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Argyll & Bute

Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017

Quarterly Report / Q2 – 2016/17



Local Police Commander, Chief Superintendent Grant Manders

As Divisional Commander for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Division I am pleased to present the second quarterly update in relation to the Argyll and Bute Local Policing Plan for 2016/17. The purpose of this report is to highlight current crime trends and issues identified in the previous 3 month period and provide some context around crime trends over the longer term.

As outlined in the Local Policing Plan for Argyll and Bute our focus - **Keeping People Safe** – and the policing principals which it encapsulates continue to be at the centre of all police activity carried out across Argyll and Bute. Public consultation, partnership working and our own detailed crime analysis has determined that the priorities going forward in 2016/17 remain unchanged:-

- ❖ **Road Safety & Road Crime**
- ❖ **Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**
- ❖ **Public Protection**
- ❖ **Major Crime and Counter Terrorism**
- ❖ **Acquisitive Crime**

These priorities are also aligned to Argyll & Bute's Single Outcome Agreement 2013 – 2023. National performance frameworks continue to be utilised to measure progress, monitor activity, identify key areas where resources need to be focused and demonstrate how successful we are in meeting our key priorities and objectives. Local Policing Plans for each of the eleven multi member wards within the Argyll & Bute boundary are reviewed regularly to ensure new and emerging issues within local towns and communities within Argyll & Bute are addressed.

Integrity, Fairness and Respect are our policing values and the touchstones for all our interactions, forming the basis of everything we do and every decision we reach. By applying our values, we continue to receive public consent through improved relevancy, trust and support.

Local Area Commander Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie has the responsibility for addressing crime issues and concerns as they arise on a day to day basis within Oban and Lorn and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, supported by dedicated Area Inspectors Julie McLeish (Campbeltown & Lochgilphead) and Mark Stephen (Oban). Similarly Area Commander Chief Inspector Paul Robertson has responsibility for Helensburgh, Cowal and Bute and is currently supported by Inspector Ewan Wilson (Dunoon & Rothesay) and Inspector Coleen Wylie (Helensburgh).

In addition to ensuring our efforts and attention remain focused on the needs and expectations of the local community, local officers are required to respond to spontaneous incidents and seasonal demands where there is clearly potential for increased levels of antisocial behaviour and violence. There were a large number of events in Argyll and Bute in Quarter 2 during the very busy tourist season. Highland Games events dominated with events taking place almost every weekend, not least the Cowal Highland Gathering," the

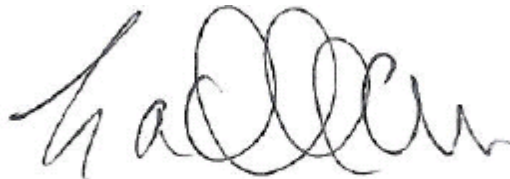
world's biggest highland games" on Saturday 27th August 2016. The now well established Tiree Music Festival played to sell-out crowds over the weekend of 15th to 17th July while the second year of ButeFest saw improved attendance as the festival in the heart of Rothesay seeks to become a permanent fixture on the events calendar. Lastly, there was an emotional win for John MacCrone in the 2016 Mull Rally following the death of his co-driver, Andrew Mort in a crash at the same event in 2015.

Benchmarking

Benchmarking is a process used by organisations to compare their processes and performance metrics against like organisations that are recognised as being the leader in their respective field. This offers organisations the opportunity to learn from the information and experience developed by those considered to be 'best in class'. Benchmarking ensures that organisations maintain both an internal and external perspective on their relative performance and challenges potential organisational complacency over results achieved.

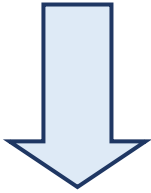
Local Authorities in Scotland have been engaged in benchmarking over the past four years as part as of the Scottish Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF). They have been working with the Improvement Service (IS) over the last four years on developing a common approach to benchmarking.

Research continues into this topic to ensure the most accurate comparisons are being drawn, particularly given that the geographic and demographic profile of an area is a significant factor in determining the nature and volume of crimes reported therein. Similar to previous reports, comparative data has been included in relation to the Highlands Local Authority however this information **MUST** only be used for guidance purpose.



