



POLICE
SCOTLAND
Keeping people safe

Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee

**North East Division
Moray**

April - September 2022

OFFICIAL



Contents

- Introduction
- Staffing
- Complaints About the Police
- Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
- Acquisitive Crime
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- Serious Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
- Miscellaneous

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL



Introduction

I am pleased to present the latest Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division.

This report, my first as Divisional Commander, details performance in Moray aligned to the agreed priorities at local and national level for the period of 1 April to 30 September 2022.

In line with previous reports submitted, comparison is provided against 5 Year Averages to ensure a more accurate picture can be drawn distinct from periods during which the impact of Covid lockdown measures obscured clear comparison. The report also contains additional information and context to illustrate a more informed perspective of matters across Moray.

Staffing levels have remained consistent during the six months to which this report pertains, but like other public sector partners, there are significant budgetary challenges ahead. The impact of a change in pension regulations mean that many more experienced colleagues are choosing to retire earlier than previously anticipated. This has had an unprecedented impact across Police Scotland in both local policing divisions and national teams. Recruitment was initially boosted to replace retiring officers but shortfalls are still evident across the country. Whilst recruitment continues, our budget allocation for 2023-2024 does not match current double-digit inflation and hard choices lie ahead. The Chief Constable will consider the full implications of the budget allocation in the coming weeks and thereafter, I will take the action needed to make best use of the funding available for North East Division.

This reporting period has seen the delivery of a new national crime recording system to North East Division. 'COS UNIFI' replaced the 'Crimefile' application which had been in use locally for approximately 30 years. This was a significant period of organisational change and North East Division is one of the first in Scotland to make operational use of this. The magnitude of change has understandably presented challenges but I am pleased to report the implementation has been successful and we are already recognising efficiencies of the system.

During September 2022 specialist and local Officers from Moray formed part of the wider deployment to local and national events connected with the death of Her Majesty The Queen delivering these with dignity. This was the largest 'no-notice' mass mobilisation of Officers and Staff since the creation of Police Scotland and significant local preparatory work ensured no loss of service provision to our communities in Moray.

As Moray continues to recover from the pandemic, longer term effects of this remain evident and it is essential we remain committed to providing an effective, visible service working closely with partners to improve the lives of those resident in our communities.

Aligned with the evolving impact of the cost of living crisis, Officers in Moray are increasingly called upon by partners or are first in response to incidents associated with some of the most vulnerable within our society at a point of personal crisis. These incidents often require immediate intervention for mental health issues and subsequent signposting to appropriate support services and agencies.

Demand placed upon front line teams in Moray is often associated with poor mental health, poverty, housing and substance misuse and frequently occurs in a 'non-criminal' space. The close relationships cultivated by Local Policing and specialist teams across Moray with statutory and third sector organisations and groups require to be equally supported by our partners to provide effective and meaningful preventative initiatives connected to these issues.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL



The delivery of 'Operation Protector' targeting the sale and supply of controlled drugs and engaging with those vulnerable to exploitation by Organised Crime Groups (OCG's); local community Officer engagement at schools to influence youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and violence; the Community Investigation Team's proactivity around drug supply and associated ASB and work by local Officers and Road Policing specialists in respect of Road Safety concerns have delivered tangible results, in conjunction with partners, to address priority issues in Moray during this period.

Policing remains relentless and this report reflects a busy and demanding period. I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks to the Officers, Staff and Special Constables who have worked tirelessly during a period of continued exceptional demand to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities across Moray.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Mackie', is positioned below the 'Regards' text.

Graeme Mackie
Chief Superintendent

OFFICIAL



Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	September 2022	Difference
Police Officers ¹	1092 FTE	1057.47 FTE	-34.53 FTE
	September 2021	September 2022	Difference
Police Staff ¹	119.57 FTE	115.59 FTE	-3.98 FTE

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

Staffing levels have remained relatively consistent during the six months to which this report pertains, but the impact of a change in pension regulations mean that many more experienced colleagues across Police Scotland are choosing to retire earlier than previously anticipated.

This has had a significant impact across Police Scotland in both national teams and local policing divisions, including North East Division. Recruitment was initially boosted to replace retiring officers but shortfalls are still evident across the country.

We have sought to encourage local applicants and during August a very successful recruitment event was held by Community Policing Officers and Special Constables in conjunction with 'Developing Young Workforce' (DYW) Moray at UHI Moray College.

