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Dundee City Council

Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 April 2023 – 30 June 2023

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Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise this operational report.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland to facilitate local scrutiny.

2.2 Appendix A will provide information in relation to some of the work which has taken place within Dundee Local Policing Area.

2.3 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

3. PERFORMANCE

3.1 Appendix A will provide updates on:

- Violence
- Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Acquisitive Crime and support for victims
- Road Safety

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- Effective Engagement and Communication
- Shared Learning and Training
- Environmental responsibility and Estate management
- A Thematic Spotlight on Reducing the stigma and harm of drug use and drugs supply.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

7. SUMMARY

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and performance of the local policing area.

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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| (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) Equality & Diversity compliant? | YES |

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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The Dundee LPP 2023-2026 clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee and will report to the Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee. This report covers the period from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023.

In line with the Dundee LPP, the Quarterly Performance Report provides a more holistic overview of progress across the service to meet our strategic outcomes. This approach provides a wider and more detailed picture of traditional policing performance measures, supplemented with additional insight and narrative to the many different aspects of policing and corporate support functions.

The measures are longer term focussed rather than reflecting the ongoing performance of the day-to-day operational challenges we face and aim to provide evidence of the effectiveness and impact of our services as a whole.

We have introduced a number of key performance measures and insights questions in support of our local police plan to focus attention on impact and outcomes. For example:

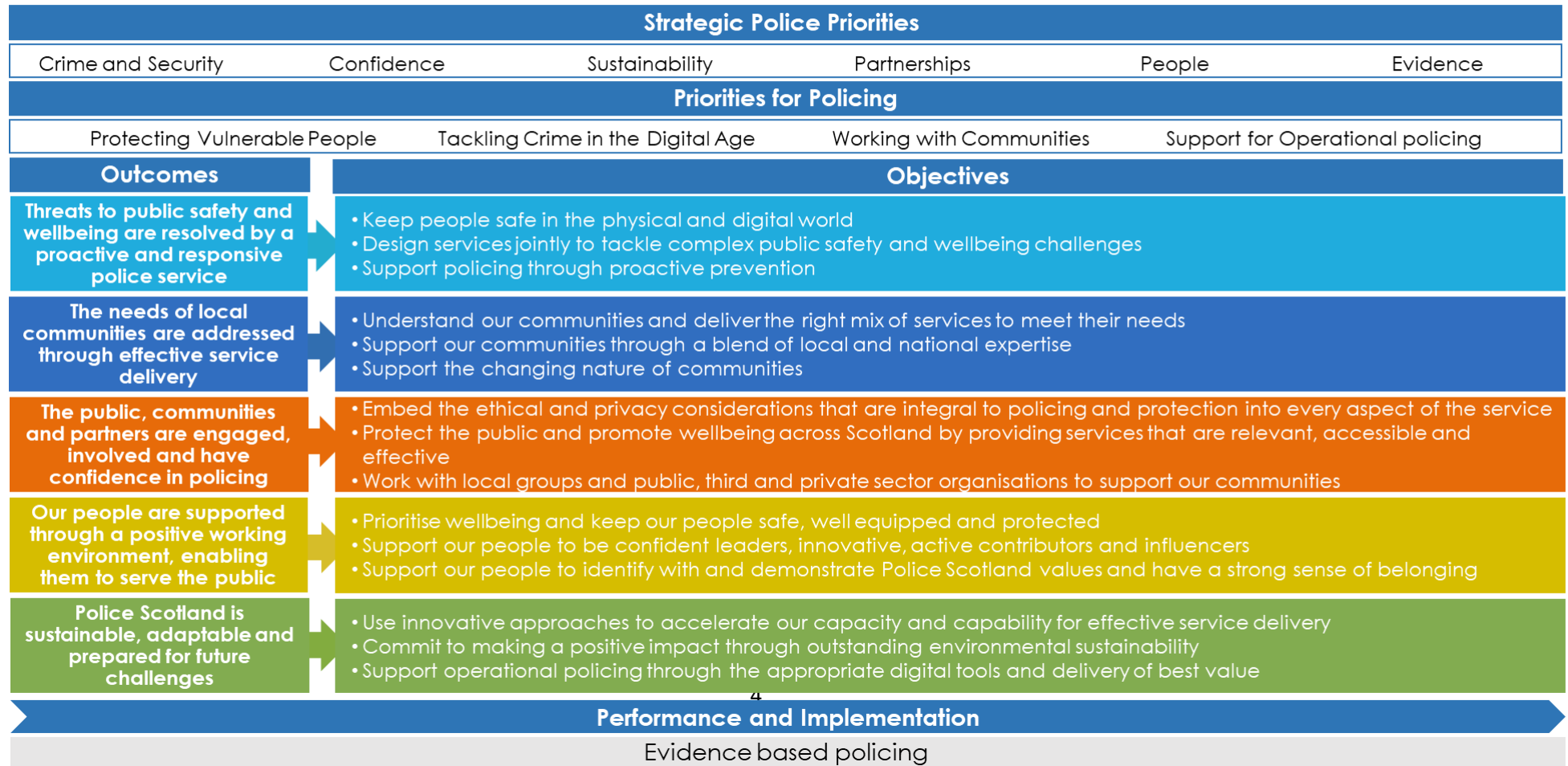
- How effective are the diversionary activities provided?
- How effective are the processes in place to prevent acquisitive crime?
- How well are we engaging with the public?
- What progress has been made in terms of collaboration and what percentage of the divisional estate is co-located with partners?

