
Report to Partnership & Performance Committee

Date of Meeting: 12th March 2020

Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire April 2019 to September 2019

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 April 2019 to 31 March 2019.
- 1.2. The 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**).
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. 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.

2.0 Recommendations

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

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. 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/>

- 3.2. Some of the risks and threats which continue to present in Clackmannanshire are:
- I Tunes/Cyber Fraud,
 - Local impact of serious organised crime groups,
 - Changes/trends in drugs.
- 3.3. By their nature, these remain longer-term threats and Forth Valley Division continues to focus on intervention and enforcement to address them.
- 3.4. There were no significant new operational issues emerging during the previous reporting period.
- 3.5. There were no significant new operational issues emerging during the current reporting period.

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#CHALLENGEPOVERTY

Thanks to Jen Christie from @CPAGScotland for informative inputs on child poverty at Alloa police station.

Clacks Officers now poverty aware, recognising signs & signposting those in need to help & support from a wide range of services.

APPENDIX 1 POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT

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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

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. Bi-annual reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Clackmannanshire Council Partnership and Performance Committee. This report covers the period from April 2019 to September 2019.

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

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

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 encompasses a wide range of crimes of dishonesty, Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief; and group 5 includes proactive crimes. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as Management Information. All data is sourced from Police Scotland's internal systems and is correct as at 2nd October 2019.

The total number of crimes (Groups 1 to 5) recorded year to date in Clackmannanshire Command Area has increased by 26.1% (264 crimes) when compared to the previous year. An increase of 12.5% when compared to the 5 year average. Police proactivity saw a rise of 51.6% (127 crimes) and contributed to the increase in the overall crime figures.

Breakdown:

- Group 1 crimes of violence - 9 additional crimes committed
- Group 2 sexual crimes - 27 additional crimes committed
- Group 3 crimes of dishonesty - 48 additional crimes committed
- Group 4 fire raising/vandalism, culpable and reckless conduct - 53 additional crimes
- Group 5 other crimes, includes drugs and weapon possession - 127 self-generated additional crimes detected

Sauchie Theft

During the reporting period, a spate of thefts targeting commercial premises and vehicles occurred in Sauchie. The local Community Policing Team (CPT) took ownership of this and developed a 'problem profile' to identify any patterns. Through close relationships already established with local businesses and residents, they were able to develop sufficient evidence and intelligence which identified the two perpetrators.

Building on this evidence, the officers were granted a search warrant which subsequently led to the detection of 19 offences, the recovery of stolen property and the arrest of a career criminal.

Road Casualties and Drink/Drug Driving

Police Scotland is committed to reducing road fatalities and operational proactivity continues, focussed on strategic routes across the country, to maximise visibility during peak travel times in an effort to positively influence driver behaviour. We have been involved in a number of initiatives in respect of vulnerable road users including older drivers, motorcyclists, drivers who are foreign nationals and pedal cyclists.

As part of ongoing enforcement activity, our summer drink/drug drive campaign took place between Monday 24th June and Sunday 7th July. Officers across the country carried out in excess of 3,000 breath tests, which resulted in 238 drivers being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for drink driving. Of those reported, 29 were found to be over the drink/drive limit 'the morning after', and 27 motorists were subject of vehicle forfeiture orders.

During the reporting period 26 cases of drink driving or driving under the influence of drugs, including failing to provide a relevant sample, were detected in Clackmannanshire Area Command.

Event of Note

Together with partners, Clacks police worked in collaboration with key partners to manage a local 'YES' march within Alloa town centre. This involved over 100 marchers and was led by the local MSP. The approved route involved marching by the Conservative MP's office in the town centre and, due to the current political environment, this was a potential flash point.

Engagement with organisers and local council ensured a suitable plan was in place which allowed the march to take place with no issues and minimal disruption to the local community.