This and wider focused recruitment across the region has led to an additional **14** probationary Officers being recruited. These Officers are currently undertaking their initial Probationary Training Course at the Police Scotland College before joining the Division with **3** being deployed to stations in Moray. With a further intake of Officers planned before the end of the current financial year the current deficit should be further reduced.

There are **21** Probationary Officers at various operational stations across the Moray area.

11 Special Constables routinely work alongside full time regular Officers in Community and Specialist Policing teams including Road Policing, Public Protection and Domestic Abuse teams in Moray. These Officers volunteer considerable personal time in service to our communities and the value of their support cannot be overstated.



Complaints About The Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 2021
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident ²	N/A	67.0%	68.0%		-1.0%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	46	44	+2	+4.5%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	43.6	43.1	+0.5	+1.2%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	68	68	0	0.0%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	0	0	0	0.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	24	23	+1	+4.3%
Total Allegations	N/A	92	91	+1	+1.1%

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

Levels of overall satisfaction remain consistent at **67.0%** which is above the national average.

An **additional 2** Complaints About the Police have been recorded during this reporting period equating to a **4.5%** increase while 'On Duty' allegations remain the same.

Quality of Service allegations, which focus on Police powers and procedure, have increased by **4.3%** equating to **1 additional** allegation on the previous reporting period, primarily in respect of the 'type of Police response'.

Difficult decisions in respect of call attendance and 'face to face' contact remain a challenge with the initial call handling assessment incorporating factors based on levels of threat, vulnerability and the risk of immediate harm. This assessment ultimately dictates our level of response and can lead to frustration in terms of response times and level of interaction between Officers and the public.

Local scrutiny via our Insight and Engagement Team has highlighted a positive position in respect of initial contact and the attitude of attending Officers with members of the public feeling reassured that their needs were understood by Officers.

'User Experience Data' is routinely shared with and scrutinised by the Division. This allows for regular overview of feedback around Service Delivery which is shared amongst Staff. We are responsive to this and it is recognised that positive action informed by such data is essential to proactively reduce Complaints About the Police and enhance the quality of service we provide the public.

While any increase in Complaints About the Police is disappointing, our Front Line Resolution (FLR) process, affording a complainer the opportunity to ask questions and receive an explanation regarding actions taken by the Police, remains the primary means by which complaints are ordinarily resolved. Where complaints are not satisfactorily resolved through FLR, they are subject to robust independent

OFFICIAL



investigation by the Professional Standards Department. On occasions where any complaints are upheld, relevant learning points are appropriately shared with Officers and Staff involved and remedial action including training and awareness raising undertaken to prevent recurrence.

OFFICIAL



Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 5 Year Av
Common Assault - Recorded	447.2	525	436	+77.8	+17.4%
Common Assault - Detection Rate	71.3%	71.4%	70.2%		+0.1%
Robbery - Recorded	6.2	7	12	+0.8	+12.9%
Robbery - Detection Rate	87.1%	71.4%	66.7%		-15.7%
Vandalism - Recorded	252.4	260	281	+7.6	+3.0%
Vandalism - Detection Rate	35.5%	34.2%	34.9%		-1.3%
Serious Assault - Recorded	25.2	29	26	+3.8	+15.1%
Serious Assault - Detection Rate	96.8%	75.9%	92.3%		-20.9%
Public Reports of Street Drinking	0.6	4	0	+3.4	x
Licensed Premises Visits	1,283	741	830	-542	-42.2%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 2021
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded ^{3, 4}	N/A	91	93	-2	-2.2%
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate	N/A	58.2%	72.0%		-13.8%
Number of Complaints of Disorder ⁵	N/A	1,265	1,406	-141	-10.0%

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 encapsulates all forms of serious non-sexual Violent Crime and includes a range of diverse offences. During the reporting period there has been a **decrease of 2.2%** in Group 1 crimes.

Group 1 Crime includes 'Threats and Extortion' with several instances during this period of individuals sharing intimate images of themselves in an online setting across a number of platforms and thereafter receiving threats such images will be shared with associates unless some form of payment is made. Many of these crimes emanate overseas and with increased time spent online we have seen a rise in this challenging crime to detect, adversely impacting upon the overall detection rate. We further recognise the extremely sensitive nature of such crimes and the need to protect and support victims.

Common Assault has risen during this period by **17.4%** against the 5 Year Average with detection rate of **71.4%**. This is slightly above the 5 Year Average.

