



## PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL

### Housing & Community Safety Committee

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(1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019)



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## **BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT**

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Perth and Kinross.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Perth and Kinross Housing and Communities Committee.

This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and provides a synopsis of our performance against the Local Policing Plan priorities for Perth and Kinross, these priorities being Putting Victims at the heart of what we do, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, protecting vulnerable people and maintaining public safety. The report does not include performance figures for this period and they will be released in due course.

## Putting Victims At The Heart of What We Do

Domestic violence is a priority investigation for Police Scotland and are supported by partners in relation to the investigation and protection of victims. Incidents that are reported are risk assessed in terms of potential future offending and risk faced by the victim. High risk incidents are prioritised to ensure the victim is protected.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January officers attended at Gray Street, Perth following a report of an assault with a female victim having been struck with a knife. The female had received injuries and was treated at Perth Royal Infirmary. A 43 year old local male has been charged with the offence and is awaiting trial on petition in respect of the incident.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February a particularly vulnerable female from Crieff reported contact from her former partner. The male is of significant risk to the victim and support has been provided via several agencies. In addition, the male resides in Wales and communication channels are maintained between Police Scotland and Gwent Police. For this particular incident the male was arrested and received specific conditions not to be in Scotland.

We are also aware of the lengthy sentence for Stefan Scott who was convicted of several offences against former partners and also would support the comments of the Domestic Abuse Task Force emphasising the strength and dignity of the victims through the case which secured the conviction and lengthy custodial sentence.

Hate crimes have a detrimental impact on victims and as such Police Scotland with the assistance of partners ensure that reports are fully investigated and support is provided to the victims of such incidents.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February, graffiti had been painted at an address in Errol, targeting the victim's disability this was also linked to other incidents reported by the victim identifying a possible local perpetrator. Enquiry was instigated by the Community Team and a 42 year old local male was charged with vandalism and a breach of the peace in respect of his conduct. The victim has received support in respect of this incident by Perth and Kinross Council.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> February in Dunkeld Road, Perth a report was received from the victim who had abuse shouted at them based on their religion. The victim managed to record the incident and the accused was identified by officers. Officers thereafter traced the accused who was arrested and is awaiting trial.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March, two local males entered the Fairfield Store, Crieff Road and shouted racist abuse at the workers within the premises. The witnesses contacted Police Scotland and both male offenders were arrested and are currently awaiting trial.

## Tackling Crime and ASB

For the period under review there have been the following items of note in respect of criminality in Perth and Kinross.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019, a male from Perth was arrested and charged for four commercial housebreakings at Beales, Letham Bowling Club, McCash Country Store and Usave, Jeanfield Road in Perth. As a result of this the male has received a 20 month prison sentence.

Two housebreakings were reported to JL Gill, High Street, Crieff in the space of three weeks. The lengthy investigation to these crimes were led by the Community Investigation Unit resulting in a Polish male from Kirkcaldy being arrested and charged with the crime and enquiries are continuing to trace other outstanding perpetrators.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> February a housebreaking was reported to Café 98, High Street, Kinross. Local officers completed enquiry and a 38 year old local male was traced and charged with this offence.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March two males from the Central Scotland and Glasgow areas were arrested and charged with theft of plant machinery from A9. These males were linked to further thefts across the central belt of Scotland.

When intelligence has been received from the community in respect of individuals involved in the illegal drugs trade this can lead to a drugs warrant being executed at the address. For the quarter under review there have been several successes to report including:

On the 9<sup>th</sup> January a vehicle was stopped on the A9 near to Glencarse and £10,000 herbal cannabis was found within the vehicle. Two males from Dundee are awaiting trial in respect of this incident.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January, a male from Scone was arrested and charged with offences relating to the supply of heroin.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2 males from St Madoes were arrested and charged with being concerned in the supply of cannabis after £10,000 of cannabis was recovered

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, officers based at Auchterarder stopped a vehicle near to the A9 which then led to another vehicle being searched. As a result of the diligence of the officers concerned a quantity of cocaine was recovered and an address in Auchterarder was the subject of a search leading to other items being recovered and a local male and female are awaiting trial in relation to the offences.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March, two males from Perth were charged in relation to the supply of cocaine after nearly £2,000 of drugs were recovered.

As part of Claudia's bike initiative we have held Bike Workshops some just by police and some with Bike Station (charity retailer in Perth City Centre) these have been held outside Bells Sport Centre and aimed at providing security and safety advice to bike users in addition to having their bike marked with a unique reference/code and added to the Bike Register which is a national database. Therefore if the bike is stolen or lost and is recovered/ found it can be reunited with

the owner.

## Protecting Vulnerable People

Constables Preston and Spence attended the Big January Get together at Rattray Primary School. The event was well attended with approximately eighty adults and children present. Contact was made with a number of locally active agencies.

On 1<sup>st</sup> February, Con Preston and Con Polson attended at Rattray Primary School and carried out high visibility preventative work around parking and speed of traffic. There they engaged with pupils and the Deputy Head, including media release for the work carried out.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Sergeant Bryce and Constable Westwood attended at the cattle market in Stirling to engage with the farming community and provide them with crime prevention advice and also to gain information and local intelligence. The event was supported by the national Safer Communities team and was well received by the farming community.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February, in support of Safer Internet Day, Constable Preston and Sergeant Forrester attended at the community Campus to provide a safer internet day talk to P6 and P7 pupils from both Newhill Primary and St. Stephen's Primary.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> February, Constable Preston attended at Blairgowrie High School and held 8 classes with all S3 pupils in relation to Hate crime.

