



Perth and Kinross Council Community Safety Committee

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PERTH & KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA PERFORMANCE RESULTS 1st APRIL 2013 TO 30th NOVEMBER 2013

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that members:

(a) Note, scrutinise and question the content of this report.

2 RECORDED CRIME

2.1 Perth & Kinross LPA evidenced reductions in serious assault and robbery when compared to the average of the previous 5 years. Overall, the number of crimes of violence reduced by 8 crimes.

99 violent crimes recorded ~ 8 fewer than the 5 year average

A reduction in serious assaults of 8.3% (3 fewer victims)

A reduction in robbery of 73% (19 fewer victims)

As can be seen from above there was an overall reduction in assaults and robbery of 22 crimes but overall Group 1 crimes (violent crimes) only reduced by 8. This was due to an increase in cruel & unnatural treatment of children which evidenced 21 more victims.

The majority of these crimes came from multiple charges in one single instance. There is little doubt that the partnership initiatives and joint training has equipped officers better to identify child neglect while carrying out their daily roles. This then leads to partnership intervention in order to keep children safe in Perth and Kinross.

2.2 Reductions were also achieved in

Shoplifting – 34% (136 fewer victims)

Vandalism – 35% (285 fewer victims)

2.3 Overall, Group 1-4¹ recorded 2561 crimes and evidenced a reduction of 15.7% compared with the 5 year average (476 fewer crimes).

- 2.4 148 crimes of indecency were recorded, a 109% increase on the 5 year average of 71. However, it should be noted that approximately a third of these crimes were retrospectively reported and did not occur this year. Recent, well publicised cases involving historic abuse have, perhaps, given victims greater confidence to report matters to the police knowing they will be thoroughly investigated. Some of the crimes were linked and involved the same victims and/or perpetrator. There was also an increase in crimes linked to the use of internet and social media.
- 2.5 More than half of the common assaults (59%) which took place in the Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area occurred in Perth section, with an almost even split between the city centre and the remainder of the section.

This had been previously identified and the review of Local Policing Area resources has taken place with additional community officers being brought in to supplement the response teams.

Almost half (47%) of the LPA's common assaults involved the consumption of alcohol either by the victim, perpetrator, or both. Over 1/5 (21.6%) of all common assaults occurred in, or in the vicinity of, licensed premises.

The centre safe plan for Perth city and the Local Policing Area's larger towns concentrates focused Police activity during the night time economy, to directly target those involved in violence and anti social behavior. These resources are augmented by Police Scotland's Campaign against Violence initiative utilising office based resources at weekends.

All crimes of violence receive supervisory scrutiny and the year to date detection rate for common assaults sits at 88%.

¹ Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3, the largest, covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising, and malicious mischief.)

3 DETECTION RATES

- 3.1 Improvements in detection rates, against the 5 year average were evidenced in the following:-

Robbery 100.0% - 5 year average 83.3%
Common assault 88.0% - 5 year average 80.0%
Vandalism 36.0% - 5 year average 35.5%

- 3.2 The detection rate for Shoplifting (86%) was the same as the 5 year average but for Housebreaking – all property and including attempts - there was a deterioration from a 5 year average of 37.6% to 36.0%. However, this was an improvement on results at the end of September when only 29.5% of crimes had been detected. The detection rate for serious assault (87.9%) was also lower than the 5 year average of 93.1%. Comparatively low numbers of crimes recorded in this area leads to large fluctuations in terms of the detection rate and 1 further detection would have produced a detection rate of 91%.

- 3.3 The detection of the supply, production etc of drugs is reliant on intelligence and, thereafter, the targeting of drug dealers can take a lengthy period to develop. Once an operation comes to fruition, however, multiple crimes and seizures can occur.
- 3.4 All investigations of rape, irrespective of geographically location, are now dealt with centrally by the Tayside Division Rape Investigation Unit and supplemented by the National Rape Investigation Unit (North Hub).

