

Performance against Local Policing Plan 2023-26



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North East Division Moray

April - September 2023

Introduction by the Divisional Commander



I am pleased to present the latest Public Protection Committee report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division. This report details performance in Moray aligned to the agreed priorities at local and national level from the period of 1 April to 30 September 2023.

With Community Policing at the heart of everything we do, and with high levels of engagement, we listen to the concerns of the people who live and work in Moray. We know that Crimes of Violence and Antisocial Behaviour are of particular concern and continue to deliver on our focused approach.

We highlighted to you previously that demand on policing is increasing, with a growing body of evidence indicating that upstream intervention with those who are vulnerable to be drawn towards offending is more critical than ever. We continue to drive proactivity and multi-agency responses to reduce rises in these crimes, and particularly in relation to Robbery, that we know are impacted by rising vulnerability. Our links to inform and work with partners must be effective to guide them towards reducing the upstream causation factors before impacts are felt in our communities.

Rising to the challenges ahead of us, we continue to re-align and redesign functions to ensure we realise efficiency maximisation, and best utilise the skills and experience of our Officers, while still maintaining our ability to meet increasing core demand placed upon us.

We must also continue to build on our heritage of innovation if we are to curb emerging threats.

We are proud that our work to divert vulnerable people away from Serious Organised Crime has been recognised nationally. Our work to help deliver the Bairn's Hoose model in the North East is underpinned by the introduction of the SCIM, which is exceeding expectation in terms of output and quality.

Reducing fatalities and those seriously injured on our roads remains a priority balancing enforcement with educational activity. Our partnership approach continues to support our strong message of road safety throughout our communities in Moray, making our roads safer during this reporting period.

We continue to work collaboratively with partners and are committed to our role in the Community Planning Partnership. In each element of this report we demonstrate that our collaborative partnership approach has contributed significantly to our success. Strong ties within Moray must remain and evolve to meet the changing needs in our communities.

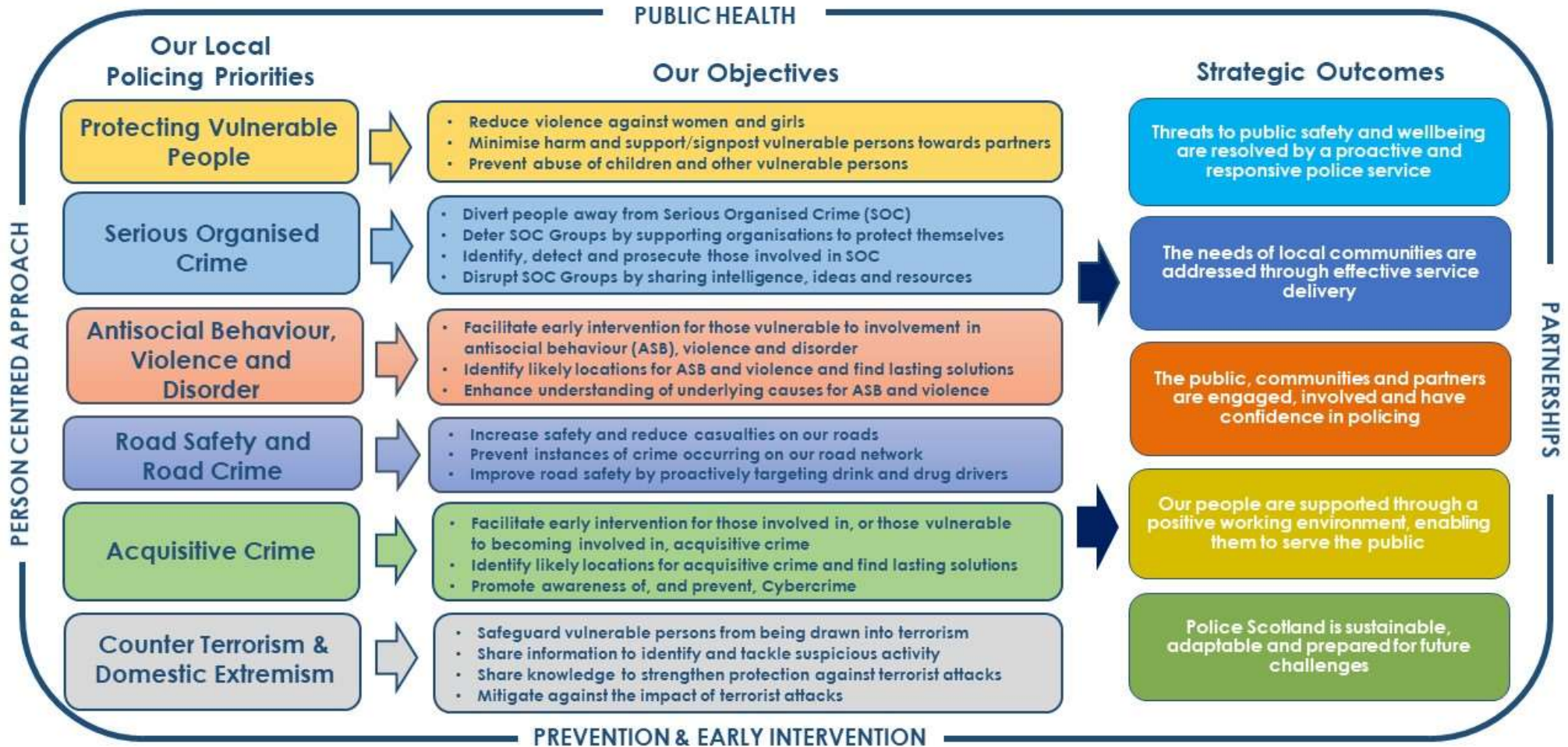
It is clear that Moray has tremendous support from our Local Policing Teams, our Police Staff, Special Constables and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers all of whom have contributed significantly to Moray's continued success. I also recognise the support provided by our colleagues in specialist roles and national teams who remain committed to delivering effective Policing across Moray and beyond.