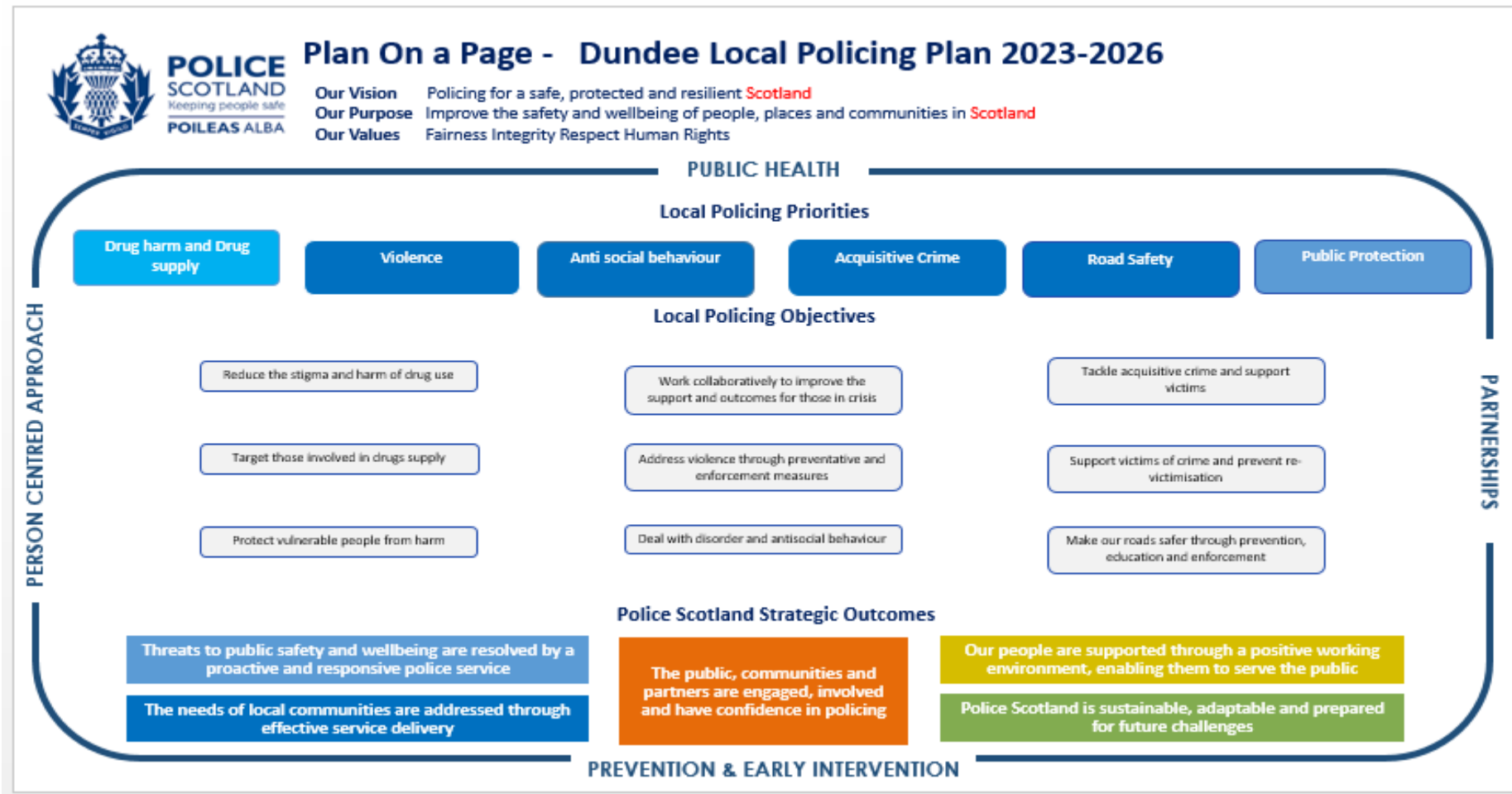
To enable a more detailed examination by the Committee of specific local priorities and strategic outcomes, a 'Spotlight' focus will be provided on one of the priority areas on a quarterly basis. The Spotlight focus will rotate each quarter in line with the expected updates outlined in the Dundee LPP.

