
Report to Partnership & Performance Committee

Date of Meeting: 29th October 2020

Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire April 2019 to March 2020

Report by: Local Police Commander

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the committee with information on the performance of Police Scotland in the Clackmannanshire local authority area for the period 1st April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that committee notes, comments on and challenges the report as appropriate

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. This report is aligned with the headings of the [Clackmannanshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020](#) priorities (i.e. **Responsive to the concerns of our communities, Enhancing our collective resilience to emerging threats, Protecting people most at risk from harm and Promoting confidence through our actions**).
- 3.2. The Clackmannanshire Police Performance Report (Appendix 1) contains the current information on performance against selected performance indicators. This report provides complementary information to that in the table to present a summary of performance of policing in Clackmannanshire Council area and also identifies emerging trends, threats and issues.
- 3.3. Data for this report is sourced from Police Databases that are subject to changes as enquiries progress. They can be best regarded as Point in Time figures. 5 year average figures are not available for all measures. The information in the table should be regarded as provisional.
- 3.4. Attention of members is drawn to the Management Information now published via Police Scotland Website which can be found at the following location - <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>
- 3.5. Some of the risks and threats which continue to present in Clackmannanshire are:

- Cyber Fraud,
- Local impact of serious organised crime groups,
- Changes/trends in drugs.

3.6. By their nature, these remain longer-term threats and Forth Valley Division continues to focus on intervention and enforcement to address them. There were no significant new operational issues emerging during the previous reporting period. There were no significant new operational issues emerging during the current reporting period.

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POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT
April 2019 – March 2020

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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Clackmannanshire.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Yearly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Clackmannanshire Council Scrutiny Committee. This report covers the period from 1 April 2019 to the 31st of March 2020.

In order to support effective scrutiny and determine whether our preventative approach is having a lasting positive impact, members of the Public Safety Committee will consider information linked to the priorities outlined within this plan which includes:-

- Responsive to the concerns of our communities
- Protecting people most at risk from harm
- Promoting confidence through our actions
- Enhancing our collective resilience to emerging threats

This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-5 refer to an amalgamation of five crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3 covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty, Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief; and group 5 includes Pro-Active Crimes. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data is sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as at 2nd July 2020.

Readers should note that
all data for 2018/19 and 2019/20 was refreshed when it was extracted at the start of July 2020.

RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Road Safety – Speeding Deterrent

Concerns were raised by the local community over a section of our roads being used as a race circuit and the possible connection between this and recent road crashes. Whilst there was nothing apparent to connect these incidents, there was a public perception that there could be a connection. The area concerned was identified and targeted jointly by Response Officers, Community Policing Team (CPT) and the Road Policing Unit over the period of a month. In addition, a media strategy was put in place advising of the concerns, the police action being carried out (both high visibility and unmarked police vehicles were utilised) and requesting the public report any incidents to the police. No speeding offences were detected and the police action disrupted any 'circuit racing'. An analysis of police calls following the media appeal did not reveal any increase in the number of reported incidents in this area. This action reassured the public that there was no correlation between this alleged speeding and the road crashes.



Operation Close Pass, Forth Valley Division Initiative



Road Policing Officers continue to address the concerns of cyclists through education and enforcement. Operation Close Pass focusses on the dangers faced by cyclists when motorists fail to be courteous to cyclists or behave in a safe manner. During 15 days of action since April 2019, 78 motorists were warned and a further 59 were given a Fixed Penalty Ticket

or reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Offences ranged from antisocial behaviour to careless driving.

Acquisitive Crime prevention

During the winter months, in the knowledge that one of the Hillfoots villages was an area synonymous with acquisitive crime, the local Community Police Officer researched the crimes that historically occurred in that area over the last 7 years. In doing so he discovered that 80% of the acquisitive crime in the village had been preventable. These crimes related to vehicles and properties being left insecure and this led to opportunistic theft. The officer liaised with our Prevention and Interventions Department and arranged for the personal delivery of a Property Security Booklet to every household in the village. The booklet is user friendly and clearly reminds members of the community to take their own security seriously, offering excellent advice on how to minimise the possibility of them becoming a victim of theft.