Graeme Mackie
Divisional Commander
North East Division



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Our vision | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Moray
Our purpose | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Moray
Our values | Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights



Executive Summary



Protecting Vulnerable People

As part of our work to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), local governance and scrutiny of domestic crime remains robust. Year to date, detection rates for this crime type within North East Division, when compared with last year to date, have increased and currently sit at over 70%, exceeding the Force average. Our enforcement activities are equally balanced with preventative tactics including the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS), Multi-Agency Tasking & Coordinating (MATAC) and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). Supporting the wider agenda, we continue to chair and support the Moray VAWG Partnership.

In a bid to maximise our performance in relation to Domestic Abuse Crime, the Division devised a bespoke Domestic Crime Guidance document setting the required standards in terms of investigation and victim safeguarding. Following an initial rolling out period, the process was reviewed and demonstrated improved quality and performance of domestic investigations. Use of the guidance is now well embedded and subject to quality assurance processes. This is further supported by the implementation of a bespoke data dashboard, to help manage and allow critical oversight of all Domestic Abuse investigations, regardless of risk or grading.

Positively, during the review period, Moray saw an increase of 62% in the number of offences in contravention of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, when compared against the previous year. This demonstrates an increased confidence in reporting such offences to Police and is further positively supported by an increase in detection rates of approximately 20%.

During the review period, the Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM) continued to be embedded across the North East with the specialist team of Police and Social Work staff conducting approximately 90% of Joint Investigative Interviews of children. This far exceeded the initial target of 60%. Our implementation has been recognised nationally.

Serious Organised Crime

Our innovative approaches to tackling Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) saw North East Division achieve high levels of performance across the 4D strategy (Disrupt, Detect, Deter, Divert) in this reporting period. Additionally, our Division has been recognised at several national awards for its multi-agency contribution to tackling SOC under our banner of Operation Protector. Utilising the '4D' method, we continue to ensure those vulnerable to becoming susceptible to drugs and the associated harm are provided with support, engagement and directed to the relevant partners. We also aim to ensure, via disruptive tactics, that those travelling to this area for the purpose of dealing controlled drugs and targeting those vulnerable are met with a hostile environment.

Continued enforcement has seen successful outcomes as we tackle those creating the greatest harms, whilst supporting our communities to be resilient in the fight against SOC. In this reporting period, controlled drugs with a street value of over £1 million have been recovered.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Often these crimes are seen and felt by communities therefore we must help drive out serious violence from society. Our performance in terms of Serious Assaults has seen a significant reduction in crimes at almost 29 percent when compared to previous reporting period. The detection rate remains exceptionally high at 90 percent, an increase of the last reporting period and significantly higher than the Force average, demonstrating our commitment to keeping our communities safe.

Additionally our overt presence in our communities across Moray, and City Centre, alongside our preventative initiatives aim to target locations and causation factors leading to violence. Our Weekend Policing Plans and Licensing Interventions aim to reduce alcohol related violence making our towns and villages safe places to socialise.

We must also recognise that often to reduce violence, multiple complex needs for individuals must be addressed in partnership with other agencies alongside robust visible policing. This approach is vital in our drive to reduce Robbery and associated weapon related crimes.

Road Safety and Road Crime

Fatalities have decreased on Moray's roads compared to the same period last year, while the number of people seriously injured has also reduced. Road safety is a priority and we are part of a crucial partnership approach.

Police Scotland continues to work with our partners toward Vision Zero - no deaths and no serious injuries on Scotland's roads by 2050.

Acquisitive Crime

Overall crimes of dishonesty have shown an increase on the previous year with increases seen in crimes such as Theft by Shoplifting and Fraud. Significantly, Housebreakings show a reduction on the previous year. Fraud has also reduced during the reported period with significant engagement with the public to highlight Cybercrime and those vulnerable to it.

