



Dundee City Council

**Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee
Report No 45-2024**

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 October 2023 – 31 December 2023

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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:
- Reducing the stigma and harm of drug use
 - Targeting those involved in drug supply
 - Addressing violence through preventative and enforcement measures
 - Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

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- Acquisitive Crime and support for victims
- Enabling and supporting effective engagement and communication with the public
- Seeking our shared learning and training opportunities with partners
- Embed environmental responsibility into current and future planning and estate management
- A Thematic Spotlight on focussing on making our roads safer

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 of 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 Scrutiny and Audit Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 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.



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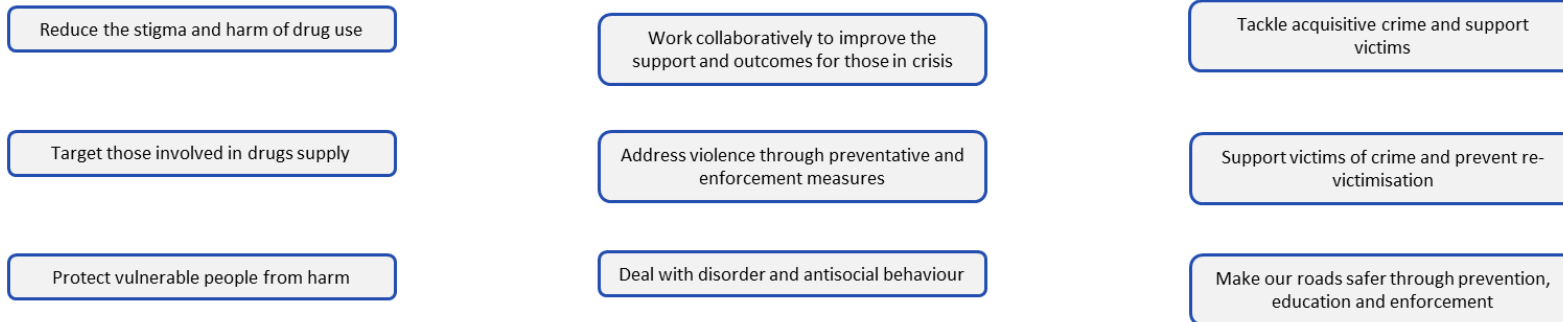
Our Vision Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland
Our Purpose Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland
Our Values Fairness Integrity Respect Human Rights

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Local Policing Priorities



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PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

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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	1273	1288	1392	-1.2%	-8.6%	28.5%	32.3%	40.6%	-3.8%	-12.0%
ASB Incidents	8875	9224	11155	-3.8%	-20.4%	-	-	-	-	-
Violence										
Robbery	119	122	109	-2.5%	9.4%	82.4%	84.6%	72.2%	-2.3%	10.2%
Serious Assault	91	112	114	-18.8%	-20.3%	71.8%	79.5%	82.1%	-7.8%	-10.3%
Common Assault (excl Emergency Workers)	1428	1462	1511	-2.3%	-5.5%	73.6%	73.4%	72.3%	0.2%	1.2%
Public Protection										
Overall Group 2	418	363	418	15.2%	0.0%	52.4%	58.3%	60.2%	-5.9%	-7.8%
Rape	92	66	87	39.4%	6.0%	50.0%	39.7%	41.4%	10.3%	8.6%
Domestic Abuse	95	69	-	37.7%	-	70.0%	82.1%	-	-12.1%	-
Road Safety										
Speeding offences	221	175	128	26.3%	72.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Drink / Drug Driving	139	144	201	-3.5%	-31.0%	99.1%	106.3%	96.6%	-7.3%	9.7%
Acquisitive Crime										
Housebreaking	299	330	345	-9.4%	-13.4%	37.4%	42.1%	32.0%	-4.7%	5.4%
Motor Vehicle Crime	733	636	484	15.3%	51.3%	48.6%	41.6%	43.3%	7.0%	5.3%
Fraud	522	537	377	-2.8%	38.6%	16.7%	24.5%	26.5%	-7.8%	-9.9%
Shoplifting	1736	1228	918	41.4%	89.1%	53.9%	65.6%	68.8%	-11.7%	-14.8%

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

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

CYTD – Current Year to Date, **LYTD** – Last Year to Date.

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

During November and December, officers carried out a city centre initiative targeting drug related activity. Perpetrators were identified and vulnerable victims assisted and signposted where appropriate. One particular homeless female, entrenched in substance use, was identified as requiring immediate support including emergency housing being secured. Social Media coverage and an STV news piece supported this initiative.