Restorative Justice

Over a period of several months, there had been a number of incidents of youth disorder in an area of Clackmannanshire. An Asian family were identified as being targeted by a small group of local youths. Extensive restorative justice work commenced with the children and young people of all families involved. The Asian complainers were introduced to the perpetrators in a restorative conference setting and an in depth discussion took place regarding the incidents, allowing the complainer to explain in person how the actions of the group had negatively impacted upon them. This led to a very positive conclusion with the Asian family experiencing no further problems in the community. The children and young people involved were able to sympathise with the family and spoke of the benefits of the exercise. They did not come to the attention of police following the restorative work and the guardian of one of the perpetrators provided financial compensation to the complainer for the repair of damage caused by a vandalism.

Street Robbery

A street robbery of a 75 year old woman occurred within Alloa Town Centre with a local man identified as a possible suspect. CPT Officers completed an extensive and thorough CCTV trawl of all cameras in the area, which provided evidence that the suspect's actions had been premeditated and he had planned to rob the elderly lady. The CCTV footage evidenced that he had followed her from the bank, watched her place money into a purse and then a carrier bag she was holding, later providing specialist knowledge and explaining why he had grabbed this bag. It also showed that he changed his clothing at one stage to avoid detection. The local knowledge, perseverance and tenacity of the officers provided the essential information needed to arrest the male for this despicable crime.

PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK FROM HARM

Safeguarding Through Rapid Intervention (STRIVE)

The STRIVE pilot commenced on 3rd February 2020 and was initially set up as an eight week pilot. The purpose of the pilot was to test the concept that a multi-agency, public sector team will deliver better outcomes for the most vulnerable citizens of Clackmannanshire, through integrated service delivery. This 'whole system' approach would test the hypothesis that physically accommodating a team of multi-service professionals improves the existing system of safeguarding vulnerable individuals, that would not otherwise have been achieved by any one of the agencies acting alone.

Police Scotland has a STRIVE Officer and the STRIVE team include Adult and Children Social Work Services, Housing and Legal. Third sector partners such as Women's Aid and drug support agencies are often part of the solution. The sharing of crucial pieces of information and soft intelligence between agencies on a daily basis has enabled proactive, rapid responses by the most capable partner agencies, to mitigate risk and increase opportunities for prevention and early intervention, in the true spirit of the 'Christie Commission Report'.

Practitioners have been better able to understand the overall threat of cases and this informs the most appropriate action to help the individual or families in crisis and create better outcomes for them. People receive the help and support that they need as quickly as possible.

As a direct response to the outbreak of Covid -19, in March 2020 STRIVE+ was created to also respond to referrals where an individual, family or household was experiencing one or more significant welfare concerns, either directly or indirectly related to Covid -19. Since the start of the pilot, STRIVE / STRIVE+ has managed over 100 cases. The pilot has now been extended until the end of March 2021, to enable the continued evaluation of a full year of learning. This pilot goes hand in hand with the co-location project to move Alloa police officers and police staff to work alongside Clackmannanshire Council staff at their headquarters in Kilncraigs, Alloa, This project is currently underway.

Engagement with Vulnerable Youths

CPT Officers continued their community engagement with Clackmannanshire Secondary School Support Service during this period. To encourage participation, inclusion and wellbeing through sport and fitness, Sergeant Cathy Sharkey organised a body attack fitness class in conjunction with The Peak sports facility. CPT Officers, pupils and staff all participated. Our previous engagement through sport, mainly football, has been very successful and undoubtedly improved the relationship between Police Scotland and this group of vulnerable youths within our community.

The class was led by a police officer, who is a qualified and certified instructor, and provided the youths with the opportunity to try something different with the hope they may pursue this further, to divert them from criminality or anti-social behaviour. Due to the great feedback from the pupils, future similar opportunities will be explored to encourage a positive lifestyle change.