OFFICIAL



Serious Assaults have **increased by 3** in comparison to the last year which is just **under 4** crimes above the 5 Year Average. This presents as a **15.1%** increase and there has also been a reduction in the detection rate from the previous year against the 5 Year Average.

Robbery has **decreased by 5** against the previous reporting period and although only **1 above** the 5 Year Average is reflected as a rise of over **12%**. Detection rates remain high and above **70%** which is a **5%** increase on last year to date.

The increase in crimes has presented challenges but through 'Operation PINE' and our Divisional Violence Prevention Board, we continue to focus upon any commonality in victims, offenders and location to understand evolving crime patterns and thus implement preventative measures and direct resources accordingly. This methodology has resulted in Divisional and national resources supporting activity in the Moray area to proactively patrol and investigate occurrences of violence in Elgin, Forres, Buckie and Keith during the reporting period. This work, and the detailed investigation undertaken, provides assurance that we direct our resources to the correct areas at the correct times to prevent or otherwise detect such crimes and report those responsible.

Partnership working remains an integral part of our strategy to tackle alcohol fuelled violence, promote a responsible drinking culture and provide support to the most vulnerable. This is embedded in the Moray Community Planning Partnership arrangements we actively participate in and specifically Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) which seek to prevent and reduce harms associated with alcohol (and drug) misuse.

We understand the impact of Anti-Social Behaviour upon communities in Moray. We are committed to preventative work with partners in Moray in an effort to address this through enforcement, education and diversion. Considerable work targeting ASB has been undertaken during the reporting period by Police with young people in our community.

In addition to patrols within identified 'hotspot' areas Local Community Officers have led work with schools across Moray providing bespoke inputs on ASB, Vandalism, Violence, Substance Misuse, 'Sex and the law' and Hate Crime. Such work will continue with plans for further school based and evening diversionary activity being organised by local Officers into and through the next reporting period. It is however essential that our partners support and lead aspects of preventative and diversionary work which amongst other objectives the recently launched Moray 'Community Safety Strategy' provides a forum and basis for the coordination and delivery of.

There is a decrease in reported Vandalism again the last reporting period although this is still slightly above the 5 Year Average reflected as a **rise of 3%**.

Anti-Social Behaviour incidents have seen a **significant decrease of 10%** (141 incidents) during this reporting period. This provides some optimism and is anticipated to be a consequence of the preventative and targeted work already being undertaken by Officers.

OFFICIAL



Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	465.0	460	484	-5.0	-1.1%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	45.9%	33.5%	37.0%		-12.4%
Housebreakings - Recorded	52.6	60	43	+7.4	+14.1%
Housebreakings - Detection Rate	34.6%	31.7%	39.5%		-2.9%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded ⁶	46.0	53	45	+7.0	+15.2%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	41.3%	54.7%	48.9%		+13.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	19.2	32	29	+12.8	+66.7%
Common Theft - Recorded	139.4	105	125	-34.4	-24.7%
Common Theft - Detection Rate	29.0%	26.7%	24.8%		-2.3%

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

Crimes of Dishonesty across Moray have **decreased by 1.1%** compared to this period last year but remain fairly consistent compared to the 5 Year Average.

There has been a slight increase in Theft by Housebreaking to commercial and private properties in Moray with **17 more victims** than last year and **7.4 more** compared to the 5 Year Average. Detection rates have decreased slightly and are being closely monitored as we look to enhance the intelligence picture and ensure we target the right people and patrol the right places, minimising the impact of such an invasive crime on victims.

This period has also seen an increase in Motor Vehicle crime, **up 15.2%** against the 5 Year Average. However, detection rates are strong at **13.4% above** the 5 Year Average. Theft of Motor Vehicles has seen an increase in recorded crimes (**3 more** than last year) and **up 66.7%** (12 crimes) compared to the 5 Year Average. A number of instances of such Thefts during this period can be attributed to the removal of motor cars by individuals from a familial setting without permission of the owner known to them.

Encouragingly, this period has seen a **reduction of 24.7%** in Common Thefts across Moray compared to the 5 Year Average. This is positive given the early indications that this financial year would see national increases due to societal pressures and the figures from last year being within a time of COVID restrictions.

We view these returns cautiously in view of the context and these crime types are carefully examined to determine any pattern that may arise.

Locally based Crime Reduction Staff continue to support victims and issue preventative messaging across Moray. Their crucial role helps ensure our communities are aware of the measures they can take to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of acquisitive crime.