Police Scotland's strategic objectives



Our Vision | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland
Our Purpose | The purpose of policing is to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland
Our Values | Fairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights





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	Recorded Crimes			Change		Detection Rate			% point Change	
	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
ASB and Disorder										
Overall group 4	474	409	465	15.9%	2.0%	27.8%	23.2%	41.7%	4.6%	-13.9%
ASB Incidents	3191	3055	3901	4.5%	-18.2%	-	-	-	-	-
Violence										
Robbery	50	43	36	16.3%	40.4%	46.0%	60.5%	78.1%	-14.5%	-32.1%
Serious Assault	33	40	39	-17.5%	-15.4%	57.6%	70.0%	75.9%	-12.4%	-18.3%
Common Assault (excl EW)	467	518	486	-9.8%	-4.0%				0.0%	0.0%
Public Protection										
Overall Group 2	152	110	142	38.2%	7.2%	67.7%	59.5%	64.2%	8.2%	3.5%
Rape	29	16	26	81.3%	13.3%	96.6%	75.0%	64.8%	21.6%	31.8%
Domestic Abuse	33	22	-	50.0%	-	81.8%	54.5%	-	27.3%	-
Road Safety										
Speeding offences	125	88	271	42.0%	-53.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Drink / Drug Driving	47	70	76	-32.9%	-38.5%	93.6%	110.0%	92.5%	-16.4%	1.1%
Acquisitive Crime										
HBs	135	132	106	2.3%	26.9%	42.2%	21.2%	27.8%	21.0%	14.4%
Dwelling HBs	40	54	60.2%	-25.9%	-33.6	25.0%	24.1%	24.9%	0.9%	0.1%
Motor Vehicle Crime	215	265	157	-18.9%	37.1%	21.9%	23.0%	28.4%	-1.1%	-6.5%
Fraud	168	212	126	-20.8%	33.5%	13.1%	17.9%	28.0%	-4.8%	-14.9%
Shoplifting	545	441	315	23.6%	72.9%	41.5%	34.0%	50.9%	7.5%	-9.4%

ASB Incidents includes Public Nuisance, Damage, Noise, Drinking in Public, Neighbour Dispute, Communications and Damage

Overall Group 4' All Fireraising, Vandalism, Reckless Conduct and 'Other' Group 4 Crimes.

Overall Group 2' All Sexual Crimes including Rape & Attempts, Indecent & Sexual Assaults, Prostitution Offences and 'Other' Group 2 Crimes.

Local Priority/Activity – Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures

- No Murders were recorded in Dundee in the reporting period. There have been 3 Attempted Murders which is a significant fall from the 9 which occurred in the previous quarter. Two of these crimes occurred during the same incident.
- There have been 33 Serious Assaults recorded within this quarter. This is down from 40 in the corresponding period last year. The detection rate is 57.6%. It should be noted that a number of these investigations are ongoing with positive lines of enquiry.
- 50 robberies were reported in Q1 which is higher than the same period last year (43). Weapons ranging from knives to blunt objects were used in the majority of these crimes. Drugs and alcohol were also factors in the majority, and most offenders were known to the victim prior to the incident.

In an attempt to prevent crimes of this nature occurring Police Scotland target known violent offenders. This involves executing apprehension warrants relating to violent offenders timeously and proactively conducting bail curfew checks as appropriate.

Analysis shows that violence is often associated with the consumption of alcohol and we continue to provide a policing presence in and around licensed premises as part of our night-time economy patrols.

Our officers are actively involved in a number of national and local programmes addressing violence and crime prevention. This includes the prevention of domestic abuse and gender based violence and supporting survivors of abuse.

A PIP officer forms part of the Mentors in Violence (MVP) Programme Dundee steering group as well as being a national staff training instructor for schools and partners and a young person trainer. MVP is a national programme operated by Education Scotland which creates mentors from S5 and S6 pupils from secondary schools around domestic abuse, gender based violence and bystander. In turn, they facilitate classes to S1 and S2 pupils, effectively being positive role models within the schools. The Dundee MVP steering group, attended by Dundee Council Education and Police Scotland, met during this quarter and staff training sessions took place involving staff and partner agencies from St Johns High School, Community Learning and Development and Women's Aid.