Police Scotland continue to form part of the Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership 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.

The Drug Trend Monitoring Meeting has welcomed further discussions to be held in respect of the inclusion of alcohol given its prevalence in hospital admissions and poly substance use. Agreement has been made to rename the group 'the Substance Trend Monitoring Group'. Invites are to be sent to partners supporting work in this area, including A&E and NHS Navigator Services, to ensure that appropriate actions, interventions and preventative messaging is delivered and a more encompassed approach is applied from both a health and policing perspective.

We continue to monitor drug trend alerts from RADAR (Rapid Action Drug Alerts and Response) and ensure pharmacies are engaging with substances users to be mindful of what they are sourcing.

Officers have been continuing to contribute to the daily Dundee Non-Fatal Overdose meeting sharing relevant information regarding those most at risk due to their use of illicit substances. Over the period of Q3 there were 41 cases. Each case was discussed and a multi-agency response instigated to ensure a holistic approach for interventions and positive engagements to reduce the harm to these individuals.

Between 1st October and 31st December 2023, there were 4 Police naloxone incidents recorded in the Tayside area where nasal Naloxone was administered by police officers to persons suspected to be in a state of overdose. 2 of these incidents were in Dundee.

Local Priority/Activity – Target those involved in drug supply

Drug supply poses a significant threat to Dundee. This includes County Line Gangs and industrial scale cannabis cultivations.

A County lines operation is when a crime group from elsewhere expands their drug network into Scottish cities and towns, bringing serious criminal behaviour with them such as violence, exploitation and abuse. These groups tend to target the vulnerable and/or young adults, who enjoy the camaraderie of being part of a group or are exploited through their need for controlled substances or other vulnerabilities.

Individuals from other areas move into the locality, supplying large amounts of controlled drugs and utilising one telephone line to manage this. Work is continually ongoing to develop intelligence and target those involved in such criminality.

Officers regularly carry out welfare checks on Dundee residents following receipt of intelligence suggesting they may be targeted by such groups, through cuckooing or threats of violence. Those targeted are signposted to partner agencies for assistance and support to try and divert them away from these crime groups.

It has been identified that Organised Crime Groups from the Western Balkans are involved in identifying large, empty or disused premises, to enable them to set-up large cannabis cultivations.

There have been public safety concerns identified due to electricity being illegally sourced from mains supplies in the street and fed into the premises to allow for the complex set up of these operations. These set ups are illegal and fall far short of what would be expected in terms of health and safety legislation.

Intelligence is continually being developed to identify such premises to allow for enforcement to be conducted.

Work is ongoing to develop a proactive media approach to raise the awareness of communities and encourage reporting to Police to allow enforcement action to be taken.

During Q3, awareness inputs relating to County Lines and Cuckooing were delivered to staff at Drummond House and the Deaf Links Hub developing a greater understanding of how to recognise signs.

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Notable Operations / Enforcement include:

- On 30/11/2023 two males aged 33 and 29 years from the London area were traced in Dundee and identified as being linked to a County Lines gang. An address at Seagate was later searched by virtue of a drug search warrant. Approximately 450g of Crack Cocaine with a potential street value of £45,000 and a sum of cash was recovered. The males were arrested, charged and appeared from custody at Dundee Sheriff Court. One of the males was further charged for an historical attack which involved a corrosive substance being thrown at a local male.
- Between 30/11/2023 and 08/12/2023 a week of action took place in Dundee City Centre due to a trend in intelligence surrounding drug supply, anti-social behaviour and other related criminality involving county lines and recruited locals impacting the City. Significant resources from both local policing and specialist departments took part in this initiative. There was excellent engagement with the public and other key stakeholders, including commercial premises workers, with supporting intelligence received throughout the week indicating the drug supply activity had been displaced due to Police activity.

Stop and search activity was carried out in relation to drug supply. Arrests were also made in relation to shoplifting and outstanding apprehension Warrants. There was media coverage and positive feedback from elected members regarding the operation.

- On 07/12/2023 officers attended at an address at Auchinblae Place, Dundee, after intelligence was received that the occupier was being targeted by a County lines gang. An 18 year old male from London was traced within the address. A drugs search warrant was obtained and quantities of crack cocaine, heroin and cannabis along with a sum of cash were recovered. The male appeared from custody at Dundee Sheriff Court and was later bailed with conditions not to enter Scotland.

