

Keeping People Safe in West Dunbartonshire

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

Violent Crime & Antisocial Behaviour

In Quarter 2 violent crime reduced by 32.3% with 67 crimes recorded versus 99 last year. Serious assaults reduced to 28 from 55 last year and attempted murder crimes decreased from 5 to 3. One murder has been recorded YTD which took place in Quarter 1. COVID-19 lockdown restrictions are likely to have continued to contribute to the reduction in recorded crime.

52.3% of all violent crimes occurred in a private space

On average 113.7 stop search have been carried out each month in WDC

Public reported ASB incidents increased by 33.5% (n=1929) in Quarter 2 and complaints relating to disorder by 31.8% (n=943). These increases appear largely due to increased public concern relating to reports of persons alleged to be breaching Covid-19 restrictions. ASB crimes also increased marginally by 0.3% (n=4), despite a 7% (n=34) decrease in common assault. The increase comes largely from a 19.8% (n=34) rise in drinking in public offences and a 57.1% increase in racially aggravated conduct by from 14 to 22.

The detection rate for violent crime has increased from 62.6% to 70.1%, with the 3 attempted murder crimes and murder having been detected. The detection rate for Serious Assault is at 82.1%, up from 67.3% last year.

Acquisitive Crime


Vehicle crimes reduced by 38.3%


Housebreaking increased by 16.5%

Acquisitive crime decreased by 20.8% in Qtr 2 which equates to 184 fewer crimes recorded. Despite an overall reduction, fraud crimes continue to show an increase of 74.6% (n=50). Housebreaking crimes have also increased slightly from 91 to 106, largely due to rise in crimes at domestic properties (n=19). These increases have been offset by a 62.9% reduction in shoplifting (n=210), a 14.6% reduction in common theft (n=35) and a 38.3% reduction in vehicle crime (n=36). The overall detection rates have reduced slightly from 38.5% to 29.4%, for housebreaking it has reduced from 24.2% to 12.3% while for vehicle crime it has increased from 27.7% to 56.9%.



At the end of Qtr 2, 25 bogus crimes had been recorded which is a slight increase on 21 recorded last year. Social engineering frauds account for 18 of these crimes, followed by bogus workmen (n=4), bogus callers (n=2) and distraction theft (n=1). To date 4 crimes have been detected.

Public Protection

At the end of Qtr 2, Group 2 sexual crimes had decreased by 4.5% with 107 crimes recorded versus 112 last year. Rape crimes remain unchanged year on year with 26 crimes recorded, while indecent / sexual assaults reduced from 40 to 30. Crimes relating to indecent images / communications have recorded the biggest increase YTD from 20 to 40, 30 of these involved children aged 8 – 16 years and 96.7% involved use of the internet.

40% of crimes relating to indecent communication / images involve persons known to the victim

Approx. 24.3% of all sexual crimes recorded have been non recent reports.

Compared to figures recorded at the end of Qtr 2 last year, the detection rate for Group 2 sexual crime overall has decreased from 47.3% to 41.1%. However, the detection rate for rape crime has improved from 44% to 73.9%.



105 missing persons incidents had been recorded within West Dunbartonshire by the end of Qtr2 2020-21. Around 38% of these involved Children or Looked After Children.

Overall the number of unique incidents resulting in an Adult / Child Concern reduced by 1.2% (n=27). Child Concerns have increased by 14.5% (n=261) however Adult concerns (inc. Domestic Abuse) have reduced by 1.2% (n=11).

At the end of Qtr 2 the total number of domestic abuse incidents recorded had reduced by 7% (n=47) compared to last year. Crimes had also reduced by 3.4% (n=12). It is likely however that there has been under reporting as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown.

At the end of Qtr 2, user satisfaction results show that levels of public confidence in Argyll & West Dunbartonshire remain high at 67%. Furthermore, figures also indicate 81% of persons were satisfied with how police dealt with their incident.

In total, 29 complaints about the Police have been received in WDC YTD, most of which relate to irregularity of procedure or quality of service.

West Dunbartonshire

Local Policing Plan (2020 – 2023) Quarterly Report (Qtr 2 – 2020/21)

Serious & Organised Crime



Across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire 36 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested and over £35,058.54 seized under POCA.