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A Youthlink Scotland product called "Imagine a Man" was shared with all Dundee secondary schools with a view to implementing the sessions in the new school year. Imagine a man encourages positive masculinity to change the attitudes and thought processes of young men who are perpetrators, victims and bystanders of men's violence.

The No Knives Better Lives and Fearless Scotland (Crimestoppers for young people) products were shared with all secondary schools in Dundee to support the prevention of violence and anti-social behaviour. This will be further promoted with a view to implementing sessions in the new school year in August 2023.

Local officers attended four sessions at PACE (D&A Gardyne campus) and RISE (D&A Kingsway Campus) and spoke to 30 students as part of off-site classes attached to Rockwell about personal safety and violence prevention.

Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour

- 401 crimes of vandalism were reported in Q1, an increase of 13.9% from the same quarter in 2022/23
- Overall Group 4 incidents increased by 15.9% from the same quarter in 2022/23
- Dundee currently has 117 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders with 14 Breaches of said orders reported to, and investigated by Police Scotland across the reporting period.

Officers continue to work closely with partners across Dundee including Housing, ASBT, SFRS and Trading Standards. Collectively we review all relevant ASB calls and share information with the respective agencies in accordance with Data Protection guidelines.

Weekly meetings are attended by officers to discuss recurring ASB issues ensuring proportionate action is taken from a multi-agency perspective, with joint visits conducted when required to ensure a co-ordinated approach.

Any relevant, non-violent ASB incidents identified in public places, are brought to the attention of local Community Wardens whereby their assistance is requested to carry out passing attention/foot patrols to provide reassurance to members of the public.

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PIP officers and Dundee Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) took part in a summer safety campaign with Fearless Scotland (Crimestoppers for young people) promoting Pro-social behaviour. As well as social media messages, a podcast was created with messages from the young people and the Police.

Police Scotland is involved in Dundee with the Planet Youth programme. This a community involvement programme in the Strathmartine area of Dundee looking at diversionary work across the area to encourage young people to take part in positive, healthy activities. This involves all partner agencies across the city and promotes sport, arts and outdoor activities as an alternative to ASB and risk-taking behaviour. It is very much evidence-based and looks to the local communities to take ownership of the activities.

Some of the other local activity in Q1 to tackle ASB includes:

- Preventions Team and Dundee City Council ASB team attended at Baldragon Academy and took part in joint inputs with the young people around the dangers and consequences linked to anti-social behaviour.
- Preventions Team assisted Dundee FC Community Trust at Dundee & Angus College (Gardyne Campus) with a targeted session for pupils from Grove Academy looking at all forms of anti-social behaviour.
- Officers attended at St Johns High School to meet with a small number of S3 pupils who were being drawn to anti-social behaviour in the school and the community. A discussion around ASB took place and a podcast was created whether the pupils provided their opinions around what could happen to prevent them being involved.
- Derelict Buildings Group - Continued attendance and support at the Multi-Agency Group chaired by SFRS, with joint visits undertaken to prolific locations across Dundee resulting in follow-up actions being identified and progressed.

Licensing

Between 1st April 2023 and 30th June 2023, the licensing team have processed 1806 licence applications for the Dundee area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas and renewals for taxi operators and drivers.

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64 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises although no single premises has been identified as problematic.

In addition to carrying out 122 inspections, the licensing team have been promoting the 'by-stander' training to licensed premises and are continuing efforts to improve the uptake.

Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

- 135 Housebreaking crimes were recorded in Q1 which is an increase of 3 crimes from the corresponding period last year. The detection rate is 42.2% which is an increase of 21%.
- 40 Housebreaking to Dwelling crimes were recorded during Q1 which is a decrease from the 54 crimes recorded in the corresponding period last year. 25% of the crimes have been detected to date which is a slight increase from last year and the five year average. A number of these crimes remain under active investigation or await forensic examination results.
- 215 motor vehicle crimes were recorded. This is a slight decrease from the 219 recorded during the previous quarter and 265 in the corresponding period last year.
- 168 crimes of fraud were recorded this quarter which is a decrease from the 189 reported the previous quarter and from 212 recorded during the corresponding period last year. 13.1% of frauds reported in the area this year were detected which is comparable to the 15.9% crimes detected nationally.

