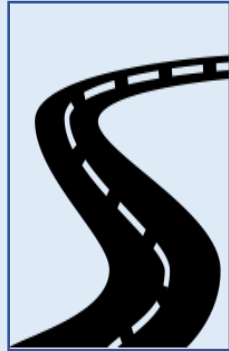


Keeping People Safe in Argyll & Bute

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 4 last year, fatal road collisions increased from 8 to 11. Whilst serious injuries also increased from 51 to 77, there has been a significant reduction in slight injuries from 142 to 91. Overall the total number of road casualties has reduced from 203 to 180.



The number of road traffic offences recorded has increased marginally by 0.8% compared to Qtr 4 last year. Most types of RT offences have seen an increase including dangerous driving which has increased from 64 to 87. Speeding offences however have reduced from 921 to 827 compared to the same period last year. The overall increase is, in the main, as a result of proactive policing of the road network.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour

Compared to Qtr 4 last year, figures show a slight increase in Group 1 violent crime within Argyll & Bute from 83 to 90. Whilst the number of serious assaults recorded have reduced from 48 to 36, this has been offset by the implementation of the new Domestic Abuse legislation. To date 20 domestic abuse crimes have been recorded.

Approx. 59% of all crimes of violence occurred in a private space and in the majority the victim knew the offender.



828 stop search have been carried out YTD which equates to 69 per month

Complaints relating to disorder have increased by 1.6% YTD which equates to 40 more incidents being recorded. Overall ASB crimes recorded a 5.1% increase (n=128). Common assaults had an increase of 6.9% (n=44) however 46% of these occurred in a private space and approx. 28% were domestic related. Crimes relating to threatening & abusive behaviour and breach of the peace have also seen an increase.

The detection rate for violent crime overall has reduced by 2.3% but is currently high at 82%. The detection rate for serious assaults has increased from 85.4% to 91.7% year on year. The detection rate for common assault has also improved slightly from 72.4% to 76.2%.

Public Protection

At the end of Qtr 4 Group 2 sexual crimes show an increase of 25.6% compared to last year which equates to 43 more crimes being recorded. This is largely due to an increase in rape crimes which have increased from 37 crimes to 60. Approx. 62% of these crimes were non-recent reports.

65% 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 61.3% to 55.5%. The detection rate for rape crime has increased by 8.2% from last year's figure at 56.9% compared to 48.7%. Detection rates continue to be impacted by high levels of non-recent reporting and the complexity of these crimes.



At the end of Qtr4 147 missing person reports had been recorded within Argyll & Bute which equates to around 12 per month. Around 54.5% these involved children or looked after children. 59% related to 5 repeat missing persons.

The number of incidents where Adult / Child Concerns have been raised has decreased by 4.8% (n=146). Adult concerns (Inc Domestic Abuse) have reduced from 1522 to 1484 and child concerns from 2234 to 2033.

Compared to Qtr 4 last year, the total number of domestic abuse crimes and incidents recorded across Argyll and Bute have marginally increased. Domestic abuse incidents increased by 0.6% from 644 to 648 and crimes have increased by 24.5% from 428 to 533.

At the end of Qtr 4, user satisfaction results show that in Argyll & West Dunbartonshire public confidence levels remain high at 81%. Furthermore, figures also indicate 94% of persons were satisfied with how police dealt with their incident.

Argyll & Bute

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)
Quarterly Report (Qtr 4 – 2019/20)

Major Crime & Terrorism



Across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire 57 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested and £2,783,295 seized under POCA.

Detections for drugs supply have increased YTD with 56 recorded at the end of Qtr 4 compared to 42 last year. Drug possession charges have also increased slightly from 385 last year to 418 recorded Qtr 4 this year.

At the end of Qtr 4 there were 10 potential drugs related deaths recorded in A&B compared to 11 the previous year. Eight were male, 2 were female aged 24 – 53. To date 5 of these deaths have been confirmed, further toxicology results are awaited.



In total 77 cyber-enabled crimes have been recorded within Argyll & Bute YTD. Twenty-five related to online fraud, 29 to threatening messages sent via Social Media, 22 to indecent communication / images and 1 to breach of bail. In 35 of the 77 crimes the victim knew the offender. To date 26 crimes have been detected.



Acquisitive Crime



Three fewer vehicle Crime's recorded



Housebreakings decreased by 31%

As at 30 March, the total number of acquisitive crimes recorded in A&B was 3.3% higher than last year. Housebreaking crimes have reduced by 31% from 145 to 100, with all property types seeing a reduction in figures. Most other types of acquisitive crime have seen marginal change however crimes relating to fraud have increased from 53 to 113. Vehicle crimes decreased marginally from 63 to 60.