Partnership Working

During the month of November 2019, a CPT Officer made considerable efforts to address issues which were causing a female resident to continually contact the police. The female, who regularly abuses alcohol, was constantly reporting serious offences, reporting her partner missing and starting fires in and around her dwelling. Her alcohol dependency and associated mental health issues were having a detrimental effect on her judgement. This behaviour was causing unnecessary police attendance and investigation as well as placing her in the position where she was becoming a danger to herself, her partner and neighbours.

The CPT Officer led discussions with partner agencies including Fire, Health, Social Work and Housing to ensure a collaborative approach from all concerned partners, to successfully address the issues. The female received help and support for her mental health challenges and addiction, assisted with a move to a more suitable property for her needs, which also reduced the impact of her actions on her neighbours and various different services. This resulted in no calls from her in the following month compared to 52 police calls during the preceding 10 months.

Vulnerable Adult

CPT Officers were aware of a local male who had mental health problems and was the subject of court action in relation to sexual offences. The male had a lack of social skills, did not communicate well and was unable to identify potentially dangerous situations. Clackmannanshire Council were trying to identify secure accommodation for this male however at that time he resided alone in homeless accommodation and felt isolated. CPT Officers proactively engaged with the male and led meetings with numerous other agencies in relation to his safety and care. This collaborative multi-agency approach has made the male feel more supported and comfortable in interacting with the community officers regarding any issues he has and they make regular contact with him to offer continued support and advice, which has also prevented him from committing further offences.

Safer Communities

Our Crime Prevention Officer PC Bryan Mackie carries out a great deal of community engagement work with vulnerable and elderly groups to raise their awareness of threats. In addition PC Mackie regularly maintains contacts with partner agencies to keep them up to date with trends and emerging threats so that they can also keep a close eye on their service users. Where relevant, PC Mackie will make direct contact with victims and offer Bogus Caller alarm equipment supplied by MECS which will provide additional support to the person should they become a repeat victim. Police call systems are updated to alert our control room if calls are received from addresses of previous victims. This ensures a speedy response from police.

Forth Valley Financial Harm Group

This group is multi-agency with partners including Police, Local Authority (Adult Support and Protection), Trading Standards, Alzheimer's Scotland, Forth Valley NHS, Royal Bank of Scotland, Santander, HSBC, Royal Mail, CVS. The aim of the group is to highlight current threats to the elderly and most vulnerable within our communities and to proactively engage to prevent crimes of fraud.

Neighbourhood Watch Alerts

At this time this is unique to Forth Valley Division. Partnership between Police Scotland and Neighbourhood Watch. Crimes of fraud are identified by Police through daily crime returns, if relevant, an alert will be raised, highlighting the fraud, and advice given to prevent further instances of this crime type. Although the alerts goes Forth Valley wide, FVFHG members are also signed up and importantly all three local authorities and approximately 11 home care providers also receive the alerts. The alerts are disseminated amongst approximately 1000 home care providers' staff who in turn advise approximately 6500 "service users" within the Forth Valley Division.

Vulnerable Youth

A 16 year old autistic pupil attended school in a very low mood, citing ongoing and historical aggression and pressures in the home and recent suicide attempts. Witnessing Domestic Abuse and parental views on women being the weaker sex had influenced his prejudicial views and resulted in major flare ups with female staff at school. With school staff viewing this as a critical point, and considering exclusion, there was an agreement that the Schools Based Officer (SBO) and staff member would attend Katie's Cradle Equine Therapy Charity in Bridge of Allan, where outdoor learning with horses and other animals allowed the pupil to grow in confidence and undertake physical work with strong confident females. For three weeks the pupil attended numerous times and he was respectful throughout and has been more optimistic about his future since. This has resulted in a full return to school, less frequent and intense flare ups and more respectful interaction with female staff.

