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Argyll & Bute

Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017

Quarterly Report / Q1 – 2015/16



Local Police Commander, Chief Superintendent Grant Manders

As Divisional Commander for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire division I am pleased to present the first quarterly report for Argyll and Bute for 2015/16 performance year. This report details crime issues identified over the previous 3 months and sets out our priorities for the forthcoming period.

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 for local police during 2015 will be as follows:-

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

These priorities are aligned to Argyll & Bute's Single Outcome Agreement 2014 – 2017. National performance frameworks have been developed in order 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. Policing plans that were put in place for each of the Multi Member Wards within the Argyll & Bute boundary are in the process of being reviewed to ensure new and emerging issues within local towns and communities within Argyll & Bute continue to be 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.

Introduction

Throughout the current performance year (1st April 2015 – 30th June 2015) Argyll and Bute has experienced an overall decrease in crimes and is considerably lower than the five year average. The reduction in crime levels is primarily due to noticeable reductions in antisocial behaviour and acquisitive crime.

Local Area Commanders Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie and Chief Inspector Paul Robertson have responsibility for addressing these crime issues and concerns as they arise on a day to day basis. Chief Inspector Baillie has the responsibility for Oban and Lorn and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the islands supported by Inspector Julie McLeish (Campbeltown & Lochgilphead) and Inspector Mark Stephen (Oban). Chief Inspector Robertson is currently supported by Inspector Ewan Wilson (Dunoon & Rothesay) and Inspector Coleen Wylie (Helensburgh). These dedicated Area Inspectors lead the local Community Policing Teams to ensure our efforts and attention remain focused on the needs and expectations of the local community.

In addition to day to day policing carried out by Community Investigation Units and Response Policing, local officers within Argyll and Bute Command Area continue to respond to developing events and seasonal demands that require additional attention and policing. Over this period additional officers have been deployed to address increased demand in relation to events such as the Big Blockade at HMNB Clyde and the Mull Music Festival where there is potential for increased levels of antisocial and violent behaviour.

Road Safety & Road Crime

Road Safety and Road Crime remain a top priority for the communities across Argyll and Bute. In this respect L Division Road Policing Unit, supported by the Force Motorcycle Unit and Trunk Road Policing Unit, continues to prioritise known crash locations and areas where speeding, and instances of dangerous and careless driving are most likely to occur. Enforcement work is carried out by means of marked and unmarked patrols and static road checks.

In terms of prevention, Police Scotland continues to work with our partners who own and operate the roads to ensure dangerous road defects are reported and acted upon timeously, while collaborating on effective engineering solutions to prevent and deter driving activities that are potentially dangerous.

Since the lowering of the drink drive limit across Scotland to 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath there have been numerous additional detections for persons driving whilst intoxicated. This is helping to put across the message that there is no safe alcohol limit for drivers. During this quarter within Argyll and Bute there were 34 persons arrested for drink driving, of which six were found to be above the new but below the old drink drive limit.

Those who profit from illegal activities such as driving without correct legal documentation or failing to adhere to drivers' hours legislation are also targeted to make the roads network of Argyll and Bute a safer place.

Finally, criminals who use the road network as a means to travel to commit crimes or transport the produce of crime, are targeted through a series of road checks designed to detect travelling criminals and send out a clear message that criminals will be caught and dealt with accordingly.

Figures for the end of the current performance year indicate significant reductions in the number of road casualties year on year:-

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	1	3	2 fewer	-66.7%
People Seriously injured	8	14	6 fewer	-42.9%
People Slightly Injured	36	54	18 fewer	-33.3%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	0	1	1 fewer	-100%
Road Safety & Road Crime	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
Dangerous driving	28	15		86.7%

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Speeding	552	542		1.8%
Disqualified driving	0	1		-100%
Road Safety & Road Crime	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
Driving Licence	16	20		-20%
Insurance	32	37		-13.5%
Seat Belts	37	92		-59.8%
Mobile Phone	33	69		-52.2%

Priorities determined by the Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017 continue to be at the forefront of operational activity:-

- ❖ *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.*

Focused Police Activity

Operation Zenith

Operation Zenith is a national operation which is taking place between April and September 2015. It is aimed at motor cycle safety and reducing the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Scotland's roads.

The geography of Argyll and Bute, with fast sweeping rural roads, has long been a favourite with motorcyclists who use these roads either as solo riders or in groups, often at weekends or early evening when the weather is dry. The Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) is fully committed to Operation Zenith and it currently forms part of our action planning every week, particularly the areas of A82, A83 and A85.