OFFICIAL



Increased use of technology has resulted in anticipated rises in reported 'Non-Contact' Frauds and in particular, Cyber Enabled Frauds. The Divisional Cyber-Enabled Crime Team (DCECT), within the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), have responsibility for all investigative and preventative strategies in this area of criminality.

Although acquisitive crime across Moray remains relatively low when compared with elsewhere, the area suffers from a small number of mobile criminals travelling into the area, often committing crimes in more rural and remote areas. We encourage communities to report incidents of suspicious activity to Police, CrimeStoppers and to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Watch' and 'Rural Watch' schemes.

The 'North East Partnership Against Rural Crime' (NEPARC) is chaired by Moray Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Simon Reid and targets a variety of issues including acquisitive and other criminality affecting our rural communities in Moray and across the North East. The 2023 – 2025 'NEPARC' strategy will be formally launched in March 2023. This comprises key areas which the partnership of some 34 representatives and organisations will work collaboratively to target.

OFFICIAL



Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 2021
People Seriously Injured	N/A	5	11	-6	-54.5%
Children Seriously Injured ⁷	N/A	0	2	-2	x
People Killed	N/A	2	2	0	x
Children Killed ⁷	N/A	0	0	0	x
Advice/Education Given to Motorists ⁸	N/A	6,012	8,335	-2,323	-27.8%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	31.4	27	9	-4.4	-14.0%
Speeding Offences	158.4	75	252	-83.4	-52.7%
Drink/ Drug Driving Offences	54.2	64	55	+9.8	+18.1%
Dangerous Driving	24.0	23	27	-1.0	-4.2%
Disqualified Driving	8.6	15	7	+6.4	+74.4%
Detected Offences Related to Motor Vehicles	878.6	738	980	-140.6	-16.0%

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.

There have been **2** fatalities on Moray roads over the reporting period, which is comparable to last year and there were **5** people seriously injured, **6 less** than last year. No children were killed or seriously injured. Any loss of any life or serious injury on our roads is tragic and we remain committed to influencing driver behaviour to improve Road Safety as one of our priorities.

With an ageing population, people are remaining mobile longer and continue to drive and consequently we are seeing an increase in older casualties. Driver Engagement North aims to reduce casualties and collisions in the north of Scotland by engaging older drivers and their friends / families in an interactive workshop. This is a pilot project supported by funding from Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund. The project makes use of interactive driving simulators to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities.

Operation CEDaR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) remains the North East's overarching Policing strategy to increase Road Safety and reduce Road Crime. Using a proactive, intelligence and data informed approach aligned to expressed community concerns, local Officers have responded to Road Safety issues with targeted activity, high visibility patrols and have successfully influenced driver behaviour through both education and enforcement. Such work is undertaken collaboratively with specialist

OFFICIAL



colleagues from the North East Road Policing Unit (NERPU) based in Moray and in support of national Road Safety campaigns.

We routinely engage and work collaboratively with Moray Council in respect of Road Safety matters that are brought to our attention and look forward to participating as a member of the proposed 'Moray Community Road Safety Group' under the auspices of the Moray Joint Community Council to support community and partnership led and delivered Road Safety activities when this group is established.

We remained committed to the North East Road Safety Strategy Partnership, 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.

Excess speed remains a factor attributed to collisions where death or serious injury occurs. We have deployed Officers and the North East Camera Safety Unit (NESCAMP) to priority routes in Moray to conduct 'speed checks' and have seen a positive impact with a significant reduction in detected speeding offences compared to last year. In addition, Drug Driving legislation implemented under section 5A of the Road Traffic Act 1988, continues to prove an excellent road safety tool, with an **increase of 18.1%** in recorded offences.

Nationally motorcyclists continue to feature disproportionately in relation to road death collisions. Recognising the need to engage directly with motorcyclists, this year saw the return of the 'Rider Refinement North' training days in Moray to encourage responsible and safe riding.

Our activity has been aligned to the Priority Focus Areas contained in the Scottish Government's Road Safety Framework which sets out a vision for Scotland to have the best road safety performance in the world by 2030.