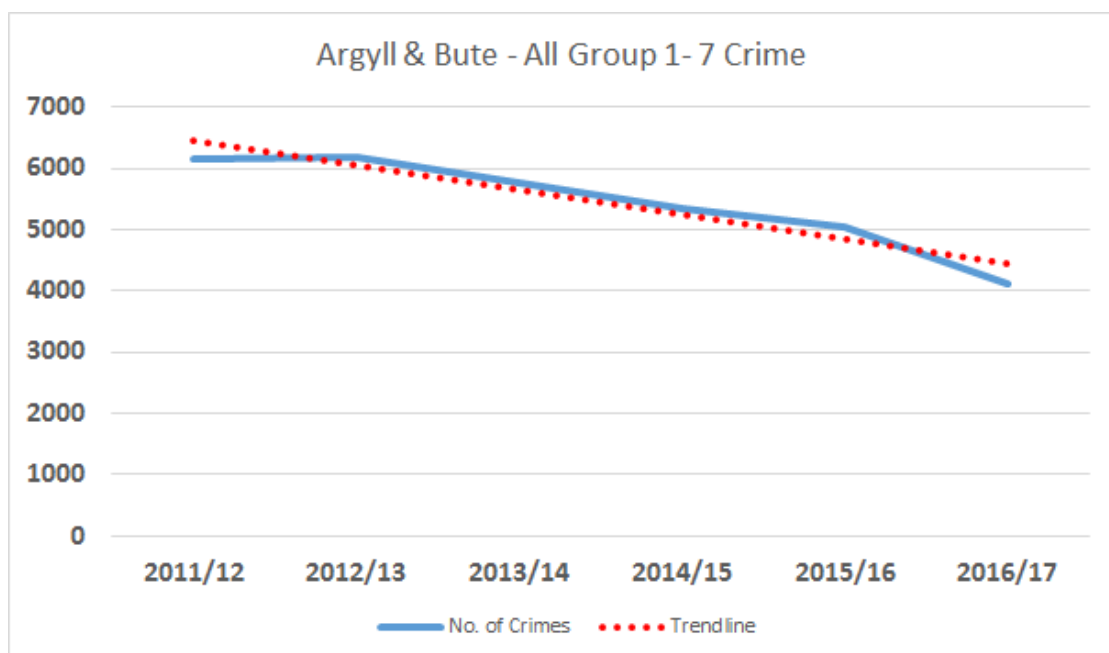
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Crime Overview



Group 1 -7 Crime

Figures recorded at the end of Quarter 2 show an 18.6% reduction in the total number of Group 1 – 7 crimes recorded within Argyll and Bute year on year. Crime levels also remain considerably lower than the 5 year average. Comparisons against the same YTD period last year indicate the number of Group 2 Sexual Crimes being reported remains considerably higher. Whilst Group 1 crimes involving serious violence have reduced, Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) related crimes such as Common Assault and Threatening & Abusive Behaviour have increased slightly.



Local Authority Comparison

Data produced at the end of Quarter 1 (June 2016) shows that the total number of Group 1 – 5 crimes recorded per 10,000 population remained lower within Argyll and Bute at 74.0 compared to 82.3 within Highland Local Authority area. Furthermore, year on year comparison indicates a reduction from 80.7 per 10,000 population within Argyll and Bute.

This information is not available in relation to all Group 1 – 7 crime.

Road Safety & Road Crime

Priorities outlined in the Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017 continue to be at the forefront of operational activity carried out in respect of road safety and road crime. These are as follows:-

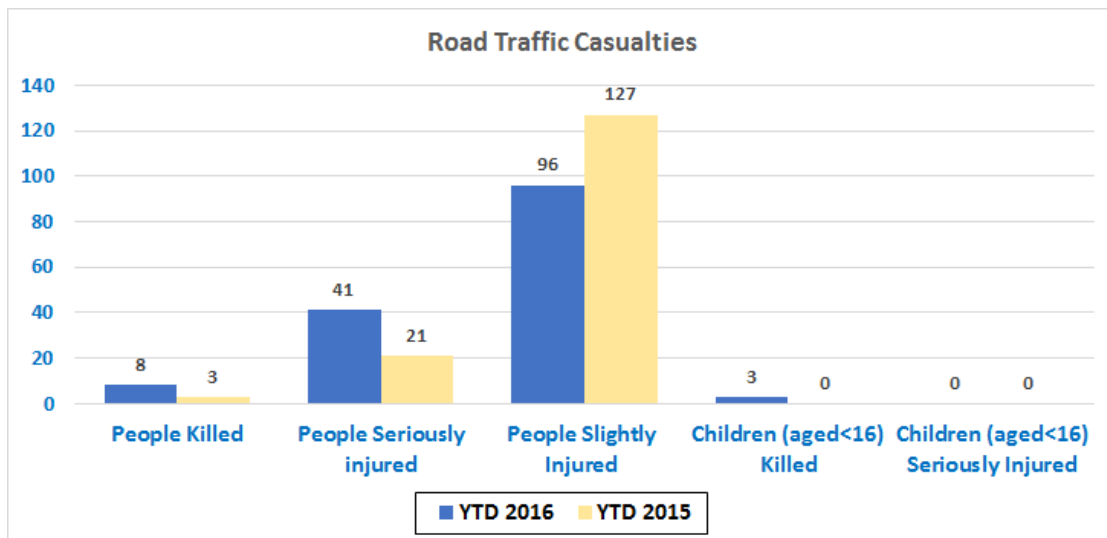
- To work with partners to develop a strategy to reduce the numbers of those killed and seriously injured on the Argyll and Bute road network.
- To increase enforcement activity to improve driver behaviour.
- To improve road safety through enhanced partnership working and preventative initiatives within the community.

