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## **Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee**

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## Introduction

I present the latest Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee Report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division. This report provides a detailed account of Police Performance in Aberdeen City in support of agreed priorities, both local and national for April 2016 - March 2017.

I can report that during the past 12 months the total figure for recorded crime and offences in the City has decreased by **17.1% and 7.2%** compared to the Five Year Average and 2015-16 figures, respectively, and detection rates have remained strong.

At this time, the three year Local Policing Plan for 2017-2020 is presented to the Committee for approval. It is proposed that progress against this plan will be reported back regularly through these Committee reports. This plan is aligned to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.

We have previously submitted a series of Thematic Reports which reported specifically on areas which were identified by Committee members and were directly relevant to the local communities of Aberdeen. These were well received by the previous Committee and I would welcome the opportunity to provide similar reports in the future regarding areas in which the Committee would seek further more detailed information.

This Performance Report reflects the very positive ongoing work within the Division and I would commend the work of Chief Inspectors Martin Mackay and Kevin Wallace and their teams here in Aberdeen. There is no doubt that our positive performance would not be possible without the excellent support from partners and communities themselves.

Regards

Campbell Thomson  
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## Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	March 2017	Difference
Police Officers <sup>1</sup>	1115	1139.82 (FTE)	+24.82
	March 2016	March 2017	Difference
Police Staff <sup>1</sup>	125.68 (FTE)	118.15 (FTE)	-7.53

<sup>1</sup> North East Division (Aberdeenshire, Moray and Aberdeen City) Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

The authorised establishment figure for North East Division has been challenging to reach for a variety of reasons which have been well rehearsed previously. Significant work since 2015/16 has now seen us finally reach our full establishment. Overall our performance has remained strong despite the challenges faced.

Since December 2016, there has been an unprecedented level of Police Officer recruitment in North East Division with **80** Officers to Aberdeen City.

This level of recruitment will continue in the short term and will place the Division in a stronger position in relation to maintaining Police Officer numbers.

The latest recruits to North East Division have, in the main, come from within our local communities and bring with them a breadth of experience, knowledge and skills to enrich and enhance our already dedicated and diverse workforce.



## Complaints About the Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 2016
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident <sup>2</sup>	N/A	85.2%	79.3%		+5.9%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	283	252	+31	+12.3%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	34.6	32.5	+2.1	+6.5%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	351	281	+70	+24.9%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	2	2	0	0.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	129	124	+5	+4.0%
Total Allegations	N/A	482	407	+75	+18.4%

<sup>2</sup> North East Division (Aberdeenshire, Moray, and Aberdeen City)

The satisfaction of members of the public who have interacted with the Police in the North East remains very high. The results of our survey for the review period reveal public satisfaction for the Division as a whole has risen by almost **6%** to over **85%**.

Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, Aberdeen City received **283** complaints. This is an increase of **31** complaints (**12.3%**), from the same period the previous year.

In 2016/17, over **81,000** incidents in Aberdeen City were dealt with by Police Officers and Staff during which time **283** complaints were received. This equates to **23** new complaints received each month or **34.6** complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents.

It continues to be the case that around **50%** of all complaints are resolved at the earliest opportunity through explanation and clarification.

A complaint can contain more than one allegation and in this regard, the Force average for 2016/17 is **1.5** allegations per complaint. During this same period, Aberdeen City received **1.7** allegations per complaint.

The total number of allegations (2016/17) recorded in Aberdeen City was **482**, with **351** relating to On Duty Allegations, and **2** relating to Off Duty behaviour. In terms of Quality of Service, these totalled **129** of all Allegations and relate to service delivery and the adoption of policy and procedure.

We actively monitor complaints to establish patterns of behaviour and identify opportunities to learn from the experiences of other.

We frequently receive letters of thanks from the public who appreciate the efforts of our Officers across the Division which is reassuring and reflects the high public satisfaction levels.



## Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 5 Year Av
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded <sup>3</sup>		401	345		
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate		79.1	78.8		
Serious Assault - Recorded <sup>4</sup>		223	169		
Serious Assault - Detection Rate		86.1%	82.2%		
Common Assault - Recorded	<b>3,803.4</b>	<b>3,189</b>	3,248	<b>-614.4</b>	<b>-16.2%</b>
Common Assault - Detection Rate	<b>70.7%</b>	<b>71.5%</b>	76.5%		<b>+0.8%</b>
Robbery - Recorded	<b>102.8</b>	<b>114</b>	97	<b>+11.2</b>	<b>+10.9%</b>
Robbery - Detection Rate	<b>67.7%</b>	<b>73.7%</b>	76.3%		<b>+6.0%</b>
Vandalism - Recorded	<b>2,655.8</b>	<b>2,083</b>	2,396	<b>-572.8</b>	<b>-21.6%</b>
Vandalism - Detection Rate	<b>29.0%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	24.7%		<b>-3.2%</b>
Fire Raising - Recorded	<b>186.8</b>	<b>122</b>	161	<b>-64.8</b>	<b>-34.7%</b>
Public Reports of Street Drinking	<b>191.4</b>	<b>88</b>	92	<b>-103.4</b>	<b>-54.0%</b>
Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct	<b>526.4</b>	<b>227</b>	238	<b>-299.4</b>	<b>-56.9%</b>
Racially Aggravated Harassment / Conduct	<b>173.6</b>	<b>91</b>	87	<b>-82.6</b>	<b>-47.6%</b>
Racially Aggravated Harassment / Conduct - Detection Rate	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>86.8%</b>	92.0%		<b>-1.3%</b>

<sup>3</sup> Crimes of Violence include Murder, Attempted Murder, Culpable Homicide, Cruelty, Neglect and Un-natural Treatment of Children and Adults, Abduction, Robbery, Assault with intent to Rob, Serious Assault, and Threats and extortion.

<sup>4</sup> April 2016 - implementation of broader definition of what constitutes a Serious Assault.

<sup>5</sup> Disorder includes Public Nuisance, Disturbance, Noise, Neighbour Dispute and Nuisance Phone Call incidents.

The Division has committed to tackling Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder and included this priority in the Local Policing Plans and each of the Community Policing Plans across Aberdeen.

The overall level of Violent Crime during 2016/17 has remained static (increase of **0.1%**) in comparison to last year and has dropped significantly when compared to the Five Year Average (**-12.9%**). Antisocial Behaviour has reduced due to significant, very positive partnership working.



## Violence

The Division is committed to challenging the number of violent crimes within Aberdeen. This includes strengthening our partnership working, increasing our intelligence gathering and maximising our enforcement activities. We are also increasing opportunities with criminal justice partners who work equally hard to reduce violent crime in our communities.

The crime of Serious Assault has recently undergone a national redefinition in the way in which it is recorded and has resulted in an increase in the number of Serious Assaults (**54** additional crimes) reported during the last year. When compared nationally this recent change has been experienced elsewhere across Scotland and is indicative of the wider categorisation of injuries within the definition of Serious Assault. It is reassuring to note that the detection rate has improved with a **3.9%** increase to **86.1%** which is significant for any urban environment.

The defining line between what is classified a Serious Assault and that regarded as Common Assault is very fine and a number of factors can combine to determine an extent of an injury or the level of medical treatment required, including previous medical history and other factors. It is somewhat reassuring to note that the number of Common Assaults has decreased by **16.2%** over the Five Year Average and continues in a general downward trend with the detection rate also increasing slightly by **0.8%** over the same period.

A major new operation committed to reducing instances of Violent Crime, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour was launched in May 2016. The aim of Operation Pine is to deliver the Division's Violence Prevention Strategy and ensure Officers are in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time. Using newly developed analytical software to specifically profile and highlight priority offenders, Officers now have the most up to date information on the violence profile across the North East. Through the adoption of the overarching Violence Prevention Strategy, we maintain a strong governance process to compliment robust investigation.

During February 2017, 72 people were arrested and nearly 100 warrants executed as Community Policing Teams embarked upon a high profile crackdown on Violent Crime across Aberdeen. During a two week period they targeted offenders and focused on outstanding apprehension warrants. Those arrested were apprehended on warrant for outstanding crimes, failure to appear at court, non-payment of fines and failure to comply with court orders. The operation was supported by partners and received positive widespread media coverage.

