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# Keeping People Safe in Argyll & Bute

**Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.**

## Road Safety & Road Crime

**DRPU pro-activity continues to be focussed on prioirty routes; A82, A83, A85, A815, A816, A814.**

Two fatal road collisions occurred within Argyll & Bute during Quarter 1 which is no change from last year's figure. However, serious injuries have reduced from 13 to 10 and slight injuries from 50 to 29 which equates to and overall reduction of 24.

**Road traffic offences have reduced by 20.6%, mainly due to a reduction in speeding offences. Detections for dangerous driving have reduced slightly from 25 to 21 YTD. Careless driving offences have reduced by one to 73.**

## Violence & Antisocial Behaviour

Group 1 crimes of violence show an increase of 33.3% compared to figures recorded at the end of Quarter 1 year however this equates to 5 more crimes being recorded; 2 serious assaults and 3 robberies. Common assault crimes have reduced by 4.8% (11).

**An average of 120 crimes per month have been due to Police pro-activity**

**Overall downward trend in Violence & ASB.**

Public reported ASB has reduced by 0.6%, 7.4% below the 5 year average. Complaints relating to disorder have decreased by 9.8% (85).

The detection rate for violent crime remains high at 85%, albeit this is a slight reduction from 86,6% in the same period last year.

## Public Protection

Group 2 sexual crimes have reduced by 8.3% from 36 to 33. The reduction is due to 3 fewer crimes sexual assaults reported.

**Approx. 75% of sexual crimes occur within a private space, predominately residential dwelling homes.**

**50% of sexual crimes were committed by a partner / spouse / family member or friend**

The detection rate for Group 2 sexual crime has increased from 50% to 84.9%. This equates to 10 more crimes being detected.

YTD the number of missing person incidents recorded has decreased by 12% compared to the same period last year. Looked after children are the most common repeat missing persons and account for 66% of all MP reports.

**At the end of Qtr 1, the number of unique incidents where an Adult / Child Conern had been raised have reduced by 6.5%.**

Compared to the same period last year the total number of domestic abuse incidents reported has reduced by 4.5% (7) and crimes have reduced by 2.6% (3).

**User satisfaction results as at 30th June show public satisfaction levels remain high. In Argyll & West Dunbartonshire 87.2% of persons were satisfied with how police dealt with their incident.**

## Argyll & Bute
## Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)
## Quarterly Report (Qtr 1 – 2018/19)

## Major Crime & Terrorism

Across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire 27 persons linked to serious and orgainsed crime have been arrested and £37,632.01 seized under POCA.

Detections for drugs supply have reduced by 29.4% from 17 to 12. Drug possession charges have increased by 20.6% from 92 to 111.

**Drug related deaths remain low but have increased from 1 to 2 compared to the same YTD period last year. Both have still to be confirmed.**

In total 6 cybercrimes have been recorded within Argyll & Bute YTD. These related to either abusive or threatening messages or indecent images. To date 4 of these crimes have been detected.

## Acquisitive Crime

**Vehicle crimes have reduced by 9%**

**Housebreakings have increased by 30%**

Levels of acquisitive crime in Argyll & Bute increased by 10.8% during Quarter 1. An increase in housebreaking crimes to garden sheds / garages and crimes involving common theft accounts for much of the overall increase. The detection rate for acquisitive crime has increased to 34.7% and for domestic housebreaking to 40%.

Bogus crimes remain relatively low with 2 crimes recorded over the 3 month period.

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Infrastructure supports sustainable growth

Children & Young People have the best possible start

Education, skills & training maximise opportunities for all

**Introduction of an electric car in Argyll & Bute**
A successful joint bid between Police Scotland and Argyll College was made for funding of an electric car. The Nissan Leaf electric vehicle is based at Lochgilphead and is being used by police officers and civilian staff to carry out non-emergency response duties. This compliments our 'electric fleet' which also consists of an electric bike that was provided by SSE to officers in Campbeltown.

**Wellbeing Roadshows**
Wellbeing roadshows were held in Oban, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Rothesay Police Stations over the past 3 months. These roadshows are designed at supporting the wellbeing of staff in remote and rural locations and were well attended. Partners also joined us from local leisure facilities, pharmacies and health groups to advise officers on services available and provide health checks.

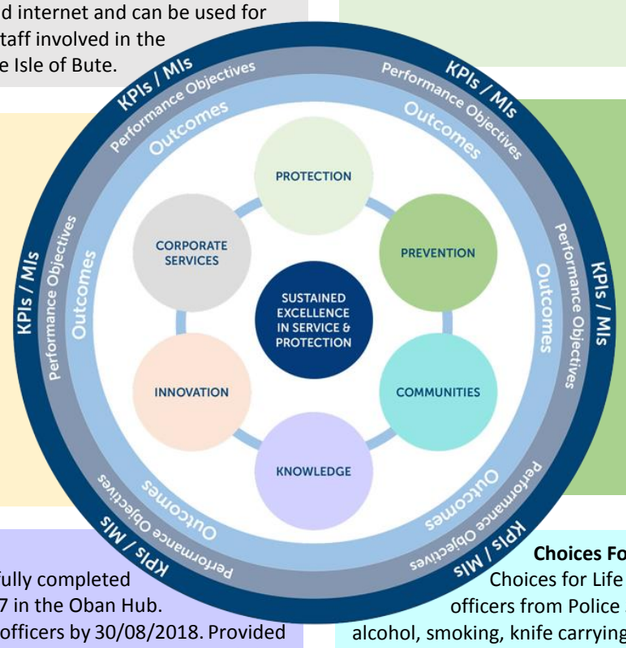
Post traumatic support for all police officers and members of police staff is hugely important. Trauma Risk Management (TRiM) is the model of support used to provide support for officers and staff who are directly involved in potentially traumatic incidents. It is a self-referral system that can be found on the Police Scotland internet and can be used for a variety of incidents and situations. TRiM has been offered to all police officers and staff involved in the recent police investigation into the recent murder of 6 year old Alesha MacPhail on the Isle of Bute.

