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Introduction

I present to you this latest Police and Fire and Rescue Services report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division. The report documents a detailed journey of Police performance in Moray aligned to the agreed priorities at both local and national levels, between 1 April and 30 September 2020.

This reporting period was of course heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant changes and challenges it continues to bring. However the resilience and flexibility demonstrated by communities in Moray and indeed my Officers and Staff remains encouraging as individually and collectively we respond to this ongoing situation.

During this reporting period we have seen reductions in Crimes of Violence, encompassing Serious Assaults and Robberies and Acquisitive Crime has reduced across the board when compared against the 5 Year Average.

However those involved in criminality also adapted to the changes by, for example, targeting premises unoccupied due to the 'Stay at Home' approach or by moving online to commit offences. Protecting life and property, adapting to changing criminal practices and supporting businesses and communities in alternative ways was the focus of the partnership which helped maximise the prevention opportunities.

Our strengths in dealing with criminality turned more than ever to proactively supporting partners and our NHS colleagues as they endeavoured to provide the best possible care and support to everyone in our community, particularly those most in need of protection from the aggravating factors brought on through isolation, even when at home.

Our fullest attention was on the prevention of 'hidden harm' in the private setting through close working with Local Authority partners and support agencies who work directly with families. National and local messaging to raise awareness in all aspects of offending in a domestic setting were utilised heavily in the media. It is likely that this approach contributed to consistent reporting of offences through continued confidence in the reporting and investigation phases, but more importantly the support provided by the multi-agency support networks.

I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks for the excellent work carried out by Police Officers and Staff, Special Constables and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers as we strive collectively to achieve positive outcomes, alongside partners and communities themselves, in order that Moray emerges through these challenging times in an even stronger position than before.

Regards

George Macdonald
Chief Superintendent



Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	September 2020	Difference
Police Officers ¹	1114.0 FTE	1045.12 FTE	-68.88 FTE
	September 2019	September 2020	Difference
Police Staff ¹	119.37 FTE	119.18 FTE	-0.19 FTE

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

The authorised establishment of North East Division remains unchanged at **1114.0 FTE**. During the reporting period we were below our establishment of Police Officers by **68.88 FTE** across the Division and dipped just under our Police Staff establishment by the smallest of margins.

There are **22** Constables working in Moray within their probationary period, some of whom have had a very different start to their Police careers, not knowing any different working practises than those implemented during the COVID pandemic.

The Moray area is supported by **8** Special Constables who are valued team members volunteering to work in and support their own communities. The lockdown period changed their personal and professional lives, however this had little impact on their continued commitment to Police Scotland. Indeed, it served to enhance their profile and in some cases provided more capacity for their deployment. This was to their credit as while dealing with change, they selflessly sought to commit more to the community. New online meeting arrangements between them and the Local Area Commander have served to strengthen relationships and visibility as part of the team.

Throughout this very different period, Police Scotland's recruitment campaign has remained strong and will continue to bring new recruits into the organisation and North East Division over the coming months.



Complaints About The Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 2019
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident ²	N/A	75.0%	87.0%		-12.0%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	30	34	-4	-11.8%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	25.3	28.6	-3.3	-11.5%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	33	59	-26	-44.1%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	0	0	-	-
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	6	5	+1	-
Total Allegations	N/A	39	64	-25	-39.1%

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

Levels of overall satisfaction remained very positive at **75%**, albeit down slightly on the same period in 2019. We have faced particular challenges associated with dynamic and evolving laws, regulations and guidance during the COVID pandemic but have constantly adapted to provide the best level of service in challenging circumstances.

National communication strategies, complimented by local input from Officers across Moray were key to maximise awareness along with consistent public messaging through partners and Elected Members. Through a continual process of self-assessment and sharing of good practice on a local and national level, the commitment to service delivery has been resolute in our drive to keep communities safe.

There have been **no** 'Off Duty' allegations and it is encouraging to see an **11.8% decrease** in the number of complaints received during this reporting period as well as a significant decrease of **44.1%** in the number of 'On Duty' allegations raised.

A number of these complaints arose from a lack of clarity on Police powers and procedures, emphasised during the challenges of the pandemic. Such allegations are categorised as 'Quality of Service' allegations which have only **increased by 1 in total**.

Our Front Line Resolution process, which affords the complainer an opportunity to ask questions and receive an explanation regarding actions taken by Police, remains the primary means by which complaints are resolved while ensuring learning is extracted.

Where Front Line Resolution is not suitable or not accepted by the complainer, our Divisional Service Delivery Unit ensure a robust investigation is undertaken with oversight from the national Professional Standards Department, where appropriate, thus ensuring consistency in process. Of the 30 complaints about the Police received, 26% required action by our Service Delivery Unit, with 23% of allegations contained within these complaints being upheld.