During the last year we have seen an increase in Robberies (**17** additional crimes) with analysis revealing significant links between the drug trade and drug users and a large proportion are where the Robberies are committed by persons known to the victim. This is reflected in the high detection rates which sit at **73.7%**. These crimes are recognised as having a significant impact upon the communities and Robberies are by default investigated by a Detective Officer and subject to full and thorough investigation in order to protect victims and stem further occurrences.

## Antisocial Behaviour

The Community Safety Partnerships Hub specifically supports this monitoring with review of the locations, persons involved and the nature of the behaviour. This analysis has allowed us to identify patterns, repeat victims and offenders and trends which can be addressed. The focus



which it has received over the most recent years has resulted in a consistent pattern, seeing a reduction in the incidents reported across the City. This is evidenced in the Five Year Average figures showing reductions of **34.7%** for Fire-raising, **21.6%** for Vandalism (including Malicious Mischief), **56.9%** for Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct and **47.6%** for Racially Aggravated Conduct.

A number of factors allow us to work in a focused manner with partners across the City to anticipate the problems, their location and apply preventative measures to address them. The antisocial use of motorcycles across our communities has been tackled through Operation Trinity with a dedicated team of Officers working with partners and communities to challenge this inappropriate behaviour, resulting in another reduction in this activity this year. Now in its 8th year, Operation Trinity was instigated within Aberdeen in response to increased reports of youth disorder and antisocial behaviour associated to the inappropriate and illegal use of motor cycles. Plain clothed and high visibility patrols were undertaken by local Officers, supported by Officers from across the Division. This approach has addressed emerging activity between youths from across the City, and in particular in the Northfield, Mastrick and Sheddocksley areas. In addition to quickly progressing information regarding antisocial behaviour before it escalated, Officers also seized a large number of motor cycles and reported a high volume of offenders to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service for a wide variety of offences. Portable Wi-Fi cameras were also deployed in various 'hotspot' areas. Those involved were subject to proactive visits and Officers, along with multi-agency partners, supported diversionary activities. This featured prominently in the local media and encouraged communities to report any issues of concern. It provided significant community reassurance and is a feature of our policing strategy this year also.

In Torry, Operation Smallwood operated with significant involvement from Third Sector partners, creating diversionary opportunities for young people engaging, participating and being diverted away from Antisocial Behaviour. The operation saw **19.7%** reduction in reported incidents over the 18 week period. The learning from these operations is constantly reassessed to ensure that the operations remain focused and relevant and that similar problems in other areas can benefit from the experience gleaned across the wider city.

Crimes against property particularly Vandalism and Malicious Mischief have seen a further drop over the last year with a recorded decrease of **13.1%** or **313** incidents over that recorded in 2015-16. It is encouraging to note that the detection rate has increased across this crime type with a **1.1%** increase to **25.8%**. Fire-raising has also decreased with **14** fewer fires (**-28.0%**) in comparison to last year.

The Weekend Policing Partnership, with over **70** collaborating partner agencies, strives to maintain the City and in particular the City Centre as a safe and secure environment for all who, live, work and socialise in it, with its aim to retain its "Purple Flag" status. 2016/17 has seen determined efforts to educate the Public, reinforce responsible drinking and link closely with licensees to reduce the Antisocial Behaviour within our communities. During 2016/17, **2,910** licensed premises checks were carried out by Officers in a targeted and proactive manner towards curtailing disorder.

In January 2017, the Priority Families Service, which is a family intervention model, commenced with the intention of impacting upon **32** families at any one time. The service will be delivered on an outreach basis by persistent and assertive Key Workers who will work with the families. This work will be provided by Action for Children and will be outcome focused with a robust performance monitoring system linked to measurement of cost avoidance for





community planning partners. Four Officers working from the Community Safety Hub will deploy in conjunction with Action For Children building relationships and supporting the work and referrals with a view to reducing the demand placed on the range of services, including the Police. This will see the Officers focusing on the demands created by the families and will take responsibility for the any Crimes, Missing Person reports, STORM calls, Case Conferences, etc. This should see an immediate impact on local Community Policing Team demand and over time, the intervention should deliver a longer term reduction in demand.



## Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	8,472.2	7,415	7449	-1057.2	-12.5%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	38.0%	42.3%	44.3%		+4.3%
Housebreakings - Recorded	1,034.8	1,056	850	+21.2	+2.0%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded <sup>6</sup>	1,411.6	977	1040	-434.6	-30.8
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	21.1%	24.8%	23.6%		+3.7%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	414.6	337	381	-77.6	-18.7
Common Theft - Recorded	2,414.0	1,754	1,793	-660	-27.3
Common Theft - Detection Rate	24.6%	27.5%	31.6%		2.9%
Theft by Shoplifting	1910	2232	2341	+322	+16.9%

<sup>6</sup> Theft from secure motor vehicle; Theft from insecure motor vehicle; Theft of a motor vehicle; Attempted Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

During 2016/17, Acquisitive Crime continued to fall when compared to the previous year and is down **12.5%** as a whole against the Five Year Average. Also during the review period Motor Vehicle Crime has seen a fall of **30.8%** and **6.1%**, and Common Theft a fall of **27.2%** and **2.2%** when compared to the Five Year Average and 2015-16 respectively.

Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) - Detection Rates	Five Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	2016/17 v Five Year Av.
Overall	20.6%	24.5%	16.0%	+3.9%
Dwelling House	24.7%	23.3%	16.0%	-1.4%
Non-Dwelling (e.g. Sheds)	13.9%	25.3%	8.3%	+11.4%
Other Premises (e.g. Commercial)	27.9%	24.5%	41.0%	-3.4%

The definition of Housebreaking refers to a variety of buildings including sheds, garages, shops as well as dwelling houses.

This reporting period has seen the levels of this crime type remain consistent with the Five Year Average. The detection rate continues to increase and is **3.9%** above the Five Year Average and almost **10%** above the 2015-16 figure.

An intelligence led approach has been adopted and targeted enforcement activity taken against recidivist offenders. This targeted approach has resulted in a significant reduction (**34%**) in Housebreakings during the current year and when combined with rigorous investigation and review we are striving to reduce Housebreakings and increase detection rates.



During 2016/17, **337** vehicles were stolen across Aberdeen City down **11.5%** from last year and **18.7%** lower than the Five Year Average. The vast majority of these vehicles are subsequently recovered by Police and include motorcycles being stolen from sheds or garages. Each stolen vehicle in possession of these thieves poses a wider risk to the public and we have undertaken considerable work over the year to stress to the public the importance of securing their houses and vehicles to prevent them being victims of these crimes.

Operation Monarda is a Police Scotland initiative developed to tackle doorstep crime and inform the public of the risks of engaging with individuals who attend at their homes offering to carry out work. We actively support this initiative and raise awareness amongst those members of our community who are most vulnerable to this type of crime. In partnership with the Adult Protection Committees and Trading Standards, we have built on existing local arrangements to enhance the collaborative approach to tackling door step crime and Local Authorities have now committed to deploying staff from Building Services to survey work undertaken by so called bogus callers. Representatives from Banks and Financial Institutions sit on the Financial Harm Sub-Group of the Adult Protection Committees and their counter staff are encouraged to query the elderly or vulnerable if they attend to withdraw large sums of cash. This has resulted in a number of successful interventions which have prevented vulnerable people from being harmed financially.

During 2016/17, Theft by Shoplifting dropped across the City with a **4.7%** decrease in recorded crime of this type with a total of **2,232** incidents recorded across the City. This equates to less than **6** crimes per day with the majority (**72.5%**) of these crimes detected. The most popular items stolen remain clothing, cosmetics, foodstuffs and alcohol and there is nothing to indicate an organised crime element or influence to the crime. We continue to enjoy strong relationships with retailers and have focused upon reducing demand for stolen property through licensed premises checks, increased intelligence gathering and proactive targeting of offenders.

