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Introduction

I am pleased to present the 'Police and Fire and Rescue Services Communities' report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division, detailing Police performance in Moray for the period April to September 2021.

The pandemic has created obstacles to the delivery of local policing however we have continued to provide an effective, high quality service, meeting all challenges positively and demonstrating the ability to call on specialist resources to ensure that service delivery has remained unaffected. I am also delighted to have secured a significant number of new Probationary Officers to further support the delivery of local policing.

A key theme of the report is an increase in demand as restrictions eased and we return to more familiar levels of crime reporting. As previously reflected upon, comparison against 5 Year Averages provides a more realistic picture as opposed to measuring against the exceptional figures recorded during periods of lockdown.

As anticipated overall crime figures for Violence and Anti-social Behaviour have increased. While there is an increase in Group 1 Crime this is driven to a large extent by Cyber-Enabled Threats and Extortion and I am pleased to update that the Divisional Cyber-Enabled Crime Team (DCECT) is proving effective in investigative and preventative work to tackle this. Similarly, there are very positive reductions in the numbers of traditional Acquisitive Crimes with a significant reduction in Housebreakings of 30% against the 5 Year Average in Moray.

There have been increases in the number of Group 2 Crimes. This is linked primarily to the re-opening of the night time economy and increases in communication related offences. We have been working proactively to promote campaigns and working effectively with partners to protect those most vulnerable in our society from 'Hidden Harms', resulting in reductions in the number of Domestic Incidents and Hate crimes reported.

It is indicative of the professionalism of all Officers and in particular local Roads Policing staff that despite the challenges of COVID restrictions we have continued to proactively enforce legislation on our roads with a 95.7% increase in speeding offences detected against the 5 Year Average. During the reporting period some 8335 motorists were stopped, an increase of 36% for the same period last year, and provided with advice by officers on Moray's road network. Such work serves to significantly enhance road safety across Moray.

Partnership working remains at the core of our business and is at the heart of every specific update provided in the report, from Road Safety, to work to reduce the impact and harm from drug use to protecting the most vulnerable in our society from Hidden Harms.

This year, as with the last, remains a challenging time for everyone across the North East and we remain focused on providing an effective, visible service and working closely with partners.

Finally, in late December 2021 Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson moved to a national role targeting Cyber-Enabled Crime. I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks to Chief Inspector Stevenson and his wider team their efforts during this period and for his leadership across Moray over the last three years. I am delighted to welcome the new Area Commander, Chief Inspector Simon Reid, who will ensure such work continues as we collectively strive for Moray to become an even safer place to live, work and visit.

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Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'George Macdonald'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

George Macdonald
Chief Superintendent

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Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	September 2021	Difference
Police Officers ¹	1096.0 FTE	1064.65 FTE	-31.35 FTE
	September 2020	September 2021	Difference
Police Staff ¹	119.18 FTE	119.57 FTE	+0.39 FTE

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

Enhanced recruitment to the North East has been undertaken over recent months and has gone a long way in addressing the shortfall of Police Officers. This focused recruitment has led to an additional **53** Probationary Officers, currently at the Scottish Police College, who will be deployed locally. With a further intake of staff planned before the end of the current financial year the deficit should be further reduced.

The ongoing challenges arising from the pandemic have demonstrated our ability to effectively manage resources, utilising support from specialist and national divisions to ensure we continue to provide an effective service to local communities. These challenges have also demonstrated the importance of the service provided by the **46** Special Constables, who work alongside and support their full time colleagues in Moray.



Complaints About The Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 2020
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident ²	N/A	68.0%	75.0%		-7.0%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	36	30	+6	+20.0%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	36.6	31.7	+4.9	+15.5%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	50	46	+4	+8.7%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	0	0	0	0.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	12	15	-3	-20.0%
Total Allegations	N/A	62	61	+1	+1.6%

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

Levels of overall satisfaction have decreased on the previous year to **68%** however this figure remains **2% above** the national average. Police Service of Scotland, alongside other agencies, continue to adapt to the unprecedented and sustained challenges associated with the pandemic. Difficult decisions, in respect of call attendance and ‘face to face’ contact with the public remains a challenge as we balance the need to keep our officers and the public safe. We acknowledge this can lead to frustration however through self-assessment and User Experience feedback we continue to explore new opportunities to improve our levels of contact and sharing of good practice to enhance our service delivery.