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- A drugs Search Warrant was executed at an address in Arklay Street, Dundee which is the home address of a 49 year old male known to Police. The door was heavily barricaded. A total of 6 persons were traced within who had started a fire behind the sofa and thrown Cocaine on it. The property was searched and 87g of Cocaine and £1500 cash was recovered.
- An intelligence led search was carried out by Lochee Officers at an address in Lansdown Court, Dundee and a Cannabis Cultivation worth £18'000 was discovered. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the person responsible.
- Longhaugh Community Policing Team carried out a drug enforcement initiative following information received that there had been a rise of drug use within Broughty Ferry pubs. The evenings were a success, offering reassurance to the pub staff and acting as a deterrent against those who engage in drug use. Dog handlers and response Officers aided in this initiative.

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

Tackling violent crime is part of Police Scotland's main focus in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities. A broad range of resources are deployed daily in Dundee to protect our communities and deliver a sense of public safety.

Crimes of violence are categorised into Murder, Attempted Murder, Serious Assault, Robbery and Common Assault.

In terms of the investigation of those more serious and complex investigations, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse we have a number of specialist teams, all of which are led by Senior Investigating Officers. These teams come under the management of Tayside Division Criminal Investigation Department and our Public Protection Units. They are the Reactive CID, Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) and Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU).

Tayside Division is also fully supported by national units, which are geographically based within the Tayside geographic footprint and have a vital part to play in tackling violence in our local communities. These teams are managed by our Specialist Crime Division (SCD).

Every morning senior managers meet to discuss each incident of note and assign each case to the appropriate department to review and investigate.

Tayside Division Community Analysts produce a monthly 'Violent Crime Report' which allows senior officers to analyse reported crimes of violence in Dundee and react to emerging trends, deploying both local and national resources on an 'intelligence led' basis to prevent crimes of violence from taking place. This detailed approach to Tasking is governed via monthly Tasking and Coordinating Group meetings which are chaired by the Divisional Commander and attended by the full Senior Leadership Team.

Our 'crime management' department ensures that each crime is properly recorded and that a robust professional investigation is delivered. Line managers across local policing, CID and PPU routinely assess crimes under investigation to ensure that these investigations are being progressed at pace and that vital safeguarding for victims is in place.

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Through this combination of strong governance, statistical analysis and careful tasking we can focus our resources effectively to maximise detection rates, limit repeat offending and prioritise crime prevention activity.

An example of focused activity from this period is community Officers carrying out several days of action within the Stobswell West area of the locality. They carried out high visibility foot patrols, stairwell checks, leaflet drops, prioritised the apprehension of offenders wanted in relation to crimes of violence and anti-social behaviour. Officers also engaged with local resident's on the street and within commercial premises. Officers were able to listen first hand to some of the concerns raised and provide responses and re-assurance regarding police activities within the area.

Performance Data by Crime Type

- There have been no Murders during the reporting period.
- There have been five attempted murders during the reporting period. This is a rise from the one reported the previous quarter and two from the corresponding period the previous year.
- Two of the offences relate to life changing injuries inflicted upon a new born baby by a step parent. This was investigated by specialist officers from CPIU supported by partner agencies and the offender has since been remanded in custody. The remaining three offences were unconnected and involved victims being struck with knives causing serious injuries. All offenders were known to the victims and quickly identified, offences detected and offenders reported to COPFS.
- There have been 27 Serious Assaults recorded within this quarter. 9 investigations are ongoing and suspects have been identified in all but 2 of these investigations meaning further detections are anticipated.

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Further analysis shows that 15 offences occurred in public spaces, 10 within residential properties and the others within commercial / public utilities. Alcohol / drug abuse played a significant factor in these offences the majority of perpetrators were known to victims. It is apparent a significant number stemmed from feuds, mostly concerning the illicit use or supply of drugs.

- 24 robberies were reported in this reporting period which is lower than the 52 reported within the same period last year. 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.

Loci are generally spread across the city ranging from public settings at or near shop premises to within private dwelling houses. Further analysis revealed the majority of victims knew the perpetrators and were non-engaging with the Police making evidence gathering challenging.

Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and anti-social behaviour

We continue to try to prevent and deter instances of Anti-social behaviour by remaining focused on a multi-agency response alongside SFRS, ASBT, Housing and Trading Standards, with a shared interest in reducing the impact these instances can have on local communities.

Operation Moonbeam

During the review period, Operation Moonbeam (response to disorder linked to Bonfire night) and Mission Possible events resulted in positive community engagements.

