



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 activity has focused on the priority routes; A82, A83 and A85 and included visible patrols, static road checks and increased driver engagement.



Compared to Qtr 2 last year, fatal road collisions increased from 4 to 5. Whilst serious injuries also increased from 30 to 49, there has been a significant reduction in slight injuries from 86 to 56 with the total number of casualties reducing from 121 to 111.



The number of road traffic offences recorded has increased by 8.7% compared to Qtr 2 last year. Most types of RT offences have seen an increase including dangerous driving which has increased from 34 to 60 and speeding from 503 to 538 compared to the same period last year. This increase is, in the main, as a result of proactive policing of the road network.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour

Figures recorded as at 30 September 2019 show a slight increase in Grp 1 violent crime within Argyll & Bute. Whilst the number of serious assaults recorded have reduced from 23 to 7, this has been offset by the implementation of the new Domestic Abuse legislation. To date 10 domestic abuse crimes have been recorded.

Approx. 58% of all crimes of violence occurred in a private space and in the majority the victim knew the offender.



442 stop searches have been carried out YTD of which 130 have had a positive result

Complaints relating to disorder increased by 7.6% during Qtr 2 which equates to 111 more incidents being recorded. Overall ASB crimes recorded an increase of 196 crimes. Common assaults had a marginal increase of 3.4% with 12 more assaults being recorded. 41% of these occurred in a private space and one third were domestic related.

The detection rate for violent crime overall has reduced slightly by 4.4% but is currently high at 80.4%. The detection rate for serious assaults remains unchanged at 100%. The detection rate for common assault has also improved slightly from 74.4% to 76.3%.

Public Protection

At the end of Qtr 2 Group 2 sexual crimes show a marginal reduction of 4% compared to last year which equates to 4 fewer crimes being recorded. This is largely due to a reduction in indecent assaults which have fallen from 47 crimes to 34. Approx. 38% of these crimes were non-recent reports.

68% of sexual crimes occurred in a private space, mainly residential dwelling homes



74% of all sexual crimes were committed by persons known to the victim

The detection rate for all Group 2 sexual crimes has reduced from 60.4% to 44.3% which equates to 19 fewer crimes being detected. The detection rate for rape crime also remains below last year's figure at 20% compared to 52.6%, however only 2 fewer crimes have been detected. Detection rates continue to be impacted by high levels of non-recent reporting and the complexity of these crimes.



During Qtr 2 there were 59 missing person reports recorded within Argyll & Bute which equates to 19 reports per month. Of the 59 missing persons reports made 30 related to 5 repeat missing persons.

The number incidents where Adult / Child Concerns have been raised has increased by 8% (+102). Adult concerns (inc. Domestic Abuse) and concerns relating to youth offending have continued to increase.

Compared to Qtr 2 last year the total number of domestic abuse crimes and incidents recorded across Argyll and Bute have marginally increased. Domestic abuse incidents increased by 8.6% from 326 to 354 and crimes have increased by 16.2% from 235 to 273.

At the end of Qtr 2, User Satisfaction results show that In Argyll & West Dunbartonshire public confidence levels remain high at 77.8%. Furthermore, figures also indicate 79.6% of persons were satisfied with how police dealt with their incident.

Argyll & Bute

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020) Quarterly Report (Qtr 2 – 2019/20)

Major Crime & Terrorism



Across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire 19 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested and £881,111 seized under POCA

Detections for drugs supply have increased YTD with 32 recorded at the end of Qtr 2 compared to 20 last year. Drug possession charges have also increased slightly with 203 last year to 217 recorded Qtr 2 this year.

At the end of Qtr 2 there were 3 potential drugs related deaths recorded in A&B compared to 4 the previous year. All victims were male aged 38 – 47. To date 2 of these deaths have been confirmed, further toxicology results are awaited.



In total 25 cyber-enabled crimes have been recorded within Argyll & Bute YTD. Nine related to online fraud, 10 to threatening messages sent via Social Media and 6 to indecent images. In 10 of the 25 crimes the victim knew the offender. To date 10 crimes have been detected.

Acquisitive Crime



Vehicle crime increased 20.6% which equates to 6 more



Housebreakings decreased by 34.2%

As at 30 September, the total number of acquisitive crimes recorded in A&B was 10% higher than last year. Housebreaking crimes have reduced by 34% from 79 to 52, largely due to a reduction in crimes to commercial premises and garages/ garden sheds. Most other types of acquisitive crime have seen marginal change however crimes relating to fraud have increased from 27 to 53. Vehicle crimes increased by six from 84 to 90.



