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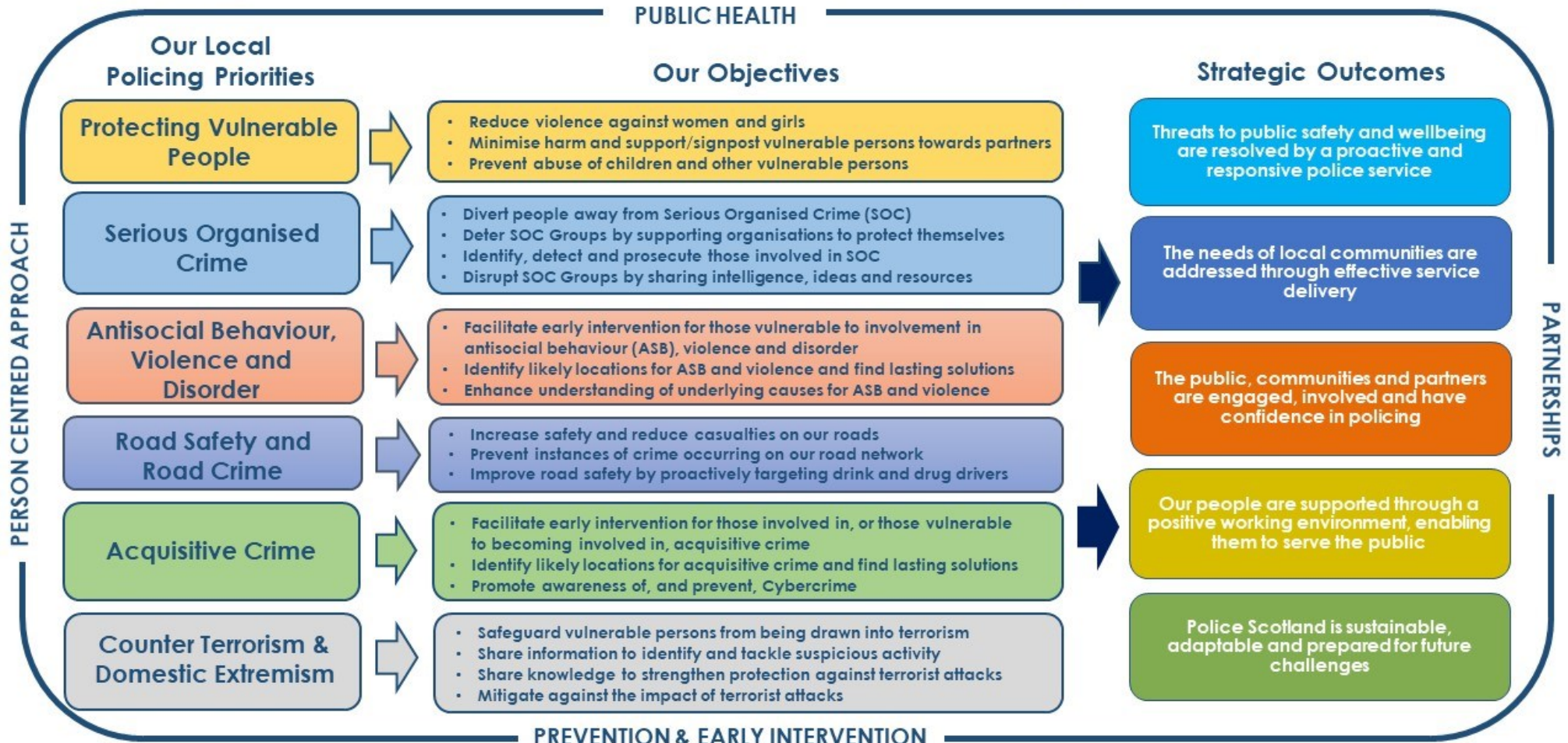
North East Division Aberdeen City

Interim report



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Our vision | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Aberdeen
Our purpose | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Aberdeen
Our values | Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights



Executive Summary



Protecting Vulnerable People

Specialist Officers continue to support the Aberdeen City VAWP with work currently ongoing to identify if this can be further enhanced through engagement with the National Team. We continue to chair the pan-Grampian data sub-group which has developed a richer data set, analysis of which will inform areas of focus for practice improvement.

We continue to perform strongly in terms of our detection of Domestic Abuse Crimes with detection rates higher than last year and notably higher than the national average. Significantly, because of the increased governance implemented through the PVP Governance Group, the number of undetected 'live' enquiries across the Division is now trending at its lowest levels since the start of 2023/2024. Similarly, detection rates for Rapes having increased in the division when compared to last year's figures, and against the national figures. Our commitment to the thorough investigation of sexual crimes is resolute.

Work continues to support delivery of the Bairns Hoose model in Aberdeen with two Detective Inspectors specifically aligned to ensure appropriate input and focus. Coordination on a national basis to support local delivery continues to develop.

The North East SCIM Team continues to perform strongly completing 93% of JIIs within the Division during Q3. In real terms, only 13 JIIs out of 188 required to be tasked out with the Team. The reporting period also saw the local implementation of SCIM recognised in the National Excellence Awards.

Supporting multi-agency practice improvement, PPU officers have variously delivered bespoke Child Protection training to Social Work Students, General Practitioners, and staff at Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital.

Serious Organised Crime

As part of our objective to divert people away from Serious Organised Crime and detecting those involved in Serious Organised Crime, 'Operation Protector' Days of Action were undertaken in Aberdeen City, in conjunction with British Transport Police and various partners. Assertive outreach work comprised of over one hundred visits to individuals identified as being at risk of drug related harm and/or violence. As a result, several individuals were brought into service and provided with immediate support. As part of wider community outreach, over 200 interactions with members of the public took place at a dedicated support hub set up in Aberdeen City Centre. Additionally high visibility patrols were undertaken in Aberdeen City Centre.