Analysis of fraud crimes recorded in Q1 indicates that 42% have the 'cybercrime' tag indicating an 'online' element. The challenge when dealing with online fraud is many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out-with the UK which places an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring them to justice. Due to the complex nature of fraud, enquiries are protracted and take a significant amount of time to complete which impacts upon detection rates.

An Acquisitive crime team is now responsible for investigating crime series under line management of local CID. This provides enhanced investigative ability and resources to address acquisitive crime. This has been pivotal in targeting a

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group of habitual criminals operating throughout the east of Scotland who repeatedly steal vehicles for use in housebreakings during which true keys and further vehicles are stolen.

The Acquisitive team meet every morning with colleagues from neighbouring Divisions. This results in links to cross border crime series being identified more effectively, thereby maximising intelligence / evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property and providing a joined up investigative approach.

Police Scotland targets those involved in acquisitive crime by executing apprehension warrants timeously and proactively conducting bail curfew checks as appropriate. We also develop intelligence to crave and execute search warrants to recover stolen property.

In order to prevent the theft of motor vehicles, crime prevention visits were undertaken at several garage premises in Dundee with a Neighbourhood Watch Scotland group subsequently established. A number of protective key pouches were purchased and have been distributed to vehicle owners.

Crime reduction surveys were conducted at locations of repeated thefts in Dundee City Centre, Broughty Ferry and other commercial locations across the city.

Operation Shut Out Scammers was hosted at three local partnership events to raise awareness and provide advice to members of the public and vulnerable groups with regards to scams/ frauds and online safety.

During Q1 some notable apprehensions were made as detailed below:

- Two offenders were detected for 31 offences in total, the bulk of which were committed in Dundee but also impacted on Perth and Kinross and Angus. The offences included dishonesties, road traffic offences and breach of bail offences.
- Three further significant offenders were charged in relation to 9 crimes of dishonesty, road traffic offences and breaches of bail offences committed in Dundee and Angus.
- Two offenders were arrested and charged in relation to 13 crimes, whilst two other known nominals were detected and charged for 10 charges (dishonesties and road traffic)

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- One offender was arrested and remanded in custody in relation to 8 housebreakings in Dundee.
- One offender is also on remand following his arrest in relation to a crime series where 16 crimes were detected (dishonesties, road traffic and disorder).
- A further offender was subject of 8 separate Police Reports in relation to 29 crimes (theft, assault and road traffic) committed in Dundee, Perth and Kinross and Angus.

Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer

Dundee has suffered one fatality for the period under review.

8 persons were seriously injured as a result of a road traffic collisions in Dundee. This is a 58% decrease on the same period last year.

High visibility road safety enforcement continues to be routine business for the Road Policing Unit with a continued focus on the Fatal 5 (careless driving, drink and drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, excessive speed and using a mobile phone) which have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and addresses community concerns.

Rider Refinement North (RRN) is an opportunity for members of the public to purchase a day's motorcycle awareness with Road Policing Advanced Riders accompanied by an observer from the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM). The course includes a presentation, demo and observational rides. The course is designed as a gateway to advanced riding and is run in partnership with the Local Authority, Road Safety Scotland, IAM and RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents). The course costs £40 which includes lunch. RRN has received extremely positive feedback with some excellent learning and opportunity to influence riding behaviour with candidates travelling from across Tayside to participate.

As RRN has been refreshed, the 2022 season was evaluated by Caroline Hood from Robert Gordon University. The completed report provided exceptionally favourable feedback which has been the catalyst for the program being adopted by the West and East regions.

During Q1 some notable activities by local officers include:

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- Intelligence led operation on the A90 targeting drink/drug drivers, serious and organised crime and travelling criminals. Priority routes across Tayside targeted included A9, A90, A923, A92, A94 and A930.
- Days of action targeting use of mobile phones, seatbelts and anti-social behaviour.
- National motorcycle campaign on the A90 carried out by Roads Policing Unit.
- Acquisitive crime patrols.

Local Priority/Activity – Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public

Ease of contact is a key area of focus in our [Public Contact and Engagement Strategy](#). The introduction of accessible new contact channels and enhancement of how Police Scotland communicates and engages, will help to improve public experience and confidence in reporting crime and other incidents, enabled by digital services. For example, key programmes are continuing to ensure people are able to contact police in ways which are most accessible for individuals.

Responses to our Your Police and User Experience surveys are reviewed regularly by our Executive and service leads and have helped us act quickly in relation to emerging issues and community concerns.