The number of bogus crimes in A&B have increased from 11 last year to 25 this year. Thirteen crimes related to social engineering fraud, 10 to bogus workmen and 2 to bogus callers.

<p>PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE</p>	<p>THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLBEING ARE RESOLVED BY A RESPONSIVE POLICE SERVICE</p>	<p>Road Safety During Q4 Road Policing officers continued to pro-actively patrol the trunk road network and engage in initiatives to keep road users safe. Campaign days and action plans tailored to ensure the road safety message were employed and consistently adhered with officers checking vehicles lights/tyres and road worthiness, and carrying out speed checks at various areas of concern throughout the division.</p> <p>Combating Online Sexual Crime In response to the rise in internet enabled offending against vulnerable young people, multi-agency awareness campaign was devised and rolled out in Argyll and Bute aimed at children and young people, parents and carers and professionals to highlight threat and risk, provide safeguarding advice and signpost additional resources. Police social media channels were also used to push out national messages in respect of domestic abuse, child protection and serious sexual crimes.</p>
<p>WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>THE NEEDS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE ADDRESSED THROUGH EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY</p>	<p>Policing Tone & Style In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Police Scotland has been given extraordinary powers, the aim of which is to save lives and protect the NHS. These measures represent a huge change to the way people live their lives, and they need to adjust to that. The policing style adopted will be central to maximising the compliance of our fellow citizens. Recognising that courtesy and common sense are the cornerstone of Police Scotland's positive relationship with the communities we serve officers sought to:-</p> <p>ENGAGE: ask whether an individual is aware of the government request; establish individual circumstances and how quickly someone can comply. EXPLAIN: the risks to public health, and to the NHS in line with government guidance. ENCOURAGE: voluntary compliance. ENFORCE: if faced with non-compliance and only as a last resort.</p>
<p>TACKLING CYBER RELATED CRIME</p>	<p>PUBLIC AND COMMUNITIES ARE ENGAGED, INVOLVED AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN POLICING</p>	<p>Public Satisfaction Surveys Despite the extraordinary circumstances faced by the public and unique policing challenges to Police Scotland presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Public Satisfaction Surveys show that overall public satisfaction has remained high throughout the lockdown with the year to date satisfaction figure showing that 85.2% of those surveyed were satisfied with Police Scotland service to Argyll and West Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>Choices for Life Event organised by Youth Engagement officers at Lochgilphead Joint Campus took place on 06 February and Tarbert Academy pupils also attended and 'No knives better lives' inputs were included at this event.</p>
<p>SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONAL POLICING</p>	<p>OUR PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTED THROUGH A POSITIVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT ENABLING THEM TO SERVE THE PUBLIC</p>	<p>Staff and Officer Health and Wellbeing To allow our officers and staff to operate as safely and efficiently as possible throughout the COVID-19 pandemic safer work practices were introduced with all front line officers provided with and fitted for FFP3 masks allowing them to respond effectively to incidents while helping ensure their own health and wellbeing. When required officers were also provided with packages of kit, containing protective suits, disposable goggles, boot covers and gloves, as well as disposal bags.</p> <p>To provide further protection to our people, if our officers and staff were in a role and situation that required or enabled them to work from home steps were made to facilitate this, with home working risk assessments carried out to ensure their safety. Home working guidance was also made available to aid them in working at home in the challenging circumstance.</p>
<p>SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONAL POLICING</p>	<p>POLICE SCOTLAND SUSTAINABLE, ADAPTABLE AND PREPARED FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES</p>	<p>Policing Response to Covid-19 Our response to Covid-19 whilst unexpected caused an immediate root and branch review of our working practices as we sought to maintain service delivery to communities in this new operating environment. Considerable learning has been identified during this time, which has and will continue to influence policy practices.</p> <p>Officer Training - Mobile Devices As a key deliverable of the Policing 2026 Strategy, and subsequently the Force Business Case, mobile working aims to introduce emerging technologies and deliver mobility to the force. Working alongside the Core Operational Solutions (COS) sub-programme, mobile working will move away from more traditional data and information resources, enabling relevant operational officers with access to systems which are currently only available on desktops and laptops.</p> <p>Across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire officers have now undertaken mobile device training and are utilising their new mobile devices in an operational situation which means that they no longer rely on paper notebooks and have more time serving the communities and less time dealing with admin based tasks at the office. To date about 95 percent of response officers are utilising the devices and the feedback from all officers has been very positive resulting.</p>