As part of North East Divisions Policing plan to combat Acquisitive crime, a variety of pro-active engagement with communities and targeting of locations such crimes have taken place. Working with partners who can help facilitate early interventions for those involved is key to reducing Acquisitive crime.

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

We aim to reduce the risk of terrorism so people can go about their lives freely and with confidence by focusing on the local delivery of the CONTEST strategy using four key objectives: PROTECT, PREPARE, PURSUE and PREVENT. Significant work has and continues to take place to ensure Moray is protected against the threat of terrorism.

Protecting Vulnerable People



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Objective: Work with statutory and third sector partners to reduce violence against women and girls

The Division continues to support the Moray Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) Partnership. The group is chaired by a Detective Chief Inspector within the Public Protection Unit and supported by a number of specialist Officers. Notably, a Detective Inspector with responsibility for the Divisional Domestic Crime portfolio has led the development of a Grampian wide multi-agency dataset, incorporating all forms of VAWG. Previously this focussed on Domestic Abuse only, but now includes Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence (HBV), Sexual Offences and Stalking and informs performance reporting. Work is now underway to contextualise the data to identify and understand trends, patterns and impacting factors.

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Our MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) and MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) processes continue to both robustly target offenders and support victims on a multi-agency basis. Year to date, MATAC referrals within the Division have increased 100%. This demonstrates the effectiveness by which the Division have taken ownership of the MATAC process, ensuring that partners are actively involved and support the targeting of serious and/or repeat domestic perpetrators.

Our specialist Officers continue to work collaboratively with Moray Rape Crisis supporting training and developing a sound understanding of respective roles in order to maximise the level of service provided to survivors.

The MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) process supports victims of domestic abuse via a multi-agency approach. The process is well established and is working well, with a primary focus to safeguard high risk victims of domestic abuse. Information is shared between partner agencies to allow a risk-focused, coordinated safety plan to be established to support the victim. Additionally, the MARAC steering group has been reinvigorated following the COVID pandemic, which focuses on driving improvements and efficiencies to the process. Year to date, there have been 114 MARAC referrals within Moray, which is comparable to referrals for the previous year to date.

Awareness of our DSDAS (Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland) process continues to grow through a combination of national media campaigns and local inputs to professionals working in

the domestic abuse arena. The DSDAS process gives people access to details of previous domestic offending of their partner within a relationship. Not only does this information empower the individual, but also allows them to protect their children within the context of the relationship. Year to date, there has been 49 applications to the DSDAS scheme within Moray, representing a 20% increase from applications for the same period in the previous year.

Objective: Drive the development of multi-agency agendas to minimise harm and support / signpost those we identify as vulnerable towards partners

We continue to support the Grampian Adult Protection Working Group, a combined mandate sub-group of all three local authority APC's. The group is now led by a Detective Chief Inspector from within our Public Protection Unit and supported at varying levels by specialist Officers. Notably, during the review period, the Information Sharing Protocol allowing effective and efficient sharing of information between partners regarding Adults at Risk was refreshed. This work is pivotal to our effective multi-agency practice.

Our commitment to improving multi-agency practice in respect of our response to Child Protection and Adult Support & Protection matters is well evidenced through our work with the APC and CPC Learning Review Sub-Committees. The purpose of a Learning Review is to bring together agencies, individuals and families in a collective endeavour to learn from a set of circumstances to improve and better develop systems and practice for the future.

Objective: Raise awareness of and prevent abuse of children and other vulnerable persons, ensuring a victim centred approach.

We continue to work with partners to prevent abuse of children. Divisionally, our specialist Officers were key to developing new Child Sexual Abuse Guidance which has been widely disseminated amongst Officers in Moray. The guidance has been recognised nationally within the Force and shared to aid our colleagues in other areas.

During the review period, we actively participated in the Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People at risk of harm ongoing in Moray. This commenced in August 2023 and the findings are due to be published in early 2024.

We continue to embed the Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM) across the North East with the specialist team of Police and Social Work staff conducting approximately 90% of all Joint Investigative Interviews of children.

The SCIM continues to strongly support the need for supervision, evaluation and feedback required for interviewers practicing in the field of forensic interviewing. It is imperative that interviewers can critically reflect on their practice, with objective feedback being made readily available through management, individual and peer review, in order to support continuing professional development opportunities. The SCIM includes evaluation of practice as a key component integral to the success of the model, acknowledging that by improving interviewers' learning and development, will ultimately translate to improved practice and experiences for children being interviewed.

Locally a process has been implemented whereby the feedback of children is sought following their interview. During the review period, approximately 90% of children advised that the interview process had been well explained to them with approximately 85% reporting that they would be willing to speak to the interviewers again.

