

**Perth and Kinross Council Community Safety Committee**

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**POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**PERTH & KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA PERFORMANCE RESULTS  
1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2013 TO 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2014**

**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 26 crimes.

108 violent crimes recorded ~ 26 fewer than the 5 year average

A reduction in serious assaults of 21.7% (10 fewer victims )

A reduction in robbery of 65.6% (21 fewer victims)

As can be seen from above there was an overall reduction in assaults and robbery of 31 crimes but overall Group 1 crimes (violent crimes) only reduced by 26. This was due to an increase in cruel & unnatural treatment of children which evidenced 26 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

Housebreaking – 4% (11 fewer victims)

Shoplifting – 32% (158 fewer victims)

Vandalism – 36% (353 fewer victims)

- 2.3 Overall, Group 1-4<sup>1</sup> recorded 2997 crimes and evidenced a reduction of 18% compared with the 5 year average (652 fewer crimes).
- 2.4 174 crimes of indecency were recorded, a 91.2% increase on the 5 year average of 91. 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.

Over 1/5 (21.6%) of all common assaults occurred in, or in the vicinity of, licensed premises. The Local Policing Area has increased the focus on the management of licensed premises in an effort to reduce crime and disorder associated with such premises.

All crimes of violence receive supervisory scrutiny and the year to date detection rate for common assaults sits at 89%.

### **3 DETECTION RATES**

- 3.1 Improvements in detection rates, against the 5 year average were evidenced in the following:-
- Robbery 90.9% - 5 year average 82.8%  
Common assault 89.0% - 5 year average 80.4%
- 3.2 The detection rate for Shoplifting (86.3%) was almost a percentage point lower than the 5 year average and Housebreaking (34.1%) – all property and including attempts - there was a deterioration of 2 percentage points. The detection rate for serious assault (94.4%) was also lower than the 5 year average of 95.1%. Comparatively low numbers of crimes recorded in this area leads to large fluctuations in terms of the detection rate.
- 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.)

- 3.4 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 11.3 percentage points, from a 5 year average figure of 65.1% to 76.4%. 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 causes back-logs 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 72 – 5 year average 98

People slightly injured 222 – 5 year average 286

Children killed/slightly injured 5 – 5 year average 7

- 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 2673 – 5 year average 1201

Seat belt offences 361 – 5 year average 91

Mobile phones 648 – 5 year average 127

Currently, greater focus is being placed on the criminal activity of road users with the aim of keeping people safe and denying criminals 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.

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2013 - Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	108	134	26 fewer	-19.4%
2	Murder	1	1	no change	
3	Attempted Murder	6	17	11 fewer	-64.7%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	0	
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	0	
6	Serious Assault detection rate	94.4%	95.1%		-0.7 pp
7	Serious Assault	36	46	10 fewer	-21.7%
8	Robbery detection rate	90.9%	82.8%		+8.1 pp
9	Robbery	11	32	21 fewer	-65.6%
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	89.0%	80.4%		+8.6 pp
11	Petty (common ) assault	1159	1048	111 more	+10.6%
12	Stop and searches conducted	5868	1824		+221.7%
13	Percentage of positive stop and searches conducted (target 15%).	25.3%			
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4840	7255		-33.3%
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	973	715	258 more	+36.1%
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in one or more crimes being recorded	57.6%			
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	90.1%			
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	106			
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	96.4%			
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	85.8%			

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2013 - Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	103	118		-12.7%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	34.1%	36.1%		-2.0 pp
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	293	304	11 fewer	-3.6%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	86.3%	87.1%		-0.8 pp
26	Theft by shoplifting	336	494	158 fewer	-32.0%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	34.7%	36.2%		-1.5 pp
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	616	969	353 fewer	-36.4%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	61	8		+662.5 %

Public Protection					
		Apr 2013 - Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	174	91	83 more	+91.2%
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	76.4%	65.1%		+11.3 pp
32	Rape detection rate (Tayside Division result)	70.4%	62.8%		+7.6 pp

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics (figures to end of November 2013)					
		Apr 2013 - Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
	People Killed/Seriously Injured	72	98	26 fewer	-26.5%
	People Slightly Injured	222	286	64 fewer	-22.4%
	Children (aged<16) Killed/Seriously Injured	5	7	2 fewer	-28.6%

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Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2013 - Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	54	46		+17.4%
34	Speeding	2673	1201		+122.6%
35	Disqualified driving	22	29		-24.1%
36	Driving Licence	163	141		+15.6%
37	Insurance	374	348		+7.5%
38	Seat Belts	361	91		+296.7%
39	Mobile Phone	648	127		+410.2%

Public Confidence					
Tayside Division		Apr 2013 - Jan 2014			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	459		~	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	609	15	~	~

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## Multi Member Ward Report

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### PERTH & KINROSS Local Policing Area

