

Item: 5

Police and Fire Sub-Committee: 22 February 2022.

Performance Against Local Policing Plan.

Report by Chief Superintendent Conrad Trickett – Divisional Commander (N Division).

1. Purpose of Report

To provide an update on progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the 2020-2023 Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to scrutinise:

2.1.

Progress in respect of the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020-2023, for the period 1 April to 31 December 2021, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, in order to obtain assurance that progress is being made against the objectives.

3. Performance Monitoring

3.1.

The Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2020-2023, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, covers all priorities featured in the local Policing Plan and gives evidence of Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the Policing priorities. It also provides a local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

3.2.

Appendix 1 also includes progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020-2023 Year 2, for the reporting period 1 April to 31 December 2021.

3.3.

The Sub-Committee is invited to scrutinise the progress set out in the attached performance report.

4. Corporate Governance

This report relates to Orkney Islands Council complying with governance and its scrutiny role and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

5. Financial Implications

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Aspects

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

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8. Appendix

Appendix 1: Progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020 – 2023 Year 2, for the period covering 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2020/2023



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Reporting Period - 01 April 2021 – 31 December 2021



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Divisional Commander (N Division)

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Introduction by the Divisional Commander



I am pleased to present the Orkney Police and Fire Sub-Committee Scrutiny Report for the reporting period 01 April 2021 – 31 December 2021. We have changed the look and feel of the report to make it more readable, whilst still providing the full breakdown of crime statistics.

The restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted every area of our lives throughout the reporting period. The demands placed on the Police have been unique and challenging. The Police role in enforcing public health legislation, continually exposing officers to that public health risk, whilst at the same time fulfilling traditional Police activity has had both a personal and organisational strain on Policing.

The interpretation of statistics from the reporting period and comparisons to the previous year can be difficult and one should be wary of drawing hasty conclusions. The full consequences of lockdown and the hidden harms many members of our communities experienced have yet to be fully realised.

That said, we have been active across all priority areas of our Policing Plan. We have maintained a proactive presence on Orkney roads, enforcing road traffic legislation, working with partners to improve road safety and investigating road traffic collisions. We have increases in Anti-Social Behaviour and disorder, with a reduction in violence along with many areas of acquisitive crime; however Fraud, particularly online has significantly increased. I have included our recently produced 'Guide to Keeping Safe Together in your Community'.

I have to report reductions too in Domestic related crime, although Sexual Crime has increased as has Hate Crime. We have strong partnership relationships, structures and working arrangements for the protection of vulnerable people, which we will continue to develop. Our work tackling serious organised criminals, especially those engaged in County Lines has continued to be disruptive and also identifies vulnerable young people caught up in this awful practice.

Partnership is also a key feature of our approach to countering terrorism, which continues with public sector, education and third sector partners and our communities.

The implementation of technology through mobile devices, crime and case management systems will continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Policing in Orkney and the wider N Division area and will allow officers more time to actively patrol their communities.

This report highlights the positive work and the challenges faced by officers in Orkney and I commend it to you.

Chief Superintendent Conrad Trickett
Divisional Commander - N Division

Local Policing Priorities

The Local Policing Priorities for the N Division area are decided by data from our Strategic Assessment which details Threats and Risks, and also feedback from Local Authorities, Partners and residents in the Your Police survey.



ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime



TERRORISM AND PUBLIC ORDER

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

Orkney: At a glance

Road Safety and Road Crime

Overall, Road Crime offences have reduced by 5.50% (18.2 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 28.10% (68 more offences) against the Last Year To Date (LYTD).

Offences in relation to Disqualified Driving have reduced by 100.00% (1.4 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 100.00% (2 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

Mobile Telephone offences has remained the same (3 offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 100.00% (2 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

Failure to Insure Against Third Party Risk offences have reduced by 7.50% (2.2 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 12.90% (4 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drugs Misuse)

Overall, Anti-Social Behaviour has reduced by 29.70% (18.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 13.20% (5 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Culpable and Reckless Conduct have increased by 87.50% (1.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and has remained the same (3 crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Assault have reduced by 36.70% (29.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 32.90% (25 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Attempted Murder have reduced by 100.00% (0.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and has remained the same (0 crimes) against the LYTD.