Road Traffic Casualties

As shown below the number of persons killed on the road network within Argyll and Bute has risen considerably compared to the same YTD period last year. Eight fatalities have occurred, three of which were children. While road crashes resulting in slight injury have also increased by 32%, collisions involving serious injuries have almost halved compared to last year.

Fatalities recorded over the period included a 12 year old pedestrian being knocked down and killed in Innellan near Dunoon after crossing behind the school bus he had alighted from when he was struck by a LGV.

The two other fatalities were also recorded over the period when 2 young children drowned after the car they were passengers in left the road and submerged in water adjacent to the A816 near Kilmelford at the beginning of July. The investigation into this incident remains ongoing.



Local Authority Comparison

At the end of Quarter 1 the total number of road casualties within Argyll & Bute was lower than in the Highlands local authority area. Figures recorded were 70 and 80 respectively. When considering this information however, it is pertinent to note that the road network within Highland covers around 6754 kilometres compared to just 2600 kilometres in Argyll and Bute.

The total number of road traffic offences detected within Argyll and Bute area has reduced by around 17% compared to the same YTD period last year. Speeding continues to account for a high proportion of all offences recorded, albeit the number being detected has reduced by 30.9% year on year.

	Apr 2016 – Sept 2016	Apr 2015 - Sept 2015	% Change
Dangerous driving	45	54	-16.7%
Speeding	804	1,164	-30.9%
Disqualified driving	0	2	-100.0%
Driving Licence	37	28	32.1%
Insurance	77	56	37.5%
Seat Belts	52	74	-29.7%
Mobile Phone	67	58	15.5%

Focused Police Activity

Operation Zenith

Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) activity between July and September continued to focus around Operation Zenith This is a National campaign targeting irresponsible driving behaviour by motorcyclists and ran between 25th March and 30th September. This also encompasses all other campaigns throughout the summer months and has involved both high profile patrols and road checks as well as unmarked activity. Activity was mainly around the strategic trunk road network which typically sees the majority of motorcycle activity by tourists and those using the routes for recreational purposes mainly at weekend and weekday evenings which tend to create the greatest issues.

Weather conditions over the period were not particularly great which seemed to deter the recreational riders and this is perhaps reflected in the figures. There were no fatalities involving motorcyclists over this reporting period however one rider who was involved in a single vehicle collision on the A83 near Inveraray on 18th June succumbed to his injuries in hospital on 15th July.

Whilst activity was targeted towards motorcycles it also lead to the detection of dangerous and careless driving and speeding offences committed by drivers of cars, goods vehicles both light and large and passenger carrying vehicles.

Focussed Police Activity

Vulnerable Road Users Campaign

The Vulnerable Road Users Campaign ran from 4th to 8th July and saw the DRPU focussing activity towards pedestrians and cyclists and motorists whose driving behaviour puts road users at greatest risk. Activity was mainly through interaction with and education of this group of road users.

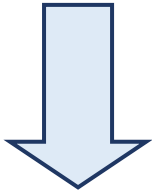
Rural Roads Campaign

The Rural Roads Campaign ran from 5th to 11th September and focussed on casualty reduction on roads outwith the urban areas with a speed limit in excess of 40mph (priority routes A82, A83 and A85 trunk roads, and non-trunk A816) and involved partner agencies, media and assistance from Force Motorcycle and Trunk Roads Policing Group. High profile patrols and road checks were undertaken and focussed not only on cars but on LGV's and PCV's which make up a high proportion of vehicles using the Argyll roads network. This targeted not only excessive speed, dangerous and careless driving but also driver's hours offences which are an equally important component in road safety. Several drivers of LGV's were reported for offences.

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

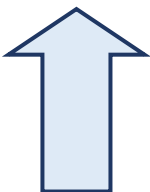
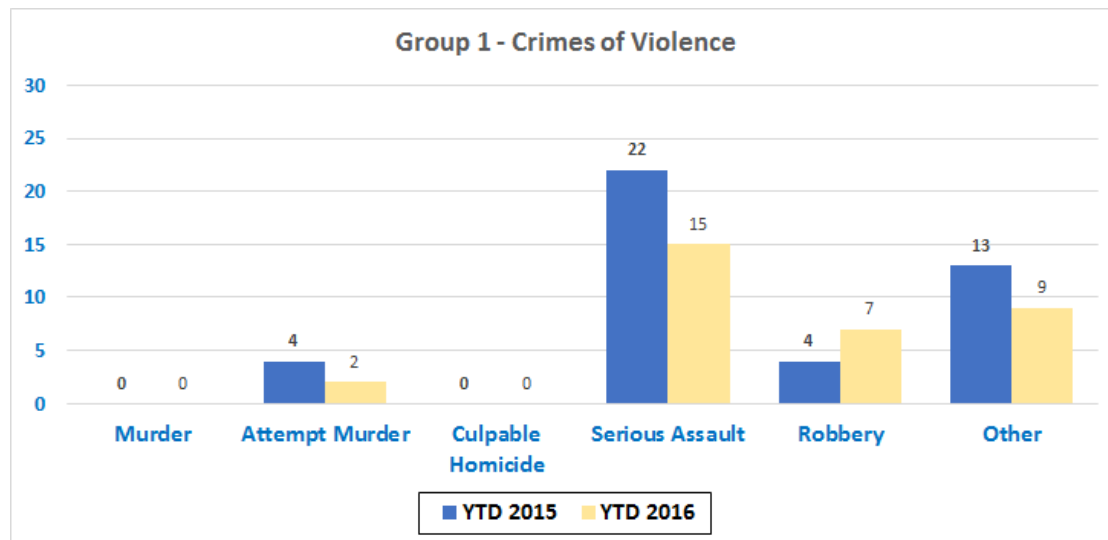
Police Scotland remain dedicated to reducing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour within the local communities of Argyll and Bute in order to 'Keep People Safe'. Operational police activity carried out on a daily basis continues to be driven by the objectives outlined in the local policing plan:-