Through 'User Experience Surveys' and a robust governance process, we ensure that learning points and areas for improvement are identified, shared and acted upon to improve our overall service to the public.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 5 Year Av
Common Assault - Recorded	473.4	395	421	-78.4	-16.6%
Common Assault - Detection Rate	72.3%	69.1%	69.8%		-3.2%
Robbery - Recorded	4.2	4	1	-0.2	-5.0%
Robbery - Detection Rate	95.2%	75.0%	200.0%		-20.2%
Vandalism - Recorded	292.4	228	237	-64.4	-22.0%
Vandalism - Detection Rate	30.5%	41.2%	32.9%		+10.7%
Public Reports of Street Drinking	2.4	0	1	-2.4	-
Licensed Premises Visits	1,398	366	2,018	-1,032	-73.8%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 2019
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded ³	N/A	55	53	+2	+3.8%
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate	N/A	70.9%	83.0%		-12.1%
Serious Assault - Recorded ⁴	N/A	13	25	-12	-48.0%
Serious Assault - Detection Rate	N/A	92.3%	100.0%		-7.7%
Number of Complaints of Disorder ⁵	N/A	1,942	1,329	+613	+46.1%

³ 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, Threats and Extortion and Coercive or Controlling Behaviour.

⁴ April 2016 - implementation of broader definition of Serious Assault, 5 year comparison is therefore not possible at this point

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

Group 1 Crime is a term used to encapsulate all forms of serious non-sexual Violent Crime and incorporates a range of diverse offences.

The overall figures for Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour are unsurprisingly framed by the COVID pandemic where call demand and crime reporting reduced as restrictions on movement saw people locked down in the early stages of this reporting period.

The lack of a meaningful night time economy through the associated licensing restrictions also influenced crime trends across Moray and saw a demand shift from public to private space violence, which naturally affected reported street drinking and disorderly conduct.

Following 'lockdown' we saw a partial return to more familiar levels of criminality closely resembling business as usual, however we are aware that this period will undoubtedly impact on 'binary' comparison with last year's figures and will also influence future reporting for some time to come.



Looking at the figures in more depth there are welcome reductions in Common Assault, down **over 16%** against the 5 Year Average, with a consistently strong detection rate of **69.1%**, just below the national average.

Respecting the challenges in comparison with last year's figure, Serious Assaults are nevertheless down by **over 48%** with detection rates remaining exceptionally high at **92.3%**. These positive results demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that those intent on committing acts of violence are held accountable.

Recorded Robbery has shown a limited increase rising to **4** in the six month reporting period. Detection rates remain strong at **75%**.

Throughout the implementation of Scottish Government COVID restrictions, we have remained fully engaged with our partners across Moray to better understand the implications for the hospitality sector and to provide advice, guidance and support. Indeed, our 'one on one' partnership working has increased and improved greatly as we collectively support communities and businesses through the pandemic legislative changes.

Appreciating that activity at licensed premises has been curtailed we remain aware of the wider impacts harmful levels of alcohol consumption can have in terms of Anti-Social Behaviour and Violence with indications that alcohol consumption has increased and been drawn more into private spaces. This has only served to further drive our work with various agencies to tackle alcohol fuelled violence, provide support to the most vulnerable and promote a responsible drinking culture.

We are a committed partner in Moray Community Planning Partnership's drive to deliver on shared Local Outcome Improvement Plans which include commitments to addressing substance abuse in all forms as a priority.

Furthermore, we are very aware that local communities continue to experience quality of life issues and working together with partners our teams across the area have ensured there is an appropriate balance between enforcement, education and diversion, modified in accordance with pandemic restrictions.

This approach has contributed to a notable **22% reduction** in Vandalism against the 5 Year Average with detection rates increasing to **41.2%**.

Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	504.4	466	452	-38.4	-7.6%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	44.5%	51.5%	44.9%		+7.0%
Housebreakings - Recorded	63.6	61	42	-2.6	-4.1%
Housebreakings - Detection Rate	29.6%	32.8%	28.6%		+3.2%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded ⁶	59.6	34	42	-25.6	-43.0%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	32.6%	64.7%	35.7%		+32.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	19.0	16	17	-3.0	-15.8%
Common Theft - Recorded	162.2	122	137	-40.2	-24.8%
Common Theft - Detection Rate	27.0%	39.3%	28.5%		+12.3%

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

This period has seen an increase in reported Housebreakings when compared to the same period last year but this figure remains **4.1% below** the 5 Year Average across Moray. This rise relates mainly to commercial premises, vacant during the lockdown and may correlate directly to the significant reduction in Common Theft and Motor Vehicle related crime. Robust investigative work has ensured a rise in the detection rate of **over 4.0%** against the same period last year and **over 3.0%** against the 5 Year Average. Our continuous drive to utilise intelligence and gather information ensures a focus on offenders being dealt with swiftly so as to minimise the disruption and trauma this crime type can cause.

