

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

7 There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Emma Croft, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Quarter 3 period from 1st October to 31st December 2025, advising

- (1) of the continued drive forward with its Public Health Approach to policing that involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of the community;
- (2) that there had been a slight increase in overall violent crimes and slight decrease in detection rates compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland committed to working towards reducing those figures;
- (3) that hate crime detection rates had increased compared to the previous year, and recorded hate crimes had also increased compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland continuing to work with its partners to encourage reporting all hate crimes;
- (4) targeted campaigns continued in relation to student safety, violence against women and girls, gender-based violence and promoting safer communities;
- (5) of some of the work being undertaken in relation to counter terrorism and protecting vulnerable groups;
- (6) of the work being done to support various events including processions and protests, football fixtures and concerts;
- (7) of an update on the roll out of Body Worn Video, that could benefit the general public/victims in terms of evidence based situations and support officer wellbeing;
- (8) of the potential impact on the recent Scottish Government Budget 2026/27 which continued to be assessed; and
- (9) 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 the report; and
- (b) requested that Police Scotland look at whether they could incorporate statistical information relating to crimes against children into their quarterly update report, as requested by Bailie Christy Mearns.