

Perth & Kinross Council Community Safety Committee

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POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

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

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 violent crime when compared to the average of the previous 5 years

A reduction in overall violent crime of 12% (5 fewer victims)

A reduction in serious assaults of 20% (3 fewer victims)

A reduction in robbery of 60% (6 fewer victims)

2.2 Reductions were also achieved in

Housebreaking (including attempts) – 36% (14 fewer victims)

Shoplifting - 20% (29 fewer victims)

Vandalism – 29% (88 fewer victims)

2.3 Overall, Group 1-4¹ recorded 999 crimes and evidenced a reduction of 7% compared with the 5 year average (76 fewer crimes).

2.4 37 crimes of indecency were recorded, a 42% increase on the 5 year average of 26. However, it should be noted that approximately a third of these crimes had been 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, phones etc.

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.)

- 2.5 Common assault mainly occurred in Perth City Centre and North Perth areas and approximately 50% of occurrences involved alcohol. Just over 27% of occurrences included a domestic aggravation. In terms of locus, just over 50% occurred in residential private spaces, approximately 33% in open spaces and a further 15% took place in or on public premises.

A Centre Safe plan has been created for Perth City and others are being developed for the outlying towns. These will ring fence dedicated resources to proactive and preventative patrols in the hot spot areas, at the identified times and days.

Campaign Against Violence resources will be deployed in Perth City to focus on hotspots identified by intelligence. The post of Crime Performance Officer has been created within Perth and Kinross and this officer reviews common assault on a daily basis to ensure that each incident is correctly recorded and managed. Several initiatives, involving Partners, especially in terms of educating and informing young people have also been developed as a deterrent to this type of behaviour.

Where this is a domestic crime it is dealt with by the dedicated Tayside Division Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and victims of such abuse are referred to partner agencies.

3 DETECTION RATES

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

Serious assault 100% - 5 year average 99.7%
Robbery 100% - 5 year average 97%
Common assault 82.9% - 5 year average 80.9%
Vandalism 39.7% - 5 year average 37.5%

- 3.2 Detection rates for the following were below the 5 year average

Housebreaking (including attempts) 28.0% - 5 year average 28.8%
Shoplifting 86% - 5 year average 89%

- 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. Indeed, the figures in this report cover only the first quarter of the fiscal year but by the first week in August the position had been reversed and the number of detections this year was slightly above the five year average.

- 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).

Detection rates 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 back-logs which can delay investigations significantly. Cases of a

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.

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

Speeding 713 – 5 year average 383

Seat belt offences 136 – 5 year average 34

Mobile phones 196 – 5 year average 38

Currently there is greater focus on criminal activity of road users in terms 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.

April to June 2013

Violence and Antisocial Behaviour				
	Apr 2013 – Jun 2013	5 yr average	Victims	% Change
Total No. Group 1 - Crimes of Violence	36	41	5 fewer	-12.2%
Murder	1	0	1 more	
Attempted Murder	4	4	no change	0%
Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	0	0%
Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	0	0%
Serious Assault detection rate	100.0%	99.7%		+0.3 pp
Serious Assault	12	15	3 fewer	-20.0%
Robbery detection rate	100.0%	97.0%		+3.0 pp
Robbery	4	10	6 fewer	-60.0%
Common assault detection rate	82.9%	80.9%		+2.0 pp
Common assault	392	319	73 more	+22.8%

Results based on those provided by Police Scotland Analysis & Performance Unit on (21/08/2013)

Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	88.3%	na		
Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24 hrs)	88.5%	na		
Hate crime and offences detection rate	81.0%	na		

Additional Identified Local Priorities				
	Apr 2013 – Jun 2013	5 yr average	Victims	% Change
Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	20	32		-37.5 pp
Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	28.0%	28.8%		-0.8 pp
Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	25	39	14 fewer	-35.9%
Theft by shoplifting detection rate	86.2%	88.8%		-2.6 pp
Theft by shoplifting	116	145	29 fewer	-20.0%
Vandalism detection rate	39.7%	37.5%		+2.2 pp
Vandalism	219	307	88 fewer	-28.6%
Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	17	2		+750.0%

Public Protection				
	Apr 2013 – Jun 2013	5 yr average	Victims	% Change
Number of Group 2 – Crimes of Indecency	37	26	11more	+42.3%
Group 2 crimes detection rate	64.9%	55.6%		+9.3 pp
Rape detection rate	46.7%	76.2%		-29.5 pp

Road Safety and Road Crime				
	Apr 2013 – Jun 2013	5 yr average	Victims	% Change
Dangerous driving	13	15		-13.3%
Speeding	713	383		+86.2%
Disqualified driving	6	11		-45.5%
Driving Licence	38	52		-26.9%
Insurance	69	112		-38.4%
Seat Belts	136	34		+300.0%
Mobile Phones	196	38		+415.8%
Increase the number of vehicles seized under S165 RTS and Drink/Driving Guidelines				

Multi Member Ward Update (as at 17/07/2013)

PERTH & KINROSS

Local Policing Area

Date April to 19th July 2013

Crimes Count

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	1243	547	44.0%
Groups 1-5	1940	1226	63.2%
All Group 1	47	42	89.4%
Murder / Att Murder	5	5	100.0%
Serious Assault	14	13	92.9%
Robbery	6	5	83.3%
Common Assault	469	391	83.4%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	26	25	96.2%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	61	57	93.4%
All Group 2	49	27	55.1%
Rape CL & Stat	20	9	45.0%

