

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD – Argyll and Bute**

**March 2015**

**Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour**

		<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>	<b>Victims</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	55	79	24 fewer	-30.4%
2	Murder	1	0	1 more	-
3	Attempted Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	1	0	1 more	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	3	2	1 more	50.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	100.0 %	100.0 %		0.0%
7	Serious Assault	23	23	same number	0.0%
8	Robbery detection rate	100.0 %	100.0 %		0.0%
9	Robbery	1	7	6 fewer	-85.7%
10	Common assault detection rate	86.4%	87.1%		-0.7%
11	Common assault	656	697	41 fewer	-5.9%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2,944	3,555	611 fewer	-17.2%

**Context and Analysis**

At the end of the 2014-15 financial year the total number of Group 1 crimes within Argyll and Bute decreased by 24 crimes compared to the previous financial year. The largest reduction in Group 1 crimes was a decrease of 17 crimes of Children and Young Person (Scotland) Act 1937 s.12 and a reduction of six crimes of robbery, meaning only one robbery took place within Argyll and Bute during the year. The number of serious assaults recorded was the same as the 2013-14 period and a 100% detection rate for serious assaults and robberies was also maintained. Overall common assaults decreased by 41 for the year and the detection rate for assaults remained high at 86.4%. Complaints regarding disorder decreased by 611 over the course of the financial year, equating to a 17.2% reduction.

Throughout the month of March there were three Group 1 crimes committed, these being two Children and Young Person (Scotland) Act 1937 s.12 and one serious assault. None of these crimes were linked in any way and took place in different Multi Member Wards. The serious assault took place within a licensed premise. A total of 54 common assaults also took place at this time with 75% of these being detected to date.

Domestic disputes accounted for the highest number of common assaults in March with there also being eight counts of assaulting a child. Nearly 90% of all common assaults in this month involved persons who knew each other and alcohol was a contributing factor in approximately half of crimes. Dunoon accounted for a quarter of all common assaults during this month.

Complaints of disorder remained the same as the previous month with 154 complaints recorded. The most common complaint made was for public nuisance which accounted for 40% of all disorder incidents with noise and disturbance complaints making up a quarter of complaints each. Dunoon appeared as a concentration for disorder incidents in the month of March and for the financial year as a whole both Helensburgh and Rothesay town centres appeared as being hotspots for disorder complaints.

Domestic Incident/Crime		Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	642	710		-9.6%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	525	585		-10.3%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	59.8%	63.5%		-3.7%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	85.0%	87.9%		-2.9%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	43	48		-10.4%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	100.0 %	-		-

**Context and Analysis**

The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to police fell by 68 over the financial year compared to the previous year with there being a similar reduction of 60 domestic abuse crimes and offences. The detection rate for domestic abuse incidents remains high at 85% and in Argyll and Bute 100% of initial bail checks for domestic abuse crimes are conducted within a 24 hour period. Domestic abuse crimes and incidents cannot be analysed further due to the introduction of a new IT system.

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	<b>Hate Crimes</b>	<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>		<b>% Change</b>
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	93.6%	88.2%		5.4%

**Context and Analysis**

The detection rate for hate crimes reached 93.6% for the end of the financial year which was an increase of 5.4% over the previous year. There were 57 hate crimes recorded within Argyll and Bute over the financial year of which racist crimes made up over half of all hate crimes with Helensburgh Central MMW having the most hate crimes.

In March there were four hate crimes recorded, of which one was disablist, one homophobic and two racist. Both the homophobic and disablist crimes were similar in that they involved the accused using offensive terminology towards persons. Three of these crimes occurred in Oban and one in Dunoon.

	<b>Drug Supply</b>	<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>		<b>% Change</b>
20	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	42	78		-46.2%
21	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	184	217		-15.2%

**Context and Analysis**

The number of detections for drug supply, production and cultivation decreased by 36 over the financial year which equated to a reduction of 46.2%. During March there were three charges labelled, two for producing cannabis and one for supplying cannabis. These crimes occurred on Oban, Lochgilphead and Dunoon.

Compared to the previous financial year there has been a reduction in the number of detections for consuming alcohol in a public place with 33 fewer crimes recorded. No detections for street drinking were made during the month of March within Argyll and Bute.