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The work of the North East SCIM Team continues to be held in high regard on a national basis. In particular, an incident in which a non-verbal young person with significant wellbeing challenges was successfully interviewed, despite previous assessments that such an interview could not be achieved, was recognised in the Scottish Parliament. For this to happen the SCIM interviewers spent two days planning, observing the young person at school and meeting with the professional network around him. His Speech and Language Therapist and class teacher created the protocol alongside the interviewers, which was individual to the young person's needs and all felt this would allow him participate in a joint interview. This was the first time that the young person had successfully been given an opportunity to have his voice heard.

We also continue in our efforts to protect those vulnerable to exploitation through our activities aligned to **PROJECT AIDANT**, focusing on the potential threat of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in the Construction industry, the second most recorded form of labour exploitation. Focused activity during the review period included site visits, engagement with employees, information gathering and the provision of advice and guidance. We strive to develop our intelligence picture in this regard, ensuring that our activities are informed and appropriate.

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Serious Organised Crime



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DETECT - Work collaboratively with others to provide a coordinated response to identify, detect and prosecute those involved in serious organised crime

North East Division continue to lead strongly in our approach to tackling Serious Organised Crime (SOC). Utilising the '4D' method (Disrupt, Detect, Deter, Divert) we aim to ensure that those vulnerable to becoming susceptible to drugs and the associated abuse are provided with support, engagement and directed to the relevant partners. We also aim to ensure, via disruptive tactics that those travelling to this area for the purpose of dealing controlled drugs and targeting those vulnerable are met with a hostile environment.

As part of the ongoing collaborative engagement with partners to divert people away from involvement in SOC, 4 'Days of Action' were undertaken in Moray during the reporting period, under Operation Protector. During this time, 165 safeguarding visits were undertaken to individuals identified as being at risk of drug related overdose and/or at risk of SOC exploitation. Additionally, over 400 members of the public were spoken to at dedicated support hubs where they were provided with help and support in relation to drug and alcohol dependency, mental health and information regarding identifying and reporting information to police relating to suspected County Lines behaviours.

As a result of pro-active enforcement and disruption by local Policing, Pro-Active teams, Organised Crime teams and national resources there have been a number of Drug Search Warrants executed across Moray during the reported period. Of those executed, 8 were linked to County Lines. Over 17 individuals have been reported for being involved in the supply of controlled drugs and over 600g of Cocaine with an estimated street value of £67,000 along with quantities of 'Crack' Cocaine, Heroin and Cannabis have been seized.

The below example is one of our many positive enforcement successes we continue to build upon as is our work with key partners to support and signpost those linked to SOC assessed as being in need of intervention.

Case Study

In May 2023, intelligence was received to the effect that nominals linked to the 'MEKA' Organised Crime Group were Cuckooing an individual in Elgin and dealing controlled drugs from their address.

Officers attended the address and forced entry with the occupier being found within along with two London nominals. Controlled drugs and cash were seen on open display and all nominals were arrested with regards to being Concerned in the Supply of controlled drugs.

13 wraps of 'Crack' Cocaine were seized along with a quantity of Heroin, various phones and cash. One of the males was found to be internally concealing further controlled drugs.

The two London nominals were charged with being Concerned in the Supply of controlled drugs and were kept to appear at Elgin Sheriff Court. As a result of this enforcement action the group were displaced from the Moray area.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder



Objective: Reduce antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder by working with partners to facilitate early interventions for those involved in, or those vulnerable to becoming involved in, such behaviours

Police Scotland play a prominent role within Moray's City's Community Justice Group currently holding the Vice Chair position within same. This group delivers on national outcomes, one of which aims to reduce violence across Scotland. Using our local Community Justice partnership as a platform, we are helping drive the multi-agency response to reduce violence by addressing the multiple complex needs for individuals involved in violent crime. Not surprisingly, an increase in persons presenting with multiple complex needs is being reported and is impacting on partners ability to address these upstream prior to manifesting into ASB and Violence.

Within Moray, Police are involved in number of projects, helping lead and informing our multi-agency approach to interventions. Our work, as part of the Community Safety partnership within Moray, has seen the establishment of the Community Safety Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Task and Finish Group. This group is co-ordinating the multi-agency responses in terms of problematic locations, victims of ASB, perpetrators and taking measures to help address the impact on our communities.

Our partnership with Education, has seen us support the delivery of inputs to pupils around the dangers of weapons and knife related crimes. We recognise that education plays a pivotal role in shaping our young people for their future. We also want our centres of education to be a safe place where teachers and pupils can work and learn.

Objective: With partners, identify locations where antisocial behaviour and violence is most likely to occur and work with communities and other agencies to find lasting solutions and enhance community safety

During this reporting period, ASB within Moray has gained attention, evidencing the need for a partnership approach in tackling the underlying causes, alongside our continued commitment to take robust action to protect our communities. We cannot do this alone. Though our work with the Community Justice Group, we must work in collaboration to address underlying causation factors, leading to an escalation in crimes such as Robbery. We also know that many Robberies are perpetrated with articles that can be used as weapons. Alongside our multi-agency approach, we must



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also ensure a robust response that targets individuals and locations. Extensive and robust initiatives, are taking place throughout our Moray to combat those perpetrating these crimes in support of our strong community safety ethos.