Prominent Crash Locations

Regular road checks continue to be carried out by DRPU crews as part of daily operational policing. These checks focus on vehicle road worthiness, speed, documentation, drivers and vehicle occupants involved in criminality. Speed checks are centred at prominent crash locations or areas that have been identified as potential risks through excessive speed. These areas can be identified through complaints, traffic management surveys and pro-active patrolling.

Operation Horizon & Operation Quarterlight

Road checks have also been carried out within Argyll in partnership with local officers under the banner of both Operation Horizon and Operation Quarterlight, aimed at the prevention and detection of travelling criminals and theft of and from vehicles respectively. Operation Quarterlight has also seen seminars in relation to theft of plant and vehicles within the rural farming communities of Cowal. Similar multi agency Quarterlight events are planned for the farming community in June in the Kilmartin area of Mid Argyll.

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Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Police Scotland continues to work towards achieving the objectives set out in the Argyll and Bute Local Policing Plan to reduce violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour :-

- ❖ *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.*

As shown below there has been an increase in the levels of violence across Argyll and Bute when compared to the same period last year, however there has been a reduction in complaints of antisocial behaviour. The increase in Group 1 crimes is largely due to an increase in offences relating to serious assault, attempted murder and assault with intent to rob which account for 18 crimes within the current three month period. The overall detection rate for Group 1 crimes is strong at 83.3%.

The table below shows crime figures 2015/16 compared to 2014/15:-

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	30	10	20 more	200%
Murder	0	1	1 fewer	-100%
Attempted Murder	4	0	4 more	-
Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
Serious Assault detection rate	85.7%	100%		-14.3%
Serious Assault	14	5	9 more	180.0%
Robbery detection rate	50.0%	-		-
Robbery	4	0	4 more	-
Common assault	153	174	21 fewer	-12.1%
Common assault detection rate	84.3%	81.0%		3.3%
Number of complaints regarding disorder	630	882	252 fewer	-28.6%

Crimes involving low level disorder and ASB however have significantly decreased. There has been a reduction in the number of Common Assault crimes reported which has experienced a decrease of 12.1% when compared to the same period last year. The detection rate has increased in this reporting period and remains high at 84.3%. The number of complaints of disorder has also significantly decreased by 28.6%.

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ASB incidents reported by members of the public have reduced by 32.6% when compared to the same period last year.

In line with the geographical profile of Argyll and Bute, analysis shows crimes and incidents are concentrated within the town centre areas. Helensburgh, Dunoon and Rothesay continue to experience a higher volume of crimes and incidents than other areas.

Effective use of the Divisional Violence Prevention Strategy and Directed Policing Plans, which are informed by analytical products produced at a local level, ensures local officers continue to manage the threat and risk posed by specific individuals and at identified problematic locations.

There are 27 Special Constables based in Argyll and Bute. Within this quarter Special Constables have been deployed for a total of 1041 hours and 45 minutes, of which 890 hours and 15 minutes was deployed in Argyll and Bute.

Focused Police Activity

One Punch Initiative

One Punch is an initiative aimed at MDP and Royal Navy personnel to highlight the consequences of being involved in violence. Two events were held on 20th and 21st May 2015 incorporating a joint agency approach with Police Scotland, Ministry of Defence Police, The Royal Navy and Babcock International all participating.

The two day event involved inputs to service men, women and apprentices regarding the dangers of 'One Punch' incidents and advisory information regarding sexual offences. The message placed heavy emphasis on the onus of responsibility for the actions of the individual concerned, with an equally strong message about the prevention of such incidents by the intervention of bystanders. All inputs took place on site at HMNB Clyde.

'A Day in Your Shoes' Initiative

Inputs by prevention and intervention staff and local CPT officers at Campbeltown Grammar school acting out 'a day in your shoes' - officers become school pupils for the day and school pupils act out the role of police officers covering issues of violence, ASB, stop/search, Facebook bullying and unwanted mobile phone recording. Positive feedback has been received from pupils with supportive communication from education in Argyll and Bute recommending the initiative and asking for it to be rolled out to other schools in the area.

'Shop a Dealer' Initiative

Leaflets distributed throughout local Communities in Oban, Campbeltown and Lochgilphead with free post return slips which can be sent back to the local police office to report intelligence/information on drug dealing/activity anonymously. Leaflets were funded by ADP money and funding from local housing associations. Positive feedback has been received from Communities via the local media/community councils etc that they were much more confident that they were able to report such crimes locally. A number of good drugs detections for possession and supply have been reported back to the Community demonstrating tangible results on the back of Community confidence and cooperation.

