



Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee

**North East Division
Moray**

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Introduction

I present the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee Report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division. This report provides a detailed account of Police Performance in Moray in support of agreed priorities, both local and national for a six month period during Quarters 1 and 2, 1 April to 30 September 2018.

I am pleased to report a continued fall in overall recorded crime and an increase, again, in overall detection rates both of which are expanded upon further within this document.

As ever we couldn't perform our role without the excellent support we receive from the communities in Moray and indeed our partners both Statutory and in the Voluntary Sector.

Tragically during the reporting period we dealt with a 2 vehicle collision on the A96 which resulted in 5 fatalities and many others seriously injured. Unfortunately, we continue to see incidents involving the tragic loss of life and serious injury on our roads. The Pan-Grampian approach to Road Casualty Reduction remains a top priority for policing in the North East and we will continue to work closely with partners to improve Road Safety and help reduce the number of road casualties.

Throughout the reporting period we have policed numerous Events safely and engaged at all levels with partners and indeed communities themselves. As you will be aware this report mainly deals with crime related matters and isn't reflective of work undertaken involving Missing Persons and indeed the support we continue to provide to those in our communities with Mental Health issues. It may be that Thematic Reports on both these subjects are provided for Committee in the future.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Police Officers, Police Staff, Special Constables and indeed Police Scotland Youth Volunteers for their continued efforts as collectively we strive to keep the communities of Moray safe.

Regards

Campbell Thomson
Chief Superintendent
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Police Scotland



Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	September 2018	Difference
Police Officers ¹	1115.0 FTE	1109.74 FTE	-5.26 FTE
	September 2017	September 2018	Difference
Police Staff ¹	115.79 FTE	112.35 FTE	-3.44 FTE

¹ North East Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire, and Aberdeen City) Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Officer numbers in North East Division fluctuate depending on a number of factors including transfers and retirements. At present we are slightly below the authorised establishment by **5.26 FTE** for Police Officers and **3.44 FTE** for Police Staff. This is a slightly improved situation when compared to the previous reporting period.

Predicted intake numbers for North East Division remain strong and resourcing numbers in Moray are at establishment and are stable.

We currently have **23** Probationary Constables in Moray with **3** having joined in the last year. New recruits are predominantly from the local area thus providing significant local knowledge and resulting in Officers taking particular personal pride in policing the communities they serve. A number of experienced Officers have recently returned to Moray providing welcome Tutors to new Probationers.

Additionally we are supported by **7** active Special Constables and their contribution to keeping people safe in Moray is vital.

In August 2018 PC Lisa Short, an Officer from Elgin was selected from Police Scotland to accompany Students from Glasgow University on an exchange trip to Brandenburg, Germany. The main purpose of this was to build relationships with Police abroad and to begin to understand the different practices and take learning for policing in the future.

During the week's visit PC Short was not only able to share some of her experience of excellent local policing here in Moray but also learn from the experiences of her German colleagues including their response to Major Incidents.



Complaints About The Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident ²	N/A	86.6%	81.2%		+5.4%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	36	38	-2	-5.3%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	30.3	32.8	-2.5	-7.6%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	74	51	+23	+45.1%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	0	0	0	0
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	11	8	+3	+37.5%
Total Allegations	N/A	85	59	+26	+44.1%

² North East Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City)

Overall satisfaction with the way an incident has been dealt with has **increased** compared to the same period last year, with **86.6 %** of those surveyed satisfied with how they have been dealt with. This is **above the national average** recorded by Police Scotland.

Customer satisfaction surveys are conducted on a monthly basis and this allows us to gather first-hand viewpoints from the people we serve. This is a valuable tool as we strive to continually improve our service delivery locally.

Complaints from members of the public are an important source of feedback in terms of the quality of service provided and as an indicator of problems that require to be addressed. It would be fair to say that we consider each complaint made and assess them to identify any trends, such as the impact of new legislation, to which the complainant may not be aware.