Recorded Acquisitive Crime has **reduced by 7.6%** against the 5 Year Average with the ongoing prevention work in our communities; the reduction in the number of open business premises and more people being at home with their personal property undoubtedly supporting this effort.

There have been notable reductions in Thefts of Motor Vehicles and Common Thefts against the 5 Year Average, by **15.8% and 24.8%** respectively. These pleasing figures give a clear indication that the correct approach is being utilised to prevent and respond to these crime types.

With the very positive aspects of the Acquisitive Crime returns, we have however seen a rise in reported Fraud, Division wide and in particular in relation to non-contact and online crime types. Analysis shows a continued increase in the use of technology to exploit and socially engineer money from people that is more apparent during the COVID pandemic. Police Scotland have been alert to cyber security for some time and have been working at a national level to continue to address this. The 'Banking Protocol' initiative ensures that banking institutions have a close link to local Policing should they identify a potential victim of Fraud in their branches and in addition to this, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has launched its cross-government campaign offering actionable advice for people to protect passwords, accounts and devices.



Locally, community safety messages have sought to ensure awareness in communities of emerging trends and to ensure that cyber security advice is delivered to the most relevant audiences.



Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 2019
People Killed/Seriously Injured (KSI)	N/A	14	18	-4	-22.2%
Children Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	0	2	-2	-
People Killed	N/A	2	3	-1	-
Children Killed ⁷	N/A	0	0	0	-
Advice/Education Given to Motorists ⁸	N/A	6,126	9,975	-3,849	-38.6%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	33.0	39	56	+6.0	+18.2%
Speeding Offences	109.0	187	151	+78.0	+71.6%
Drink/ Drug Driving Offences	51.6	49	48	-2.6	-5.0%
Dangerous Driving	20.4	26	27	+5.6	+27.5%
Disqualified Driving	7.6	8	13	+0.4	+5.3%
Detected Offences Related to Motor Vehicles	852.8	866	968	+13.2	+1.5%
Parking Fixed Penalties Issued ⁹	530.8	105	415	-425.8	-80.2%

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).

While the number people killed and seriously injured on Moray roads has decreased, focus is continually required to improve Road Safety.

Our commitment to the North East Scotland Strategic Road Casualty Group remains unwavering and is driven locally through Operation CEDaR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce). We continue to identify and target routes with significant collision histories, appropriately balancing enforcement and education in order to improve road safety and driver behaviour.

Our activity continues to be aligned to the Priority Focus Areas contained in the Scottish Government's National Road Safety Framework.

The 'Rider Refinement' training scheme, designed to improve motorcycle riding standards, was unfortunately postponed this year as a result of the COVID pandemic restrictions. Undeterred, plans are in place for this initiative to return once the restrictions are reduced. The initiative remains part funded by Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund and is supported by the local authorities. Despite this postponement, Road Casualty Reduction operations ran during the summer months, with a number



of dedicated weekends of action focusing on key problem areas or routes commonly used by motorcycle users. This was resourced predominantly through Road Policing Officers, supported by those in Community Policing Teams.

The increase in speed detections can be attributed to two aspects. Firstly and overall, our maintained focus on priority routes revealed a decrease in traffic flows as a result of COVID restrictions. Volume of vehicular traffic naturally provides a degree of 'traffic calming', however as volume reduced in the pandemic, this led to increased opportunity and/or propensity to exceed the speed limit. Secondly, following an increase in support from the community to identify local 'hot spots' for speeding, we focused Road Policing and CPT resources in these areas, which contributed to the increase in detections. This also provided education opportunities for road users generally and engagement opportunities with residents in these areas.

Under the ethos of Operation CEDaR, joint work was carried out with national Road Policing resources and Officers from the Proactive Unit in Aberdeen supporting local CPT Officers in order to focus on Road Safety and other criminality facilitated through the roads network. The Media Strategy centred on delivering information before, during and after rather than solely as a result of this, as the focus in Moray is about prevention in respect of these operations.

Focusing on mobile phone use and distractions within the vehicle, local Road Policing Officers joined Community Policing Team colleagues in a week long initiative to raise awareness of the issue. Again, reduced traffic volume provided a greater opportunity to detect and report offenders.