Domestic Abuse Concerns during COVID Lockdown

Community Sergeant Sharkey is the chairperson for the Violence Against Women Partnership and was fully aware of the likely increase in domestic violence due to the Covid -19 pandemic restrictions, which were in place in early March 2020. Appreciating the challenges this presented for police and partner agencies in engaging with victims, she ensured that multi-agency conference calls continued to take place to discuss the issues that this presented for victims, share information and ensure that each service was still available to every victim of domestic violence during this unprecedented time. Sergeant Sharkey prepared local media messages, aligned to national domestic violence media campaigns, to encourage the continued reporting of domestic abuse to police and to advertise the many avenues of support available, taking into account the difficulties that the restrictions would pose for some victims.

PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

Tackling Youth Offending

A number of reports of vandalisms, anti-social behaviour and bullying involving primary school children were brought to the attention of CPT Officers. These incidents were occurring at a local primary school and in the wider community, including a fire at the school and Scout Hall, where a window was smashed and youths were observed climbing on the roof. Further reports were received from a local resident whose car and property had been targeted by the children. To address these incidents and prevent any further incidents occurring, CPT Officers liaised with the Primary School and facilitated two inputs to all pupils between P2 and P7 prior to the school holidays. Following the inputs were delivered in October 2019, no crimes were committed by the children involved.

Serious Crime

In November 2019, there was a CID led enquiry for an attempted murder that occurred in Clackmannanshire. Two people were stabbed and sustained potentially life threatening injuries and due to the perpetrators involved the community impact could have been significant. The knives involved were not recovered.

Community Officer PC Lee Allan utilised his extensive community engagement skills, local knowledge and job knowledge to assist with the investigation of this. He ascertained that a local vulnerable 12 year old may have had the knives passed to him after the stabbing. This had not previously been disclosed. He engaged with the youth and his family, gaining their trust, whereby they felt comfortable speaking about the boy's involvement and directed PC Allen to where he had hidden the knives. These were subsequently photographed and recovered. This example of community policing assisted significantly with this operational enquiry and also allowed appropriate protective measures to be put in place by the Social Work Department for the boy who was becoming increasingly vulnerable due to his involvement and possible repercussions.

Anti-social behaviour

Following a sharp increase in anti-social behaviour (ASB), including vandalism, in the Sauchie ward area, PC Scott Arundel obtained valuable information from members of the community as to the identity of the main perpetrators as well as other evidence. This allowed him to charge a number of persons with these crimes. Additional high visibility patrols were also carried out in the area to prevent any further ASB. PC Arundel arranged for two mobile CCTV cameras to be installed at key areas to further deter this behaviour. This community and partnership working with the Council and local residents reduced the offences while offering some welcomed reassurance to the residents and business owners in Sauchie.

ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE TO EMERGING THREATS

Operation Christmas

Operation Christmas ran from 2nd December until 31st December 2019. This involved high visibility policing to ensure maximum impact and provide public reassurance.



Attention was given to shopping centres and transport hubs and officers were briefed daily and updated with current intelligence on any issues or persons of interest. Their increased presence was favourably received by local businesses.

Visits were conducted to Bookmakers who were briefed on robbery prevention by CPT Officers and 'purse bells' were also distributed to the public.

Operation Christmas also focused on the night time economy with an increased police presence to mirror the additional patrons in licensed premises. During this period, the dedicated officers also successfully policed "Black Friday" and Hogmanay. This positive visible police action helped maintain the confidence of the community in their local police.

Social Media Concerns

A local CPT Officer was contacted by two primary schools in her ward regarding some pupils using inappropriate and homophobic language on social media. In order to educate the pupils, she arranged to lead a discussion with senior primary school pupils, highlighting the dangers of social media and the potential harm such behaviours can have on others. These talks were well received by both pupils and staff alike.

In addition, it was established that there was a need for a Social Media and Internet Safety input at another local primary school. Young children were engaging in abusive and bullying chats using a range of media platforms. A local initiative was established by CPT under the banner of 'Internet Safety Week'. A number of inputs were delivered by the CPT Officer and all of the classes engaged positively and feedback was promising.

**PARTNERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE- Clackmannanshire
March 2020**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	117	106	11 more	10.4%
2	Murder	0	0	None	-
3	Attempted Murder	5	1	4 more	400.0%
These were sporadic crimes which took place in different areas of Clackmannanshire and at varying times throughout the reporting period.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault Detection rate	80.8%	84.3%		-3.5%
7	Serious Assault	52	51	1 more	2.0%
8	Robbery Detection rate	69.2%	79.3%		-10.1%
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9	Robbery	26	29	3 fewer	-10.3%
10	Common assault Detection rate	76.7%	69.7%		7.0%
11	Common assault	670	610	60 more	9.8%
Half of the common assault charges relate to police officer or emergency worker assaults. Most other assaults occurred within residential premises in various areas across Clackmannanshire.					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2,503	2,882	379 fewer	-13.2%

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	773	696		11.1%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	546	431		26.7%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	45.8%	42.1%		3.7%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents Detection rate	77.7%	73.1%		4.6%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	52	34		52.9%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	92.4%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences Detection rate	86.7%	75.4%		11.3%

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Victims	% Change
20	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	260 in total	106 positive		
<p>On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (consensual) search ceased. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.</p>					

Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Victims	% Change
21	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	69	41		68.3%
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) Detection rate	33.0%	23.4%		9.6%

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23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	91	94	3 fewer	-3.2%
24	Theft by shoplifting Detection rate	81.4%	78.0%		3.4%
25	Theft by shoplifting	215	304	89 fewer	-29.3%
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief Detection rate	35.7%	33.9%		1.8%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	521	466	55 more	11.8%
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate bylaws exist)	7	8		-12.5%

Public Protection

		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Victims	% Change
29	Number of Sexual Crimes	156	120	36 more	30.0%
The majority of these crimes relate to online sexual communication offences.					
30	Sexual Crimes Detection rate	59.6%	48.3%		11.3%
31	Rape detection rate	57.1%	45.0%		12.1%
The number of reported rapes decreased slightly in 2019/20 from the preceding year.					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics

	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Victims	% Change
People Killed	6	1	5 more	500.0%
Four people were killed in road crashes during the six month reporting period relevant to this report. Three died when they lost control of the vehicle they were driving and one pedestrian was killed when they walked into the path of a vehicle. The driver was not at fault.				
People Seriously injured	7	16	9 fewer	-56.3%
People Slightly Injured	22	31	9 fewer	-29.0%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	1	same number	0.0%

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Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Victims	% Change
32	Dangerous driving	30	20		50.0%
More road patrols were carried out this year compared to the preceding year. Dangerous driving is commonly caused by speeding which is exacerbated by other factors such as heavier traffic volume or dangerous road conditions.					
33	Speeding	84	159		-47.2%
Over the last year there has been increased use of social media by police - asking people to slow down on the roads which may have assisted in reducing speeding. CPT also regularly target speeding vehicles in areas of greatest local concern.					
34	Disqualified driving	21	12		75.0%
Disqualified driving and driving without insurance increase is a by-product of additional patrols and intelligence led vehicle stops. Disqualified drivers cannot be insured so the increase in disqualified driving detections generally leads to an increase in insurance detections.					
35	Driving Licence	47	30		56.7%
36	Insurance	101	89		13.5%
Refer to above regarding disqualified driving.					
37	Seat Belts	6	26		-76.9%
There is a general reduction in seat belt offences possibly due to a changing mind set and new technology in vehicles such as seat belt warning systems.					
38	Mobile Phone	6	10		-40.0%
This reduction may also be due to media campaigns and the availability of modern technology for the use of mobile devices in vehicles.					

Public Confidence					
		Apr 2019 - Mar 2020			
		Number of Complaints about the Police	Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents		
39	Complaints received about the Police	36	22		
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
40	Total Allegations Recorded	41	0	8	49