Partnership work, in conjunction with Aberdeen Inspired, Safer Aberdeen, Scottish Business Resilience Centre, Police Scotland Crime Reduction Officers and 'Retailers Against Crime' (to raise awareness of Retail Crime trends) continues to tackle this issue under the banner of Operation Oak and recent presentations regarding Shoplifting have been well received.

Where offenders are detected restrictive Bail/Curfew conditions are requested as appropriate. Repeat offenders are identified through analytical work and are subject to review and where appropriate Antisocial Behaviour Orders can and are sought to prevent their attendance in areas in which they have offended.

Further to this, two Officers on each of the five teams within the Aberdeen City Centre Community Policing Team have responsibility for specific areas and shops within the centre. This is supported by monthly meetings with the various retailers and associated security staff, with a view to sharing information to the wider Policing team and within the retail network.



## Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 2016
People Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	42	72	-30	-41.7%
Children Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	6	9	-3	-33.3%
People Killed	N/A	2	6	-4	-66.6%
Children Killed <sup>7</sup>	N/A	0	0	0	0.0%
Road Safety Education Inputs	N/A	18	9	+9	+100%
Advice/Education Given to Motorists <sup>8</sup>	N/A	24,509			
Parking Fixed Penalties Issued	N/A	319	269	+50	+18.6%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	756.6	381	721	-375.6	-49.6%
Speeding Offences	1,695.8	1,266	1,552	-429.8	-25.3%
Drink/ Drug Driving Offences	332.6	279	291	-53.6	-16.1%
Dangerous Driving	81.2	75	81	-6.2	-7.6%
Disqualified Driving	92.0	104	84	+12	+24.4%
Reported	9,046.6	6,857	8,087	-2,189.6	-24.2%

<sup>7</sup> Child is under 16 years of age.

<sup>8</sup> North East Division (figures area for Aberdeenshire, Moray, and Aberdeen City) figures by Road Policing Officers.

Road Safety and Road Crime remain a priority for North East Division and the people of Aberdeen City.

The need to positively impact on the manner and behaviour of all road users is therefore of paramount importance to prevent further tragedies from occurring on North East roads. Measuring 'success' or otherwise can best be summarised with the fact that, across Aberdeen City, the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads, continues to significantly reduce.

2016/17 saw a **66.6%** reduction (**6 to 2**) in road deaths within Aberdeen City when compared to 2015/16. Again this year, none of these fatalities were children. In the same period a **41.7%** reduction (**72 to 42**) was seen in people seriously injured and by **33.3%** (**9 to 6**) in the case of children, while the number of adults slightly injured also reduced by **19.7%** (**122 to 98**). It must be borne in mind however that any fatality or serious injury is one too many given the tragic consequences.



Work continues to build on the progress made in this regard with a concerted effort to work closely with key partners to maximise our effectiveness. A commitment given by all relevant partners across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray Local Authority Areas has seen the 'Pan Grampian' Road Safety Strategic Group re-established.

We are committed to this cohesive partnership approach to tackle Road Safety within Aberdeen City and across the North East. They have very recently finalised a revised Road Casualty Reduction Strategy across the North East of Scotland. This Strategic and Operational Partnership, which includes representatives from across the North East including Aberdeen City, will focus on the key causation factors and reducing injuries and deaths on our roads giving consideration to our particular network of urban roads in Aberdeen City and the North East. When this strategy is published in September 2017 it will be provided to the Committee.

Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) remains the Divisional strategy aimed at reducing the number of road casualties and collisions in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray areas by tackling poor driving standards and reinforcing to the public that road safety is very much a shared personal responsibility. High visibility focused and targeted patrolling is the basis of casualty reduction work. Priority route patrol matrices have been based on analysis and focus on causation factors and vulnerable groups, ensuring we have been in the right place at the right time to make a difference. Whilst the visible presence of a Police resource can have an impact on the behaviour of motorists, there is a need for direct interaction with the motoring public across all areas of the CEDAR strategy and in demonstrating this engagement, over the review period, Road Policing Unit Officers alone have stopped and checked **24,509** vehicles across the North East.