Targeting Drug Dealing

As drugs continue to blight the lives of families and communities in Clackmannanshire, we focussed on targeting drug dealers who profit from this trade. Our communities worked with us to provide valuable information which we acted upon. This led to 48% increase in offenders being charged with possession of drugs. A number of warrants were also executed resulting in several people being charged with drug dealing. This provided public reassurance, demonstrated that we listen to the public and disrupted the local drug trade.

Working with Vulnerable Youths

Our Community Policing Team has worked with Secondary School Support to engage with children and young people from the community who have been unsuitable to remain within mainstream education at that time. Part of this valuable engagement included discussions on issues such as "No Knives, Better Lives" campaign, as well as lifestyle choices. This was augmented with a sports tournament between staff, police and the young people, to introduce the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Mark's Story

In support of a nationwide initiative on knife crime, PC Allen attended and delivered a 'Mark's Story' presentation to Secondary Support school pupils.

The pupils at these schools are vulnerable and have a variety of social/behavioural issues. Following this input, an indoor football match with local Community Officers and pupils took place which enhanced the existing positive relationships.

The children engaged extremely well with discussions branching into drug abuse and crimes of dishonesty. This type of early intervention with vulnerable young groups proves vital to try and protect and divert them from the threat of becoming involved in, or a victim of, crime.



PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK OF HARM

During this reporting period sexual crimes (Group 2) have increased by 52.9%; up 27 crimes from 51 to 78. Crimes are recorded according to the date they are reported regardless of when they occurred. It should be acknowledged that 20 of these crimes were committed prior to 1 April 2019 and are classed as historical enquiries. The positive element of the level of reporting of historical crime is the indication that victims feel more confident and able to report such offences. The detection rate for Group 2 crime is 57.7% in Clackmannanshire, with positive lines of enquires still ongoing into the undetected allegations.

A 66.7% detection rate has been achieved for crimes of rape and attempted rape. It is of note that enquires are ongoing in relation to some of the undetected cases, and the results will be reflected in future reports

Domestic Abuse

The number of domestic abuse incidents in Clackmannanshire shows an increase of 3.1% against the previous year (357 to 368). Domestic abuse remains a priority within Forth Valley Division with incidents of domestic abuse reviewed on a daily basis by our Domestic Abuse Unit in order to assess the risk to the victim and ensure protective measures are in place to reduce the risk of reoffending. Where significant risk is identified, the cases are referred to MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (victim focus) or MATAC – Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating Meeting (perpetrator focus) for multi-agency discussion and formulation of an action plan.

Local officers have attended the 'Domestic Abuse Matters' training which is designed to support officers and staff in the use of the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act 2018 which was enacted to criminalise coercive and controlling behaviour.

Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland

There are two main triggers for a disclosure – the 'Right to Ask' and the 'Power to Tell'.

Total Applications - 17

Power to Tell - 15

Right to Ask - 2

Applications that resulted in disclosure - 12

Applications that resulted in non-disclosure/not relevant - 5

Disclosure Rate – 70.5%

Case Study

Between 16th and 17th September, senior staff at a local primary school identified antisocial behaviour (ASB) from pupils that was affecting the local community. The conduct included fire-raising and knife-related crime.

Local Community Officers supported by staff members and partner agencies identified a pupil who had brought a knife to school, in general for the purposes of showing off due to him feeling picked upon by other pupils.

Early intervention facilitated a partnership approach to support this vulnerable child and appropriate safeguards were implemented. Officers also met with the child's parents, highlighting the concerns. Supporting and including the family meant the intervention work carried out in the school continued at home.

The dangers of carrying knives were shared with other pupils in the school. Excellent team working ensured a cohesive response in dealing with the issue. Following this incident, subsequent engagement activity has seen a rise in the reporting of knife crime in our schools and community.

This confidence has seen four reported incidents of knives which were dealt with swiftly and only came to our attention due to the observations of our young people and their respective positive attitude to reporting these incidents.

We have utilised the resource 'No Knives Better Lives' and adapted this to suit the needs of the schools. This work is ongoing.