**Murder Investigation – Rothesay**
On Monday 2nd July 2018, a 6 year old girl was reported missing on the Ile of Bute. Her body was recovered shortly and it was quickly ascertained that her death was as a result of her having been murdered. A Major Investigation was launched and involved officers from the Police Scotland Major Investigations Teams, Local Policing, Police Forensic Services as well as mutual aid from a number of other police divisions. Logistical challenges of getting officers on and off the island were helped greatly by assistance from the MOD Police.

On Wednesday 4th July a 16 year old boy was charged with this crime and has been remanded in custody.

**President Trump's Visit to Scotland**
Due to the geographical challenges the majority of officers in Argyll and Bute were unaffected by the visit of President Trump to Scotland. Officers from Helensburgh and those officers elsewhere in Argyll with specialisms were deployed to the event but this was not to the detriment of operational policing. There was no protest activity in the Argyll and Bute area.

**Increasing the recruitment of Special Constables**
Work is current ongoing to improve the recruitment, retention and coverage of Special Police Constables (SPCs) with L Division with a specific focus on the rural requirement of Argyle and Bute local authority area. This will include a consultation exercise involving those currently serving as Special Constables to gather feedback in relation to what may increase number of applicants to the role and identify any potential barriers eg. logistics of training, issues with travel etc. A similar exercise will also be undertaken with appropriate community groups / businesses in order to establish why interested people may be reluctant to sign and general ideas to improve recruitment. In consultation with the Scottish Police College the current training requirements will be reviewed in order to develop a local focused plan to support this project.




**Firearms Campaign**
Police Scotland Firearms Surrender Campaign was launched on the 18 June 2018. The Campaign ran until the 1 July 2018 and resulted in the recovery of 41 firearms including shotguns, rifles and air weapons across the Argyll & Bute area together with associated ammunition. The campaign was mirrored throughout the force area and was extremely successful.

**National Motorcycle Safety Campaign**
The National Motorcycle Safety Campaign runs from 25 March and 30 September and focuses on improving riding behavior, particularly around the contributory factors which result in motorcyclists being killed or seriously injured on Scottish roads. Officers adopt a proactive approach when dealing with dangerous and antisocial riding/driving practices. The most recent event held on 6- 8 July 2018 saw 30 motorcyclists being stopped, 10 were reported for speeding offences and 20 warned.

**Taser Deployment - Specially Trained Officers**
There are currently 21 officers across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire who have successfully completed the initial Taser User Course. Fourteen are / will be based in the Dumbarton Hub and 7 in the Oban Hub.
The training for Oban officers is due to be completed by 02/08/2018 and for Dumbarton officers by 30/08/2018. Provided all are successful, at the conclusion of the training the Division is on line (if all future course attendees are successful) to have 21 authorised taser users at both the Dumbarton and Oban Hubs Both the Hubs are fully kitted out with all required equipment. There have been no issues in the removal and signing out the Tasers and associated equipment. There has been no Taser deployments / discharges within the division as yet.

**Trained Road Crash Investigators**
There are currently 6 road collision investigators stationed throughout Argyll & West Dunbartonshire. This is an increase from 2 at the advent of Police Scotland and represents 25% of the deployable resources within the Divisional Road Policing Unit. When a serious incident occurs on the road network which legally requires the deployment of collision investigators, this allows it to be carried out in a quicker manner allowing for speedier examination of the scene and conversely quicker re-opening of the road, thus supporting all our communities and in particular those in more rural areas.

**Choices For Life**
Choices for Life events were held in both Oban High School and Campbeltown Grammar. These events involved officers from Police Scotland delivering a number of input with partners on a range of topics including drugs, alcohol, smoking, knife carrying and internet safety. Throughout the summer Police Scotland Youth Engagement Officers will be working with partners in youth and education services to provide a range of leisure activities over the summer holidays for young people within Argyll and Bute.

**Dog Fouling Campaign - Dunoon**
In May 2018 Police Scotland launched a Dog Fouling Campaign, led by PC Donald MacKay, in partnership Argyll & Bute Council due to this matter being the subject of many local complaints in recent month / years. Huge steps have been made in terms of raising awareness of the problem on the streets and recreational areas of Dunoon. Joint patrols and importantly youth engagement, using the local Primary Schools in the banner design process, along with local and social media was key. The campaign has been considered a great success due to a 65% reduction in complaints over the 2 month period. Eleven warnings were delivered, with 1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued. Two Dog Control Notices and 4 Formal Warning Letters were also issued. The Street Cleanliness Index, utilised by Argyll & Bute Council also showed an improvement from 75% to 82% over the two month period showing the positive environmental impact.

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People live in safer, stronger communities

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