In the lead up to Bonfire night, officer tasked as part of Operation Moonbeam carried out a number of visits to retailers of fireworks and it was noted that there was a significant reduction in the numbers of retailers who were stocking such supplies. The Pro-Social Behaviour event branded 'Mission Possible' was held at Downfield Jnr Football ground with a number of partners and charities supporting the local community of Kirkton. There was good attendance and involvement which left a positive impact on the area, resulting in a reduction of ASB incidents, particularly on Bonfire night.

As part of the multi-agency approach to Operation Moonbeam, Officers also supported a number of other preventative activities and interventions including safety advice letter drops, schools inputs on the dangers and associated violence, shop inputs around sales and community group engagements.

In the aftermath of Operation Moonbeam, officers thoroughly investigated and carried out enforcement in response to offences committed around Bonfire night.

This included the following activity:

- Engagement with partners in ASBT, Education and local community representatives during the investigative phase to assist with identification of those involved.

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- 23 persons identified as being involved in criminality over the period, comprising of 4 under the age of criminal responsibility, 11 youth offenders and 8 adults.
- The team secured support from Youth Justice Assessor, ASBT, SWD, COPFS and Police Scotland Custody Division early in the process. These discussions proved extremely beneficial, creating a common understanding of objectives and expectations, and allowed a collective plan to be produced prior to taking action.
- Of the 23 identified, 21 have been addressed formally.

12-15 years old have been cautioned and charged and referred to YJA. An Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) meeting between partners will take place in January 2024 in relation to the young people involved.

Adults have been arrested, cautioned and charged and/ or reported dependent upon the circumstances presented. The team will continue to invest effort working alongside our partners to monitor and support YJA, ASBT and SWD to ensure the right outcomes are achieved for the right people. These outcomes are intended to be robust, supportive and disrupt the likelihood of repeat offending.

Operation After Dark

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) and community teams have visited residential areas delivering After Dark literature. Properties where security could be breached were identified and crime prevention advice cards provided.

Further activity to tackle ASB included -

- Partner Portal Training continued to be delivered during the review period. This is a system which allows partners to record intelligence relating to ASB and is being positively received and widely used already. Over Q3 training sessions have been delivered to representatives from the Deaf Links Hub, Drummond House, Home Group/ Angus

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and Caledonia Housing Associations, Dundee City Council (DCC) Housing, DCC Anti-Social Behaviour Team, DCC Wardens and DCC Humanitarian Team.

- Officers continued to attend weekly housing association meetings to focus on identification and targeting of emerging issues. Preventions team officers have supported several multi-agency days of action working alongside our community teams to tackle and deter anti-social behaviour within identified multi storey residences. This included specific housing visits to identified addresses, ASB letter drop and a drop in facility at the Wellgate Centre to encourage reporting.
- Dundee currently 119 live ASBO's across Dundee with 4 crimes recorded for a breach of ASBO with ongoing work in place with partners to target the addresses.
- In December Officers, supported by dog handlers carried out a drug enforcement initiative following information received that there has been a rise of drug use within Broughty Ferry pubs. The evenings were a success, offering reassurance to the pub staff and acting as a deterrent against those who engage in drug use which can often lead to anti-social behaviour.
- Officers engaged with staff at Harris Academy to provide advice in relation to use of Social Media platforms.
- Officers continue to engage with management at Tesco, South Road in relation to ASB.
- Officers attended Eastern Primary School and Ballumbie Primary School regarding issues with children displaying anti-social behaviour. Inputs were carried out with P5, P6 and P7 on anti-social behaviour, bullying and social media.
- Officers have attended Craigie High School and Braeview High School to support staff dealing with anti-social behaviour within the school campus and also in the wider community area. Inputs have been arranged into

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January 2024 in both high schools tackling issues around social media, anti-social behaviour and fire raising in response to fire at nearby derelict property.

- In partnership with Preventions Officers, Anti-Social Behaviour Teams and Community Safety Wardens, the Downfield CPT took part in engagement activities with residents to gather intelligence and address concerns raised.
- Periodic directed patrols have been conducted in the Hilltown Multi area with a specific focus on key addresses and nominals.
- Pro-active patrols have been undertaken at hotspots known for anti-social behaviour by young people across Coldside and Strathmartine wards. This has allowed identification of young people causing issues in the community whose details were shared with partners through information sharing protocol and subsequent joint visits were undertaken with the DCC ASBT, helping disrupt youth related anti-social behaviour.
- Maryfield Policing Team held multiple engagement sessions with youth related groups within the locality. Strengthening our reach and involvement, we continued to foster relationships with young people from the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Youth Group and TS Duncan Sea Cadets. The team met with P7 pupils, discussing the dangers of social media, anti-social behaviour and drug related issues. This approach enabled positive engagement with those who wouldn't routinely come to the attention of police or seek out conversation. Sessions with the Stobswell Beavers, Glebelands and Craigiebarns Primary School involved discussing the role of the Police Officer, Keeping People Safe and positive behaviours with early year children, introducing them to officers who are familiar faces within the locality, encouraging them to think about behaviours and consequences and promoting positive engagement with the police.