Robust enforcement continues to be taken against those causing the greatest harms in our communities. These efforts are enhanced by our Weekend Policing plan which continues to see thousands of people safely visit our towns each weekend. Our strong and close relationship with Street Pastors in Moray continues. Police Scotland are proud to have provided funding to the Street Pastors whose presence has helped support those who become vulnerable as a result of alcohol consumption.

Objective: Working with partners, we will enhance our understanding of the underlying causes of antisocial behaviour and violence and develop public health approaches to prevent these harms

Robust approaches to licensing offences across Moray also helps address harms as a result of alcohol consumption. Recognising the health impacts of said consumption, we have drawn health colleagues into multi-agency event planning discussions, an approach which saw a number of events, including the MacMoray Festival delivered safely and well. This partnership has created a platform for a more health based focus on licensing.

These efforts are seeing a positive impact upon standards and will undoubtedly shape the way people view Moray as a place to visit and socialise.

Road Safety and Road Crime



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Objective: With partners on the North East Safety Strategy Partnership (NESSSP), increase safety and reduce casualties on our roads

To date Police Scotland has delivered on all commitments made to support the Road Safety Framework (RSF) 2030. Our objective within the RSF to incorporate specific campaigns, initiatives and directed activity targeting the safety of Vulnerable Road Users (VRU's) - including cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians - continues to be met. During this reporting period the majority of campaign work has been focused toward protecting VRU's and/or targeting motorists committing Fatal-Five offences (Drink/Drug Driving, Careless Driving, Speed, Mobile Telephone, and Seatbelt).

Our Engage/Educate/Enforce approach has been enhanced by Corporate Communications/Social Media support for all campaigns during this period.

Objective: Prevent instances of crime occurring on our road network

Directed patrols across the Moray to detect those involved in wider criminality, such as dishonesties/drugs, are routinely deployed on an intelligence led basis incorporating use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to disrupt criminal use of the road network.

An example of this is during July 2023, when Officers from the Community Policing Teams in Moray collaborated with Officers from Road Policing, in an operation which led to the arrest of a crime group responsible for the theft of cooking oil drums from premises across the region under Operation Mitriform.

Objective: Improve road safety by proactively targeting drink and drug drivers

Our Officers are out every day educating road users and carrying out enforcement in respect of drink and drug driving.

From 21 – 27 August 2023, the National Initiative on Drug Driving took place. The aims of this campaign included educating motorists via both social media coverage and roadside interaction. This was combined with pro-active patrols/enforcement against all forms of impaired driving, but with a focus on those consuming drugs before driving. Nationally, a total of 147 drink and drug impairment offences were detected during the campaign with a number of these occurring in Moray.



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Acquisitive Crime



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Objective: Reduce acquisitive crime, by identifying locations where acquisitive crime is most likely to occur and work with communities and partners to find lasting preventative solutions

As part of North East Divisions Policing plan to combat Acquisitive crime, a variety of pro-active engagement with communities and targeting of locations victim to such crimes have taken place. The reduction by working with partners to facilitate intervention for those involved, identifying locations where acquisitive crime is most likely to occur and raising public awareness and prevent instances of cyber enabled crime continues to be the focus.



During the reporting period, Crime Reduction Officers have undertaken awareness raising events at 14 different venues throughout Moray, including within banks, retail premises, at the Moray Blue Light Festival and with partners on the Moray Information Bus. The main focus of their work within Moray relates to the prevention of fraud, rural acquisitive crime (including ATV/quad, fuel, timber and machinery theft) and wildlife and environmental crime.

In total, the Crime Reduction Team have attended over 30 banks/businesses across

Grampian, providing a range of advice and support in relation to frauds, scams and how to take steps to reduce the risk of being a victim. During this time, approximately 1500 individuals have engaged with the Officers involved.

In August, Officers from Crime Reduction presented at the Elgin U3A – The engagement covered Cybercrime prevention and detailed current frauds and scams impacting that demographic to continue early intervention to those vulnerable to Cybercrime.