- ❖ *To reduce the number of victims of violent crime.*
- ❖ *To reduce the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour.*
- ❖ *To impact on alcohol related violence, antisocial behaviour and disorder with particular emphasis in and around licensed premises.*
- ❖ *To increase the number of people detected for violent and domestic crime.*



Group 1 – Crimes of Violence

Levels of 'serious' violence occurring across Argyll and Bute remained low during Quarter 2 of 2016/17. In total, 33 crimes have been recorded which is 10 fewer than in the same period last year. As shown below this is primarily due to a reduction in the number of Serious Assault and Attempt Murder crimes recorded. Crime levels also remain lower than the 5 year average.



Crimes involving lower level violence and incidents of disorder remained higher at the end of Quarter 2 compared to the same period last year. Common Assault crimes have increased by 15.9% from 321 to 372 and complaints in relation to disorder increased from 1347 to 1480, a difference of 133 (9.9%).

Local Authority Comparison

At the end of Quarter 1, the number of Group 1 crimes of violence recorded within Argyll & Bute per 10,000 head of population was marginally lower than in the Highlands Local Authority area at 2.4 and 2.7 respectively.

In terms of low level violence and antisocial behaviour, Argyll and Bute recorded a lower rate per 10,000 head of population in relation to Common Assault at 20.1 compared to 27.6 in the Highlands. Public reported incidents of antisocial behaviour were also lower at 60.8 compared to 67.3.

The Divisional Violence Prevention Strategy and Directed Policing Plans, which are informed by analytical products produced at a local level, continue to be fully exploited to ensure local officers manage the threat and risk posed by specific individuals and at identified problematic locations. In addition various pro-active policing tactics have been utilised in order to impact on crime and incident levels.

Focused Police Activity

Tiree Music Festival - 14th to 18th July

A number of officers from the mainland attended to police the annual event. A well-established resource and deployment plan was implemented with officers supporting event stewards to minimise excessive alcohol consumption, underage drinking, disorder, antisocial behaviour and violence. Again the event passed without incident with very low level disorder issues and no serious violence.

Mull of Kintyre Music Festival - 18th to 22nd August

Despite poor weather which caused the day time parade to be cancelled the event was well attended. Apart from some low level violence and disorder the police resource and deployment plan, which concentrated mainly on high visibility patrols in and around town centre licensed premises, was well received and prevented any serious incidents. An action plan was executed on the Thursday night prior to the event which targeted the roads network and the ferry in an effort to detect any known violent offenders and disrupt any drugs movements that may have been brought to the area for use during the music festival.

Youth Engagement Officer

Two Youth Engagement Officers have been appointed, one in the Helensburgh area and one in the Oban area. These officers will focus their activities around youth related issues and on building positive links with local schools, youth groups and partner agencies. They will strive to promote good citizenship amongst Argyll and Bute's young people through a variety of initiatives which will be heavily focused upon personal safety awareness including education in relation to the law, substance misuse and lifestyle choices. Their aim is to tackle and breakdown any real or perceived barriers between the police and young people and build an effective relationship in order to assist them in making positive choices and change where necessary leading to stronger and safer communities.

Work is presently ongoing to identify a suitable location and obtain funding for a skate park that will hopefully reduce the number of complaints regarding antisocial behaviour involving young people within Oban town centre.

Focused Police Activity

Partnership Working

Multi Agency Antisocial Behaviour Groups including police and partners continue to meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis with a focus on preventing and tackling any existing threats in terms of violence or antisocial behaviour throughout Argyll and Bute. These groups facilitate effective joint working and sharing of resources and information. They are particularly successful in the management of neighbour disputes and antisocial tenants who require joint visits from police and housing association representatives to deliver suitable advice or warnings as required. Information from all agencies is collated in respect of the most disruptive of tenants whose actions can amount to criminality leading to the use of ASBO's, eviction from homes and arrests, if appropriate. The strength of these groups very much lies in their ability to deliver effective early intervention in relation to problematic tenants and thus prevent incidents such as neighbour disputes escalating potentially into serious violence or antisocial behaviour.