Licensing

Between 1st October 2023 and 31st December 2023, the licensing team have processed 606 licence applications for the Dundee area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas, renewals and grants for taxi operators and drivers, renewals and applications for grants of Short Terms as the legislation commencement date of 1st October 2023 is now into force.

66 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises.

There were 80 inspections carried out throughout Dundee, with no single premises identified as problematic during this period.

The licensing team have been promoting the 'by-stander' and 'It'll Cost You' training and campaign and, were assisted by Police Scotland Youth Volunteers carrying out public engagement within our communities and Premise Licence Holders. The Licensing Team are continuing efforts to deliver training to licenced premises in respect of keeping people safe in particular during the night time economy.

Work has been carried out identifying a number of unlicensed Second Hand Dealers, Licensing have liaised with the business owners and Council LSOs to have the identified premises apply for a licence so full checks can be carried out. We are also putting together a uniform process for the recording of bought and sold property.

This has recently resulted in Licensing officers recovering property from a high value Housebreaking identifying the seller of the stolen goods.

Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

The figures for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen). This analysis considers break-ins and attempts to dwellings only – it therefore excludes sheds and other out-buildings.

There were 67 crimes recorded during the Q3 period which is an increase from the 45 crimes recorded the previous quarter and to the 46 reported during the corresponding period the previous year.

The outstanding undetected crimes forensic results are pending and positive lines of investigation being pursued in relation to other crimes means this figure will likely rise.

Police Scotland continue to work with partners sharing preventative advice.

The Divisional Acquisitive crime team within CID meaning they will likely be investigated or at minimum reviewed by a Detective officers under supervision of a Detective Sergeant and Inspector.

This results in links to cross border crime series being identified quicker maximising intelligence / evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property providing a joined up investigative approach.

Motor Vehicle Crime

Motor vehicle crime includes all thefts of vehicles, theft of property from within vehicles and attempts of both crimes.

As these crimes often overlap or are connected with housebreakings and other criminality the Acquisitive Crime team has responsibility for investigating crimes series under line management of CID. This provides enhanced investigative ability and resources to address motor vehicle crime.

This approach has provided an enhanced investigative response in relation to a group of young males from Dundee who have criminal associates throughout Fife and the East coast of Scotland. These groups have been responsible for several crimes series which has involved cross border investigations with neighbouring Divisions.

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Within the Q3 period 250 crimes were recorded which is a decrease from 261 crimes recorded the previous quarter.

Fraud

There were 179 recorded frauds during Q3 which was almost identical to the 177 reported during the previous quarter and similar to the 158 frauds reported within the corresponding period last year.

Analysis of these offences shows the locus for a significant quantity of these offences were the complainer's home address and the majority were credit card frauds or had an online element.

Fraud enquiries are often complex and protracted with Police dependent on retailers to provide evidence such as documentation. Investigations can often take several months to detect or complete meaning there may be several more crimes detected moving forward.

These offences are often linked and as evidenced by investigations undertaken by the acquisitive team.

In mid-October, 2023 Police attended an address in Yarrow Terrace, Dundee which had been broken into. Significant quantities of stolen property and stolen car keys were recovered within and attributed to a prolific offender who was identified for this crime.

Extensive investigation identified the male was responsible for 11 offences ranging from a stolen vehicle, multiple theft from vehicles, trespassing and fraudulent use of stolen bank cards committed throughout Dundee and Angus. He was arrested, charged with these offences and is currently on bail.

Following a break into a local take away in December, 2023, the Acquisitive crime team identified two well-known males and female from CCTV. Further enquiries identified they had been responsible for stealing two cars linked to this offence and two further thefts from vehicles and subsequent fraudulent use of stolen cards.

A search warrant was executed at their home address where all three were arrested and stolen property recovered. All appeared at Dundee Sheriff Court from custody where they were remanded in custody.