The detection rate for Crimes of Indecency improved by 18.1 percentage points, from a 5 year average figure of 63.7% to 81.8%. Results in this area can fluctuate for several reasons; often detections hinge on forensic evidence and the volume of cases being dealt with by the laboratories cause's backlogs which can delay things significantly. Cases of an historical nature are not unusual and recent, well publicised cases involving sexual abuse have, perhaps, given victims greater confidence to report matters to the police knowing they will be thoroughly investigated. Cases of this nature often involve several crimes which will be detected all at the same time thus leading to a rise in the overall detection rate.

4 ROAD SAFETY

- 4.1 Reductions were recorded in all three measures of road casualties when compared to the five year average:-

People killed/seriously injured 57 – 5 year average 85
People slightly injured 189 – 5 year average 228
Children killed/slightly injured 3 – 5 year average 6

- 4.2 Significant detections for the following were above the five year average and this was due to emphasis on enforcement to influence driver behaviour in order to keep people safe and deny criminals the use of the road networks:-

Speeding 2146 – 5 year average 1052
Seat belt offences 334 – 5 year average 70
Mobile phones 541 – 5 year average 97

Currently, greater focus is being placed on the criminal activity of road users with the aim of keeping people safe and denying criminal's use of the road network. This has increased performance in areas such as dangerous driving, speed detection, seatbelt and mobile phone offences. However, we are currently working towards increasing performance in detecting disqualified drivers and those who are uninsured. To this end we are working with partners and also looking to develop IT solutions to increase opportunities to raise performance in this area. We are looking to adopt best practice being used currently elsewhere in Scotland.

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Perth and Kinross
November 2013

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2013 - Nov 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	99	107	8 fewer	-7.5%
2	Murder	1	1	no change	
3	Attempted Murder	10	12	2 fewer	-16.7%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	0	
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	0	
6	Serious Assault detection rate	87.9%	93.1%		-5.2 pp
7	Serious Assault	33	36	3 fewer	-8.3%
8	Robbery detection rate	100%	83.3%		+16.7 pp
9	Robbery	7	26	19 fewer	-73.1%
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	88.0%	80.0%		+8.0 pp
11	Petty (common) assault	953	847	106 more	+12.5%
12	Stop and searches conducted	4913	1489		+230%
13	Percentage of positive stop and searches conducted (target 15%).	24.8%			
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4486	6096		-26.4%
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	784	564	220 more	+39.0%
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in one or more crimes being recorded	57.4%			
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	90.5%			
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	88			
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	95.8%			
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	88.2%			

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2013 - Nov 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	86	103		-16.5%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	36.0%	37.6%		-1.6 pp
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	250	248	2 more	+0.8%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	86.2%	86.5%		-0.3 pp
26	Theft by shoplifting	269	405	136 fewer	-33.6%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	36.0%	35.5%		-0.5 pp
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	519	804	285 fewer	-35.4%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	58	6		+866.7 %

Public Protection					
		Apr 2013 - Nov 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	148	71	77 more	+108.5%
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	81.8%	63.7%		+18.1 pp
32	Rape detection rate (Tayside Division result)	69.6%	65.1%		+4.5 pp

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2013 - Nov 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
People Killed/Seriously Injured	57	85	28 fewer	-32.9%
People Slightly Injured	189	228	39 fewer	-17.1%
Children (aged<16) Killed/Seriously Injured	3	6	3 fewer	-50.0%

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2013 - Nov 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	48	38		+26.3%
34	Speeding	2146	1052		+104.0%
35	Disqualified driving	20	23		-13.0%
36	Driving Licence	135	116		+16.4%
37	Insurance	301	280		+7.5%
38	Seat Belts	334	70		+377.1%
39	Mobile Phone	541	97		+457.7%

Public Confidence					
Tayside Division		Apr 2013 - Nov 2013			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	396		~	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	562	14	~	~

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LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Perth and Kinross

November 2013 Multi Member Ward Report

Date April to November 2013

Crimes Count

Groups 1 to 4
Groups 1 to 5
All Group 1
Murder/Att Murder
Serious Assault
Robbery
Common Assault
Knives/Offensive Weapons
Consumption of Alcohol
Drugs Supply/Production
All Group 2
Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Local Policing Area