On the 19th February 2019, a Facebook chat took place at D Division HQ, with Police Scotland and Perth and Kinross Reps taking part. This chat was primarily aimed at parents and carers to make them aware of the risks that young people may come across when they go online. The event reached 8670 people with 809 active engagements within the two hour event

Prevention Hub staff attended this local event along with a variety of other partner agencies to raise awareness of current trends in terms of Financial Harm/Door Step Crime.

Between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, presentations by Police Scotland took place at the Chinese Community Lunch and The Centre For Inclusive Living to raise awareness of hate crime, making the community feel more comfortable to report incidents and giving guidance on the ways these incidents can be reported. The attending officers provided reassurance that incidents will be fully investigated and offenders would be reported for offences with the sufficiency of evidence.

## Maintaining Public Safety

Maintaining public safety is a key priority for Police Scotland. Public safety is not only within communities but also on our roads network as well ensuring safety is for all people who either reside, work or visit Perth and Kinross.

Tragically there were 3 fatalities within Perth and Kinross during the last quarter. On the 16<sup>th</sup> January, on the A90 near St Madoes a 60 year old female driver was killed colliding with an articulated lorry. On the 27<sup>th</sup> January on the B951 Kirriemuir road, near to Cray a 64 year old female driver was killed after a one vehicle collision. Finally on the 15<sup>th</sup> February on the A94 Coupar Angus to Forfar road at Eassie a 68 year old male driver was killed.

Between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January a national campaign was led by the Road Policing Unit the operation was in partnership with the Motor Insurers Bureau targeting uninsured vehicles on the roads. Across Scotland 140 vehicles were seized for not being insured on the roads.

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February North Command Road Policing Unit led an operation in relation to trucks and buses and the carriage of dangerous goods ensuring they are roadworthy. This has led to 100 offences across North Command with 16 immediate prohibitions.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February a public consultation event was held at Blairgowrie Community Campus hosted by Sergeant Forrester. The event identified speeding and other traffic related issues from parents taking children to and collecting them from the schools.

Between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March Road Policing Unit focused on pedal cyclist and motorists whose behaviour placed vulnerable road users at risk. The operation led to advice being provided to 135 users of the road.

Perth Community Team hold regular 'Coffee with a Cop' drop in sessions at McDonalds and Asda on Dunked Road. This has also been in conjunction with a deterrent to the youth issues they have been having. In addition we have held a Coffee with a Cop at St Catherine's Square. All drop in sessions have had people attend and we will continue to hold these varying the location which will be advertised via social media.

The work of the Preventions and Interventions Hub is also a vital part of Community Policing within the LPA. They work with partners especially in relation to our MAPPA commitments ensuring we support the process and provide advice in relation to high risk offenders. One recent incident relates to an individual who had been released from prison on licence. A report was received from a female who claimed that the offender had made sexualised comments towards her. This led to The Preventions and Interventions Hub attending meetings with Criminal Justice Social Work. Due to the conduct of the offender, the Parole Board decided to revoke his licence due to the risk of serious harm to the public.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD – Perth and Kinross**  
**March 2019**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour						
		Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Victims	% Change	5 Yr Mean
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	163	131	32 more	24.4%	
2	Murder	2	2	Same Number	0.0%	
3	Attempted Murder	6	5	1 more	20.0%	
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-	
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	3	2	1 more	50.0%	
6	Serious Assault detection rate	82.7%	89.7%		-7.0%	
7	Serious Assault	81	78	3 more	3.8%	
8	Robbery detection rate	81.5%	65.5%		16.0%	
9	Robbery	27	29	2 fewer	-6.9%	
10	Common assault detection rate	77.6%	80.7%		-3.1%	
11	Common assault	992	992	Same number	0.0%	
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4,831	5,760	929 fewer	-16.1%	



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**Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)**

		Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	Victims	% Change	5 Yr Mean
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,189	1,139		4.4%	
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	745	702		6.1%	
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	44.7%	45.1%		-0.4%	
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	67.4%	70.1%		-2.7%	
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	55	47		17.0%	
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	91.8%	-		-	
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	83.8%	73.6%		10.2%	

**Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches**

		Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019 Positive	Victims	% Change	
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	627	257			
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	627	257			
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	0	0			
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-			
24	Number of seizures made	7	-			

On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. The period covered by this report includes searches conducted prior to the introduction of the code. The table above provides information on consensual searches carried out before 11th May. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.

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<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>						
		Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	Victims	% Change	5 Yr Mean
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	61	85		-28.2%	
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	21.0%	35.9%		-14.9%	
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	224	209	15 more	7.2%	
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	81.5%	83.1%		-1.6%	
29	Theft by shoplifting	622	705	83 fewer	-11.8%	
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	34.7%	35.4%		-0.7%	
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	643	754	111 fewer	-14.7%	
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	3	15		-80.0%	

<b>Public Protection</b>						
		Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	Victims	% Change	5 Yr Mean
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	336	290	46 more	15.9%	
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	53.0%	67.9%		-14.9%	
35	Rape detection rate	48.7%	54.1%		-5.4%	

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**Road Traffic Casualty Statistics**

	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	Victims	% Change	5 Yr Mean
People Killed	14	12	2 more	16.7%	
People Seriously injured	71	73	2 fewer	-2.7%	
People Slightly Injured	162	219	57 fewer	-26.0%	
(Context)					
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-	
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	3	Same number	0.0%	

**Road Safety & Road Crime**

	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	Victims	% Change	5 Yr Mean
36 Dangerous driving	88	97		-9.3%	
37 Speeding	2,067	1,518		36.2%	
38 Disqualified driving	39	42		-7.1%	
39 Driving Licence	215	264		-18.6%	
40 Insurance	440	638		-31.0%	
41 Seat Belts	79	56		41.1%	
42 Mobile Phone	101	133		-24.1%	

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