Police Scotland will maintain a key role in supporting vulnerable people and communities in Dundee. By working with partners, preventative approaches will be developed that focus on early intervention, early resolution and diversion to

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address enduring problems. This will help to build resilience within some of our most vulnerable communities; improving outcomes and reducing cost across the wider public service. Greater investment here will allow Police Scotland to focus our resources on partnership, prevention and early intervention, enabling effective solutions to be discovered. Unique policing insights will be used to demonstrate a clear case for change, building a solid evidence base for targeted investment in preventative measures to address vulnerability, violence, mental ill-health and substance misuse. Better use will be made of data to inform improvements in policing, and our approach to working with partners. Preventative work will be a key feature in the approach to online criminality. Police Scotland will continue to raise awareness of the digital threat amongst us, in order to develop resilience, reduce vulnerability and the likelihood of repeat victimisation. Police Scotland will work with organisations in both the public, third and private sectors to develop their understanding and response. Working collaboratively will ensure that products and services are secure by design, reducing opportunities for criminals to exploit vulnerabilities.

Over the festive period our Preventions Officers attended an event for city centre retailers to raise awareness of various schemes which could assist them with deterring offenders from entering their premises and providing them with tools to assist with identification. This was supported by Retailers against Crime, with an overview of the micro session relating to CCTV prepared by the Scottish Business Crime Prevention Team, awareness of Retail Watch and an input by Retailers against Crime. There was also engagement with consumers, raising awareness of personal safety with purse bells and personal alarms being issued to a number of vulnerable persons.

Officers continue to support victims of high value thefts and house breakings by carrying out site visits and offering suitable crime prevention advice. There has been a notable increase in theft by shoplifting and robberies, officers are working alongside colleagues, internally and externally to look at preventative measures and ways to safeguard vulnerable persons and target repeat offenders.

During November and December, Officers in all localities carried out focused patrols in retail parks and supermarkets targeting repeat locations, providing reassurance and crime prevention advice.

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

Audiences are at the heart of all communications activity. We tailor all of our communications to meet the specific needs of audience groups and to maximise the impact of our efforts. We identify and segment audiences in order to:

- Understand their demographics and behaviours
- Understand what they think and feel about Police Scotland and what we do
- Understand their specific communications needs
- Understand the best way to reach them
- Understand the best way to influence them

We use a range of research techniques and resources to gain insight into all of these aspects of our audiences to inform our project strategies, so that we are delivering the right message at the right time to the right people in the right location. Our key audience groups reflect the breadth of our work and include:

Internal

- Executive members
- Divisional Commanders and department heads
- Business units
- Operational management
- Frontline officers
- Police staff

External

- Victims/witnesses
- Offenders
- Stakeholders, such as the Scottish Police Authority, Scottish Government, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), Police Investigations and Review (PIRC)
- Staff associations (including Unison, Scottish Police Federation, ASPS)
- Strategic partners, such as SFRS and SAS
- Local partners, such as individual local authorities
- Peers (other police services)
- Opinion formers (journalists, commentators etc.)
- Wider public

In all of our work we strive to support the strategic outcomes of the organisation.

Organisational outcomes

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a responsive police service
- The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery
- Public and communities are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
- Our people are supported through a positive working environment enabling them to serve the public
- Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

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Police Scotland recognises the importance of driving a multi-agency response to reduce the risk of vulnerability to individuals and the wider communities.

During the review period, officers in Dundee have progressed 56 support visits to vulnerable people, working with statutory and 3rd sector partners to provide follow up contact and re-assurance/ crime prevention advice. Examples include victims of online frauds, dishonesties, sextortion and violence.

Police Scotland are committed to ensuring Dundee's citizens are protected and feel safe with its continued work in conjunction with I Am Me Scotland and the Keep Safe partnership initiative. Currently there are 46 Keep Safe places across Dundee with ongoing annual reviews in place to ensure all staff remain trained to the required standard with appropriate signage in place.

As part of the continued focus in Q3 around Keeping People Safe, officers and representatives from the Health and Social Care Partnership held Keep Safe Awareness Sessions at the Finmill Centre, the McKinnon Centre, the Logie & St John Church and the Wellgate Centre, to promote the services available with positive feedback received from members of the public and good attendance at all five events.

Officers have remained focused on engaging with wider communities as follows:

- Multi-agency drop in held at Alloway Place in conjunctions with Police Scotland, SFRS, SAS and Mears to continue engagement with asylum arrivals.
- Internet Awareness Training, St John's Church, Blackness Avenue, Dundee
- Social Media Awareness presentation at St Ninians Primary School for P6 and P7

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- Keeping yourself Safe Awareness (road safety, anti-social awareness etc.) at St Mary's Primary School for P4 and P5.
- Recognising the increase in On Street Sex Workers within the locality and the lack of any direct link to an on street provision which has previously proved vital in supporting women seeking to leave prostitution, Maryfield Community Policing Team alongside partners, are developing a new approach for 2024. Obtaining support from We Are With You, NHS Nurses, Safe Zone Bus and Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team and local Communities Officers a working group has been established to ensure that we are providing a provision fit for purpose and that can meet the demands needed.