Rec	Det	%
2502	1164	46.5%
3587	2230	62.2%
96	93	96.9%
11	12	109.1%
31	27	87.1%
8	8	100.0%
929	816	87.8%
49	47	95.9%
0	0	~
87	80	92.0%
141	117	83.0%
238	86	36.1%
270	232	85.9%

Almond & Earn

Rec	Det	%
81	28	34.6%
108	55	50.9%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
27	23	85.2%
0	0	~
0	0	~
5	5	100.0%
0	1	~
15	0	0.0%
2	1	50.0%

Blairgowrie & Glens

Rec	Det	%
126	71	56.3%
183	128	69.9%
4	3	75.0%
1	1	100.0%
1	0	~
0	0	~
75	69	92.0%
7	7	100.0%
0	0	~
3	3	100.0%
5	4	80.0%
9	3	33.3%
14	11	78.6%

Carse of Gowrie

Rec	Det	%
117	39	33.3%
150	71	47.3%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
23	23	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
3	4	133.3%
5	4	80.0%
19	3	15.8%
5	3	60.0%

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Murder/Att Murder
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Highland

Rec	Det	%
130	39	30.0%
151	59	39.1%
8	8	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
38	34	89.5%
3	2	66.7%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
7	7	100.0%
17	2	11.8%
4	3	75.0%

Kinross-shire

without T-in-the-Park

Rec	Det	%
182	70	38.5%
211	98	46.4%
5	5	100.0%
3	4	133.3%
4	2	50.0%
0	0	~
40	40	100.0%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
21	20	95.2%
15	4	26.7%
13	13	100.0%

Kinross-shire

T-in-the-Park only

Rec	Det	%
145	49	33.8%
522	424	81.2%
2	1	50.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
29	26	89.7%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
38	38	100.0%
4	2	50.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~

Kinross-shire

Everything

Rec	Det	%
327	119	36.4%
733	522	71.2%
7	6	85.7%
3	4	133.3%
4	2	50.0%
0	0	~
69	66	95.7%
5	5	100.0%
0	0	~
40	40	100.0%
25	22	88.0%
15	4	26.7%
13	13	100.0%

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Drugs Supply/Production
All Group 2
Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Perth City Centre

Rec	Det	%
684	379	55.4%
908	592	65.2%
25	25	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
15	15	100.0%
3	3	100.0%
288	258	89.6%
17	17	100.0%
0	0	~
23	15	65.2%
32	21	65.6%
53	30	56.6%
159	139	87.4%

Perth City North

Rec	Det	%
417	204	48.9%
601	387	64.4%
15	14	93.3%
2	2	100.0%
2	2	~
4	4	100.0%
187	163	87.2%
8	8	100.0%
0	0	~
5	5	100.0%
22	18	81.8%
33	11	33.3%
51	47	92.2%

Perth City South

Rec	Det	%
160	81	50.6%
187	107	57.2%
2	3	150.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
46	36	78.3%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
1	1	~
10	9	90.0%
12	10	83.3%
9	7	77.8%

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Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Strathallan

Rec	Det	%
102	37	36.3%
128	62	48.4%
2	2	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
25	22	88.0%
3	2	66.7%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
6	5	83.3%
11	3	27.3%
2	1	50.0%

Strathearn

Rec	Det	%
145	58	40.0%
174	87	50.0%
6	5	83.3%
1	1	100.0%
3	2	66.7%
1	1	100.0%
70	53	75.7%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
7	7	100.0%
34	14	41.2%
7	5	71.4%

Strathmore

Rec	Det	%
130	76	58.5%
174	120	69.0%
17	17	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
56	50	89.3%
0	0	~
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
12	11	91.7%
11	5	45.5%
4	2	50.0%

Strathtay

Rec	Det	%
83	33	39.8%
90	40	44.4%
5	5	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
25	19	76.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
10	8	80.0%
9	1	11.1%
0	0	~

Source: All results taken from the Police Scotland Management Information System on 16/12/2013

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