Acquisitive Crime

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has reduced by 23.20% (17.2 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 26.70% (12 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (Dwelling House) have increased by 25.00% (0.6 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 100.00% (3 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 206.50% (12.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 216.70% (13 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Overall, Sexual Crime has increased by 10.00% (3 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 6.50% (2 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Domestic related offences have reduced by 36.25% (18.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 35.29% (18 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Hate Crime has increased by 127.20% (2.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have increased by 66.66% (2 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Serious and Organised Crime

Detective Inspector Ross Hamill, Area Detective Inspector for Orkney Area Command stated:

“Orkney continues to have low volumes of serious crime and is very safe place to live and work. In terms of acquisitive crime, we have observed a noticeable reduction over the year to date, however during Covid-19 restrictions we have observed a significant increase in cyber-enabled Fraud. Through our Preventions & Interventions Unit, Corporate Communications and Banking industry we will continue to utilise in-person engagement events, social media to highlight the dangers and common trends of digital crime, we will work closely alongside banking partners to identify victims of these crimes and where possible prevent these crimes occurring in the first place”.

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division’s Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated:

“North Division continues to have quarterly Prevent, Protect and Prepare meetings with partner agencies to ensure a conjoined approach to any matters that arise. Radicalisation awareness training continues with education, third sector and other partners. Through our Protect and Prepare meetings we plan to hold a multi-agency CT exercise at the Cromarty Port Authority. Planning is ongoing with the CTLO and CT planning for a table top exercise with the Inverness ELG members. Regular contact is ongoing with MSP’s and MP’s in respect of Op Sandbed and Op Bridger”.

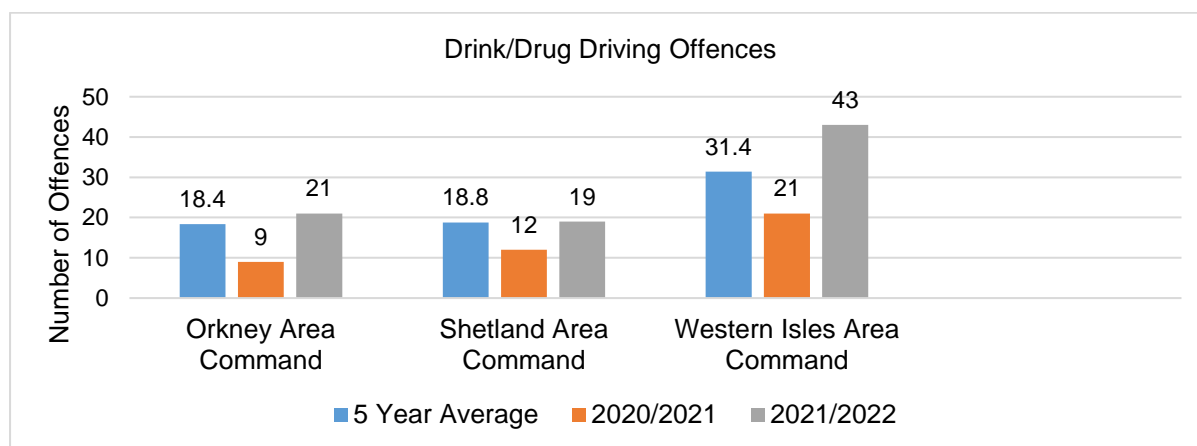
Road Safety and Road Crime

Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across Orkney.

Objective – With Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy focusing on: Challenging driver behaviour; Education at the road side and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	1.60	1.70	1	2	1
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	18.40	20.30	9	21	12
Speeding Offences	56.40	64.30	53	56	3

2020/2021 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -



Operation CEDAR - (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) builds on established practices and will continue to focus on various agencies working in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in Orkney.

Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads, which sits alongside education activity aimed at improving driver behaviour of all ages. Partner agencies continue to work together to improve understanding of the factors which could contribute to improving road safety for everyone on the roads and together respond to these issues.

Operation Close Pass – Cyclists are welcome visitors to Orkney. They contribute to the local economy and in addition, urban cycling, whether for leisure or commuting is becoming increasingly popular throughout the N Division area. Operation Close Pass encourages motorists to give consideration to cyclists when passing and respect their status as vulnerable road users.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drug misuse)

Intention – With Partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence to enhance community safety across Orkney.