Improving the safety of cyclists on the roads, Operation 'Close Pass' was carried out in the North East through a number of days of action. Due to the increased number of cyclists as a result of COVID restrictions and the introduction of the 'Spaces for People' initiative, the operation gained positive local media coverage. Compliance in respect of the safe passing of pedal cyclists in the Moray area was particularly high, with the respect for 'shared road space' obvious to see. This is a real positive for the area and proves the worth of maintaining this particular road safety initiative and messaging.

Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 5 Year Av
Group 2 Crimes - Recorded ¹⁰	108.4	84	133	-24.4	-22.5%
Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate	60.7%	63.1%	54.9%		+2.4%
Rape - Recorded	18.4	19	19	+0.6	+3.3%
Rape - Detection Rate	54.3%	57.9%	68.4%		+3.6%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 2019
Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported	N/A	485	415	+70	+16.9%
Domestic Abuse Incidents Detection Rate	N/A	71.2%	73.9%		-2.7%
Hate Crime - Recorded	N/A	37	30	+7	+23.3%
Hate Crime - Detection Rate	N/A	83.8%	80.0%		+3.8%

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.

This period of reporting saw a general reduction in demand in respect of several aspects of 'Protecting People at Risk of Harm'. Notwithstanding, the partnership very quickly focused on the promotion of national and local preventative messaging to mitigate wherever possible the potential for abuse to become more prevalent 'behind closed doors'. It was recognised at an early stage that this type of abuse may not be fully realised for weeks or months to come as victims may not report such instances until they feel safe to report it in less restrictive conditions than those imposed by the COVID pandemic.

Although the lockdown and associated restrictions had a material effect on the levels of Rape and serious sexual offending being reported initially, recorded Group 2 crime was **down 22.5%** against the 5 Year Average and **down 36.8%** against 2019's figure, the number of reported Domestic Abuse incidents has increased, which is a positive factor.

The number of recorded Rapes **remains static**, compared against last year and a fraction more than the 5 Year Average. The victim-centred approach and commitment by Officers to ensure confidence in reporting such offences has contributed to this, as well as the strength of partnerships.

Detection rates for Group 2 crime have remained strong and above the national average. This stems from robust governance, investigative processes and the commitment of Officers to support victims and successful investigations.

As mentioned previously there has been a rise in recorded Domestic Abuse incidents during this period albeit with only a small reduction in the detection rate. The benefits of effectively using the latest legislation to tackle Domestic Abuse, identifying patterns of offending behaviour, using safety plans to build in additional protection for victims and diligently documenting details of the crime to allow for the fullest investigation has contributed to a relatively stable detection rate year on year.



It is important to highlight that detections for bail related offences have increased by 40.6%. At an early stage, it was identified that the controlling aspect of offending does not diminish due to lockdown rules and it was clear offenders were just as likely to seek out the company of their victims. In response we increased proactive visits by Officers to both victims and offenders and support to victims from family, friends and neighbours increased the level of reporting on offenders, all of which contributed to this positive increase.

Throughout the lockdown and periods of restrictions, we continued to work with partners to ensure high risk victims were provided additional support and protection while we also proactively targeted high tariff offenders. Local Officers worked with specialists in the Public Protection Unit and the Domestic Abuse Task Force.

We have continued to focus on and support the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS), the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process (aiming to reduce future harm to the most vulnerable victims and their families), and the management and scrutiny of perpetrators provided by the Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) process, where the objective is to protect people at risk of harm by focussing on higher risk perpetrators.

Media campaigns and initiatives have been crucial during this period with regards to preventative messaging and also ensuring victims are aware of the support and assistance available to them. In conjunction with partners, safety messaging in relation to sexual offending to coincide with the relaxing of lockdown restrictions, particularly in respect of the hospitality sector was launched. This links in with national campaigns and also offers development opportunity and longevity going forward.

The Scottish Government led Domestic Abuse campaign was well supported in Moray through the Violence Against Women Partnership (VAWP) to ensure victims are aware that support is available locally and nationally despite COVID restrictions. Messaging was translated into the 10 most requested languages in the North East and sent out through community channels to ensure the farthest reach as possible. This included articles published in local community newsletters and distributed to locality areas, aiming to reach those who may not have internet access. With local radio supporting the campaign, this preventative multi-faceted public messaging ensured focus remained on helping the most vulnerable in our communities.

The use of technology in crimes is ever increasing. In order to tackle the rise in abusive internet or social media messages, collaborative preventative messaging campaigns under the 'Eyes and Ears Open' were delivered that included messages about 'cyber safety', asking members of the public to report any related suspicions. This strategy has been well supported in the North East Division social media channels. School Liaison Officers used social media to promote safety and reach pupils in education setting where the Officers could not physically attend due to lockdown measures.



Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures ¹¹	£131,154.18	£66,929.28	£185,433.87	-£64,224.90	-48.97%
Drug Possession Offences	166.0	116	177	-50.0	-30.1%
Drug Supply Offences	25.4	16	30	-9.4	-37.0%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2019 - Sept 2019	Difference	% Change 2020 v 2019
Drug Deaths	N/A	4	4	-	-

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

As highlighted above the number of individuals reported for Drug Possession offences has **decreased by more than 60** when compared to the same period last year and more than **30% lower** than the 5 Year Average. Drug supply offences have almost halved since the same period last year and are **37% below** the 5 Year Average. The reduction in drug supply offences is demonstrative of the excellent partnership working and intervention and prevention work that continues to gain momentum across Moray through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership. Through this enforcement, it is clear that the intelligence led and proactive work is having an impact albeit there is a recognition that the COVID pandemic has contributed towards these positive downward trends.

This naturally correlates with the reduction in Proceeds of Crime Act seizures when set against the aforementioned reductions in drug related offences.

Key to the success for all operational activity, linked to the sale and supply of controlled drugs, is creating a level of trust in the community which results in confidence to report suspicious activity. This drives our intelligence led approach, enabling us to target individuals and groups across the area and is brought about through positive engagement undertaken by Officers and Staff in the course of their duties.

Through this approach, Drug Search Warrant execution rates have remained strong in Moray, resulting in the seizure of a range of controlled drugs including significant quantities of Diamorphine (Heroin), Cocaine and Cannabis. This continued turnover is a credit both to those involved in the cultivation of intelligence and to the public in supplying information on those committing drug supply offences.

With these positive enforcement outcomes, it is important to continue to recognise that local people, often taken advantage of in their most vulnerable moments, are themselves victims of the unscrupulous activities of Organised Crime Groups (OCG's).

These OCG's, from out with the area, continue to pose the greatest threat in terms of 'County Lines' activity in Moray, albeit there has again been a reduction in reported incidents of 'Cuckooing' which could also be as a result of the COVID lockdowns and lack of criminal opportunity. National and cross-border partnership work is ongoing to establish support mechanisms and preventative strategies relating to this type of exploitation, which will only grow stronger as pandemic restrictions evolve and in time



gradually reduce. The 'Cuckooing Initiative' is developing well in Moray, with the partnership resolute in their determination to protect people, vulnerable through their own reliance on alcohol and drugs.

North East Division and all partners are acutely aware that the activities of OCG's does not solely relate to the supply of controlled drugs and that these activities can take a number of forms such as Human Trafficking, Counterfeit Goods and elements of Cybercrime.

Throughout the course of this reporting period and looking ahead, North East Division, in collaboration with the local authority, third sector partners and other law enforcement agencies have and will continue to instigate operations to combat activities of this nature. This approach provides an increasingly hostile environment for OCG's who would seek to operate in Moray and which affords residents a level of protection equal to the rest of the Division.



Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism remains a Policing Priority for North East Division. Acts of Terror across the UK have demonstrated the significant impact and harm that can be caused in our communities. This as we have seen is not always carried out by organised groups, but often by vulnerable people who have been exploited, radicalised or who have aligned their views with an ideology to harm others. We will continue to work together to keep individuals and our communities safe.

The nationally assessed threat to the UK from Terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL** (an attack is likely). This threat level incorporates the 'Threat of Ireland Related Terrorism' previously assessed separately.

North East Division continues to play a key role in protecting communities. Our innovative approaches, developed locally with partners, has seen notable successful practises embedded into public and private sectors.

Our strong local partnerships have been further developed under the North East CONTEST Multi-Agency Board and Prevent Delivery Group which includes the NHS, Emergency Services, Military, Scottish Government, Local Authorities, local businesses, right through to transport agencies and ports. With strength coming from its diversity, the group effectively delivers on the key principles of the national CONTEST model; **Prevent, Pursue, Protect** and **Prepare**.

In Moray, Local CONTEST Liaison Officers (LCLOs) continue to have an important role, which is carried out in addition to their core duties. They remain an important asset to our Policing teams and not only provide information and guidance to communities but also develop the knowledge of colleagues in these important matters. This work strikes right into the heart of the community day to day and is supported by Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA's) where specialist support is required.



Miscellaneous

Stop and Search

Indicator	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 (positive)
Consensual	0	-
Legislative	160	48
Number of Consensual Stop and Searches Refused	0	-