Your Police is open all year and is available for anyone to complete at any time to provide feedback to their local police service. It is fully accessible on our online Engagement Hub which meets legislative standards for accessibility and is compatible with browser translation. It is available in British Sign Language and alternative languages and formats on request. We have gathered around 100,000 responses to this survey since its launch in 2019. Responses help shape policing in local areas. The User Experience Survey is sent to a sample of around 14,000 people each month who have contacted the police. An invitation to participate in the survey is sent via text message. The sample is made up of a representative number of people who have contacted the police to report crime (calls, online reporting, email, face to face) from all areas in Scotland over the previous month. Around 1,800 people respond each month to share their feedback on the quality of the service they received.

Key activities include:

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- Work is underway to fully develop regular data insights for local policing divisions from the survey data to highlight areas of lower engagement and locations where people have said they feel less safe.
- Keeping local community partners engaged and involved on a regular basis, using the data to design an appropriate policing response for local needs and providing a multi-agency response to cross sector themes.
- Shaping our communications and advice nationally and in local areas in response to concerns and feedback from the public – helping people stay safe. We are currently developing a suite of new resources to respond to feedback from our seldom-heard communities research programme to ensure information is available, relevant and accessible for all communities. We are taking forward conversations with local partners and communities in Dundee, Glasgow and Aberdeenshire to co-design these resources together.
- Providing information and advice on issues we know are concerning people right now, like hate crime through our new [#DontFeedHate campaign](#).

We have also recently [launched a feedback form](#) for people who have experienced domestic abuse, rape or other sexual crime to provide feedback on their experience and interactions with the Service. This is the first of its kind for Police Scotland and is the result of a collaborative approach between Public Protection and Strategy, Insight and Engagement. The feedback form will ensure we are continuing to monitor the service we provide to victim-survivors, improving our ability to understand our progress towards achieving the outcomes we have set out in our [Violence against Women and Girls Strategy](#).

During the reporting period local officers have been promoting the following through social media:

- National Carers Week
- National Seatbelt Campaign
- Pride Month
- Mentors in Violence Prevention training in Dundee schools
- Speed check activity by local officers
- Motorcycle safety
- Trusted Trader
- Fearless Safer Summer with PSYV

Local Priority/Activity: Seek out shared learning and training opportunities with partners

In May 2023 an officer from Tayside was part of the Scottish delegation at the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH) Conference in Sweden. The conference brings together law enforcement, public health and research bodies to recognise that many complex societal issues in the public health or criminal justice sectors have common underlying causes, but depending on factors of equity and social marginalisation can be criminalised. It seeks to highlight the effectiveness of collaborations and partnerships between the sectors, with understanding of the importance of the contribution of all sectors to the creation of optimum community safety and wellbeing.

The following work of Tayside partnerships was showcased including: Naloxone carriage, Near Fatal Overdose pathways and drugs policy, Collaborative Leadership, the use of victim navigators and partners to apply a public health approach to investigations into organised crime and the work to establish Community Wellbeing Centres in Perth and Dundee to improve trauma informed approaches. These activities helped to showcase the progressiveness and often world leading nature of Tayside and Scottish approaches.

In May and June this year, training days for the People Management Development Programme (PMDP) took place. PMDP is aimed at supporting People Managers to develop the skills, behaviours and confidence in supporting their teams, and helping to create a positive working environment. The programme is for all People Managers across the organisation and will start with Sergeants, Inspectors and staff equivalents with management responsibility. The PMDP is a mandatory programme, which represents a significant investment in leaders.

Police Scotland is committed to working with Partners in the public, private and third sectors to ensure the approach to Public Protection is focused, meaningful and collaborative. This commitment allows the organization to continually improve the service and support provided to victims and their families, whilst working towards protecting those at risk of harm.

Partners Intelligence Portal

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The Partners Intelligence Portal is a secure and confidential electronic system developed by the Police Service to enable partner agencies to share important information they receive during the course of their work. This portal provides partners with the means to securely and discreetly submit key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information. The portal does not replace current incident or crime reporting methods. The portal can be used for any form of intelligence where there is no immediate risk to an individual with recent examples including ASB and drugs.

Preventions, Interventions and Partnership Officers remains focused on engaging with partners around the delivery awareness and subsequent training with several statutory and 3rd sector organisations now having completed the required training.

During Quarter 1, sessions were delivered relating to drug awareness, recognising the signs Of Serious and Organised Crime in Young People and also recognising the signs of County Lines and Cuckooing.

Wider Community Engagement

Between 1st April and 30th June 2023 Officers have remained focused on engaging with wider communities as detailed:

- Ongoing engagement with the Deaf Link Hub and the wider deaf community has resulted in strengthened relationships and opportunities for both awareness inputs to staff and the community. This has also been supported with the introduction of regular engagement sessions such as 'Coffee with a Cop'.
- Through working with DCC Humanitarian Protection Team, Officers have attended and supported the Resettled Refugee Open Days, with good engagement both with partners and members of the public.