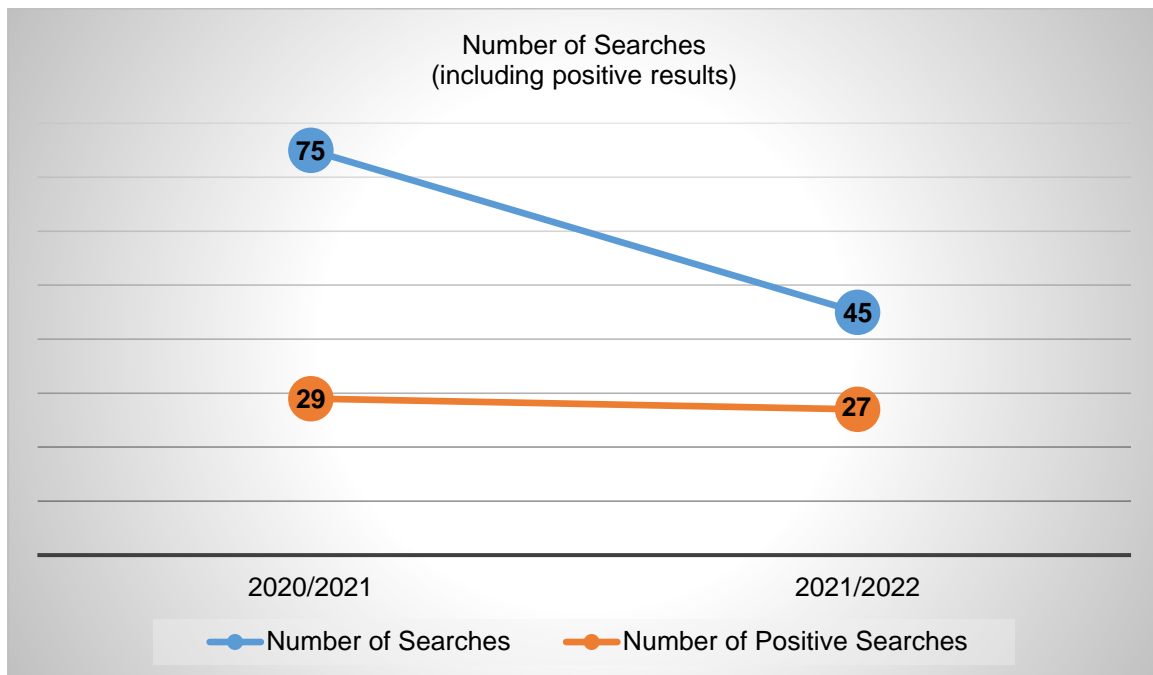
Objective – Work with Partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation
Assault	80.60	71.30	76	51	-25
Serious Assault	4.60	2.70	1	2	1
Drug (Possession) Offences	41.80	49.30	56	17	-39
Drug Deaths	0.80	0.66	2	0	-2

Assault - The reduction can be attributed to the closure of many Town Centre premises. It is anticipated that as restrictions continue to ease in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, these figures will increase.

Drugs Deaths – The decrease in Drug Related Deaths within Orkney is positive. However, there has been increased Drugs Related Deaths reported across Scotland. N Division continues to work with Partner Agencies in order to support individuals who find themselves involved with alcohol and controlled substance misuse.

Stop and Search -



Positive Stop Search - A positive stop and search is when an item is recovered where possession of same implies criminality on the part of the individual being searched or any other; or potentially compromises the safety of that individual or another.

No Knives, Better Lives - No Knives, Better Lives (NKBL) is a national capacity-building programme that supports primary prevention work related to knife carrying in Scotland. In 2009, the NKBL National Delivery Team at YouthLink Scotland and the Scottish Government began supporting partners in 11 selected Local Authority areas to implement NKBL. The approach to prevention is informed by the principles and values of youth work and a public health approach to violence prevention. The focus is not just on what it is we do not want young people to do and how to stop them doing it, but also what we want young people to be able to do, how we support them to understand and navigate risk and to make positive life choices.

Arrangements are being made Police Scotland's Prevention and Intervention Officers to support this initiative in Orkney.