During the reporting period, new format 'video' social media messaging has been successful significantly increasing the reach of preventative posts. The following have been produced to date:

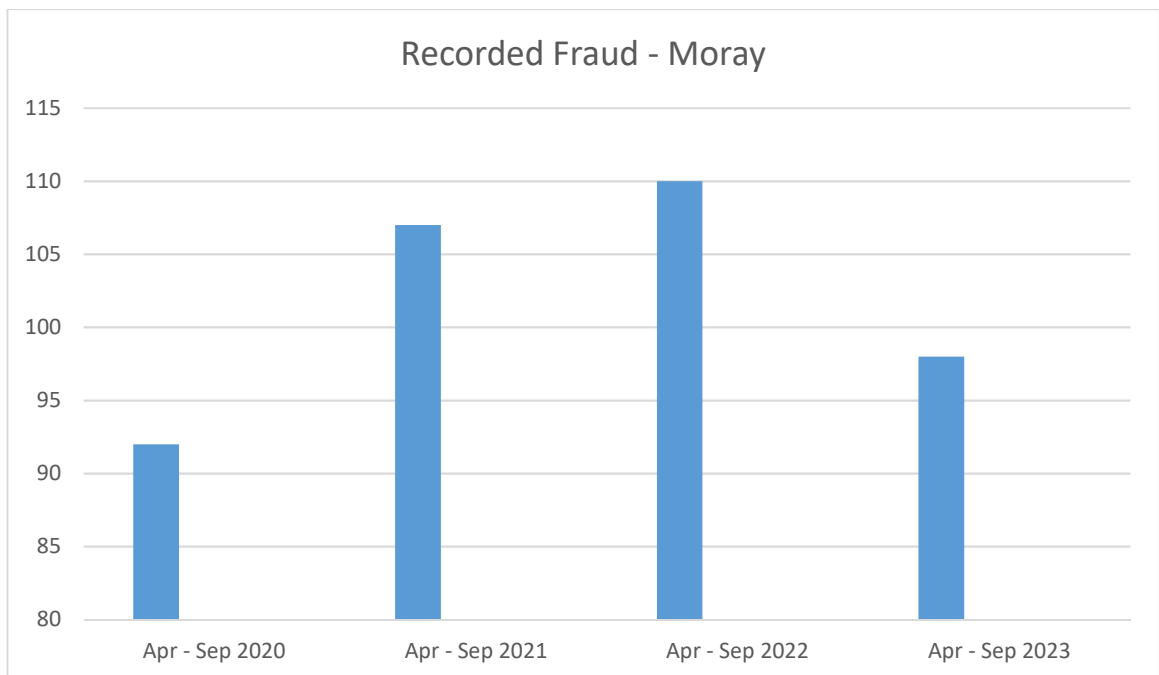
- Bike thefts
- Quad thefts
- Arcadian Patrols
- Housebreaking
- Motorbike Security

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Operation Protector continues to seek to provide support and interventions to those involved in substance misuse that are vulnerable to becoming involved in acquisitive crime. The engagement and days of action for Operation Protector are detailed in the Serious Organised Crime update.

Overall crimes of dishonesty have shown an increase on the previous year however, this is contributed significantly by Theft by Shoplifting, common theft and Motor vehicle related theft. As the cost of living crisis continues to take hold a reasonable anticipation of these type of crimes was to be expected. Ongoing preventative work continues to tackle such increases.

Overall domestic Housebreakings show a reduction on the previous year along with commercial premises and sheds and garages. Fraud has also reduced during the reported period with significant engagement with the public to highlight Cybercrime and those vulnerable to it.



Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism



The North East CONTEST Multi-Agency Board and associated sub groups continue to deliver the UK CONTEST Strategy across the North East of Scotland, aiming to reduce the risks of terrorism using the Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare principles.

- **PROTECT** – strengthening our borders, infrastructure, buildings and public spaces against attack
- **PREPARE** – where an attack cannot be stopped, to reduce its impact and ensuring we can respond effectively
- **PURSUE** – to disrupt or stop terrorist attacks
- **PREVENT** – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism



In line with the Moray Local Policing Plan, we aim to reduce the risk of terrorism so people can go about their lives freely and with confidence by focussing on the local delivery of the CONTEST strategy using four key objectives:

PROTECT – with partners we will share knowledge so that our communities and businesses can strengthen protection against terrorist attacks

In the last six months, Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA's) carried out six security inspection visits to sites of a sensitive nature and five security presentations to key organisations and partners in Moray.

CTSA's continue to work closely with the RAF at Lossiemouth and in November, a joint exercise was held between Police and RAF staff at the Scottish Police College reviewing Counter Terrorism related security and safety plans at the base.

Borders Policing Command Officers continue to conduct operations at Harbours to proactively identify and deal with the illegitimate passage of persons and goods.

PREPARE – with partners we will mitigate against the impact of terrorist attacks

In November 2023, the Joint Operating Principles for the Emergency Services for Marauding Terrorist Attacks and Operation Plato Guidance for UK Policing were updated in regard to learning derived from the Grenfell Tower and Manchester Arena Inquiries. These place a place a greater emphasis on emergency services responding quickly and dynamically in order to save life and neutralise threats, whilst also updating guidance in relation to Scene Command, Casualty Management and Fire &

Hazards. Officers from our Counter Terrorism Planning Teams are working alongside partners and local Officers to embed these new approaches.