OFFICIAL



Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 5 Year Av
Group 2 Crimes – Recorded ⁹	119.0	189	155	+70.0	+58.8%
Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate	58.2%	43.4%	65.8%		-14.8%
Rape - Recorded	20.2	35	25	+14.8	+73.3%
Rape - Detection Rate	58.4%	28.6%	76.0%		-29.8%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 2021
Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported	N/A	422	457	-35	-7.7%
Domestic Abuse related Crime Detection Rate	N/A	62.5%	73.5%		-11.0%
Hate Crime - Recorded	N/A	31	26	+5	+19.2%
Hate Crime - Detection Rate	N/A	71.0%	53.8%		+17.2%

⁹ 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.

During this reporting period, the Division has seen an increase in reported Group 2 crimes. In Moray, the rise was notable and has followed on from the previous year, with **34 more** reported crimes. This equates to **58.8%** more than the 5 Year Average. In relation to recorded Rape, **10 more** crimes were reported this year, **73.3% higher** than the 5 Year Average.

It is important to note that 5 Year Average figures are impacted by lockdowns during the COVID pandemic which saw recorded Sexual offences and Rape decrease.

Similar to previous years, we continue to see an increase in reported non-recent crimes which are often more complex or protracted and difficult to detect by virtue of timescales involved and lack of potential for forensic evidence which would otherwise support such enquiries.

Communications related offences and use of social media to commit offences have also increased. By their very nature, such investigations can be protracted to ensure all available evidence is successfully obtained and enquiries progressed.

An increase in reporting such crimes to the police indicates a level of public confidence in the local policing response.

Additionally, child protection processes such as the Inter-Agency Referral Discussion (IRD) and the interviewing of children have robust quality assurance processes in place; the former having recently been strengthened as a result of work being led by North East Division with partners regarding the implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM) for children who have been victims of significant harm and abuse.

OFFICIAL



In respect of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police, this year has seen a slight decrease in reported incidents at by **7.7%** compared to last year. The detection rate has similarly decreased but remains strong at **62.5%**.

To improve detection rates, a new toolkit has been developed for newly promoted supervisors. This assists management and ensures enquiries are progressed fully, consistently and timeously with all available evidential avenues considered. With the support of the Division's Partnership Co-ordination Unit and Public Protection Unit, a divisional oversight process also continues to ensure all domestic incidents are reviewed daily and that those most vulnerable are supported and robust action is taken against those posing the greatest risk.

With the majority of Domestic and Group 2 offences being recorded with female victims, we have established strong links to the Moray Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership with Officers participating in and delivering a number of events and briefings. We strongly support the 'Equally Safe' strategy and are proud of our role in actively delivering upon its aim to eradicate violence against women and girls to, "achieve a Scotland in which women and girls are safe to thrive, fulfilling their potential free from violence and abuse".

One aspect of work being led by Police with partners includes the development a multi-agency dataset and quality assurance framework to allow further scrutiny of local trends in all areas of violence against women. This ensures our Officers and partners' practitioners are supported to provide effective interventions and support.

The Division continues to be fully represented at other local, multi-agency and national Police Scotland forums focusing on this priority area. This includes other areas of Public Protection such as the Adult and Child Protection Committees and their various work streams and sub-committees.

The Division's lead in the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) processes in particular highlights this. Both forums have seen a continued increase in referrals and partnership support being sought and managed for those most vulnerable and at risk from violence and abuse. We also continue to utilise the Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating (MATAC) to focus on high risk perpetrators with partners.

The national '16 Days of Activism' campaign was also fully supported and specifically, enforcement days were carried out by divisional Officers, from local policing and specialist units. Media messaging also continued to be driven forward in support of local and national campaigns, most notably the award winning 'That Guy' campaign challenging men's attitudes and behaviour towards women.

The area continues its strong performance in terms of Hate Crime. In conjunction with a range of partners we have continued awareness raising campaigns intended to support seldom heard communities to build confidence and overcome barriers to reporting such crimes.

This work runs in conjunction with developing a Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRC) network following successful training with community groups in September 2022. The training upskills key individuals within partner organisations to recognise and support victims of crime and in turn, act as a conduit to our Division.

5 additional Hate Crimes have been recorded compared with the same period in the previous year. Our robust investigative strategies in support of victims, has seen our detection rate rise to **71.0%**.

OFFICIAL



Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures ¹⁰	£131,251.72	£36,633.57	£43,707.00	-£94,618.15	-72.1%
Drug Possession Offences	162.0	196	131	+34.0	+21.0%
Drug Supply Offences	23.0	22	14	-1.0	-4.3%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2021 - Sept 2021	Difference	% Change 2022 v 2021
Drug Deaths	N/A	2	5	-3	-60.0%

¹⁰ A Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City) reported seizures only.