There has been an increase in the number of Complaints about the Police during the reporting period with **6** additional reports equating to a rise of **20.0%**.

With any rise in complaint numbers there is also a rise in the number of allegations, particularly so in light of recommendations from the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) which aim to ensure each aspect of a complaint is recorded separately. As a result, the number of On Duty allegations received has increased by **8.7%**. However it should be noted that 1 of these complaints contained 20 allegations, none of which were upheld.

Encouragingly, Quality of Service allegations which primarily focus on Police powers and procedures, have seen a reduction, down **20.0%**.

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 about the Police are resolved in the North East. Where complaints are not resolved in this manner, they are subject of a robust investigation by the Professional Standards Department.

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Recent developments in IT have improved the manner in which our analysts present the data collated from User Experience Surveys. This new format provides up to date information in a manner that can quickly identify improvements and areas of learning. This investment in Business Intelligence reaffirms Police Scotland's commitment to service delivery. These Surveys, combined with a robust governance process, ensure that learning points are identified, shared and acted upon to improve our overall service to the public.

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Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 5 Year Av
Common Assault - Recorded	465.4	434	397	-31.4	-6.7%
Common Assault - Detection Rate	71.6%	70.7%	67.0%		-0.9%
Robbery - Recorded	4.0	11	4	+7.0	+175.0%
Robbery - Detection Rate	95.0%	72.7%	75.0%		-22.3%
Vandalism - Recorded	260.2	287	227	+26.8	+10.3%
Vandalism - Detection Rate	33.6%	34.5%	36.1%		+0.9%
Serious Assault - Recorded	24.0	25	14	+1.0	+4.2%
Serious Assault - Detection Rate	97.5%	92.0%	92.9%		-5.5%
Public Reports of Street Drinking	1.4	0	0	-1.4	-
Licensed Premises Visits	1,294	830	366	-464.0	-35.9%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 2020
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded ^{3, 4}	N/A	92	55	+37	+67.3%
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate	N/A	70.7%	70.9%		-0.2%
Number of Complaints of Disorder ⁵	N/A	1,405	1,941	-536	-27.6%

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 Coercive or Controlling Behaviour was added to Group 1 Crime in April 2019 and as such a 5 Year comparison is not possible.

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 again impacted by the pandemic where call demand and crime reporting has begun to increase as restrictions on movement are eased and people have emerged from lockdown at various stages during this reporting period.

The easing of restrictions on the night time economy and the associated Licensed Premises will also have influenced crime trends across Moray and seen a more even spread between public and private space violence.

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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 almost **7%** against the 5 Year Average, with a consistently strong detection rate of **70.7%**.

Respecting the challenges in comparison with last year's figure, Serious Assaults are only slightly increased by **4.2%** which for context equates to only 1 additional crime when compared to the 5 Year Average. Detection rates have increased and remain exceptionally high at **92.0%**. These positive results demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that those intent on committing acts of violence are held accountable.

Recorded Robbery has shown an increase rising to **11** during the six month reporting period. Detection rates remain strong at **72.7%**. Work is ongoing with partners locally to identify opportunities for intervention and disruption for those involved in this crime type.

Throughout the implementation of Scottish Government 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 periodically 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.

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Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	470.0	498	453	+28.0	+6.0%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	47.5%	35.7%	53.9%		-11.8%
Housebreakings - Recorded	58.8	41	62	-17.8	-30.3%
Housebreakings - Detection Rate	30.6%	41.5%	33.9%		+10.9%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded ⁶	47.8	45	32	-2.8	-5.9%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	36.4%	48.9%	68.8%		+12.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	16.2	28	14	+11.8	+72.8%
Common Theft - Recorded	148.8	129	119	-19.8	-13.3%
Common Theft - Detection Rate	30.9%	23.3%	38.7%		-7.6%

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

Housebreaking in Moray continues to fall with a decrease of **30.3%** in recorded crime whilst the detection rate has risen by over **10%** against the 5 Year Average. Close monitoring of the intelligence picture ensures we target the right people and patrol the right places to minimise the traumatic effect this most invasive of crimes has on victims.