Acquisitive Crime

Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across Orkney.

Objective – With Partners, share information, support education, prevention, diversionary and enforcement activity linked to acquisitive crime; develop work with targets – recidivist offenders to reduce reoffending linked to acquisitive crime e.g. Persistent Offenders programme; enhance the use of all media platforms to raise awareness of local and national preventative initiatives.

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	2.40	1.70	0	3	3
Fraud	6.20	8.30	6	19	13
Theft by Shoplifting	15.00	17.00	9	11	2
Motor Vehicle Crime	8.20	5.70	4	5	1

Fraud – The increase in Fraud related crimes has not only been experienced by members of the public residing within Orkney area, but across the wider N Division area, Scotland and the United Kingdom.

Fraud –

Banking Protocol

Following a number of incidents across the N Division area in respect of Frauds and Banking Protocol, work has been ongoing with various Banks within N Division with a view to setting up learning sessions between staff members to talk through Banking Protocol. This has allowed for a better understanding of the Police response, management of vulnerabilities and referrals/support available to victims.

This has and will continue to allow Bank staff to be aware as to the point in they feel that they can/should intervene.

Parcel Scam Fraud

General awareness messaging around parcel/delivery company scams has been circulated electronically to all housing providers across the N Division area and to the University of the Highlands and Islands for sharing with their staff, clients and students.

This Police Scotland leaflet provides information in relation to phishing emails, purportedly from well-known delivery companies, which claim that they have been unable to deliver parcels, packages or large letters, asking the recipient to pay a fee or provide additional details in order to rearrange the delivery. In addition, this leaflet advises the public to be aware of an increased risk of scam phone calls and text messages impersonating delivery companies, as well as fake delivery notices posted through

letterboxes. In view of the number of on-line purchases that have been and will continue to be made following COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, this safety messaging is deemed to be very relevant.

Preventative advice and information is also included in relation to Online Frauds, Phone Scams, Postal Scams and Identity Theft in the Orkney Scam Action Group leaflet which can be accessed at – **OSAG LEAFLET.pdf (rewdt.org)**

A GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

A guide containing safety advice covering; Fraud, Home Security/Pedal Cycle Security, Hate Crime and Cuckooing and County Lines was compiled and distributed across the N Division area via local newspapers. A total of 42,000 households across the N Division area received the guide with additional copies distributed to Garden Centres in order to reach households who may not necessarily have access to Social Media.

Approximately 10,000 copies to be distributed to Post Office branches across the N Division area.

A copy of the leaflet is attached at Appendix A.

Rural Watch - Orkney is renowned for great natural beauty and the rural communities are safe places in which to live, work and visit. However, the nature of the environment and way of life means there are some crime prevention tips particularly relevant to rural life. Watch Schemes work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling Orkney communities to share information, allowing agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empower local communities to be more resilient.

To receive local ALERTS about crime and other threats in your area, simply click the green JOIN button on the Rural Watch Website - **www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk**

Protecting Vulnerable People

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm.

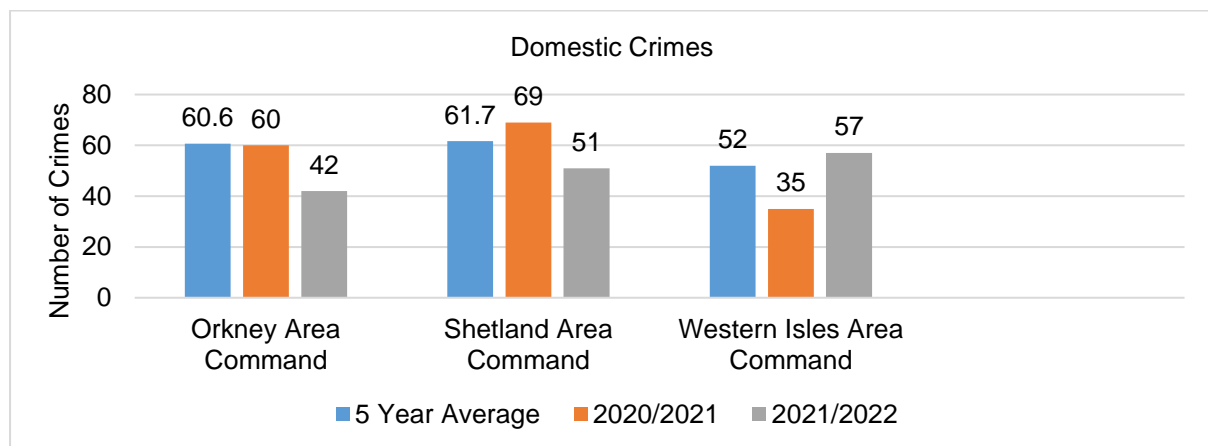
Objective – With Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention.

