started in Tayside in March 2025 and Greater Glasgow Division will see the rollout start on 24 March 2026. BWV can de-escalate incidents, improve public trust in policing, reduce complaints, support officers and staff safety and provides effective and transparent evidence of police and public actions. BWV also brings wider benefits to the criminal justice system: early justice to victims, seeing early guilty pleas and reducing time spent at court by victims, witnesses and police officers. Every uniformed front line police officer in the Glasgow will wear a video camera while on duty. The training for officers is well under way with 57% of officers having completed the required courses.

Events & Operations- A significant number of high profile events will take place in Glasgow City in 2026. We will deliver policing operations including policed football fixtures, the elections to the Scottish Parliament in May, the weekend long TRNSMT festival at Glasgow Green, concerts at Hampden Park in June and the Annual Boyne processions across the wider city in July. There will be global focus on the city in the summer with the delivery of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. We continue to work with Glasgow City Council, blue light services and Glasgow 2026 Ltd to develop policing plans for the Games. Our focus remains to ensure a proportionate policing response to the event, whilst continuing to provide policing services to communities across Greater Glasgow. The dedicated planning team continue to work jointly with Greater Glasgow Division to understand the wider impact to the city and parallel events.

Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027– In January 2026, the Scottish Government set out its spending plans for 2026/27, outlining a £90m cash terms uplift for policing, however this falls short of the Chief Constable’s uplift request. Investigative complexities and resource commitments across several areas of policing have increased and global events see an increase in demonstration activity with socio-economic factors and technology advances all contributing to a change in crime trends and demands on policing.

Greater Glasgow Division is the largest of Scotland’s Local Policing Divisions and the budget announcement will be felt considerably across our policing landscape as we continue to assess the impact of the budget on delivery of policing in Glasgow.

Serious Organised Crime Overview

Recoveries & Pro-activity

Drugs Seizures—Type and Value

Type	Value Total
Cannabis Plants	£951,600.00
Cannabis Herbal	£836,382.00
Cocaine	£76,710.00
Diamorphine	£68,610.00
Other (eg Prescribed Medication)	£64,246.00
Cannabis Edibles	£13,220.00
Psychedelics / Mushrooms / LSD	£8,795.00
Cannabis Oil	£3,501.00
MDMA Powder	£2,910.00
Ketamine	£2,700.00
Cannabis Vapes	£1,800.00
Diazepam Tablets	£890.00
Etizolam Tablets	£730.00
MDMA Tablets	£615.00
Amphetamine	£150.00



Operation Carex– Glasgow City Centre

In November and December, Operation Carex focused policing activity in St Enoch Square and Union Street.

The days of action saw deployments from our Serious and Organised Crime Team, Serious and Organised Crime Disruptions Team, Pro-active Unit, Divisional Violence Reduction Unit, Local Policing Teams and Glasgow City Local Problem-Solving Team with specialist support from our Operational Support Division.

The following notable activity was recorded:

- 93 crimes detected,
- 27 drugs supply offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971,
- 45 drugs possession offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971,
- 16 Breaches of Bail / Glasgow City Exclusion Zone / Undertaking Conditions,
- 3 weapons offences,
- 60 offenders detected,
- 35 nominals arrested.

Our policing activity in Operation Carex now focuses on upscaling operations targeting those supply controlled drugs to street dealers.

Glasgow Pro-Active Seizures

Proactive unit officers executed warrants at a property and recovered cannabis and cocaine and £220,750 in cash. A further £59,000 was seized under an Account Freezing Order. A male has been charged with offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

In Glasgow North West Local Problem Solving Team officers were of patrol when they observed a vehicle and its occupants in suspicious circumstances. Diligent enquiries resulted in a total of £170,000 being seized from the occupants under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Operation Stoneheart

Greater Glasgow Division Community Investigation Unit took the lead in the investigation into a serious of ATM “rip-out” thefts across Scotland over 2025 and into 2026.

An Organised Crime Group from England was identified as being responsible and through effective collaboration with other UK Police Forces four perpetrators were apprehended and are remanded in custody.

A substantial sum of stolen money, vehicles and power tools have been recovered. The work undertaken in Scotland has opened additional avenues of enquiry for numerous undetected similar crimes in England.