Of the **36** complaints raised **23** were either resolved by explanation or withdrawn, **10** were found to be not upheld and **3** were either upheld or partially upheld.

There has been a reduction in the number of complaints from the same period in 2017, along with the number of incidents recorded in the Moray area. The increase in number of total allegations can be attributed to any one complaint containing several allegations.

It is also noteworthy that we regularly receive a number of acknowledgements of good work which are not formally recorded however are very much appreciated.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Common Assault - Recorded	483.2	481	489	-2.2	-0.5%
Common Assault - Detection Rate	74.3%	71.5%	76.7%		-2.8%
Robbery - Recorded	3.6	9	5	+5.4	+150.0%
Robbery - Detection Rate	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%		+16.7%
Vandalism - Recorded	323.2	257	260	-66.2	-20.5%
Vandalism - Detection Rate	26.5%	38.9%	35.4%		+12.4%
Public Reports of Street Drinking	8.8	2	0	-6.8	-77.3%
Licensed Premises Visits	1305	1529	1672	+224	+17.2%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded ⁴	N/A	48	50	-2	-4.0%
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate	N/A	89.6%	100.0%		-10.4%
Serious Assault - Recorded ³	N/A	30	32	-2	-6.3%
Serious Assault - Detection Rate	N/A	90.0%	103.1%		-13.1%
Number of Complaints of Disorder ⁵	N/A	1,523	1,601	-78	-4.9%

³ April 2016 - implementation of broader definition of Serious Assault, 5 year comparison is therefore not possible at this point

⁴ Group 1 Crimes of Violence include Murder, Attempted Murder, Culpable Homicide, Cruelty, Neglect and Un-natural Treatment of Children and Adults, Abduction, Robbery, Assault with intent to Rob, Serious Assault, and Threats and extortion.

⁵ Disorder includes Public Nuisance, Disturbance, Noise, Neighbour Dispute and Nuisance Phone Call incidents.

Overall in the review period we saw a reduction in Serious Crime with detection rates among the highest in the country.

Violent Crime (Group 1) continues to fall and has **decreased by 4%** on the same period last year.

Community Policing Teams continue to be supported by Specialist Officers dedicated to investigating and preventing such Serious Crime and the message remains clear - if you commit such a crime you will be caught and brought to justice.

The detection rate for Robbery remains at **100%** and crimes of this nature continue to be recorded at very low levels. In relation to the crimes recorded these are often committed by persons who know each other and involve either alcohol or drug abuse.



Detection rate for Serious Assault remain strong at **90%**, again North East Division has consistently the **highest detection** rate in Scotland for this type of crime.

Realising the link between Violent Crime and the night time economy, a dedicated Alcohol Violence Reduction Unit works in partnership to ensure that Licensed Premises are supported and managed properly. High visibility patrols and regular meaningful engagement ensure we maximise opportunities to prevent criminality evidenced by the consistently high numbers of recorded visits to Licensed Premises.

The monitoring of High Risk Violent Offenders is a key aspect of our commitment to prevent Violence and breaking the cycle of offending. As part of **Operation PINE**, Officers proactively police Court Orders, Warrants and Curfews to ensure compliance. Support and referral processes are in place for arrested persons ensuring they are given the opportunity for diversion from criminality.

This strategy of prevention, collaborative working and increased visibility has resulted in a **reduction** in both **Common and Serious Assaults**.

Chief Inspector Miller is the portfolio lead for Violence across the North East. In tackling Violence, analytical reviews of Violent Crime and Disorder are undertaken, leading to tasking of the Divisional Violence and Alcohol Reduction Unit, along with Community Officers in Moray, to identify priority violent offenders within Moray.

In July 2018 we carried out a public engagement exercise in Elgin, along with partners, to hear what the issues were in the community. In total 80 people kindly completed questionnaires which now form part of Locality Planning, particularly around the New Elgin area. Part of this focus is on Anti-Social Behaviour and Drinking Alcohol in Public.