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation
Sexual Crime	30.00	34.70	31	33	2
Domestic Crime	60.60	59.00	60	42	-18
Hate Crime	2.20	3.66	3	5	2
Missing Persons*	See below	33.33	18	19	1

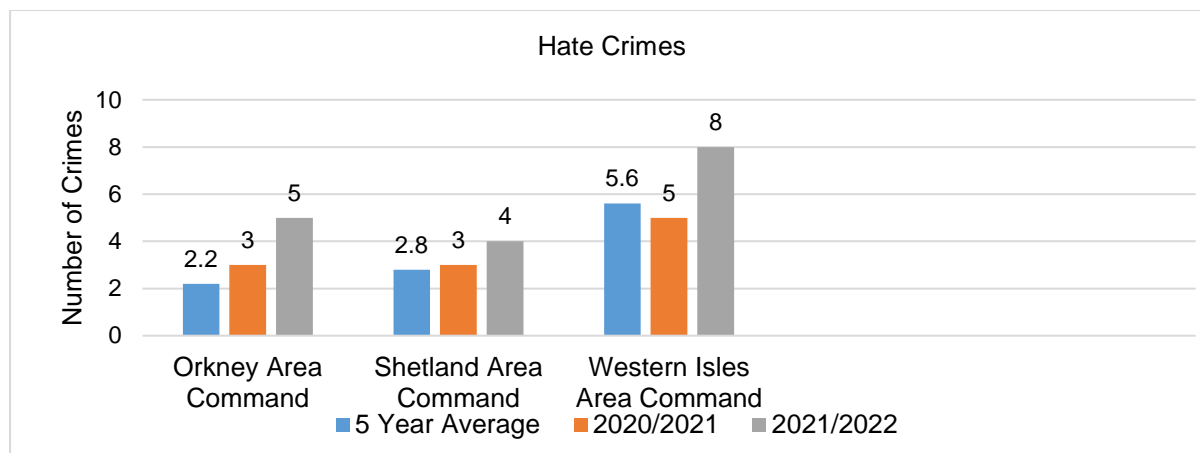
Domestic Crime – The decrease in Domestic related crimes within Orkney is noted. N Division continues to work with Partner Agencies in order to support victims of such crimes.

* (Figures for Orkney Area Command - Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level. Due to the implementation of the National Missing Persons Application in 2019, the 5 Year Average is not available).

Domestic Crime within Orkney Area Command –



Hate Crime within Orkney Area Command –



Hate Crime –

Police Scotland underwent a national inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) in relation to Hate Crime with N Division (Highland and Islands) being identified as one of three focussed Divisions. The subsequent report can be found at the following link:-