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

As part of the engagements around the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Preventions Officers attended the two BSL taster sessions learning basic BSL. The subsequent launch of Coffee with a Cop at the Deaf Hub in December further allowed officers to apply their learning with positive engagement with members of the community.

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

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 capable partners with the means to securely and discreetly submit key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information and 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 Officers engage with partners around the delivery of awareness and subsequent training with several statutory and 3rd sector organisations now having completed the required training, with a unique secure login assigned to afford access.

Police Scotland further continue to promote and provide awareness sessions to Partners where required 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 with further training relating to the partner intelligence portal to be arranged.

Officers have arranged a meeting with representatives from PIP, ASBT and SFRS post Operation Moonbeam to discuss and share learning points. These will provide valuable information and learning that will contribute to planning for future events.

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Officers continue to engage with Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team to prove valuable, ensuring ongoing and new issues across the locality are discussed and acted upon through joint visits to persons and addresses.

Officers continue to attend the fortnightly high risk domestic abuse meeting with DALOs, Dundee Assist and Women's Aid, ensuring information is shared in respect of ongoing engagement and safety planning of high risk domestic abuse victims.

To support licensees, the Licensing Team are continuing efforts to deliver training to licenced premises in respect of keeping people safe in particular during the night time economy.

During the reporting period the Counter Terrorism Governance group met with representatives from all Tayside Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and Counter Terrorism Intelligence/Investigations, Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, Prevent Delivery Unit and Counter Terrorism Planning Unit. This allows for sharing of information and collaborative working between division and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit.

The Multi-Agency CONTEST Board also met, with representation from Police Scotland, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and Education. NHS and Local Authority provided an update about the current situation with Resilience Partnership. Counter Terrorism Security Advisors provided updates as well as Prevent Delivery Unit who provided Performance Figures to the CONTEST group.

Due to positive feedback from the Security Minded Communications Event 27th July 2023, it was requested at the CONTEST Board to have a further one. This will be held on 24/01/2024 through Microsoft teams with attendees being from CONTEST Board, Local Resilience Partnership Working Group and Police Scotland Social Media SPOCS.

It is hoped that Committee members recognise that every section of this report highlights positive examples of partnership working, where agencies across the partnership are identifying shared priorities and seeking to work in collaboration.

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

Police Scotland recently announced plans to consult on proposals to close a number of properties across the country.

Consultations have commenced in relation to 29 police stations, including 3 in Dundee.

The 3 buildings in the Dundee area that have been identified for potential disposal in the shorter term are small police buildings at Ryehill and Hilltown, and a larger Annex building on our Divisional Headquarters site at West Bell Street.

The properties have been selected following a detailed review of the entire Police Scotland estate, where local policing commanders were asked to identify where they would want to locate their resources to better meet the demands of 21st century policing.

The proposals followed assessment work undertaken nationally over the past year, in consideration of the whole police estate, looking at the buildings we have and how we use them with a view to having locations for officers and staff that enable them to be as effective and efficient as possible, best maximising our services to the public whilst ensuring investment of budget is focused on priority areas. The assessment work allowed for the identification of buildings which may no longer be fit for purpose, some with very high maintenance costs, environmental inefficiencies, and in a number of cases in locations that no longer meet the requirements of the communities they serve

Transforming our estate is a fundamental part of the future of policing in Scotland and we must deliver something different that is less expensive and more effective than the current model. Whilst considerations include a list of buildings identified for potential disposal in the shorter term, work also continues in respect of seeking to maximise and modernise our estate for the longer term. This includes examples of ongoing engagement with all three Tayside Local Authorities and other key stakeholders in exploring options for colocation at better equipped modern multiagency facilities.

Ahead of any final decisions being taken on these properties, Police Scotland is progressing a co-ordinated engagement and bespoke consultation approach with the public, local communities and broader stakeholders. This is

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initially being conducted via an engagement portal which went live on 14 December and will allow our staff, stakeholders and the public to take part in a national conversation that will help shape the Policing estate for the future.

The consultation will help understand needs and how these can best be met within the budgetary and resource capabilities, with constant focus on our local policing delivery models to ensure that the needs and expectations of our communities continue to be met.