Alcohol Related Violence and ASB

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A recent increase in serious violence and anti social behaviour in Dunoon resulted in the deployment of Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU) officers on proactive prevention patrols in and around town centre licensed premises. Alongside the DAVRU deployment, officers from the Divisional Licensing Department delivered a series of violence reduction training inputs to Designated Premises Managers to reinforce the need for early intervention measures and raise awareness of basic crime scene management should a police related incident occur within their premises.

Skerryvore Music Festival

Recognising the potential for alcohol related violence at the Skerryvore music festival in Oban, an enhanced policing plan was developed that incorporated Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit Officers. The plan formed part of a multi-agency approach that ensured that a safe and trouble free event was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Across Argyll and Bute, the total number of Group 2 Crimes of Indecency has increased considerably however it is notable that over 60% of Group 2 crimes reported in this period are historical. This has impacted on the detection rate which has decreased to 34.4%.

	Apr 2015 – Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
Number of Group 2 – Crimes of Indecency	35	16	19 more	118.8%
Group 2 crimes detection rate	34.3%	43.8%		-9.5%
Rape detection rate	43.8%	40.0%		3.8%

Crimes involving Rape have also increased within this reporting period, of which a significant proportion of these crimes have been historical. The detection rate for Rape has increased by 3.8% to 43.8% when compared with the same period last year.

Focused Police Activity

Risk & Concern Hub

A local Missing Person Co ordinator has been appointed within the Risk and Concern Hub based at Dumbarton Police Office. This Officer has quickly established links with all the local Residential Childrens Homes and has visited each Home to liaise with both staff and residents. The aim is to reduce the number of vulnerable young persons leaving the Home and being at risk as a missing person. The early identification of Child Sexual Exploitation is also being targeted, again with the aim to protect vulnerable children.

Offender Management Unit

The national Offender Management Unit has just completed a comprehensive review of L Division's Offender Management Unit. A number of recommendations were

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highlighted including the introduction of additional computer equipment to tackle the increase in online offending. All recommendations have been accepted by the Division and are being implemented.

Domestic Abuse

The threat/risk posed by those involved in crimes relating to Domestic Abuse remains a very high priority. The Early Effective Intervention / Domestic Abuse Strategy Group Action Plan has now been completed and is in draft form at present. The introduction of MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) in Argyll and Bute is still being progressed at present.

As set out in the Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017, our priorities for the forthcoming period 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.***

Major Crime and Counter Terrorism

Keeping people safe by reducing the threat posed from organised crime groups and terrorism across Argyll and Bute remains a high priority for all local police officers. In respect of terrorism, events in other countries over recent months highlight the necessity for vigilance at all times, and the division continues to be involved in the implementation of the CONTEST strategy with local and national partners. Police Scotland 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 Groups, raise awareness and improve information sharing between agencies.***

The end of year Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) intelligence assessment indicates that the threat / risk posed to the communities within Argyll and Bute

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remains unchanged. There continues to be 2 identified SOC Groups in operation within the area. Intelligence development work continues to establish the nature and full extent of these groups' criminality within the area and identify new groups. The groups continue to be closely monitored through a robust internal governance group which manages and directs activity in relation to any actionable intelligence, to ensure police activity is focused on those individuals that pose the greatest threat, risk and harm.

The primary function of these groups continues to be assessed as drug supply and distribution within the local area. Tackling those involved in this form of criminality continues to be prioritised.

	Serious & Organised Crime	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014		% Change
	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	15	6		150.0%

Focused Police Activity

There are ongoing activities around each of the 5 mapped L Division Serious Organised Crime Groups (3 in West Dunbartonshire and 2 in Argyll and Bute) designed to cause maximum disruption to the individuals involved. This includes liaison with Brewery Companies, Trading Standards, SEPA, Marine Scotland and local council departments.

Disruption activity continues to focus around arrest of significant nominals associated with the core groups; however has also included the following:

- Arrangements around formal disclosures, in an attempt to have licences revoked in relation to a public house associated to a crime group.
- Liaison with US Embassy in London provided opportunities to disrupt travel arrangements in relation to significant SOCG nominals and overt action was instigated to identify if a local private hire taxi company was committing offences by sub-leasing vehicles.
- Liaison with National Crime Agency to disrupt application for United Kingdom citizenship by an SOCG nominal.
- Designated Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) investigations continue to focus on activities around the 5 main SOCG's.
- Expedited Referral's are currently being explored in relation to subjects who do not fit the criteria for POCA seizures.
- Liaison with Scottish Crime Division (SCD) to maximise disruption and intervention opportunities.