This period has also seen a notable reduction in Motor Vehicle crime, down **5.9%** against the 5 Year Average. Detection rates have increased by **12.5%** by the same comparison. We have also seen an encouraging reduction of **13.3%** in common Thefts across Moray compared to the 5 Year Average.

Crimes of Dishonesty have seen a slight increase in Moray, with an overall increase of **6%** against the 5 Year Average. Theft of Motor Vehicles has seen an increase in recorded crimes (**14** more recorded than the same period last year). These figures continue to be impacted by the pandemic and the resultant restrictions. Robust, proactive policing plans are in place to ensure Moray remains a hostile environment for those intent on committing crimes of dishonesty.

We welcome these returns cautiously in view of the context and that communities are staying in their properties more, however, we will continue with the simple philosophy to prevent crime wherever possible and where this cannot be achieved, to detect it. Local Policing will continue high-visibility foot patrols during the hours of darkness as part of the 'After Dark' initiative. A crucial element of this approach is the promotion of the message that our communities can take simple steps to ensure that they do not become victims of crime by taking personal responsibility for the security of their homes and vehicles.

As anticipated, increased use of technology has resulted in rises in reported 'Non-Contact' Frauds and in particular, Cyber Enabled Frauds. The newly formed Divisional Cyber-Enabled Crime Team (DCECT),

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within the Criminal Investigation Department, have responsibility for all Investigative and Preventative strategies in this area of criminality. The Crime Reduction Unit will continue to work with DCECT to identify vulnerable groups to develop on-going, targeted campaigns to raise awareness of Cyber-crime, target harden and expand knowledge.

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Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 2020
People Seriously Injured	N/A	4	13	-9	-69.2%
Children Seriously Injured ⁷	N/A	0	0	0	0.0%
People Killed	N/A	2	2	0	0.0%
Children Killed ⁷	N/A	0	0	0	0.0%
Advice/Education Given to Motorists ⁸	N/A	8,335	6,126	+2,209	+36.1%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	34.0	9	36	-25.0	-73.5%
Speeding Offences	129.8	254	203	+124.2	+95.7%
Drink/ Drug Driving Offences	52.4	55	52	+2.6	+5.0%
Dangerous Driving	23.2	27	28	+3.8	+16.4%
Disqualified Driving	8.2	7	8	-1.2	-14.6%
Detected Offences Related to Motor Vehicles	865.0	990	885	+125.0	+14.5%
Parking Fixed Penalties Issued ⁹	397.6	62	105	-335.6	-84.4%

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).

Tragically 2 individuals lost their lives on Moray roads during the period under review. While this remains consistent on the previous year, 2020 saw significantly reduced levels of vehicular traffic due to the pandemic. In light of this backdrop, the consistent low number of fatalities along with the reduction of people seriously injured (-9) is of note.

The loss of any life or serious injury on our roads is tragic and has significant widespread impact. This remains the primary motivation behind our commitment to improving Road Safety.

In terms of our proactive efforts to identify and detect road traffic offences, these have returned to levels often beyond those seen in previous years and demonstrates our continued commitment to improve Road Safety. Of note, our significant efforts to target those committing Speeding Offences has resulted in almost double the number of individuals being dealt with in comparison to the 5 Year Average. Each offence has been an opportunity to positively influence future driving behaviour.

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Unfortunately the continuation of various restrictions throughout the year resulted in the further cancellation of several well established partnership campaigns such as 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' and 'Rider Refinement North'. Despite this, local Road Safety initiatives remained a constant focus of the Community Policing Teams across the Moray under Operation CEDaR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce), the North East's overarching Policing strategy to increase Road Safety and reduce Road Crime. Through the review of statistical data, community consultation and interaction with partners, Officers responded to Road Safety concerns with targeted activity, positively influencing driver behaviour through education and enforcement.