Analytical products used to identify where and when resources are tasked and inform Weekly Action Plans identified the following areas for focused activity: Vehicle Collisions; Speed; Drivers (25 and under); Drivers (26 and over); Motorcyclists; Pedestrians; Children; and Pedal Cyclists. Priority locations throughout the City have been identified from collision and casualty analytical research, and these are detailed within the Weekly Action plan for all Divisional and Road Policing Unit Officers (DRPU). These locations are rotated on a daily basis in support of a randomised scheduled enforcement method which is currently adopted.

In addition to this general picture, the main community concerns, also receive attention. This review period has seen Operation Trinity addressing the antisocial use of motorcycles. Also concerns about unsafe Taxis, has resulted in Officers working with Aberdeen City Council Taxi Enforcement Officers, sharing information and carrying out joint stops and checks on suspected offenders, where there have also been road safety initiatives at Aberdeen Schools. Here Police and school pupils stopped speeding motorists and the pupils discussed the dangers of speeding with drivers. These initiatives have been highly publicised and have been well received by the media, local elected members and the wider public and plans are in place to extend these work streams going forward.

The Division and Divisional Roads Policing Unit Inspector has increased the use of various social media platforms to promote road safety messages, in addition to providing more proactive releases to the TV, print and news agencies. In a first for Road Policing in Scotland, a live Facebook Chat event took place on a weekday evening hosted on the North East Police Division page. It had been widely publicised in advance and was intended to run between 1800-2000 hours. Due to the number of queries and interactions, it continued until about 2100 hours and also required a subsequent revisit, for an entire morning, to capture and respond to all the queries that had not been answered. The event was an overwhelming success and was



repeated to cover the school holiday period and the darker nights, changeable road/weather conditions. In summary, the chat 'reached' **34,886** people on Facebook, had **279** questions or comments and was 'liked' by **124** people. The vast majority of the comments were supportive.

The Policing of our roads has not however been restricted to traditional 'traffic offences', Officers have targeted offenders committing all types of criminality on our roads, working closely with specialist Departments, in particular CID and assisted them by providing tactical advice and trained staff for pre-planned pursuits to stop criminals believed to be transporting illegal drugs on our road network. This has resulted in a number of offenders being stopped and illegal drugs recovered.



## Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 5 Year Av
Group 2 Crimes - Recorded <sup>9</sup>	508.2	683	630	+174.8	+34.4%
Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate	65.8%	65.9%	68.9%		+0.1%
Rape - Recorded	83.2	85	85	+1.8	+2.2%
Rape - Detection Rate	59.1%	63.5%	78.8%		+4.4%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 2016
Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported	N/A	2,512	2,552	-40	-1.6%
Domestic Abuse Crimes - Detection Rate	N/A	71.7%	78.2%		-6.5%

<sup>9</sup> Group 2 Crimes of Indecency include Rape, Assault with intent to Rape, Indecent Assault, Sexual Assault, Prostitution related crime and others with an indecent element.

An **8.4%** rise in Group 2 Crime has been recorded when compared to the previous year and it is assessed this may relate to an increase in public confidence to report such matters together with the growing use of technology to facilitate offending, this reflects the national trend.

Detection rates in relation to Sexual Crime improved by **0.1%** when compared against the Five Year Average (**65.8%** to **65.9%**) and sits slightly below the previous year's figure. This figure should be noted against the aforementioned **8.4%** rise in reported crime, which indicates more detections have been achieved in 2016-17 to maintain this level of performance.

Rape detection rates improved by **4.4%** against the Five Year Average, however sits below the figure from the previous year. That said, this should be considered against the fact that, in 2016/17, there was a noticeable increase in the reporting of historical sexual crimes, which present a number of challenges in respect of evidence gathering. Crimes of this nature very often involve protracted investigations and we continue to work with our partners to provide a high level of support to victims which is absolutely paramount.