Smoking Cessation

School Based Officers worked with National Health Service staff to introduce smoking cessation sessions at Alva Academy. The aim was to educate pupils as to the dangers of smoking and the effect on their health as well as the potential link of escalation to cannabis misuse, in order to reduce the number of young smokers. This early intervention is pivotal in attempting to limit the number of young people who digress into this area of criminality and vulnerability.

Autism

Our Community Policing Team collaborated with Scottish Autism – New Struan School, to educate pupils on Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP). The school is currently creating an internet safety video that is specific to young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder and our CPT, in partnership with other local schools, are assisting with making the video. This will provide support to this specific group in the community where there is a lack of resources tailored to their needs.

PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

During the reporting period we have had one police recruiting intake. On 11th September 2019, 85 new recruits were appointed to Police Scotland.

These new recruits comprise of 34% women and 66% men. The ages of the new recruits range from the youngest being 18 years of age to the eldest recruit who is 54 years old.

18 – 24 years	42
25 – 34 years	34
35 – 44 years	7
45 – 54 years	2
55 – 64 years	0

Previous occupations of the new recruits include a Riding Instructor, Teacher, RAF / CNC Police Officer, Mechanic and a Plumber. Three of the recruits are Members of Police Staff with Police Scotland.

Of the new recruits, 5 are Special Constables who have served with Police Scotland.

One of the recruits has previous police service, having previously served with Police Scotland.

30% of the recruits are graduates with degrees in disciplines such as Criminal Justice, Politics and History, Civil Engineering and Archaeology.

One of the recruits does not hold a full UK driving licence.

Of the recruits a number are native speakers of other languages such as Italian, Polish, Croatian and Slovenian.

Out of the 85 officers, Forth Valley division will have 5 officers joining us.

Flooding

Flooding in Tillicoultry is a local issue which has previously caused havoc in the local area, with large amounts of damage to both commercial and residential properties. On the 3rd September 2019, PC Carrie attended a TIDECO meeting in Tillicoultry. TIDECO is a community action group focused on risk awareness and addressing the problems caused by flooding in the Hillfoots.

The community officers will continue to attend the regular meetings and will be taking part in a table top exercise for community and emergency services response to flooding in the area. This will build excellent partnerships with the local community and ensure we are in a better position to respond to any further flooding issues.

Cyber Kiosks

Within the UK alone there are over 51 million Smartphone users and this number is growing every year. In 2017, Police Scotland reported that over 40,000 mobile devices were seized. 90% of those submitted for examination were Smartphones and formed a substantial part of the workload undertaken by Police Scotland's Digital Forensic Units. Child Protection/Sexual Exploitation cases are among the crime types that are routinely reported.

Police Scotland prioritises digital device examination but it is often very challenging to meet the various associated demands, for example: evidence for court cases, serious crime investigations, missing persons and all other incidents where such a device potentially holds evidence. These exponential demands mean that a Digital Triage capability is now a basic front line requirement, to ensure effective service delivery.

Cyber Kiosks are an existing and industry recognised means of providing such a capability and indeed they are already in use within several UK forces. Police Scotland's use of Cyber Kiosks will only provide a triage capability. That is, to check the contents only, **with no data storage or retention of data from the device**. This means a specially trained individual will look at the data in a digital device via a Cyber Kiosk and assess if it contains information relevant to the Police investigation or incident. If it does, it will be submitted to one of Police Scotland's Digital Forensic Units for a detailed evidential examination. Police Scotland will only use the Kiosk for mobile phones and tablets.

Working with Communities

Our local community teams have established strong relationships with our Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) colleagues and through regular attendance at their Recovery Cafes and weekly meetings, this has built confidence and trust. This was demonstrated when we provided a team from Clackmannanshire CPT to participate in the Recovery Café Olympics which took place in Stirling. Police participation was welcomed by the organisers and participants and the event was a clear success.