Building on local efforts, Officers from the North East Road Policing Unit (NERPU) continued to support communities across Moray by conducting targeted activity aligned to national Road Safety campaigns and patrolling key routes across the region identified as 'hot spots' through review of analytical data.

Some of the national campaigns supported during the review period included the Motorcycle, Seatbelt, Vulnerable Road Users and Summer Drink/Drug Drive campaigns, along with Operation Tramline. This operation saw Officers from NERPU utilising an unmarked tractor lorry unit in order to detect drivers using mobile telephones. Distraction through device is a recurring theme in serious and fatal road crashes but is often difficult to detect due to drivers holding their telephones in a low position.

With regards to the Motorcycle campaign, focused weekends of action resulted in **167** motorcyclists being stopped and engaged with across the Division with offences ranging from Careless Driving, Speeding, Construction and Use and Licencing being detected. On each occasion Officers took the opportunity to engage positively with drivers, again providing key road safety advice.

All activity was supported by coordinated media messaging.

Cyclist Safety continued through Operation 'Close Pass', which saw Officers deployed on pedal cycles educating drivers on the dangers of passing too closely to cyclists. The inclusion of digital cameras fixed to the bikes enables drivers to see the potential dangers and impact their driving may have, from a cyclist's point of view. This operation has and continues to be received positively both in local and national media.

We remained committed to the North East Scotland Strategic Road Casualty Group, continuing to identify and target routes with significant collision histories, appropriately balancing high visibility and unmarked patrols, utilising enforcement and education in order to improve road safety and driver behaviour.

Our activity has been aligned to the Priority Focus Areas contained in the Scottish Government's new National Road Safety Framework, issued in February 2021 which sets out a vision for Scotland to have the best road safety performance in the world by 2030 and an ambitious long term goal where no one is seriously injured or killed on our roads by 2050. The Framework builds on what has already been achieved here in Scotland over the last decade. It sets out new strategic outcomes for road safety, built around the safe system approach, coupled with a comprehensive performance management system to monitor progress. We will work diligently with partners to ensure a whole system approach is adopted.

As mentioned above, the 'Rider Refinement' training scheme, designed to improve motorcycle riding standards, was unfortunately postponed as a result of the Pandemic restrictions. Plans are now drafted to ensure this goes ahead next year even if restrictions are in place. Similarly the 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' campaign was cancelled and following a review of its continued suitability, plans are now in place to

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replace this event with the Police Scotland 'New Drivers Scheme'. This scheme comprises of a presentation aimed at new and young drivers and raises awareness of road safety issues. It is targeted at people learning to drive, people who have recently acquired a full licence and employers of new drivers. By providing key safety messaging, reinforced through a hard-hitting case study involving real life footage, the scheme also provides a space for discussion to allow a change in perceptions at the most appropriate time – when young drivers are first going on public roads. The scheme has been positively evaluated.

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Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 5 Year Av
Group 2 Crimes - Recorded ¹⁰	110.6	162	97	+51.4	+46.5
Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate	56.6%	63.6%	52.6%		+7.0%
Rape - Recorded	19.0	24	20	+5.0	+26.3%
Rape - Detection Rate	55.8%	75.0%	55.0%		+19.2%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 2020
Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported	N/A	455	487	-32	-6.6%
Domestic Abuse related Crime Detection Rate	N/A	70.2%	72.3%		-2.1%
Hate Crime - Recorded	N/A	24	35	-11	-31.4%
Hate Crime - Detection Rate	N/A	54.2%	77.1%		-22.9%

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 reporting period continued to draw significant focus in all the areas of Public Protection, harm reduction and vulnerabilities.

The Division continued to actively promote local multi-agency messaging and promoted national campaigns. The national '#GetConsent' campaign was heavily promoted across the Division as part of internal and external awareness raising regarding sexual offences linked to vulnerabilities associated with alcohol. The campaign had a particular focus on how to identify the signs and react accordingly.