Youth Volunteers Scheme

The Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Scheme was launched in Campbeltown and adverts have been issued for adult volunteers within the local community to help with the setting up and running of the scheme. Applications are also being sifted for local young people to join the Volunteer Scheme. Again it is hoped this will further divert young people from crime and encourage active and positive citizenship within the local Community.

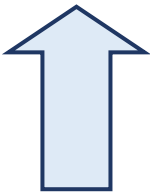
Shop a Dealer

The Shop a Dealer Scheme in Oban continues to generate good intelligence and a number of high profile drugs detections and prison sentences have been achieved as a result. Police continue to share intelligence with housing providers where drug dealing has taken place within local addresses with a view to commencing eviction proceedings.

Protecting Vulnerable People

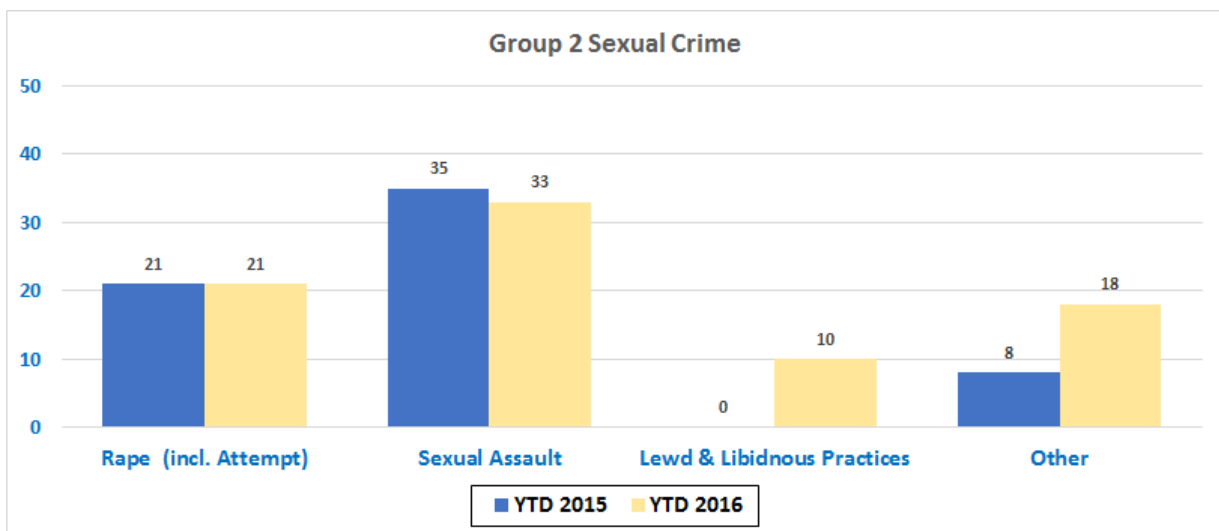
As set out in the Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017, our priorities in respect of protecting vulnerable people remain unchanged:-

- ❖ *To work with our partners to identify those children, young people and vulnerable adults who are most at risk and through joint action reduce that risk.*
- ❖ *To continue to develop proactive strategies to deal with managed offenders, particularly those that present the greatest threat, risk and harm.*
- ❖ *To increase the number of persons detected for sexual crimes.*
- ❖ *Together with partner agencies, strive to provide a better quality of service to the victims of sexual crime.*



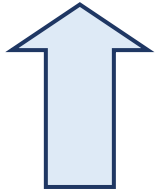
Group 2 – Sexual Crime

Set against figures recorded at the end of Quarter 2 last year, the total number of sexual crimes reported across Argyll & Bute has increased by 28.1% which equates to 18 more victims. As shown in the graph below, increased crime levels are due to a rise in crimes involving Lewd & Libidinous Practices and those grouped as 'Other' which largely relate to indecent communication and indecent images. Around 35% of all crimes were historical reports.



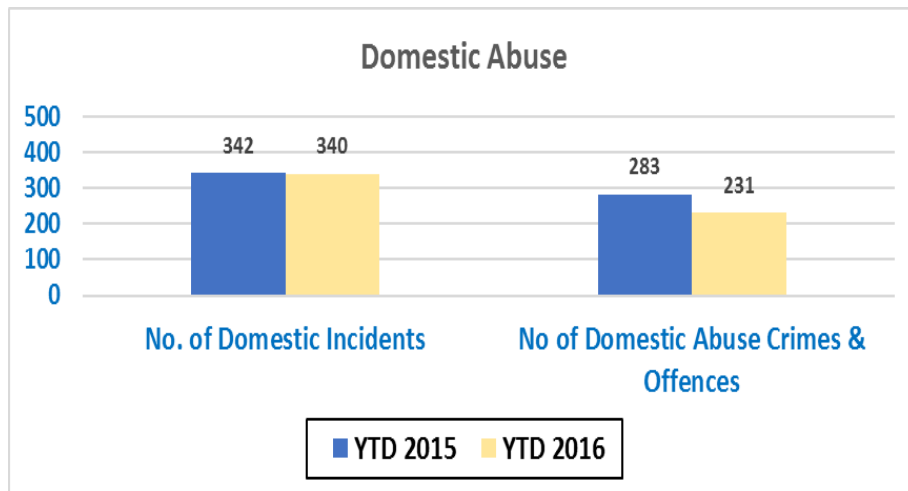
Detection Rates

The detection rate for all Group 2 Sexual Crime has reduced considerably from 90.6% to 50%. The detection rate for Rape crimes has also fallen from 80% to 28.6%. The reduction in detection rates can partly be attributed to high levels of historical reporting.