In the summer months we carried out Operations at the weekends across Moray targeting underage drinking. As a result of this a number of youths had alcohol seized from them and they were educated on the associated dangers.

In August 2018 a Community Police led initiative commenced which focused on Licensed and Retail premises in Elgin. The 'Best Bar None' Scheme was launched as well as 'Ask For Angela' amongst others. The 'Ask for Angela' campaign, provides training for bar staff to allow them to offer support to people on a night out where they are uncomfortable with the attention they are receiving and believe they may be at risk of Sexual Assault. This initiative has been successful in the North East and has been "rolled out" nationally. Activity has also concentrated on prevention of incidents, Assaults, Thefts and other crimes and allowed for relevant literature to be circulated (9580 leaflets and approximately 56000 shares on Social Media, throughout the Elgin Business Improvement District (BID)

We also have worked with our partners in Lossiemouth and Elgin and have been fortunate to be supported in the obtaining of cycles and equipment for use by our Officers. We have since carried out several successful high visibility Community Cycle Initiatives, supported by Elgin BID and Lossiemouth Community Council, where Anti-Social Behaviour has been reported.

Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	599.6	463	476	-136.6	-22.8%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	36.7%	53.8%	39.5%		+17.1%
Housebreakings - Recorded	94.4	53	64	-41.4	-43.9%
Housebreakings - Detection Rate	24.4%	37.7%	32.8%		+13.3%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded ⁶	82.6	40	67	-42.6	-51.6%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	31.2%	37.5%	29.9%		+6.3%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	23.8	11	21	-12.8	-53.8%
Common Theft - Recorded	206.0	153	171	-53.0	-25.7%
Common Theft - Detection Rate	23.2%	26.1%	26.9%		+2.9%

⁶ Theft from secure motor vehicle; Theft from insecure motor vehicle; Theft of a motor vehicle; Attempted Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

During this first quarter of 2018 and measured against the 5 Year Average, Acquisitive Crime has fallen by over 22%, complementing previous reporting periods and continuing a downward trend. This is an extremely positive picture, particularly when compared to other areas of Scotland and highlights the excellent pro-active and investigative work undertaken by staff within Moray.

In particular, the number of **Housebreakings has reduced by 43%** and **Thefts from Motor Vehicles and Thefts of Motor Vehicles by 51% and 53% respectively**, to some of the lowest levels ever recorded.

Within North East Division, tackling Acquisitive Crime is a priority for the collective workings of the Community Policing Teams, alongside the Criminal Investigation Department, Proactive Unit who scrutinise crimes and patterns daily to ensure they are detected wherever possible and prevention measures are put in place.

This is further reflected through the equally positive improvements in detections rates across all the varying crimes where property is stolen, which can only be achieved by working with communities and partners.

Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
People Killed/Seriously Injured (KSI)	N/A	14	18	-4	-22.2%
Children Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	1	1	0	0.0%
People Killed	N/A	7	3	+4	+133.3%
Children Killed ⁷	N/A	1	1	0	0.0%
Advice/Education Given to Motorists ⁸	N/A	12,617	10,148	+2,469	+24.3%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	126.2	46	87	-80.2	-63.5%
Speeding Offences	666.0	441	497	-225	-33.8%
Drink/ Drug Driving Offences	56.6	50	65	-6.6	-11.7%
Dangerous Driving	18.2	18	20	-0.2	-1.1%
Disqualified Driving	6.8	7	10	+0.2	+2.9%
Detected Offences Related to Motor Vehicles	1,771.2	1,326	1,509	-445.2	-25.1%
Parking Fixed Penalties Issued ⁹	1,078.6	495	615	-583.6	-54.1%

⁷ Child is under 16 years of age.

⁸ North East Division (figures area for Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City) figures by Road Policing Officers.

⁹ North East Division (figures area for Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City).