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**Public Protection**

		<b>Apr 2014 – Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>	<b>Victims</b>	<b>% Change</b>
28	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	105	133	28 fewer	-21.1%
29	Group 2 crimes detection rate	77.1%	84.2%		-7.1%
30	Rape detection rate	47.8%	71.4%		-23.6%

**Context and Analysis**

Crimes of Indecency decreased by 28 this financial year compared to the previous year and the detection rate also decreased by 7.1%. The rape detection rate similarly decreased with 47.8% detected over the year. It should be noted that the high number of the reported rapes in the 2014-15 financial year were historical in nature.

During the month of March there were 20 reported Group 2 crimes, of which 16 were historical in nature and the remaining four all linked to the same incident which occurred in a restaurant in Rothesay. The crimes which occurred in March were for communicating indecently and sexual assault. The victim and offender knew each other in all the historical crimes but not known each other in the four linked crimes occurring in Rothesay. All crimes recorded within March have been detected with the exception of one historical crime.

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**Road Traffic Casualty Statistics**

	<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>	<b>Victims</b>	<b>% Change</b>
People Killed	4	10	6 fewer	-60.0%
People Seriously injured	37	53	16 fewer	-30.2%
People Slightly Injured	163	149	14 more	9.4%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	0	1 more	-

**Road Safety & Road Crime**

	<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>	<b>Victims</b>	<b>% Change</b>
31 Dangerous driving	78	79		-1.3%
32 Speeding	2,068	2,133		-3.0%
33 Disqualified driving	5	11		-54.5%
34 Driving Licence	130	180		-27.8%
35 Insurance	188	208		-9.6%
36 Seat Belts	332	631		-47.4%
37 Mobile Phone	202	301		-32.9%

**Context and Analysis**

Six fewer people were killed on Argyll and Bute's roads in the 2014-15 financial year and no children were killed. People seriously injured on roads decreased by 16 and people slightly injured increased by 14 with one child also being seriously injured. At the end of the financial year all road traffic related crimes decreased with the greatest decreases seen in seat belt and mobile phone offences.

In March there were no people killed on the roads and seven people were seriously injured. Offences for careless driving were most numerous followed by driving licence offences.

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**Additional Identified Local Priorities**

		<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2013 - Mar 2014</b>	<b>Victims</b>	<b>% Change</b>
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	30.3%	32.4%		-2.1%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	152	170	18 fewer	-10.6%
24	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	75.0%	71.6%		3.4%
25	Theft by shoplifting	168	169	1 fewer	-0.6%
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	24.3%	28.4%		-4.1%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	526	575	49 fewer	-8.5%

**Context and Analysis**

At the end of the financial year the number of housebreakings within Argyll and Bute decreased by 18 compared to the last year and the detection rate slightly decreased by 2.1%. Crimes of shoplifting remained low with a reduction of one crime and a higher detection rate of 75%. Vandalism and malicious mischief decreased by 49 for the 2014-15 financial year and around a quarter of all vandalism's were detected.

For the month of March there were 16 housebreaking crimes recorded which is 11 more than the month of February. The majority of these were thefts by housebreaking with over half of these being to commercial properties. Two of the crimes occurred within a five day period in Campbeltown and four crimes were committed in Helensburgh. Two crimes in West Clyde Street, Helensburgh appear related due to neighbouring properties being targeted and windows being smashed to gain entry for both.

There were 19 shoplifting crimes within March which is three less than the previous month. Repeat locations within Argyll and Bute included Tesco in Oban and the Co-op in Sinclair Street, Helensburgh. The commonly stolen items were foodstuffs and alcohol.

The total number of vandalism and malicious mischief charges libelled in March was 45 with nearly a quarter of all vandalisms committed against motor vehicles and windows of homes were commonly broken. Concentrations of vandalisms included Dunoon town centre with a repeat location of School Brae and there was also a concentration within Helensburgh where there were repeat locations at West Clyde Street and County Cottage, Rhu. There was a smaller concentration of vandalism within Campbeltown with New Parliament Place showing as a repeat location.

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**Public Confidence**

		<b>Apr 2014 - Mar 2015</b>			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
38	Complaints received about the Police	83		34.5	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
39	Total Allegations Recorded	109	4	18	131