Domestic Abuse

Figures recorded at the end of Quarter 2 indicates a marginal reduction on last year's figure. A total 340 incidents have been recorded which is a decrease of 0.6% (2). Whilst incident levels have remained relatively unchanged there has been a noticeable reduction in the total number of crimes and offences resulting from domestic abuse incidents which have fallen by 18.4%. Oban South and the Isles, Dunoon and South Kintyre MMW areas have recorded the highest number of domestic abuse incidents YTD, respectively.



Local Authority Comparison

At the end of Quarter 1 the number of Group 2 crimes recorded per 10,000 population was lower in Argyll and Bute at 4.5 compared to 6.5 in the Highlands Local Authority area. The number of crimes (per 10,000 population) of Rape and Sexual Assault was also lower at 1.0 and 2.2 respectively in Argyll and Bute, versus 1.1 and 4.2 in the Highlands.

Focused Police Activity

Child Protection Committee Training - Court Skills Day

With the assistance of Police Scotland the Child Protection Committee has run a number of sessions over the last year on the above subject aimed at all professionals and third sector workers who may have to attend court as a witness in their professional capacity. The day is split into two sections with the morning addressing procedural and legislative requirements. Inputs from the Police, Social work and SCRA illustrate the complexities of presenting a case in court regardless of the setting (Criminal or Civil). The training culminates in the afternoon utilising a scenario based exercise where participants are able to observe and give evidence in a real court setting. Lochgilphead JP Court is the setting with Council solicitors acting as Sheriff and legal teams assisted by SCRA. The Police and Social Work act as the main professional witnesses. This is a valued aspect of the multi-agency approach to child protection and the self-evaluation gained from this training evidences each agencies commitment to the process from start to finish.

Focussed Police Activity

Early Help Strategy

Preparatory work is underway in relation to the Early Help Strategy (EHS) which is a new multi-agency approach designed to target individuals under the age of 25 who are facing issues which, if no immediate action is taken, are likely to escalate to the level that they will meet the threshold criteria for engagement with existing service provisions, for example addiction services / primary mental healthcare. The strategy aims to offer short term intensive support to the individual and their family unit, to address the root cause of their problems, empower and support them to make significant and sustainable change, ultimately improving their individual wellbeing and encouraging them to make positive contribution to the community as a whole. This is a multi-agency venture, funding will be allocated to the most appropriate service/organisation to provide the necessary support, and individuals may be supported collaboratively across a number of services to provide bespoke intensive short term support.

This is a new model of working, and a collaborative venture between statutory bodies and the third sector. The work undertaken will largely be over and above the statutory obligations, due to the new model of early intervention which is being trialled.

Whilst the EHS focuses primarily on promoting health and wellbeing within the family unit, this will have an impact on the community through reduction in offending, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse, supporting individuals to remain in education and to gain employment. Secondary goals include promoting inclusion within the community, improving mental health, citizenship and reduction in the impact on services through early and effective intervention.

IRD (Initial Referral Discussion) Audit Group

Police Scotland have been an integral part of this group since its inception. The IRD audit group is essentially a multi-agency group that scrutinises retrospectively the initial response by all agencies to emerging child protection issues within the Local Authority area, measuring how well we responded and how effective that response was. The focus on continual improvement has seen the group evolve to a level where data from each audit can inform senior management from each agency of identified areas of improvement or where potential weakness lie. Police Scotland are in the process of taking over the chair of this group and have worked alongside Education representatives to develop and refine an audit tool to streamline this process.

Out of hours Social Work (SWES)

Just over 2 years ago Argyll and Bute moved away from the West of Scotland out of hours Social Work Emergency Service (SWES) and introduced their own. This service was contracted out to Cargomm a non for profit organisation who run the service on behalf of the Council. As communication lines were stretched, local PPU noted the potential for misunderstanding between all three partners (Police, SWES and Social Work) and this had on occasion made managing emerging child protection issues problematic. To this end with agreement from Social Work senior management and SWES management a system is in the process of being introduced that will document joint decisions being made out of hours to everyones satisfaction. This new system is due to go live imminently.