A number of recent tragic incidents on roads across the North East has brought into sharp focus the need for continued vigilance, visibility, enforcement, education and strong partnership working in relation to Road Safety.

Increasing visibility on our road networks has ensured an additional **2500 interactions** with drivers throughout the North East and an overall reduction in the year on year KSI figures however the number of fatalities has increased by 4, tragically all of which were killed in one single collision.

On 26 July 2018, a 2 vehicle road traffic collision occurred on the A96 Keith to Huntly road near the Drummur junction which resulted in the death of 5 people and 5 other people were seriously injured. This matter has been reported to Crown Office.

In every case, the causes of serious and fatal collisions are analysed closely and where necessary, resources are deployed to locations in order to influence road user behaviour. In addition, following any



fatal Road Traffic Collision, Road Policing Officers work closely with partners from the relevant roads authority to identify any required improvements such as road layout and signage.

Each incident represents a tragic loss of life and are particularly traumatic for the families concerned, the communities and indeed Emergency Services and others who deal with the consequences.

Officers from Community Policing Teams, along with their Road Policing colleagues, have carried out joint operations in local areas under North East Division's road safety initiative Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce). These operations have targeted a range of issues including speeding, non-wearing of seat belts, using mobile telephones whilst driving and Anti-Social Driving. These operations have seen a number of people charged, warned or educated for a variety of Road Traffic Offences.

The focused deployment of Police Motorcycle Officers in North East Division has seen an increase in engagement with motorcyclists using the roads in the area. In addition Rider Refinement courses have been run in Moray by Police Motorcyclists with the aim of improving motorcycle rider awareness and safety. These courses have proved very popular and have been fully subscribed. In the North of Scotland, the number of motorcyclists killed has reduced by **20%** this year when compared to this period last year.

In response to continued concerns from parents and staff from local schools, Officers have also targeted dangerous and inconsiderate driving and parking in the vicinity of schools. In May 2018 we commenced our Junior Road Safety Officer initiative in various Elgin schools centred on road safety/speeding and illegal parking at or near schools. This initiative directly involved pupils from the respective schools taking part.

Also in May 2018, in response to community concerns, an Anti-Social Driving operation was carried out in Elgin where amongst other offences **28** parking tickets were issued and **42** drivers educated.

Operation Tamboc and Kingdom took place during the early summer 2018 and the aim was to tackle reports of Anti-Social Driving in Keith. This involved local Community Policing Teams from Buckie and Keith along with Road Policing Unit using both marked and unmarked police vehicles. In addition to a variety of offences being detected two drivers were issued with Section 126 Anti-Social Driving warnings. A large number of vehicles were stopped and again a number of drivers were educated regarding Road Safety.

Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2017 v 2018 5 Year Av
Group 2 Crimes - Recorded ¹⁰	100.0	106	108	+6	+6.0%
Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate	68.6%	51.9%	57.4%		-16.7%
Rape - Recorded	16.6	20	19	+3.4	+20.5%
Rape - Detection Rate	62.7%	20.0%	63.2%		-42.7%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported	N/A	370	371	-1	-0.3%
Domestic Abuse Incidents Detection Rate	N/A	64.2%	78.2%		-14.0%
Hate Crime - Recorded	N/A	26	13	+13	+100.0%
Hate Crime - Detection Rate	N/A	88.5%	107.7%		-19.2%

¹⁰ Group 2 Crimes of Indecency include Rape, Assault with intent to Rape, Indecent Assault, Sexual Assault, Prostitution related crime and others with an indecent element.

Reported Group 2 Crime is remains consistent with the previous year's levels of recorded crime. This is in contrast to the current national position, which shows a **28%** (approx.) increase in reporting versus the 5 Year Average figure.

Reported Rape is comparable with both the Last Year To Date figures and the 5 Year Average.

The current detection rate for Rape in North East Division is **55.4%** which is 5% above the national detection rate.