In April 2016, North East Division restructured the Public Protection Unit (PPU) model in a move away from role specific units to create a wider pool of Officers skilled in investigating a range of reports across the Public Protection spectrum, such as Child and Adult Protection, Domestic Abuse, Rape, Human Trafficking, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation. This model provides increased flexibility in respect of resource allocation and creates an environment where officers can 'upskill'.

Also within the reporting period, a dedicated Police Initial Referral Discussion (IRD) Desk has been instigated to provide consistency in terms of decision making and increased accessibility for partner agencies. This process facilitates a significant increase in the level of detail shared across partners at the early stages of Child Protection enquiries, which ensures an efficient/effective process to consider protective measures and enquiry progression.



Partnerships have been strengthened within Aberdeen City with the Children's Charity Barnardo's recently embedding a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Advisor within Queen Street Police Office, Aberdeen. The priority is to identify children at risk and work on a multi-agency basis for early intervention and ensure the safety of the child is paramount with perpetrators identified. The CSE Advisor also provides out awareness raising inputs to Divisional Officers and partners regarding CSE. This work is closely aligned to that of the Return Home Welfare Interviews which provide children and young persons the opportunity to speak freely about the circumstances as to why they went missing and raise their awareness of the risks associated with going missing.





## Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures <sup>10</sup>	£111,995	£291,365	£114,567	£179,370	+160.2%
Drug Possession Offences	1407.4	1508	1512	+100.6	+7.1%
Drug Supply Offences	259.8	183	241	-76.8	-29.6%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2016/17 v 2015/16
Educational Inputs	N/A	79	94	-15	-16.0%

<sup>10</sup> A Division (Aberdeenshire, Moray & City) reported seizures (reported figures only, this may mean that the money might finally be returned to the defender, forfeit at court or seized and remitted to Crown office Procurator Fiscal Service.

These figures demonstrate that tackling the supply of drugs offences within the City remains a priority of North East Division. Whilst drug supply offences are down on the previous year, the total drug offences remain on a par with the Five Year Average showing an increase of **1.7%**, with Officers dealing with over **1600** drug offences in this reporting period.

This positive activity is further evidence though the number of drug search warrants executed during this period across the City. A total of **219** drug search warrants were executed between April 2016 and March 2017.

As recently as two weeks ago over £250,000 worth of heroin was seized within the City, this case remains sub judice. It is proposed a thematic report aligned to that submitted in October 2016 will be provided at the next Committee meeting. This will contain exact quantities and values over the Fiscal Year.

Heroin, Crack Cocaine, Cocaine and Cannabis remain the most prevalent drugs recovered within the City with multi-kilos of each drug recovered within this reporting period. In addition to this the targeting of financial assets remains a priority.

Proceeds of Crime Act legislation is consistently used to target the activities of mapped groups in accordance with the profile of organised crime in the north east and within Aberdeen City. There have been a significant number of cash seizures reported to Crown Office during this financial year. In addition, numerous money laundering operations have been designated targeting the drug supply chain.

In the 2016/17 year within Aberdeen City, under the Proceeds of Crime Act, **£291,365** has been seized, which is an increase of **160.2%** over the 2015/16 year, a difference of **£179,370**. In addition to this figure, assets with a value of **£2.1m** were identified for consideration for restraint by Crown Office during this period. This figure relates to all activity across Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray. Individual figures are not available.

Serious Organised Crime Group (SOCG) mapping demonstrates that the profile of such groups operating in North East Division consistently remains that of English based drug dealing syndicates using locally based facilitators. This profile is replicated across all of Scotland major



cities and Police Scotland nationally continue to work closely with English Police forces and other law enforcement agencies in order to tackle this matter at the highest level.

In addition to drugs offences, this reporting period saw a number of offences relating to gas attacks on ATM's in shop premises across the North East of Scotland with one of these offences being carried out in Kingswells in August 2016. A highly organised crime group from Liverpool was identified as responsible and officers from North East Division contributed to the subsequent police investigation which resulted in the group being sentenced to over **90** years imprisonment.