Major Crime & Counter Terrorism

Keeping people safe by reducing the threat posed from organised crime and terrorism across Argyll and Bute remains a high priority for all local police officers. The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) is the UK's centre for the analysis and assessment of international terrorism. JTAC has responsibility for setting international terrorism threat levels which is currently assessed as SEVERE. Recent events in other countries highlight the necessity for vigilance at all times. Police across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Division continue to implement the UK Government CONTEST strategy with local and national partners. Police Scotland also continues to target and disrupt the activities of those involved in organised crime at a local level through focused and robust interventions based on the objectives set out in the local policing plan:-

- ❖ ***To disrupt organised crime groups by targeting individuals, the businesses they operate and their access to public contracts.***
- ❖ ***To target those individuals who are intent on supplying drugs.***
- ❖ ***Through education and partnership, reduce the impact that serious and organised crime and terrorism has on our communities.***
- ❖ ***Through the Multi-Agency Serious and Organised Crime and Contest Group, raise awareness and improve information sharing between agencies.***

As per the most recent intelligence assessment (September 2016) relating to Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) the overall threat/risk posed to the communities within Argyll and Bute remains Low. There continues to be 2 identified SOC Groups in operation within the area both of which are assessed to Low Risk. Proactive and reactive intelligence and evidence gathering opportunities continue to be fully exploited in an attempt to reduce the threat and harm posed by individuals linked to these groups and to identify new and emerging groups. Police activity will continue to focus on arresting individuals linked to these groups, depriving them of cash and assets through full use of POCA legislation, and as well as depriving them of legitimate enterprise to ensure the maximum impact.

In line with trends identified across Scotland, the primary function of these groups continues to be assessed as drug supply and distribution within the local area. As shown in the table below, detections relating to drug supply crimes are comparable with last year.



Serious & Organised Crime	Apr 2016 – Sept 2016	Apr 2015 - Sept 2015	% Change
Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	40	41	-2.4%

Local Authority Comparison

Data recorded at the end of Quarter 1 2016/17 indicates that the number of drug supply crimes recorded per 10,000 head of population was marginally higher within Argyll and Bute at 2.4 than in the Highlands (1.5). When considering all drug crime however, Argyll & Bute recorded fewer crimes per 10,000 head of population at 13.4 compared to 14.8 in the Highlands.

Focused Police Activity

Enforcement & Interventions

Police Scotland remain committed to reducing the threat and harm posed by those involved in Serious and Organised Crime within Argyll and Bute and continue to exploit all intelligence and evidence gathering opportunities. Police activity has been focussed on arresting individuals involved in this level of criminality, depriving them of cash and assets through full use of POCA legislation, as well as depriving them of legitimate enterprise to ensure the maximum impact.

- YTD 9 individuals linked to SOC have been arrested.
- Through the use of POCA legislation SOC criminals have been deprived of £14,680.51.

On Friday 16th September 2016, L Division officers, assisted by UKBA, conducted a joint operation in relation to car wash premises within the division, with a view to disrupt Serious and Organised Crime. This operation formed part of the Multi Agency SOC Sub Group Working Plan 2015 - 2017.

On Tuesday 20th September and Wednesday 21st September 2016, L Division Interventions Unit, in conjunction with DVLA, attend at various garage and motor factor premises across the division. Nine premises were visited in Oban, resulting in 3 being reported for licencing offences.

On Wednesday 28th September 2016, L Division Multi Agency Detect/Disrupt Sub Group received a Bronze Excellence Award from Argyll and Bute Council for their collaborative approach to tackle Serious and Organised Crime.

In addition, it has been identified through 'Cashback for Communities' that Argyll and Bute is receiving £30,660 for the Mid Argyll Youth Forum project. This money is a direct result of POCA seizures which are now being returned to the local community through suitably identified projects.

Efforts continue to utilise the Information Sharing Protocol in place between Police Scotland and Argyll & Bute Council to divert public cash from identified crime groups through the procurement process.

National Anti-Slavery Day 2016

On Tuesday 18th October 2016, an operation took place across both Argyll & Bute and West Dunbartonshire which coincided with the National Anti-Slavery Day 2016. The focus of this initiative was based around Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking, cannot be considered as a stand-alone issue and is closely linked to Serious and Organised Crime Groups who operate across a wide variety of crime types both in our Local and Force Area.

This high profile operation was designed to promote public reassurance whilst detecting offences across a spectrum of criminality and was undertaken in conjunction with colleagues from the National Borders Agency. The operation made use of available Force resources on this date and saw an elevated police presence on the streets throughout West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute. The operation took place over 2 days with day one focussing on premises in West Dunbartonshire and day two focussing on premises in Argyll and Bute. Whilst there were no identified cases of human trafficking a number of immigration offences were detected.

Focussed Police Activity (cont'd)

Argyll, Bute and West Dunbartonshire Local Resilience Partnership

The newly amalgamated Argyll, Bute and West Dunbartonshire Local Resilience Partnership (LRP) became the first LRP in Scotland to hold a 'Move to Critical' Workshop on Monday 18th July 2016. The workshop which was facilitated by Police Scotland's Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit (OCCTU) and gave multi-agency partners and Local Authority departments the opportunity to explore the plans that they would need to be put in place should the terrorist threat level increase to Critical.