Local Priority/Activity: Embed environmental responsibility into current and future planning and estate management

Ongoing political, technological, economic and societal changes as well as unforeseeable emergencies on a local and global scale require the police service to adapt and respond to future challenges in order to maximise the benefits of

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future opportunities. This includes working to reduce the impact of our activity, estates and fleet on the environment. Police Scotland aims to make a significant contribution to the Scottish Government's 2040 carbon neutral target and 2045 zero greenhouse gas emissions target.

Taking every opportunity to co-locate and enhancing collaboration with partners is not only the best way to deliver savings to the public purse, it also facilitates more integrated and effective public services with better outcomes, particularly for the vulnerable in our society.

To further our commitment to making a positive impact through outstanding environmental sustainability, Tayside Division purchased 26 E-bikes in March 2023 for use by officers engaged in operational duties.

Tayside Division has been adding ULEVs to the fleet for some time.

We want to make commuting by bicycle easier and more economical for our officers and staff. Our Cycle to Work scheme gives officers and staff the opportunity to save money, whilst keeping fit and reducing their carbon footprint.

Tayside Division has a Tayside Cycling for Wellbeing group, with representatives from across all departments and units. Our Wellbeing Group completed a survey with all staff in 2022 with a view to introducing facilities/equipment that make cycling to work easier and more practicable.

Quarter 1 Thematic Spotlight

Local Priority/Activity – Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use

	Recorded Crimes			Change		Detection Rate			% point Change	
	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
Drugs Supply	35	37	32	13.8%	3.8%	97.0%	131.0%	98.1%	-34.0%	-1.1%
Production of Drugs	2	8	8	75.0%	75.0%	200.0%	62.5%	82.5%	137.5%	117.5%
Possession of Drugs	140	171	247	18.1%	43.4%	116.4%	85.4%	85.1%	31.0%	31.3%

Tackling substance use and the harms they cause is part of Police Scotland's duty towards ensuring the safety and wellbeing of people within our communities. Issues such as the cost of living exacerbate problems related to drugs harm such as access to addiction services, poverty, and mental health vulnerabilities.

Police Scotland recognises the importance of driving a multi-agency response to reduce the risk of vulnerability of individuals and the wider communities and adopt a whole system approach towards public health. We work alongside multiple external agencies to address longstanding issues and improve the life chances of individuals we interact with frequently.

This is shown in our work with school children through the Substance Education Package, developed alongside registered charity 'I Am Me', which 350 police officers nationally are now able to deliver.

Rights, respect and recovery: alcohol and drug treatment strategy is Scotland's strategy to improve health by preventing and reducing alcohol and drug use, harms and deaths. The National Mission sets out to reduce deaths and improve lives

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impacted by drugs. Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships are responsible for leading the development and implementation of these strategies at a local level.

Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)

The overall aim of Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership is to prevent harms that are associated with alcohol and drug use in our communities. Police Scotland form part of the Dundee ADP and work in partnership with services, communities and people with lived experience to understand our local communities and how best to support them. The ADP influence change in policy, systems and institutions and work to reduce the misinformation and stigma about alcohol and other drugs.

Dundee Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway (NFOD)

Officers continue to attend the daily multi-agency Near-Fatal Overdose meetings sharing relevant information in relation to any person who has experienced a non-fatal overdose as a result of the consumption of suspected illicit substances. Over the period of 1st April to 30 June 2023 there were 76 discussions at the NFOD group held with a multi-agency response developed to ensure a holistic approach is taken to the interventions applied, with positive engagement and harm reduction delivered for those involved.

Officers have engaged with Dundee City Council foster care services and Dundee Kinship care services to create an input for all carers to inform them about current trends around social media, drugs and alcohol.

PIP officers took part in a multi-agency safety session at St Johns High School educating all 1st year pupils around a variety of issues from drugs, internet safety and healthy eating.

Between the 1st April and 30 June 2023, officers in Dundee have attempted and progressed 85 support visits to vulnerable people, working with statutory and 3rd sector partners to provide follow up contact and re-assurance advice. Examples include but are not limited to Human Trafficking, Financial Exploitation, Prostitution, Sextortion, Cuckooing and County Lines, Robbery and Violence.

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Working with Positive Steps through the Cuckooing Initiative, Police Scotland continues to drive a dynamic and proactive approach, involving a wider partner base where appropriate, to ensure a holistic approach is taken to the social and medical needs of individuals involved, whilst reducing risk and tackling any identified criminality.