The emphasis on awareness raising regarding Hidden Harms which was predominant during the lockdown periods was also continued. Divisional leads for Domestic Abuse, Human Trafficking, Adult Protection, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences and Child Protection further enhanced this through a series of media interviews.

The widely recognised potential for delayed demand resulted in more frequent strategic partnership meetings across the areas of public protection and ensured that not only the Police, but all partners involved in providing support to victims, were aware of the current trends as restrictions were eased and better placed to respond.

Following a period of reduction during lockdown and then an initial increase as the night-time economy opened up again and restrictions were relaxed, there has continued to be a rise in reported Group 2 and Rape crimes. With both reported Group 2 Crimes and Rapes seeing an increase against the 5 Year Average, with increases of **46.5%** and **26.3%** respectively. Communications related offences or those linked to the use of social media are partly attributed to this and are reflective of the increasing use and reliance of mobile phones and social media in today's society and featured heavily in national and local

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campaigns highlighted in previous reports. Nonetheless, it is worthy of note that the detection rate in Moray has seen a positive increase of **7%** and **19.2%** respectively. This is testament to the local Divisional governance in place, as well as the continued dedication and expertise of our Senior Investigating Officers and their teams.

By the end of the reporting period, there were **32** fewer Domestic Abuse incidents recorded than in the previous year. The strong messaging, reduction in lockdown restrictions and pre-empted delayed reporting has undoubtedly played a part in this. Given the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 does not allow for 5 Year Average comparison, there is a slight reduction (**2.1%**) in the Moray detection rate for Domestic incidents compared to the previous year.

As highlighted previously, we continue to utilise the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process to assist victims and their families, and the Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating (MATAC) to focus on higher risk perpetrators to protect those potentially at risk. The MARAC process across Moray and the North East is co-ordinated and managed on behalf of the partnerships by the divisional Partnership Co-ordination Unit and a dedicated Sergeant. The number of referrals made to MARAC has more than doubled since 2018, when statistical recording in relation to MARAC started. During this reporting period, **87** MARAC referrals were made, in comparison with **38** in 2018. Working closely with our partners allows us to ensure those most at risk and vulnerable to any form of Domestic Abuse are receiving support.

The MATAC process is managed through the national Domestic Abuse Task Force and we have a close and effective working relationship with the team, ensuring the appropriate perpetrators are referred.

Positively, the numbers of requests for disclosures of information under the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) continue to rise steadily as people become more familiar with it and understand the information that can be provided. Across the division, **71** applications were made under the scheme during the same time period (April – September) in 2019, and **109** applications in 2021.

While Moray has seen a reduction of **31.4%** in recorded Hate Crime, we recognise that there are risks in relying on this as a measure of success with other factors around confidence or willingness to report playing a part. It is because of this we continue to work closely with groups, partners and communities to increase awareness of Hate Crime, reduce tolerance of it, and encourage the reporting of it whether directly to Police or via third parties.

There is a reduction in the Hate detection rate of **22.9%**, undoubtedly affected by the reduction in hate crimes which magnifies the impact of each detection on overall rates. However we have since improved the information we provide internally to ensure strong oversight and focus to ensure impetus remains on detection of these crimes. Put in context, only **11** crimes were undetected in Moray.

We have supported our work with awareness campaigns such as the Hidden Harms initiative referred to above, and our links with organisations Grampian Racial Equality Council (GREC) remain strong, as a critical friend.

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Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures ¹¹	£136,009.71	£43,707.00	£66,929.28	-£92,302.71	-67.9%
Drug Possession Offences	173.0	130	120	-43.0	-24.9%
Drug Supply Offences	25.6	14	16	-11.6	-45.3%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2020 - Sept 2020	Difference	% Change 2021 v 2020
Drug Deaths	N/A	4	4	0	0.0%

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

Although the monetary value of assets seized during the quarter has reduced compared to this period last year, it is noticeable that **in excess of £43,000** has been removed from criminals. With live cases continuing, this figure is likely to increase and will be reported upon in the next reporting period.