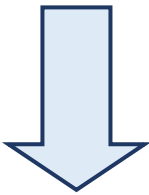
Table Top Exercise

A table top exercise regarding the three oil fuel depots at Garelochhead, Loch Striven and Campbeltown took place at the Victoria Halls, Helensburgh on Thursday 1st September 2016. The site operators, local authority representatives and all the emergency services took part in the exercise. The depots are regulated under the Control of Major Incident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations and like all exercises promoted by the Argyll, Bute and West Dunbartonshire LRP, the scenario had a Counter Terrorism element for participants to explore.

Acquisitive Crime

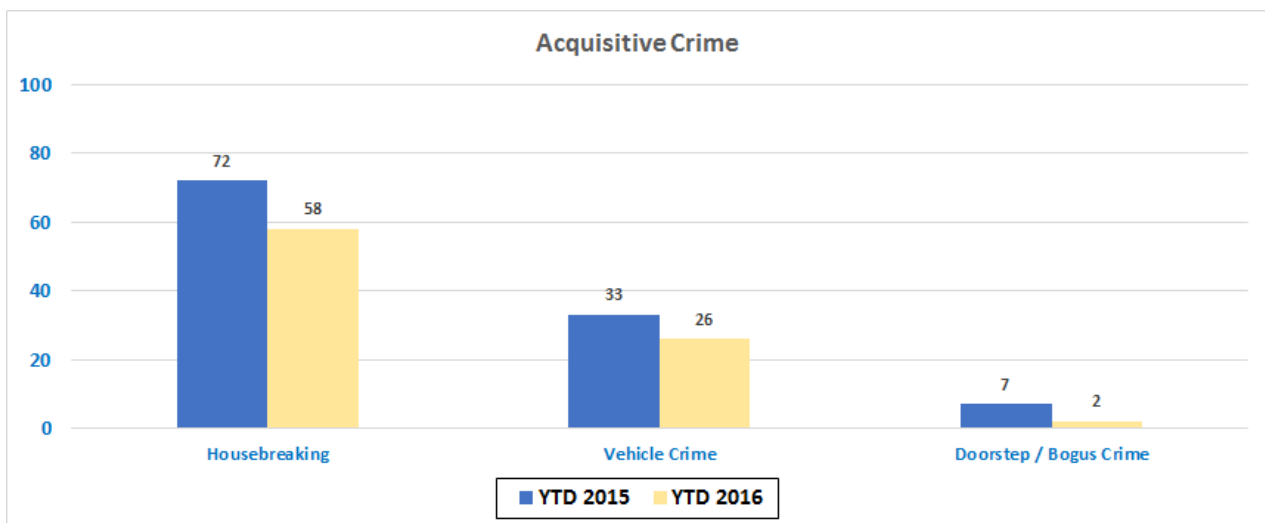
In the Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017, Police Scotland have identified that the objectives in relation to acquisitive crime will be:

- *To reduce the number of housebreakings and improve detection rates.*
- *To target individuals involved in doorstep crime and support the victims through partnership working.*



Group 3 - Acquisitive Crime

During Quarter 2, acquisitive crime continued on a downward trend. Compared to the same period last year, crimes have reduced by 16.4%, which equates to 79 fewer crimes being recorded. Crimes involving housebreaking, vehicle crime and doorstep bogus crimes have all reduced. Higher concentrations of housebreaking and vehicle related crime have been noted within the Helensburgh, Rothesay and Dunoon town centre areas.



Detection Rate

The detection rate for housebreaking crime remains lower than last year, down from 47.2% down to 31% whereas vehicle crime detection rates have improved from 27.2% to 46.1%.

Local Authority Comparison

Data recorded at the end of Quarter 1 shows that the number of Group 3 crimes recorded per 10,000 head of population remained lower in Argyll and Bute and similarly the rate for vehicle crime remained lower at 1.3 compared to 3.4 in the Highlands. Occurrences of housebreaking crimes per 10,000 head of population were slightly higher at 4.1 and 2.6 respectively.

Focussed Police Activity

Acquisitive Crime Governance Group

The group continues to identify any emerging issues in relation to acquisitive crime. Prevention work will commence on the run up to Christmas in relation retail.

Rural Crime Governance Group

Members of the group are attending Oban Christmas Calf sale on 6 December 2016. This is a well-attended event and it is hoped that the group can give advice on prevention. Information will be distributed via Police and Partners Corporate Comms and Social Media.

Operation Lockdown

This operation was instigated to target travelling criminals believed to be responsible for a rise in acquisitive crime within the Argyll & Bute during March 2016. In the current period a number of high profile road blocks were executed across Argyll and Bute to deter and disrupt travelling criminals. These coincided with some of the area's major events including the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, Mull Rally and Tiree Music Festival where there was a greater volume of traffic on the roads. A number of detections for drugs possession and road traffic offences were achieved and good intelligence gathered with regards to bogus workers and those responsible for acquisitive crimes frequenting the local authority area.