Following Storm Babet a multi-agency Severe Weather Warning Workshop was held where Counter Terrorism Planning Teams engaged with relevant responders to gather learning and upskill local partnerships linked to emergency Responses during Major Incidents.

Counter Terrorism Planning Teams are also engaged with Scottish Fire & Rescue to plan for a CBRN related exercise in 2024.

PURSUE – with partners encourage and share information to identify and tackle suspicious activity

The PURSUE strategy allows National Counter Terrorism structures within Police Scotland to provide information and assessments to North East Division’s CONTEST Multi-Agency Board. This process informs Moray Policing teams and local Partners on emerging themes and other relevant matters.

All information and intelligence relevant to Counter Terrorism is assessed and actioned appropriately by Counter Terrorism resources based within North East Division.

There has been no significant deviation in terms of expected volume or trends during this period within Moray, however the Local CONTEST Board, Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO’s) and national Police structures are in place to monitor and respond appropriately.

PREVENT – with partners safeguard vulnerable persons from being drawn into Terrorism

Within Police Scotland a ‘Prevent’ referral process is in place which allows Police and partners to assess and respond to information and intelligence which may require early intervention and safeguarding from potential harm which could be caused by an individuals. This process is well established across the North East with representation from relevant partners to ensure wide ranging professions are present and perspectives gained to collectively manage people who are vulnerable to radicalisation. Such work is ongoing in Moray and there has been no significant deviation or trends in this area which cause additional concern.



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Performance statistics



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Recorded Crime Crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - September)		
	2022/23	5 yr mean	2023/24
TOTAL CRIMES AND OFFENCES (GROUPS 1 - 7)	3 164	3 175.0	3 477
TOTAL CRIMES (GROUPS 1 - 5)	1 433	1 355.0	1 551
OVERALL VIOLENT CRIME*	567	488.4	541
TOTAL OFFENCES (GROUPS 6 - 7)	1 731	1 820.0	1 926
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	89	67.8	101
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1	0.2	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	1	0.4	-
Attempted murder	4	2.2	3
Serious assault	28	24.4	20
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	7	6.6	13
Domestic Abuse (of female)	21	x	31
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1	x	4
Domestic Abuse (Total)	22	x	35
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	4	1.8	3
Threats and extortion	18	9.2	21
Other group 1 crimes	4	2.2	6
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	183	134.8	185
Rape	35	23.6	26
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	2	1.4	-
Rape and attempted rape - Total	37	25.0	26
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	1	1.8	4
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	66	36.2	71
Lewd & libidinous practices*	6	10.4	10
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	73	48.4	85
Prostitution related crime - Total*	-	-	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	14	9.0	8
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	11	14.4	16
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	7	3.8	2
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	5	3.0	-
Public indecency (common law)	3	3.2	3
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	22	18.4	33
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	2	3.8	7
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	9	5.8	5
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	73	61.4	74
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	438	456.6	520
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	20	21.2	19
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	16	8.8	14
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	22	21.4	12
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	58	51.4	45
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	5	5.2	1
Theft of a motor vehicle	30	21.0	31
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc)	16	15.4	22
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	-	1.2	9
Motor vehicle crime - Total	51	42.8	63

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Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	15	12.4	7
Common theft	97	124.4	139
Theft by shoplifting	83	110.6	135
Fraud	111	73.6	97
Other Group 3 Crimes	23	41.4	34
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc	290	283.0	323
Fireraising	18	17.8	27
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	255	251.4	275
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	0.2	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	14	13.0	16
Other Group 4 Crimes	2	0.6	5
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	433	412.8	422
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	7	6.8	19
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	7	12.2	20
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	17	13.2	7
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	5	6.4	11
Total offensive/bladed weapons	36	38.6	57
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	5	3.8	-
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	27	20.0	29
Bringing drugs into prison	-	-	-
Supply of drugs - Total	32	23.8	29
Possession of drugs	185	165.0	205
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	-	2.0	1
Total drugs crimes	217	190.8	235
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	-	-	-
Bail offences (other than absconding)	87	93.6	64
Other Group 5 crimes	93	89.8	66
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	960	894.2	888
Common Assault	469	400.6	466
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	58	54.4	39
Common Assault - Total	527	455.0	505
Breach of the Peace	15	14.2	19
Threatening & abusive behaviour	257	270.6	235
Stalking	10	10.0	6
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	282	294.8	260
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	13	7.8	12
Drunk and incapable	-	-	3
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	5	1.8	1
Other alcohol related offences*	6	7.6	3
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	11	9.4	7
Wildlife offences*	14	10.2	11
Other Group 6 offences	113	117.0	93
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	771	925.8	1 038
Dangerous driving offences	27	28.6	18
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	62	55.2	106
Speeding offences	73	162.4	108
Driving while disqualified	14	9.6	13
Driving without a licence	49	45.6	60
Failure to insure against third party risks	100	105.4	172
Seat belt offences	8	19.6	18
Mobile phone offences	27	30.4	60
Driving Carelessly	59	66.8	70
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	51	39.2	59
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	79	89.6	99
Other Group 7 offences	222	273.4	255