Despite the challenges of the Pandemic in terms of our ability to be proactive, the number of Drug Supply Offences has remained relatively consistent and the number of Drug Possession Offences have increased in comparison with this period last year. This demonstrates how our Officers have successfully adapted to the challenges encountered, ensuring targeted disruption and enforcement continued.

The reduction in drug supply offences compared to the 5 Year Average is also reflective of the excellent partnership work that is undertaken by the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership. SOC Interventions have been developing links into rehabilitation and addiction peer groups. Intervention support will ensure Cuckooing and Diversion can be in place for those at a vulnerable stage in their recovery.

Drug Deaths have remained the same compared to the same period last year. We continue to work closely with partners and support services to better understand the causes of drug deaths and to signpost vulnerable individuals to referral pathways to support them through addiction and dependency at the earliest possible point of intervention.

To aid transparency, it was agreed that from 14 September 2021 the Scottish Government, National Records of Scotland (NRS), Public Health Scotland (PHS) and Police Scotland would work together to produce a DRD dashboard report on a quarterly basis, one quarter in arrears.

Police Scotland will provide quarterly information on suspected Drugs Related Deaths by Division, sex and age (within a pre-defined range) of the deceased. These broad parameters will protect against personal identification.

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Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

North East Division continues to work strongly in partnership with members of the North East CONTEST Multi-Agency Board which includes members from local authority, education, health and other organisations with responsibility for publically accessible locations (PALs).

The Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer (CTLO) and partnerships department continues to support the Afghan resettlement program and provide guidance to those currently resident throughout the North East. Advice and assistance is being provided to local elected members, MPs and MSPs around personal security following the increase to the threat level in the UK to Severe after the murder of Sir David Amess and the attack in Liverpool.

Prevent

The 'Prevent' referral process and in particular Prevent Multi-Agency Panels (PMAP) are now well established across the North East with all partners working effectively to manage people who are vulnerable to radicalisation. Moray Council, College and NHS are working to establish a Moray specific PMAP sub group and the Prevent lead for the North of Scotland is assisting with this. The recently appointed CTLO has a strong input into this process. Further PMAP training is scheduled for partners and the Police Prevent Delivery Unit and CTLO will lead utilising an appropriate delivery method. The Prevent sub-group continues to meet regularly to manage and review all partnership Prevent activity.

Pursue

CT Investigative leads feed into the local Contest multi-agency meetings, ensuring that any emerging themes are shared and acted on appropriately in partnership with the group. Emerging themes, resulting from lockdown include an increase in cases with a cyber enabled element and in extreme right wing ideologies. Borders Policing Command continue to identify vessels deemed at increased security risk and conduct appropriate border checks. Operations are planned for coming months which will include our Local Contest Liaison Officers, ensuring local ownership and awareness of issues and the ability to respond to local concerns.

Protect

Work continues to engage with the Scottish Government to seek to implement findings of the recent Protect Duty Consultation, which may have significant implications for any organisation with responsibility for PALs. The CTLO and tactical lead for Contest locally are proactively seeking updates on this in advance of any findings being published to ensure that Moray is suitably prepared.

LCLO's continue to undertake a vitally important role in providing security advice at these locations and the CTLO position ensures their work is suitably co-ordinated. In particular CT Planning are in the early stages of a training exercise to be undertaken early this new year and specialist Police are engaging with staff at local Military bases.

Prepare

The Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) program remains embedded in training packages in partner organisations. Work is in early stages to plan for an exercise to test the Police and partners preparedness to respond to a CT incident. The CTLO and tactical lead are to shadow such an exercise being undertaken in Tayside to ensure any learning can be implemented locally.

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Stop and Search

Indicator	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 (positive)
Legislative	95	27
Consensual	0	N/A
Number of Consensual Stop and Searches Refused	N/A	N/A

*Further Stop and Search data can be accessed at the following location: [Data Publication - Police Scotland](#)

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