Although the monetary value of assets seized across the North East during the quarter has reduced compared to this period last year, it is noticeable that in excess of **£36,600** 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.

The number of Drug Possession Offences have increased by **21%** in comparison with the 5 Year Average. The number of Drug Supply Offences have increased in comparison with this time last year and remained steady with the 5 Year Average.

A number of persons across Moray from English based Organised Crime Groups (OCG's), were reported to COPFS for being involved in the sale and supply of drugs, along with other associated crimes and offences during this reporting period.

Using the '4Ds' (DETECT-DISRUPT-DETER-DIVERT) methodology, some successes have been seen both in terms of enforcement and our work with key partners to support and signposting those linked to Organised Crime who have been assessed as vulnerable and in need of intervention.

We recognise tackling substance use and the harms these cause is part of our duty toward ensuring the safety and wellbeing of people within our community. Access to addiction services, poverty and mental health vulnerabilities can be impacted by the cost of living and exacerbate drug related harms. Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Interventions have developed strong links with rehabilitation and addiction groups within Moray. Intervention support informed by local community Officer activity and joint visits with partners ensures diversion from Cuckooing can be in place for those at a vulnerable stage in their recovery.

During August 2022 we delivered the first 'Operation Protector' days of action across Moray. This two day joint partnership operation between Police Scotland, Arrows, Moray Council, Circles Advocacy and NHS Grampian used innovative tactics to target those involved in SOC related activity to disrupt their criminal behaviour and to identify and support individuals vulnerable to the influence of OCG's. This was extremely successful with a number of individuals charged with crimes and offences and several vulnerable people were brought 'into service' with partners. 'Operation Protector' has since been run in Moray in November 2022 with similar success.

OFFICIAL



Drug Deaths **decreased by 3** compared to the previous year. We continue to work closely with partners and support services to better understand the causes of drug deaths and to signpost vulnerable individuals earlier to referral pathways to support them through addiction and dependency as soon as possible. However, the stigmatisation of this group leads to more drug related harms and prevents progress in almost all areas of life including addressing their drug problem and supporting their families and friends.

In August 2022 and following a successful pilot, Police Scotland commenced the national roll out of personally issued 'Naloxone' to all operational Officers to the rank of Inspector. This approach forms part of the organisations public health approach toward addressing drug death rates. A number of Officers now routinely carry Naloxone in Moray with wider roll out continuing into 2023 and all probationary Officers now being trained in its use at the Police College during initial training.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL



Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

The North East CONTEST Multi-Agency Board and associated sub-groups continue to deliver the UK National CONTEST strategy across the North East of Scotland.

The **Prevent, Pursue, Protect** and **Prepare** (4P's) principles of CONTEST are the continued focus of the strategy which aims to reduce the risks from terrorism.

The role of all partners within the North East Division CONTEST Multi-Agency Board is to ensure all strands of the CONTEST '4P' framework are proactively and proportionately delivered in a local context and aligned to the UK National Threat Level as determined by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC).

Within Moray a cadre of Local CONTEST Liaison Officers, drawn from Community Policing Teams, receive enhanced training and are tasked with forging and maintaining strong links with relevant sites and venues.

During the reporting period activity has taken place through the delivery of joint briefing and familiarisation events to local and specialist Officers at RAF Lossiemouth.

Within a wider resilience planning context during the reporting period we have supported and jointly delivered multi-agency live play and table top exercises simulating aircraft incidents on and off station and exercised our joint Counter Terrorism response plans for the site. Such activity is not informed by any specific threat or risk to the site but reflects positively the preparedness of both the Royal Air Force and Police Scotland and insurance as to the operational competence of our Staff and readiness of our joint plans. Such work will continue into the next reporting period.

Initial communication has been provided to CONTEST Multi Agency Boards across Scotland by the UK and Scottish Governments reporting on the findings from the recent Protect Duty Consultation. This contains details of policy elements and definition of 'Publicly Accessible Locations' (PALs) which will form the basis of the upcoming Protect Duty Bill known as 'Martyn's Law'. This will place a legislative requirement upon organisations in respect of security considerations at any venue, 'to which the public has access on payment or otherwise'. This arose as part of the wider response and review following the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. It is anticipated implementation of 'Martyn's Law' will have significant implications for organisations with responsibility for PALs.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL



Miscellaneous

Stop and Search

Indicator	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022 (positive)
Legislative	228	97

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

OFFICIAL