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	57	48	9 more	18.8%
2	Murder	0	0	None	-
3	Attempted Murder	4	0	4 more	-
Only one of these crimes was 'domestic' related, the crimes were committed in different areas of Clackmannanshire and the only pattern emerging was that alcohol was a factor in all of these crimes.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	75.0%	76.7%		-1.7%
7	Serious Assault	28	30	2 fewer	-6.7%
8	Robbery detection rate	62.5%	100.0%		-37.5%
Most of the robberies are sporadic, take place in houses and are mainly due to drug debts. Due to this and the fact that the complainers are also involved in criminality, they are reluctant to engage or cooperate with police, providing the least amount of information possible. This makes the enquiries more protracted and negatively affects the detection rates. Outstanding robberies are currently being prioritised and most that occur in Clackmannanshire are detected very quickly, which provides public reassurance.					
9	Robbery	8	12	4 fewer	-33.3%
10	Common assault detection rate	73.3%	75.7%		-2.4%

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11	Common assault	348	304	44 more	14.5%
Eight common assaults took place within HMP Glenochil. Most assaults occurred in the home and this has increased while assaults occurring in public places has decreased. Peak locations are Tullibody, Sauchie, Alloa South and East and Alloa Town Centre. Commercial locations included licensed premises, takeaways and shops and peak days for assaults are weekends.					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1,418	1,564	146 fewer	-9.3%

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	368	357		3.1%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	254	208		22.1%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	46.7%	40.6%		6.1%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	74.8%	80.8%		-6.0%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	25	16		56.3%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	98.4%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	80.9%	69.4%		11.5%

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2019 - Sep 2019 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	126	58		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	126	58		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	0	0		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	0	-		
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.					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	46	20		130.0%
Local Community Policing Officers are very proactive in detecting drug dealers and those who use controlled drugs, to positively assist in negating drug deaths.					
	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	29.0%	17.0%		12.0%
	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	38	47	9 fewer	-19.1%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	76.0%	79.3%		-3.3%
	Theft by shoplifting	129	150	21 fewer	-14.0%
	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	32.5%	36.9%		-4.4%

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31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	268	214	54 more	25.2%
Most of the vandalisms have occurred in Alloa with the rest spread out across the local authority area and consist mostly of damage to buildings. There are no significant patterns across the locations					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	6	7		-14.3%
(Context)					
Public Protection					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	78	51	27 more	52.9%
	Sexual Crimes detection rate	57.7%	64.7%		-7.0%
35	Rape detection rate	66.7%	140.0%		-73.3%
Victims now have more confidence to report rape and other sexual crimes and we actively encourage them to do so and due to this around 70% of reports generally are historical, with some dating as far back as the 1970's. Given the narrow window of opportunity for capturing forensic evidence, this means that around 3.5% of reports fall outside this window which makes investigations more protracted and can impact on detection rates. Also, the 140% detection rate reflects historical crimes that are recorded at the time of the report and not necessarily when the crime occurred.					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Victims	% Change
	People Killed	2	0	2 more	-
	People Seriously injured	2	10	8	-80.0%

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			fewer	
People Slightly Injured	11	23	12 fewer	-52.2%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	0	1	1 fewer	100.0%

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019	Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Victims	% Change
	Dangerous driving	20	7		185.7%
This includes various offences including driving under the influence of drink or drugs, speeding, dangerous overtaking. All except two are detected and the offences were committed sporadically throughout Clackmannanshire with a cluster of four around the Clackmannan Road area.					
37	Speeding	37	65		-43.1%
38	Disqualified driving	14	7		100.0%
39	Driving Licence	23	14		64.3%
40	Insurance	46	58		-20.7%
	Seat Belts	1	14		-92.9%
42	Mobile Phone	2	7		-71.4%

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2019 - Sep 2019			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
4 3	Complaints received about the Police	17		20.2	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
4 4	Total Allegations Recorded	15	0	4	19

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