Beyond the national conversation being launched there will be a more focused phase of local engagement will follow over the course of the next year, with more specific detail on any individual premises being considered for disposal. This phase will be the key one in best understanding the local context, needs, and community impact.

Quarter 3 Thematic Spotlight

Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safe through prevention, education and enforcement

Introduction

Police Scotland work in partnership to influence driver and road user behaviour, reduce road casualties and detect and deter all types of criminality on our roads.

This report will provide details fatal and serious collisions recorded across the Division during the current performance year, whilst exploring current trends and the initiatives employed to reduce fatal and serious collisions.

In addition the report will demonstrate the strategic and tactical approach adopted in relation to prevention, investigation and enforcement activity across the Tayside area.

Crime Categorisation and Investigative Response

Road Policing is a National Division, (East, West and North) with geographical bases across Scotland to support local divisions with road safety. Within Tayside (D Division) there are two Road Policing units based in Dundee and Perth.

In terms of investigation of the more serious and complex investigations, fatal and serious road traffic collisions are led by a Senior Investigating Officer who has responsibility for an enquiry team and collision investigators.

Statistical Analysis and Crime Management

Analysts produce monthly road data (based on fatal and serious collision data for the last 5 years), identifying vulnerable road users and enabling senior officers to react to emerging trends, deploying resources on an “intelligence led” basis to prevent fatal and serious collisions. This detailed approach to tasking is governed via monthly Local Delivery Boards, which are chaired by the Regional Commanders.

Priority locations are identified through analysis for each geographical area. In Tayside these roads are:-

A9, A90, A923, A92, A94, A930

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Through analysis the fatal and serious causation factors on these roads have been identified as:-

Fatal 5:

Drink/Drug driving

Speeding

Using a hand held mobile phone whilst driving

Not wearing a seatbelt

Careless Driving

Road Policing works in partnership with local policing and key partners to target these causation factors through the National Campaign Calendar. In addition Police Scotland Tayside Road Policing carry out directed activity targeting the safety of vulnerable road users, through local initiatives such as :-

Operation close pass

Partnership working with Division to tackle the close passing of cyclists. Plain clothes officers on pedal cycles advise colleagues when that have been passed too closely by drivers, who are stopped and shown how closely they passed and how much space they should give.

Rider Refinement North

Police Scotland and road safety partners hold training courses for motorcyclists to help them ride responsibly and reduce the number of collisions. It is a one day course led by a police motorcyclist and accompanied by an observer from the Institute of Advanced Motorists, the course will look at key risk factors and provide riders with the knowledge and skills to be safer.

Driver Engagement North

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An innovative road safety initiative for older drivers and their families which uses an interactive driving simulator to assess and highlight a participants reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities.

New Driver Intervention

The New Driver Early Intervention Scheme is aimed at encouraging safe driving practices amongst new and learner drivers. The scheme targets drivers aged between 17 -25 years of age who are statistically more likely to be involved in a collision.

Operation Tramline

A Road Policing initiative to combat careless driving through the use of an unmarked HGV cab, which provides an elevated seating position to ensure compliance with road traffic legislation tackling seatbelts, mobile phone use and careless driving.

Through this combination of strong governance, statistical analysis, local and national initiatives, partnership working and careful tasking we can focus our resources effectively to maximise visibility and affect driver behaviour to prevent serious and fatal road traffic collisions.

Performance Data

- There have been 13 fatal road traffic collisions in the Division year to date. This is 4 more fatal collisions that 22/23
- There have been 93 serious injury collisions in the Division year to date, this is down 30% compared to last year (this data does not include December's figures due to being unavailable at time of writing).
- There have been 2,182 fatal 5 offences detected year to date.
- There have been 7354 vehicles stopped within Tayside year to date.

Collision Costs

Department of Transport figures from 2021 detail the costs associated with fatal, serious and slight road traffic collisions in Scotland. These costs encompass all aspects of the costs of casualties including both the human cost and the direct economic cost.

The Human cost covers an amount to reflect the pain, grief and suffering to the casualty, relatives and friends, and, for fatalities the intrinsic loss of enjoyment of life over and above the consumption of goods and services. The economic cost covers loss of output due to injury and medical costs. The costings also include damage to vehicles and property and the cost of police and insurance administration.

Fatal all roads - £2,309,788

Serious all roads – 273,510

Slight all roads – 27,985

The full breakdown of costs can be found on transport Scotland website.

Public Support and Reassurance

Road Policing deliver well developed external communication strategies, to ensure communities are aware of road policing activity in their local area. This is done through main stream media, printed press and social media in order to engage with as broad a range of community members as possible.