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Divisional Intelligence packages continue to be executed to disrupt criminal activities at a local level.

HMNB Clyde – Faslane

Operation Arapya relating to the big blockade organised by the Scrap Trident Collation for Monday 13th April went ahead as planned. Approximately 250 protestors attended at the North Gate, South Gate and Oil Fuel Depot Gate at 0700hrs.

A sit down protest with lock-ons immediately occurred blockading all gates. Protestors targeted the South Access Road including some doused in paint. A total of 38 arrests were made and HMNB Clyde operations were unaffected by the protest. The South Gate was fully operational at 1300hrs

Faslane Peace Camp 33rd Anniversary Events – Friday 12th – Monday 15th June 2015

The events took place without incident.

VIP Visit – Islay - 26th June 2015

HRH The Duke of Rothesay visited a number of locations on Islay. The policing operation was complicated by a strike by RMT union which affected Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry services.

Rural Watch

Two further Rural Watch schemes have been set up in East Helensburgh and the Isle of Bute.

Acquisitive Crime

Police Scotland remains committed to achieving the objectives set out in the Local Policing Plan in relation to acquisitive crime. These are as follows:

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

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The table below shows our performance in 2015/16 compared to 2014/15:-

	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	47.1%	52.2%		-5.1%
Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	51	46	5 more	10.9%
Doorstep / Bogus Crimes	2	1	1 More	-

The year to date figure indicates that the levels of acquisitive crime have remained consistent with two fewer crimes compared with the same period last year. There has been a slight increase in housebreaking crime however vehicle crime has significantly reduced. The table shows the total number of housebreakings (including attempts) has increased by five crimes in this reporting period. The detection rate for theft by housebreaking (including attempts) has decreased slightly and is currently at 47.1%

The number of Bogus or Doorstep crimes being reported across Argyll and Bute remains particularly low with two crimes occurring in this reporting period. Both of these crimes occurred within Mid Argyll Multi Member Ward.

Focused Police Activity

Operation Quarterlight

The national operation, Quarterlight, aimed at tackling vehicle theft across the country currently has particular focus in 6 divisions around Scotland – C (Forth Valley), E (Edinburgh), L (Argyll & West Dunbartonshire), G (Greater Glasgow), N (Highlands & Islands) and U (Ayrshire). The operation has taken a two-pronged approach – detection and prevention.

Positive progress has been made across the first quarter of the 2015/16 performance year in the Argyll and Bute area with a reduction of 12 crimes against the same period last year with a detection rate of 53%.

Doorstep/Bogus Crimes

Officers continue to proactively target those involved in this form of criminality working alongside Roads Policing officers and through Crimebreaker and Horizon operations aimed at the prevention and detection of travelling criminals. Social media continues to be utilised in order to reinforce preventative measures.

Operation Westwood

A renewed focus on Housebreaking across the Division is now being driven through Operation Westwood. Alongside a refresh of the investigatory toolkit accessible to all enquiry officers, a richer picture of those involved in housebreaking crimes is being delivered through enhanced intelligence gathering and tasking procedures.

The operation is in the early stages in the Argyll and Bute area and disappointingly, the number of crimes has risen by 5 across the first quarter of the 2015/16 performance year. Similarly the detection rate for housebreaking has fallen by 5% to

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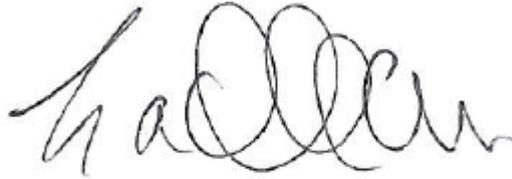
47% however it is envisaged that the approach taken through the operation will deliver improvements in the next quarter.

Conclusion

As Local Police Commander, I am delighted to present this update on our Local Policing Plan for Argyll and Bute 2014-17. We are continuing to meet the challenges we face and while our policing performance continues to be strong we will always strive to improve across all areas.

I am happy with our achievements so far and thank our partners from across Argyll and Bute for their support and contribution.

Keeping People Safe is and will remain what we are all about as we continue to deliver the highest possible level of service to the communities of Argyll and Bute.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Manders', written in a cursive style.

Grant Manders
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Local Police Commander