At the end of Quarter 2, detections for drugs supply had decreased by 24.3% YTD from 74 to 56. Drug possession had also reduced by 9.8% from 584 to 535.



YTD there has been a total of 145 cyber enabled crimes recorded within West Dunbartonshire when compared to 30. The most commonly recorded types of cyber enabled crimes are crimes involving threatening behaviour (n=47), indecent comms/images (n=39) and fraud (n=60). To date 36 crimes have been detected.

Road Safety & Road Crime



At the end of Q2 no fatal road collisions had been recorded within West Dunbartonshire which is a reduction from 1 last year. Serious injuries have also reduced from 15 to 7 and slight injuries from 41 to 4. It is highly likely that this reduction has resulted from the travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Vehicle related offences recorded within West Dunbartonshire were 3.1% higher than last year (n=38). Increased crime levels are largely due to proactive policing with drink, drug driving offences increasing from 66 to 142, and driving without insurance, which increased from 112 to 233 YTD, while speeding offences have reduced from 309 to 224, and driving without a seatbelt has fallen from 74 to 29 YTD.

Tackling Online Sexual Exploitation

The Police Scotland Online CSA campaign entered its second phase during November and aims to reduce online offending in relation to child sexual abuse, by challenging perpetrator behaviour and encouraging them to seek help via Stop It Now! Scotland. The campaign is supported by various media products including a hard hitting film. #GethelporGetCaught – Further information is available at [www.scotland.police.uk / What's Happening / Campaigns](http://www.scotland.police.uk/What'sHappening/Campaigns).

Disrupting Serious & Organised Crime

Local Problem Solving teams have developed intelligence to successfully execute a number of warrants relating to Misuse of Drugs and Weapon offences. This has resulted in significant recoveries of dealer quantities of controlled substances. These proactive activities have also led to several large scale Cannabis cultivations being recovered, a POCA seizure from an individual known to be involved in Serious and Organised Crime and potential victims of human trafficking have been found and appropriate safeguarding measures put in place.

Road Safety and Road Crime

Local and Divisional Road Policing officers continue to carry out visible patrols of our road networks, focusing on areas of concern and engaging with drivers whilst taking cognisance of current COVID safety measures. These patrols have resulted in drivers detected for Drink Driving and other road traffic offences, whilst influencing driver behaviour.