Date April to 17th July 2013

Crimes Count

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	49	17	34.7%
Groups 1-5	66	33	50.0%
All Group 1	3	3	100.0%
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	1	1	100.0%
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	19	14	73.7%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	0	0	~
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	1	1	100.0%
All Group 2	0	1	~
Rape CL & Stat	0	0	~

Almond & Earn

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	49	17	34.7%
Groups 1-5	66	33	50.0%
All Group 1	3	3	100.0%
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	1	1	100.0%
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	19	14	73.7%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	0	0	~
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	1	1	100.0%
All Group 2	0	1	~
Rape CL & Stat	0	0	~

Blairgowrie & Glens

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	67	38	56.7%
Groups 1-5	101	71	70.3%
All Group 1	1	1	100.0%
Murder / Att Murder	1	1	100.0%
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	43	38	88.4%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	1	1	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	3	3	100.0%
All Group 2	2	0	0.0%
Rape CL & Stat	0	0	~

Carse of Gowrie

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	53	21	39.6%
Groups 1-5	63	32	50.8%
All Group 1	0	0	~
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	14	14	100.0%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	0	0	~
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	1	2	200.0%
All Group 2	2	2	100.0%
Rape CL & Stat	1	1	100.0%

Highland

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	51	20	39.2%
Groups 1-5	58	27	46.6%
All Group 1	5	5	100.0%
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	18	15	83.3%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	1	1	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	1	1	100.0%
All Group 2	1	0	0.0%
Rape CL & Stat	1	0	0.0%

Date April to 17th July 2013

Crimes Count

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	167	41	24.6%
Groups 1-5	532	403	75.8%
All Group 1	4	2	50.0%
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	3	2	66.7%
Robbery	1	0	0.0%
Common Assault	42	36	85.7%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	5	5	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	40	39	97.5%
All Group 2	5	1	20.0%
Rape CL & Stat	3	0	0.0%

Kinross-shire

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	167	41	24.6%
Groups 1-5	532	403	75.8%
All Group 1	4	2	50.0%
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	3	2	66.7%
Robbery	1	0	0.0%
Common Assault	42	36	85.7%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	5	5	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	40	39	97.5%
All Group 2	5	1	20.0%
Rape CL & Stat	3	0	0.0%

Perth City Centre

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	357	185	51.8%
Groups 1-5	455	273	60.0%
All Group 1	19	18	94.7%
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	10	10	100.0%
Robbery	3	3	100.0%
Common Assault	114	102	89.5%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	8	8	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	12	8	66.7%
All Group 2	13	7	53.8%
Rape CL & Stat	4	2	50.0%

Perth City North

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	219	110	50.2%
Groups 1-5	314	203	64.6%
All Group 1	8	5	62.5%
Murder / Att Murder	1	1	100.0%
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	2	2	100.0%
Common Assault	94	73	77.7%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	6	6	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	2	2	100.0%
All Group 2	7	6	85.7%
Rape CL & Stat	4	4	100.0%

Perth City South

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	60	30	50.0%
Groups 1-5	69	39	56.5%
All Group 1	2	3	150.0%
Murder / Att Murder	1	1	100.0%
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	23	15	65.2%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	1	1	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	0	0	~
All Group 2	1	0	0.0%
Rape CL & Stat	0	0	~

Date April to 17th July 2013

Crimes Count

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	50	13	26.0%
Groups 1-5	64	26	40.6%
All Group 1	0	0	~
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	19	17	89.5%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	2	1	50.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	0	0	~
All Group 2	3	0	0.0%
Rape CL & Stat	1	0	0.0%

Strathallan

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	50	13	26.0%
Groups 1-5	64	26	40.6%
All Group 1	0	0	~
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	19	17	89.5%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	2	1	50.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	0	0	~
All Group 2	3	0	0.0%
Rape CL & Stat	1	0	0.0%

Strathearn

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	69	23	33.3%
Groups 1-5	85	38	44.7%
All Group 1	2	2	100.0%
Murder / Att Murder	1	1	100.0%
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	31	25	80.6%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	2	2	100.0%
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	1	1	100.0%
All Group 2	4	1	25.0%
Rape CL & Stat	2	0	0.0%

Strathmore

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	61	34	55.7%
Groups 1-5	88	61	69.3%
All Group 1	3	3	100.0%
Murder / Att Murder	1	1	100.0%
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	37	32	86.5%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	0	0	~
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	0	0	~
All Group 2	5	4	80.0%
Rape CL & Stat	2	1	50.0%

Strathtay

	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-4	40	15	37.5%
Groups 1-5	45	20	44.4%
All Group 1	0	0	~
Murder / Att Murder	0	0	~
Serious Assault	0	0	~
Robbery	0	0	~
Common Assault	15	10	66.7%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	0	0	~
Consumption of Alcohol **	0	0	~
Drugs Supply / Production	0	0	~
All Group 2	6	5	83.3%
Rape CL & Stat	2	1	50.0%

Source: All results taken from the Police Scotland Management Information System (19/07/2013)