<u>Crimes Count</u>
Groups 1 to 4
Groups 1 to 5
All Group 1
Murder/Att Murder
Serious Assault
Robbery
Common Assault
Knives/Offensive Weapons
Drugs Supply/Production
All Group 2
Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Rec	Det	%
2938	1364	46.4%
4180	2578	61.7%
105	103	98.1%
7	8	114.3%
34	32	94.1%
12	11	91.7%
1131	1004	88.8%
56	52	92.9%
107	97	90.7%
168	129	76.8%
281	96	34.2%
338	291	86.1%

### Almond & Earn

Rec	Det	%
100	37	37.0%
131	68	51.9%
4	4	100.0%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
31	27	87.1%
0	0	~
6	6	100.0%
3	2	66.7%
18	1	5.6%
5	5	100.0%

### Blairstown & Glens

Rec	Det	%
152	81	53.3%
215	142	66.0%
6	5	83.3%
2	2	100.0%
2	1	50.0%
0	0	~
87	79	90.8%
7	7	100.0%
3	3	100.0%
8	4	50.0%
10	3	30.0%
16	14	87.5%

### Carse of Gowrie

Rec	Det	%
133	43	32.3%
171	81	47.4%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
27	26	96.3%
1	1	100.0%
3	4	133.3%
6	4	66.7%
22	5	22.7%
5	4	80.0%

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### Highland

<u>Crimes Count</u>
Groups 1 to 4
Groups 1 to 5
All Group 1
Murder/Att Murder
Serious Assault
Robbery
Common Assault
Knives/Offensive Weapons
Drugs Supply/Production
All Group 2
Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Rec	Det	%
147	42	28.6%
179	72	40.2%
8	8	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
43	40	93.0%
3	2	66.7%
2	2	100.0%
7	7	100.0%
19	2	10.5%
5	3	60.0%

### Kinross-shire without T-in-the-Park

Rec	Det	%
211	90	42.7%
241	120	49.8%
3	4	133.3%
1	2	200.0%
4	3	75.0%
0	0	~
54	57	105.6%
3	2	66.7%
2	2	100.0%
23	21	91.3%
20	5	25.0%
17	17	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%
38	38	100.0%
4	2	50.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~

### Kinross-shire Everything

Rec	Det	%
356	139	39.0%
763	544	71.3%
5	5	100.0%
1	2	200.0%
4	3	75.0%
0	0	~
83	83	100.0%
6	5	83.3%
40	40	100.0%
27	23	85.2%
20	5	25.0%
17	17	100.0%

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### Perth City Centre

<u>Crimes Count</u>
Groups 1 to 4
Groups 1 to 5
All Group 1
Murder/Att Murder
Serious Assault
Robbery
Common Assault
Knives/Offensive Weapons
Drugs Supply/Production
All Group 2
Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Rec	Det	%
824	458	55.6%
1102	719	65.2%
28	27	96.4%
0	0	~
16	16	100.0%
5	5	100.0%
349	311	89.1%
19	18	94.7%
31	21	67.7%
41	25	61.0%
65	32	49.2%
200	173	86.5%

### Perth City North

Rec	Det	%
500	242	48.4%
725	465	64.1%
17	16	94.1%
0	0	~
3	3	100.0%
5	4	80.0%
245	211	86.1%
10	10	100.0%
10	10	100.0%
24	19	79.2%
38	12	31.6%
64	59	92.2%

### Perth City South

Rec	Det	%
189	88	46.6%
222	120	54.1%
2	3	150.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
55	46	83.6%
3	3	100.0%
2	2	100.0%
11	10	90.9%
16	11	68.8%
9	7	77.8%

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### Strathallan

<u>Crimes Count</u>
Groups 1 to 4
Groups 1 to 5
All Group 1
Murder/Att Murder
Serious Assault
Robbery
Common Assault
Knives/Offensive Weapons
Drugs Supply/Production
All Group 2
Housebreaking
Shoplifting

Rec	Det	%
115	40	34.8%
145	68	46.9%
2	2	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
31	27	87.1%
3	2	66.7%
2	1	50.0%
9	6	66.7%
13	4	30.8%
2	1	50.0%

### Strathearn

Rec	Det	%
171	69	40.4%
209	107	51.2%
6	6	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
3	3	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
81	69	85.2%
3	3	100.0%
5	5	100.0%
8	8	100.0%
36	15	41.7%
9	5	55.6%

### Strathmore

Rec	Det	%
155	88	56.8%
208	141	67.8%
18	18	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
68	61	89.7%
1	1	100.0%
2	2	100.0%
13	12	92.3%
13	5	38.5%
6	3	50.0%

### Strathtay

Rec	Det	%
96	37	38.5%
110	51	46.4%
7	7	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
31	24	77.4%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
11	9	81.8%
11	1	9.1%
0	0	~

Source: All results taken from the Police Scotland Management Information System on 17/02/2014

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