Interventions and the North-East Child Protection Partnership hosted multi-agency awareness training events relating specifically to County Lines based Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). This training was facilitated by Future Voices, a CCE training company based in London. The training was delivered over 2 days to 210 multi-agency staff from a variety of roles, including Local Authority Housing, Child Social Work, Adult Social Work, NHS, Child Protection Leads, Barnardo's, Penumbra, commissioned drug services and Police. The training received excellent feedback with

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97% of attendees agreeing that the training had increased their confidence in assessment and intervention with children and families affected by Exploitation.

Significant disruption tactics have been employed over the period involving the arrest of multiple individuals involved or facilitating the movement of controlled drugs in Aberdeen City. Several persons involved in County Lines with modern slavery offences have been identified, arrested, and reported. There continues to be significant engagement and information sharing with Police forces and agencies across the United Kingdom to target those seeking to travel and cause harm within Aberdeen City by their involvement in the supply of controlled drugs.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Following significant prevention and enforcement activity across Aberdeen our efforts are realising a significant reduction in Serious Assaults against last year's performance. Additionally, our detection rate remains strong at over 90%. Planned activity in terms of Weekend Policing Plan Licensing Interventions have played a role.

Although Common Assaults have risen in number, our work in collaboration with partners aims protect those most vulnerable including those in a Domestic setting. Our detection rate remains strong.

The trend apparent at the end of the second Quarter of this year, that Knife related crime had risen, and in response to a number of School incidents, an action plan in collaboration with Education has been developed and will be implemented across the region. Day long engagement sessions are planned in schools by our Early Intervention Worker and Risk and Harm Reduction Officer. This will involve one to one sessions and group assemblies covering inputs on Knife Crime, Personal Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour and Drug misuse. Operation Protector Days of Action have also been held in line with the ongoing County Lines Intensification week to provide support to those at risk of drug related harm. The focus of Operation Protector is both enforcement and engagement with those identified as vulnerable to being drawn into organised crime.

In addition, throughout January and February, our focus on Knife Crime and Robbery continued throughout Aberdeen City using street-based engagement in areas of elevated crimes, targeting of those known to Police and using Stop Search activity. Stop Search as a key tool in the prevention of persons carrying weapons.

Our activity, with partners, through the Community Justice Group aims to deliver effective upstream interventions to those with multiple complex needs who as we know, can be vulnerable to being drawn into Antisocial Behaviour and Violence. Delivering interventions at an early stage is the most effective means reducing violence and as we know, remains a challenge for all partners during times of increasing demand across services.

The downward trend of ASB across the City continues. Robust enforcement continues to be taken against those causing the greatest harms in the City Centre. These efforts are enhanced by our relationship with Aberdeen City Council through our Community Safety Partnership. Our Weekend Policing Plan continues to safely facilitate thousands of visitors to our City Centre each weekend.

Our work within Aberdeen City Centre has seen issues reduce in locations of focus but reports of issues in new locations are now being seen. This demonstrates a displacement and the requirement for partner interventions to help tackle the multiple complex needs which we know are present for those we continually interact with regarding their behaviour.

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Road Safety and Road Crime

Considerable focus remains on reducing the number of fatal collisions involving older drivers under the Fitness to Drive programme as part of the Older Road User Group in line with the targets set out in Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030. This Group reviews trends, data, and anecdotal evidence to identify current and emerging opportunities to improve Road Safety for older road users.

A new and updated Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system has been installed across the Road Policing fleet which has enhanced capability and has provided increased detection rates in respect of general road traffic offences. Officers are routinely deployed on an intelligence led basis across the road network to target wider criminal use of the roads such as the supply of controlled drugs and those involved in acquisitive crime.

The recent Festive Drink Drive Campaign was resourced with Officers from Road Policing, Community Policing Teams and other National resources to coordinate proactivity to tackle the issue of drink/drug driving offences on the City's roads. The number of offences detected has seen a slight increase on previous years which is linked to increased capacity and capability for roadside 'drug wipe' testing which identifies intoxication through controlled drugs.

Acquisitive Crime

Preventative strategies, to reduce acquisitive crime by working with partners and identifying locations where acquisitive crime is most likely to occur, continues to be a focus. Officers from our Crime Reduction team have carried out several engagements and presentations to partners and groups providing advice and training across the City.

Further to this, assisted by the Divisional Cyber Enabled Crime team, 'Scams and Frauds' inputs have been provided to demographics targeted by fraudsters, along with banking premises. The aim being to identify trends and provide guidance and preventative measures for such offences.

Several operations have taken place within Aberdeen City involving Community Policing Teams, the Safer City Unit and Pro-Active Units to combat acquisitive crime. The correlation between drug misuse and acquisitive crime involves a multi faceted approach with support and diversionary options provided to those engaging in services, alongside robust enforcement for those found to be committing crime.

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

The North East CONTEST Multi-Agency Board and associated sub-groups continue to deliver the UK National CONTEST strategy across the North East of Scotland. The **Prevent, Pursue, Protect** and **Prepare** (4P's) principles of CONTEST are the continued focus of the strategy which aims to reduce the risks from terrorism.

Our Local CONTEST Liaison Officers and Specialist officers maintain strong links with relevant sites and venues within Aberdeen City, delivering Counter Terrorism related training, testing site plans, and making improvements to emergency response procedures. We also continue to work closely with Border Policing colleagues in Human Trafficking and illegitimate passage of goods initiatives at Aberdeen International Airport and Aberdeen Harbour.