Safer Communities have instigated a Positive Lifestyles initiative at HMP Grampian. The identification of suitable individuals is being linked to existing Divisional processes in an effort to break the cycle of organised crime involvement. Similar processes are also being deployed in respect of the Aberdeen City Council Priority Families work which provides support to families who meet a number of criteria including involvement in Serious and Organised Crime. Both have been coordinated through the Partnership Interventions Group.

Safer Communities supported by Divisional Single Point of Contact (SPOC) organised a 'Protecting Business from Serious Organised Crime' event which was hosted by the Aberdeen Business Gateway, and included speakers from the Divert and Deter Team, Scottish Business Resilience Centre, Trading Standards and Abertay University Ethical Hackers. Approximately **30** local business owners were provided with target hardening advice. Following the event, Business Gateway compiled feedback from the delegates which was very positive, with a number of businesses now being more aware of the indicators and how to protect their businesses from Serious Organised Crime.



## **Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism**

National Security is of paramount importance and this period has seen continued terrorist activity in various areas across Europe and within the United Kingdom. The threat level has remained at Severe (an attack is highly likely) throughout the reporting period and much of the preventative messaging, reassurance patrols and education have become day business around contact with crowded places, faith groups and iconic locations.

Aberdeen City is an active partner within the North East Division Pan-Grampian Multi-Agency CONTEST Group, which benefits from the partnerships links with all 3 Local Authority Areas (Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray). This work drives the local CONTEST Action Plans which are supported by the existing Pan-Grampian partnership structures including Education, Emergency Services, Resilience and Third Sector Partners. The structure is further mirrored in the Prevent Sub-Group which allows maximum benefit to be gained by all partners, ensuring an excellent integrated approach to the potential of a terrorist attack.

Recent events have continued to shape our response to the threat, managed through the UK Government CONTEST Strategy. Aberdeen City has the support of locally based Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs) who work with the Local CONTEST Liaison Officers (LCLO's) based in in all of the City Community Policing Teams. LCLO's will continue to deliver Prevent and CONTEST based inputs and briefings across our communities.

Working with colleagues in Borders Policing Command, LCLO's engage and support key personnel at the Harbour and Airport in the City to ensure they remain fully briefed on the Counter Terrorism picture, risks and prevention measures required at individual sites.

While the CONTEST framework provides an overarching cover for this work, the four P's (Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare) also feature in the work of the Division.

Prepare and Protect based work streams continue with close links between local partners and the Local Authority through planning and resilience functions.

The Prevent agenda is a truly partnership process in the North East. The Prevent Group has seen the responsibility for the delivery of Prevent messaging taken on by multi-agency members, resulting in a far wider cascade of information than previously achieved. However, this has allowed Police Scotland to progress the delivery of products to others. Aberdeen City school based and liaison Officers have delivered Act Now and Hate Crime inputs to primary and secondary audiences and will be delivering further inputs to schools across the Local Authority area to further enhance the Prevent agenda in Aberdeen City.

This will remain an absolute priority moving forward.



## Miscellaneous

### Stop and Search

Indicator	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017 (positive)
Consensual	34	4
Legislative	2,052	567
Number of Consensual Stop and Searches Refused	0	N/A
Number of Seizures <sup>11</sup>	39	N/A

<sup>11</sup> The 3 seizures recorded in Aberdeen City over this time are accurate but not related to and are separate from Stop and Search. A seizure is when an officer has seized alcohol (having requested its surrender under Section 61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997, or, having issued a Fixed Penalty Notice for Street Drinking where applicable), or has seized cigarettes from under 18s having requested their surrender using the associated police powers under the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010.

### Response Times

Indicator	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Difference	% Change 2017 v 2016
Response Time	00:08:29	00:08:07	00:00:22	+4.5%
Call Handling	00:00:56	00:00:56	00:00:00	0.0%
Incident Dispatch	00:02:01	00:01:41	00:00:20	+19.8%
Resource Deployment	00:05:32	00:05:30	00:00:02	+0.6%

It is respectfully requested that in future the format of the figures / performance statistics submitted to the Scottish Police Authority on a quarterly basis be replicated for presentation to the Committee, rather than the current format.

Further information on Contact, Command and Control (C3) performance and reporting will be provided in person by a representative at the Committee meeting.