It is assessed that an increase in reported Group 2 Crimes may relate to an increase in public confidence to report such matters.

Detection rates in relation to Group 2 Crime remain consistent and it should be noted that crimes of this nature are challenging to investigate with the origins of some of these crimes going back several decades. It should also be noted that approximately **75%** of all reported Sexual Crimes in North East Division is reported outside of the generally accepted "forensic window" and **40%** of this crime type take place within a domestic setting.

The focus in relation to Sexual Crime remains the support provided to victims. In Moray this has been enhanced with the recent introduction of a Rape Crisis Support Worker in Elgin. This development will strengthen the local links between Police Scotland and Third Sector Victim Support in Moray and will provide additional support to local victims in relation to reporting and dealing with Sexual Crimes.



The detection rate for Hate Crime remains positive at **over 88%**. Work continues with partners to give victims and communities the confidence to report all instances for investigation. We see a rise in recorded instances of Hate Crime and on further analysis this evidences a trend in less members of the public reporting being the victim of Hate Crime but more consistent and efficient recording of such crimes against Emergency Workers, particularly Police Officers.



Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures ¹¹	£95,580.14	£115,779.77	£150,560.16	+£20,199.63	+21.13%
Drug Possession Offences	141.8	192	191	+50.2	+35.4%
Drug Supply Offences	22.4	29	28	+6.6	+29.5%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2017 - Sept 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
Drug Deaths	N/A	4	8	-4	-50.0%

¹¹ A Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City) reported seizures only.

Following the excellent performance of this period last year we have continued to tackle Serious and Organised Crime in the same positive manner with similar increases against the 5 Year Average.

Operation Aspen is the overarching strategy designed to disrupt, divert, deter and detect organised crime activity in Moray which commonly revolves around the sale and supply of Controlled Drugs.

In addition Proceeds of Crime Act seizures have also seen a positive return, up **21%** in comparative terms at a figure nearing **£116,000**.

Significant recoveries include:

In April 2018 we carried out an Operation in Elgin Town Centre where Plainclothes Officers, working along with a drugs dog, targeted those suspected of being involved in drugs possession. Notably, 2 persons were found in possession of 25 and 700 Valium tablets respectively.

In August 2018 **over £560,000** of Controlled Drugs in Lossiemouth, resulting in 3 persons being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.



Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

The threat to the UK from International Terrorism is **SEVERE** – an attack is highly likely. The threat to Great Britain from Northern Ireland related terrorism is **MODERATE**. Terrorist attacks in the UK and abroad in the recent past show that there can be no complacency in any location within the UK. Local North East Officers and others from a variety of Specialist Divisions and Departments across Police Scotland work on a daily basis to assess and act upon any potential terrorist related information.

In June 2018, the United Kingdom Government published an updated version of the Contest Strategy, which is the national strategy for countering terrorism. The 4P Principles remain the same and they are:

- Prevent** – Safeguard people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism;
- Pursue** – Stop terrorist attacks happening in the UK and overseas;
- Protect** – Strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack in the UK or overseas; and
- Prepare** – Mitigate the impact of a terrorist incident if it occurs.

The strategy puts increased focus on working closely with the Private Sector and focusing on Cyber Security amongst other matters. This will lead to renewed objectives and delivery plans for the pan North East Contest Board and the associated Prevent Delivery Group.

Throughout the reporting period, the focus across Moray was to ensure event organisers are aware of and have most relevant up to date information in relation to Counter Terrorism considerations. Ongoing media campaigns continue to ensure members of the public remain vigilant when attending crowded places.

We continue to work alongside our partners in RAF Lossiemouth, holding regular joint tactical meetings and take all opportunities to share training and learning.



Miscellaneous

Stop and Search

Indicator	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018	Apr 2018 - Sept 2018 (positive)
Consensual	0	0
Legislative	269	72
Number of Consensual Stop and Searches Refused	0	N/A