The number of bogus crimes in A&B are relatively unchanged from the same period last year with 10 crimes compared to 9. Six crimes related to social engineering fraud, 3 to bogus workmen and 1 to distraction theft

<p>PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE</p>	<p>THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLBEING ARE RESOLVED BY A RESPONSIVE POLICE SERVICE</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION OF ROADSIDE DRUG DRIVING TESTS A major legislation change came into effect on 21 October 2019 with the introduction of roadside drug driving tests. While Section 4 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 concerns a person's fitness to drive, the new Section 5A legislation creates a specified limits offence. The new regulations specify 17 drugs, some illegal, some medicinal, each with a specified limit. Illegal drugs have limits set very close to zero. A driver who exceeds those limits, regardless of their fitness to drive, commits a Section 5A offence. Roadside screening tests will be carried out using one of two Home Office approved devices which are used to test suspect's saliva. Three individuals have been arrested so far after failing roadside tests.</p> <p>TARGETING SERIOUS & ORGANISED CRIME As a consequence of intelligence-led pro-active policing within Argyll & Bute, there have been a significant volume of drugs recovered since the beginning of August 2019. This includes a high value cannabis cultivation discovered in the Helensburgh area, and the recovery of quantities of heroin, cocaine and ecstasy. The value of these seizures is in excess of £95,000. In addition there has also been a number of cash recoveries totalling around £16,000.</p>
	<p>THE NEEDS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE ADDRESSED THROUGH EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY</p>	<p>POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS The group have assisted the Garelochhead Station Trust which is a trust assisting veterans in the area. They have attended public events including the recent Royal visit to Helensburgh and the opening of the refurbished Royal Navy Drumfork Centre. The group carried out a 'safer steps' environmental survey and reported back to the local authority the areas of pavements etc. that were in disrepair and could cause issue for elderly residents.</p> <p>OPERATION IRONWORKS Operation Ironworks involved increased patrols within The National Park to police the large increase in visitor foot-fall. Since the end of Operation Ironworks the National Park seconded police officer has been utilised within A&B to assist with policing the A82 arterial route ensuring road traffic legislation is being adhered to. This will continue into the winter months.</p>
<p>WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>PUBLIC AND COMMUNITIES ARE ENGAGED, INVOLVED AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN POLICING</p>	<p>ARGYLL AND BUTE EVENTS SAFETY COMMITTEE Through working in partnership with Argyll and Bute Events Safety Committee on events such as the Tìree Music Festival, the Mull Rally and two All Under One Banner parades. As a result of this partnership Police Scotland and the A&B Events Safety Committee were able to ensure community safety throughout each of these events and contribute to their success.</p> <p>ENHANCING PUBLIC CONTACT CHANNELS A Police Surgery was introduced at the Tarbert Library throughout the summer, allowing the local community to approach officers and ask questions and raise issues that they may have. Given the success and positive feedback from the local community, further surgeries will be rolled out to other remote locations.</p>
<p>TACKLING CYBER RELATED CRIME</p>	<p>OUR PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTED THROUGH A POSITIVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT ENABLING THEM TO SERVE THE PUBLIC</p>	<p>SCOTTISH WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FORUM AWARDS The Scottish Women's Development Forum (SWDF) are a Police Scotland diversity staff association which promotes equality and diversity within policing. The SWDF recently held their annual awards, and two personnel who work in Argyll and Bute were recognised. The first was Mull Community Police officer PC Clare Chalmers who won the Community Service award for her contribution to the community, and the second was Lochgilphead Productions Keeper, Amanda Sansom, who won the Police Staff Member of the Year award. Our staff regularly go above and beyond to deliver a high quality service to our communities in Argyll and Bute and it was fantastic to see two of our team recognised and celebrated at these national awards.</p> <p>POLICE OFFICER WELFARE AND WELLBEING SURVEY The Police Officer Welfare and Wellbeing Survey has recently been undertaken by academics from Carleton University and has made a considerable contribution to the understanding of the readiness of officers and staff for change. Police Scotland has committed to an organisational culture that supports and encourages employee physical and mental wellness. The survey is divided into five sections: demographics, work environment, work-life balance, physical and mental health; and coping and will be used to help better understand the current situation with respect to employee wellbeing (e.g., stress), predictors of wellbeing (e.g., workload) as well as employees' perceptions of environmental factors that might make a difference (e.g. organisational culture). The results from that survey have been published on the Police Scotland intranet and presented at the Divisional SMT away day for consideration and action.</p>
<p>SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONAL POLICING</p>	<p>POLICE SCOTLAND SUSTAINABLE, ADAPTABLE AND PREPARED FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES</p>	<p>CUSTODY AND PUBLIC COUNTER REMODELLING PROJECT Front counters and custody suites at four local police stations across Argyll and Bute will operate to revised hours from Monday 11 November. Rothesay, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Lochgilphead police stations will operate from 7am to 6pm, seven days a week. The revised hours are the result of a comprehensive review of Police Scotland's custody and front counter demand across Argyll and Bute. The review had a specific focus on the long-term trends over a seven year period and formed part of a wider custody remodelling project.</p> <p>The revised opening hours will ensure that officers spend more time in our communities, with an expected twenty thousand police officer hours per annum being released. The overall number of officers has not been reduced as a result of these changes. In fact, we have recruited three new full-time PCSO posts from within the local area.</p> <p>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW CRASH SYSTEM The CRaSH system was implemented across the force on 3 July 2019. This enables a consistent national approach to recording road crashes ensuring we remain compliant with GDPR. The system enables the identification of problematic crash locations ensuring that the correct preventative measures can be put in place by Police Scotland and our partners. Moving forward this application will become available to officers through mobile working allowing officers to complete the relevant paperwork at the roadside.</p>