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Detection Rates Crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - September)		
	2022/23	5 yr rate ¹	2023/24
TOTAL CRIMES AND OFFENCES (GROUPS 1 - 7)	72.3	74.5	69.1
TOTAL CRIMES; INCLUDING PRO-ACTIVITY (GROUPS 1 - 5)	57.4	61.7	53.4
OVERALL VIOLENT CRIME*	72.0	71.5	70.4
TOTAL OFFENCES (GROUPS 6 - 7)	84.7	84.1	81.8
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	58.4	72.9	54.5
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	100.0	100.0	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	x	x	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	100.0	100.0	x
Attempted murder	125.0	109.1	100.0
Serious assault	78.6	91.0	90.0
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	71.4	81.8	61.5
Domestic Abuse (of female)	42.9	x	64.5
Domestic Abuse (of male)	0.0	x	25.0
Domestic Abuse (Total)	40.9	x	60.0
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	175.0	122.2	100.0
Threats and extortion	5.6	13.0	0.0
Other group 1 crimes	25.0	63.6	33.3
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	44.8	54.7	47.6
Rape	28.6	49.2	42.3
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	50.0	28.6	x
Rape and attempted rape - Total	29.7	48.0	42.3
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	0.0	77.8	50.0
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	51.5	55.2	35.2
Lewd & libidinous practices*	16.7	61.5	90.0
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	47.9	57.4	42.4
Prostitution related crime - Total*	x	x	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	78.6	75.6	87.5
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	54.5	59.7	56.3
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	14.3	31.6	50.0
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	80.0	46.7	x
Public indecency (common law)	66.7	50.0	33.3
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	31.8	45.7	39.4
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	100.0	63.2	114.3
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	33.3	62.1	40.0
Other Group 2 crimes	x	x	x
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	49.3	55.4	55.4
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	34.2	45.0	36.2
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	55.0	42.5	57.9
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	25.0	29.5	7.1
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	13.6	28.0	100.0
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	31.0	34.2	53.3
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	0.0	11.5	0.0
Theft of a motor vehicle	66.7	64.8	74.2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc)	50.0	33.8	40.9
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	x	100.0	66.7
Motor vehicle crime - Total	54.9	48.1	60.3
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	20.0	37.1	28.6
Common theft	28.9	29.4	18.7
Theft by shoplifting	68.7	77.9	58.5
Fraud	9.9	26.9	6.2
Other Group 3 Crimes	21.7	48.8	38.2
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc	39.3	37.3	31.3

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Fireraising	33.3	40.4	25.9
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	34.5	35.3	31.3
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	100.0	100.0	x
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	128.6	69.2	43.8
Other Group 4 Crimes	50.0	66.7	20.0
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	97.9	97.4	93.8
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	85.7	91.2	89.5
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	71.4	91.8	80.0
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	76.5	81.8	100.0
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	60.0	81.3	81.8
Total offensive/bladed weapons	75.0	86.5	86.0
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	60.0	94.7	x
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	70.4	91.0	86.2
Bringing drugs into prison	x	x	x
Supply of drugs - Total	68.8	91.6	86.2
Possession of drugs	105.4	98.5	98.5
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	x	90.0	0.0
Total drugs crimes	100.0	97.6	96.6
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	x	x	x
Bail offences (other than absconding)	98.9	99.1	90.6
Other Group 5 crimes	101.1	99.8	93.9
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	75.7	74.6	72.4
Common Assault	67.6	66.4	67.4
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	100.0	98.2	97.4
Common Assault - Total	71.2	70.2	69.7
Breach of the Peace	106.7	107.0	100.0
Threatening & abusive behaviour	85.2	81.4	77.4
Stalking	110.0	76.0	50.0
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	87.2	82.5	78.5
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	92.3	97.4	58.3
Drunk and incapable	x	x	100.0
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	80.0	77.8	100.0
Other alcohol related offences*	100.0	100.0	100.0
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	109.1	100.0	100.0
Wildlife offences*	78.6	60.8	45.5
Other Group 6 offences	62.8	69.4	73.1
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	95.8	93.2	89.8
Dangerous driving offences	81.5	85.3	77.8
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	103.2	97.5	78.3
Speeding offences	102.7	97.4	99.1
Driving while disqualified	107.1	104.2	100.0
Driving without a licence	98.0	99.1	93.3
Failure to insure against third party risks	100.0	98.5	98.3
Seat belt offences	100.0	102.0	100.0
Mobile phone offences	100.0	99.3	100.0
Driving Carelessly	88.1	90.1	95.7
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	137.3	114.3	98.3
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	102.5	98.2	99.0
Other Group 7 offences	79.7	82.1	74.1