Carriage of Naloxone

Up to and inclusive of 30 June, 2023, there had been 252 incidents in Scotland where nasal Naloxone has been administered by a police officer to persons suspected to be in a state of overdose, with Q1 recording 17 incidents across Tayside, of which 9 related specifically to Dundee.

Naloxone is an emergency, first aid response to opioid/opiate-related drug overdose situations. It reverses the respiratory suppression caused by opioids, stimulating a person's breathing; it can buy someone enough time to allow ambulance clinicians to arrive and provide professional medical care.

In February 2022, the Chief Constable made the decision to approve a national roll-out of Naloxone. The roll out is now complete, with all operational officers up to and including the rank of Inspector trained and equipped with Naloxone. All officers have been provided with a pouch containing a personal supply of Naloxone as well as administration cards and an aide memoire. The pouches are carried in a high profile manner (belts/vests) so as to decrease stigma relating to problematic drug use and improve the relationship between people who use illicit drugs and the police.

Officers undertake an annual refresher on the carriage and use of Naloxone during the OST recertification course. The equipping of Police Scotland officers with Naloxone is a decision which has been widely supported by the overwhelming majority of our key partners and stakeholders, including the Scottish Government. Similarly, the response from the public and the media, both Scottish, UK and internationally, has been positive.

Local Priority/Activity – Target those involved in drugs supply

As the threat from Serious Organised Crime (SOC) across Scotland's communities continues, the distribution of controlled drugs throughout the country remains one of the main sources of activity and income for these criminal groups.

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As a result, tackling the effects and targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs is a priority for every territorial policing division within Police Scotland.

Through the effective Serious Organised Crime Mapping process, the Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) assessed as presenting the most significant risk of harm to our communities are identified and these groups are investigated by the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units (OCCTU) based geographically across the country.

All other aspects of drug enforcement are carried out by each of the territorial Policing Divisions, maximising our commitment to working in partnership with a wide range of partners and working closely with every community in Scotland.

Tayside Division has a Serious and Organised Crime Team, consisting of a team of detective officers led by a Detective Inspector which oversees all serious and organised crime matters.

Intelligence

The gathering of intelligence is essential to understanding the level and type of drug and substance misuse at a local and national level. Intelligence is monitored, assessed and reviewed to identify any emerging trends in respect of drug and substance misuse.

All Officers are encouraged to submit intelligence to the Scottish Intelligence Database (SID) in relation to the misuse of drugs at all levels, including any emerging local and national trends.

Enforcement

Between 1 April and 30 June 2023, officers executed 10 Drug Search Warrants in Dundee. As a result of the enforcement activity, including stop searches, 12 persons were reported for drugs offences. In summary, the activity recovered:

- Class A drugs with a potential maximum street value of £21,769.

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- Class B drugs with a potential maximum street value of £286,011 (£285,000 from packages stopped at borders linked to a nominal from both Dundee and Perth and Kinross)
- £22,203 cash.

During Q1 a Dundee nominal who was released from prison on a Serious Crime Prevention Order (SCPO) having previously been incarcerated for drug offences, was found guilty of breaching the conditions of his order and returned to prison.

Stop and search remains a valuable policing tactic which helps prevent, investigate and detect crime to keep people safe and is just one tactical option available to officers. We recognise that stopping and searching members of the public is an intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy and are committed to making sure it is done in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Being a rights based organisation, Police Scotland ensures robust governance and transparency around the use of the tactic to ensure compliance with the Code of Practice and by extension, the upholding of Human Rights. Officers continue to carry out Stop and Search in line with Police Scotland's values of fairness, integrity, respect and human rights with officers being fully accountable for their actions. The decision to search a person must always be based on reasonable grounds which can be formed from a number of different factors, including intelligence, information, an officer's own observations and from general engagement with anyone they encounter.

The National Stop Search Unit (NSSU) reports monthly to ACC Johnson, Executive Lead for Stop and Search. Additionally the NSSU reports bi-annually to the Stop Search Mainstreaming Group which again is chaired by ACC Johnston. This meeting affords the opportunity for further external discussion and scrutiny from stakeholders including Scottish Government, Scottish Institute for Policing Research and the Scottish Police Authority.

In the Q1 reporting period, 95 stop searches were conducted in Dundee with items including weapons, stolen property and drugs recovered. This equates to a positive rate of 46.3%. Outcomes from these cases were:

- 34 crimes reported by way of Standard Police Report to COPFS
- 11 Recorded Police Warnings