<https://www.hmics.scot/publications/hmics-thematic-inspection-hate-crime>

Missing Persons –

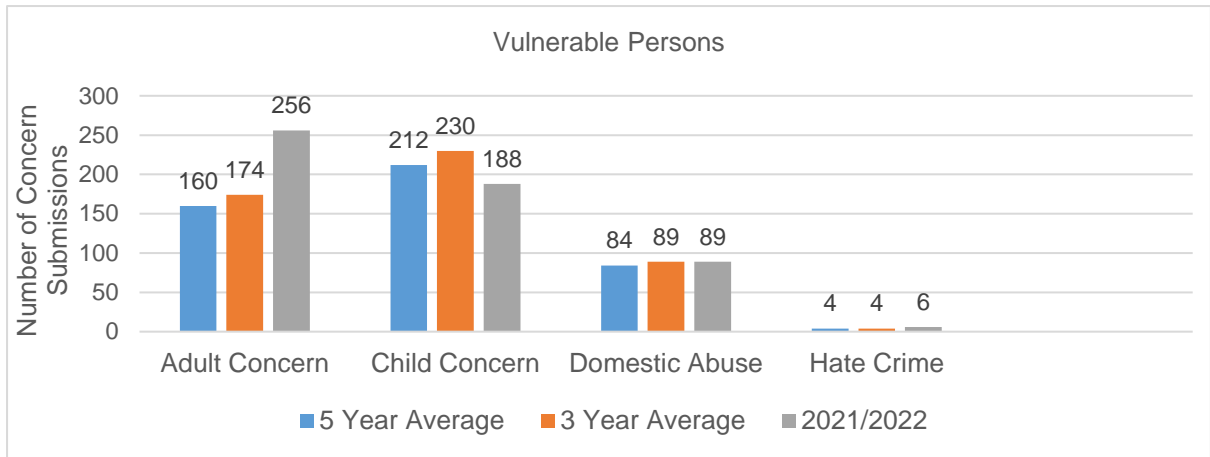
Police Scotland takes every report of a missing person seriously and investigates appropriately with access to local, regional and national specialist resources. Missing persons investigations are a core part of local Policing and it is local officers who undertake all investigations, supported by specialist colleagues where necessary. Further, each Division including, N Division has a dedicated Missing Person Co-ordinator who advises on operational and preventative approaches.

Missing Person Category	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Adult	7	13	6
Cared for Adult	0	1	1
Looked After Child	5	2	-3
Child	5	3	-2
Absconder/Wanted	1	0	-1
Total	18	19	1

Each Area Command has appointed a local Police liaison officer who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in their respective area. This role has developed and regular contact has built a good relationship with residential unit(s). Where required, this officer also works in conjunction with the Missing Person Co-ordinator who similarly enjoys a good working relationship with residential units.

Vulnerable Persons –

Police Scotland utilises the Vulnerable Persons Database (VPD) to record information where Police officers have cause for concerns following interactions with members of the public. The VPD system allows relevant information to be shared with Partner Agencies. The following table illustrates the number of VPD submissions submitted by Police officers within the Orkney Area Command for the reporting period.



Serious and Organised Crime

Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime.

Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Orkney area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Orkney area a hostile environment for Serious & Organised Crime Groups; to improve outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce offending through prevention, early intervention and diversion; in support of our Partners in the Local Authority and NHS via the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy we will direct those who are substance dependant towards recovery through prevention, treatment and support services; with Partners work to reduce the instances of substance misuse in our communities.

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation
Drug (Supply) Offences	3.80	5.00	4	5	1

Detective Inspector Ross Hamill, Area Detective Inspector for Orkney Area Command stated:

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Despite seeing a significant reduction in drug related offences there remains real concern in respect of drug deaths in our communities, we will continue to work alongside Highland Drug & Alcohol Partnership and other support agencies in supporting addicted persons into recovery. We have also noticed a trend regarding controlled substances entering Orkney through the postal service, we maintain a close partnership with the Royal Mail and regularly deploy drug dogs and instigate joint operations to intercept these packages from entering our communities. Through our divisional County Lines, local CID and community teams, we will continue to target those Serious & Organised Crime Groups from exploiting vulnerable individuals in Highlands & Islands Division, including the execution of misuse of drugs warrants, we actively encourage community engagement and will vigorously pursue those that perpetrate these crimes in close partnership with Crown & Procurator Fiscal Service”.

Area Inspector David Hall, Orkney Area Command further added:

“Following information received from members of the public in Orkney, a misuse of drugs warrant was executed at an address on mainland Orkney on Thursday 23 December 2021 resulting in approximately £20,000 worth of controlled substances being taken out of public circulation. A male was subsequently arrested and charged with a number of drug related

offences. I would actively encourage the public to continue to report information to Police in order for such offenders to be targeted”.

Counter Terrorism

Intention – Support the delivery of the CONTEST strategy to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism.

Objective – Strengthen PREVENT work with Partners and institutions; with Partners, support individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism; strengthen PREVENT work in relation to the internet and Social Media; Effective Multi-agency planning in respect of Counter Terrorism is taking place; Develop our ability to respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) - The workshop covers issues such as crime, normal social processes that are used to influence and manipulate, case studies that cut across the spectrum of extremism, terrorist ideologies and factors which may contribute to an individual's susceptibility to a terrorist ideology.

