

COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 22 MARCH 2013

TITLE OF REPORT: FORCE PERFORMANCE QUARTER 3 2012/13
REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Force Quarter 3 2012/13 Performance Report summarises the Force's performance during quarter 3 2012/13. The report should be considered in conjunction with *Platform for Success Building the Future 2012/13*, which outlines the Force's strategic direction for the fiscal year.
- 1.2 The report complies with auditors' requirements to provide updates on performance against indicators and presents information in line with previous reports submitted to the Grampian Joint Police Board.
- 1.3 The statistical information contained in this report and the means of accessing more detailed information, will be made available to the public on the Force website (www.grampian.police.uk).

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 This report is submitted for the approval of Members of the Grampian Joint Police Board.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

N/A

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

N/A

6. REPORT

6.1 The Force continues to maintain some excellent results with another strong quarterly performance for the period. The main themes for the quarter are below:

6.2 Service Response

Performance remains positive with the lowest number of 'Emergency Response Incidents' for 8 quarters. There has been a slight increase in 'Average Response Time' for these incidents which has been affected by the adverse seasonal weather conditions.

6.3 Public Reassurance and Community Safety

There is a continuing downward trend in 'ASB Community Crimes' which are 10.4% lower than the previous quarter and 6.9% lower than for the same period last year.

6.4 Eight people lost their lives in road accidents during quarter 3 with no discernible pattern apparent following detailed analysis. The calendar year of 2012 recorded the second lowest number of fatalities at 24.

6.5 Group recorded crime figures remain very positive with general marked reductions, against the same period last year, in almost all groups except sexual offences. Detection rate figures remain low at this time. However, it is important to note that all current figures are extracted at a single 'point in time' and do not take account of ongoing enquiries being taken to completion.

6.6 Criminal Justice and Tackling Crime

Class A drugs with a potential street value of £552,580 were recovered along with the arrest of 66 individuals linked to Serious Organised Crime Groups.

6.7 A total of £2,706,223 was seized or identified under the Proceeds of Crime Act legislation. The majority of this relates to a music piracy case which has been reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

6.8 There has been a downward trend in the number of 'Police reports submitted to the PF' which correlates with the marked reductions in recorded crime. The Force is still maintaining a figure well above the national target for submission of these reports within the 28 day limit.

6.9 The level of detected youth crime is another indicator that does not paint a true picture this quarter due to a number being subject to processing through the Youth Justice Management Unit (YJMU). This means that more accurate figures can be judged from previous quarters where, once again, there is a clear downward trend apparent overall in both the 'level of detected youth crime' and the 'number of children and young people who have committed crimes and offences'.

6.10 The 'use of Police direct measures' for ASB offences is being maintained at a consistent level and the '% complied with' numbers continue to be well above the national average.

6.11 Aberdeen Harbour is now a 'designated port' in terms of the Port Security Regulations 2012, with the designation order having come into Force in November 2012.

6.12 Sound Governance and Efficiency

Police Officer numbers fell by 4 to 1566 and Police Staff numbers fell by 10 to 705 at the end of quarter 3.

6.13 Although no formal figure was set by the Scottish Government for 2012/13, the Force has been working to an efficiency saving target of 3%. This target has been exceeded and the Force has achieved a figure of £3,050,371.00 efficiency savings for the financial year. An executive level decision was taken to close the business plan tasks related to this as the focus is now on progress towards the new Police Scotland.

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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