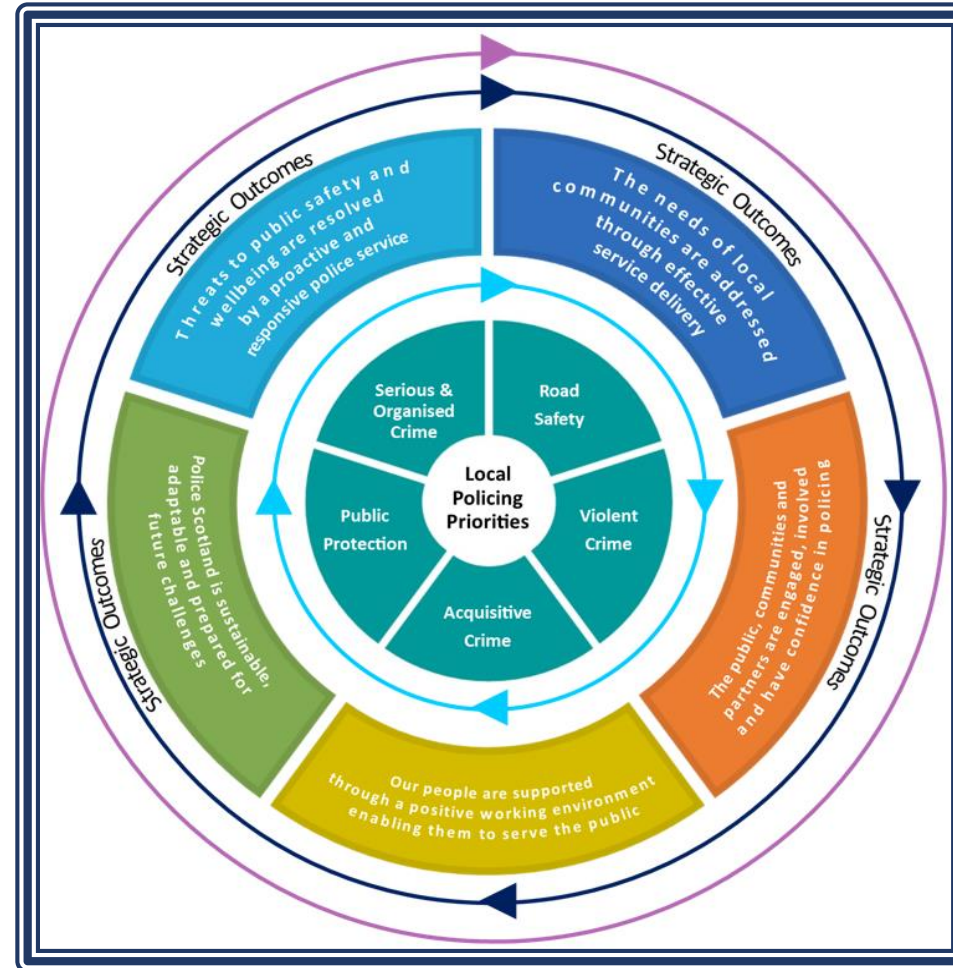
Domestic Abuse

In response to concerns that COVID – 19 restrictions place victims of Domestic Abuse at greater risk, with less opportunities to escape or get help, the Police Scotland Domestic Abuse – COVID campaign was launched promoting lines to report domestic abuse whilst signposting help and support services and charities. Posters and leaflets were distributed to maximise exposure in retail premises at a time when people's social habits are changing to comply with restrictions.

Violence and Public Protection

Local officers including Divisional Problem Solving Teams have carried out default patrols in areas experiencing the highest levels of anti-social behaviour to deter further ASB or escalation to violent crime, in particular during periods of good weather, in evenings and weekends. Visible patrols along with visits to local off licenced premises intended to prevent and tackle consumption by young people and associated wellbeing concerns, anti-social behaviour and violent crime. Appropriate use of stop search and enforcement were used to tackle these issues, whilst sharing any wider concerns with relevant support agencies. Local officers continue to apply the 4E's approach to current COVID restrictions, whilst communicating and using enforcement where required.

Effective partnership activity continues to manage high risk offenders, working collectively to prevent reoffending and risk of harm to wider community.



Tackling Fraud Crime

We are committed to tackling fraud and increasing frequency of the use of the internet and telephone in the commission of these crimes. These are often elaborate crimes designed to confuse and force the concerned victim to provide bank details or transfer cash. Senior detectives in the Division have been working with local media to ensure fraud trends are circulated alongside messages to reinforce safety advice for online banking. During December, in the lead up to Christmas, our Festive Winter Safety Campaign will provide guidance on shopping online safely.

Disability Hate Crime

Dumbarton and Clydebank PSYV have had a session with I Am Me, a charity which focuses on changing attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel safe in their homes. In the coming months, our PSYV will be thinking about how they can take some of the learning from this session into the community.

The Dumbarton and Clydebank PSYV also had a session with Fearless.org. Fearless is a site where young people can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. They also provide a safe place for young people to give information about crime - 100% anonymously.

Police Scotland Fleet Strategy

The Police Scotland Fleet Strategy supports the rollout of Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle's (ULEV) throughout the Force and is set to see Police Scotland become the UK's first Ultra-low emission blue light fleet. This strategy has received government support through the provision of £5m of capital funding to begin the transition towards ULEV technology. Around 179 ULEVs will be delivered and operational across the Force area by March 2021, bringing the total number of new generation electric vehicles to 300.

Development Forum

During November the Division held a Specialisms Development Event for officers and staff from across the Division and elsewhere. This was the latest in a series of development events which have been held this year, but the first to be held online. The event was targeted towards officers who might be considering career development in a Specialist Role. The event was run in conjunction with the Scottish Women's Development Forum. The event attracted over 50 online attendees and was opened by the Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Paterson.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers in Dumbarton and Clydebank are now meeting virtually and have a comprehensive programme of activity. Their work is attracting attention nationally with the good practice being shared with other Local Authority areas. Their programme of activity has included meeting the Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Paterson for a Q&A session and a virtual fundraising event where they challenged themselves to walk a 1,000,000 steps to raise funds for a local Toy Bank.