In particular, it seeks to support them to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to being persuaded by an extremist or terrorist ideology. Workshops delivered to partners across Orkney.

ACT Now delivered to schools across Orkney.

Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division's Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated:

“North Division continues to have quarterly Prevent, Protect and Prepare meetings with partner agencies to ensure a conjoined approach to any matters that arise. Online webinars on the new Prevent referral process has been held with partner agencies.

We have Local Contest Liaison Officers to cover the Divisional area who are kept updated by the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer with regular training and information shared. We continue through our Protect and Prepare sub-group to provide information and assistance to all members to increase resilience and security within their business area. In relation to Pursue, we continue to develop and improve understanding amongst partners, the private sector and the public on mechanisms available to promptly share information regarding concerning or suspicious activity that may be linked to Counter Terrorism and/or Domestic Extremism.

Radicalisation awareness training continues with education, third sector and other partners. Through our Protect and Prepare meetings we plan to hold a multi-agency CT exercise at the Cromarty Port Authority. Planning is ongoing with the CTLO and CT planning for a table top exercise with the Inverness ELG members. Regular contact is ongoing with MSP's and MP's in respect of Op Sandbed and Op Bridger”.

Crime Statistics

Group 1 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Murder	0.00	0.00	0	0	-
Culpable Homicide	0.00	0.00	0	0	-
Attempted Murder	0.20	0.30	0	0	-
Serious Assault	4.60	2.70	1	2	1
Robbery	0.60	0.30	0	0	-
Cruel & Unnatural Treatment of Children	1.80	1.00	0	2	2
Threats & Extortion	0.40	0.70	2	3	1

Group 2 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Rape	5.40	4.70	6	5	-1
Sexual Assault (Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009)	7.20	6.70	5	15	10
Lewd & Libidinous Practices	0.60	0.70	0	1	1
Public Indecency	0.40	0.70	0	0	-
Threatening/ Disclosure of Intimate Image(s)	1.20	1.70	4	2	-2

Group 3 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	2.40	1.70	0	3	3
Housebreaking (Non-Dwelling House)	0.40	0.30	0	0	-
Housebreaking (Other)	2.00	1.00	2	1	-1
Housebreaking (Total)	4.80	3.00	2	4	2

Theft of a Motor Vehicle	4.00	4.00	3	2	-1
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	3.60	1.70	1	2	1
Opening a Lockfast Place	2.60	1.30	1	1	-
Theft	33.00	29.70	17	16	-1
Theft by Shoplifting	15.00	17.00	9	11	2
Fraud	6.20	8.30	6	19	13

Group 4 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Fireraising	1.40	1.70	2	3	1
Vandalism	53.60	44.30	34	69	35
Culpable & Reckless Conduct	1.60	1.70	3	3	-

Group 5 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Offensive Weapon & Bladed/Pointed Instrument	0.40	0.70	1	2	1
Drugs (Supply)	3.80	5.00	4	5	1
Drugs (Possession)	41.80	49.30	56	17	-39
Bail Offence(s)	7.20	5.70	3	1	-2

Group 6 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Assault	80.60	71.30	76	51	-25
Assault (Emergency Workers)	10.40	12.70	7	12	5
Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour	58.20	63.00	37	42	5
Stalking	3.00	2.70	1	1	-

Group 7 Crimes (Recorded)					
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Dangerous Driving	8.20	8.30	5	8	3
Drink/Drug Driving	18.40	20.30	9	21	12
Speeding Offence(s)	56.40	64.30	53	56	3

Disqualified Driving	1.40	2.00	2	0	-2
Drive without Licence	13.60	14.30	9	9	-
Fail to Insure Against Third Party Risks	29.20	31.70	31	27	-4
Seat Belt Offence(s)	20.80	19.00	11	16	5
Mobile Telephone Offence(s)	3.00	4.00	0	3	3
Careless Driving	30.60	27.70	12	20	8



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A GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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Together let's stop fraud.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

STOP

Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE

Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland by calling 101.



Together let's stop cold callers.

A cold-caller may contact you about your bank account. They may claim to have noticed some unusual transactions on your account and ask you to transfer money to another account to "keep it safe", to send your bank details, or ask to access your computer remotely. A genuine bank will NEVER ask you to do these things.



Always remember

- Never disclose your PIN or let anyone persuade you to hand over your bank card, financial information or withdraw cash.
- Check their credentials – a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online, but never use contact details they give you.
- Take the time to think about what they are asking you to do, even if it's genuine.
- Don't be embarrassed to say 'No'.
- Don't feel pressured. Don't agree to transfer over money. Take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust.

STOP CHALLENGE PROTECT

scotland.police.uk/takefive

Call your local Police on 101 non-emergency line in an emergency always call 999

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Together let's protect your home and belongings.

Crime can make its way to any neighbourhood, however there are some simple steps you can take to secure your home from intruders.



How can I protect my home?

- Ensure your door is always locked.
- Make sure your keys are well out of sight and reach of letterboxes and windows.
- Don't keep house and car keys together.
- Don't put your name or address on your key ring.
- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are in the house.
- Security mark your property with a UV pen.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house.
- Don't leave valuables in view of windows.

If you see signs of a break-in at your home, call Police Scotland on 101 or, if you believe the intruder is still there, dial 999.

Together let's protect your bike.

More than 500,000 bikes are stolen in the UK each year because they're poorly secured or not secured at all.



How can I help protect my bike?

Make sure you take a note of all your bike details, including the frame and serial number. This is usually found underneath the bottom bracket.

If your bike is stolen or stripped, you can pass details to Police Scotland to help them find your bike or parts, and help catch those responsible.

You can register your bikes details free online at [bikeregister.com](https://www.bikeregister.com) and also on [immobilise.com](https://www.immobilise.com) along with any other property that bears a serial number.

Together let's tackle Hate Crime

What is Hate Crime?

Hate crime happens in many different ways, and can be someone shouting and swearing at you, threatening or verbally abusing you, being physically attacked or receiving online abuse.

It can happen anywhere, for example, at home, on public transport, in the street, in school, college or at work.

There is no place for hate crime in our communities.

How can I report Hate Crime?

Police Scotland works with a wide variety of partners where staff are trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police. You can find your nearest reporting centre at scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-hate-crimeand-third-party-reporting

If you or someone you know is the victim of hate crime, you can call us on 101, visit your nearest police office or use our online form.



Together let's fight County Lines

What is County Lines?

County Lines is the police term used for the criminal exploitation of children and young people. Drugs dealers from large cities including London, Manchester and Liverpool expand their operations into smaller towns. They target children and young people to move drugs and money across the country using dedicated mobile phone 'deal lines'.

Gangs will often set up a base in a rural area for a short time, taking over a local vulnerable person's house by force or coercion. This is known as 'cuckooing'.

Why does it matter?

This is having a significant impact on Scotland's towns. Gangs target local vulnerable people and once they are involved, it is difficult to escape. It can lead to sexual exploitation, violence and human trafficking.

How can I report County Lines?

Your information can help get them removed and keep your communities safe. If you have concerns, you can report them to Police Scotland by calling 101 or anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)



Useful Contacts

There are a range of organisations in your local community who can provide advice, support and information on the topics covered in this guide.

Fraud

Police Scotland Fraud Advice

Visit - scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud

TakeFive Visit

Visit takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

Trading Standards

Call 0808 164 6000 or visit tsscot.co.uk

Home Protection

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Call 01786 463732 or visit neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Hate Crime

Hate Crime Advice & Third Party Reporting Centres

Visit scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/hate-crime/

County Lines

ChildLine

Call 0800 1111 or text SHOUT for support on 85258 or visit childline.org.uk

Crimestoppers

Call 0800 555 111 or visit crimestoppers-uk.org

Fearless.org

Visit fearless.org

Alcohol & Drugs Partnership

Visit highland-adp.org.uk or orkneyadp.org.uk or outerhebadp.com or sfad.org.uk/service/shetland-substance-misuse-recovery-service

Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol

Visit sfad.org.uk

Other

Victim Support Scotland

Call 0800 160 19885 or visit victimsupport.scot

Citizens Advice Scotland

Visit citizensadvice.org.uk/Scotland

