



## **REPORT TO COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **POLICE SCOTLAND - PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

#### **1 Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Discuss the attached performance monitoring information relating to the Aberdeenshire component of the North East Division of Police Scotland.**
- 1.2 Request the Divisional Commander to continue to report to Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives.**

#### **2 Background / Discussion**

- 2.1 A main purpose of this report is to advise members of how the police service is performing against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Police Plan approved at the meeting of the Communities Committee.
- 2.2 The performance monitoring report will provide a regular opportunity for elected members to maintain scrutiny of significant police activities, in order to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Aberdeenshire.
- 2.3 In terms of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, it is worth noting the respective powers and duties that are relevant to the Committee's consideration of police matters.

The Chief Constable is responsible for:

- policing of Scotland and must account to the Scottish Police Authority
- ensuring adequate arrangements are in place for the policing of each local authority area
- designating a constable as Divisional Commander after consultation with the local authority

The Divisional Commander is responsible for:

- involving the local authority in setting of priorities and objectives for policing of its area
- providing to the local authority information it may reasonably require
- preparing and submitting a local police plan to their local authority for approval and, if approved, publishing the local police plan
- preparing and submitting replacement plan to the local authority for approval following a review ( local police plans must be reviewed at least once every 3 years)

The local authority may:

- monitor and provide feedback to the Divisional Commander on policing of its area
- specify policing measures it wishes the Divisional Commander to include in a local policing plan

2.4 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

### **3. Scheme of Governance**

3.1 The Committee is able to consider/comment on this item in terms of Section D.1.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to matters concerning Police Scotland.

### **4 Equalities, Staffing, Financial and Risk Implications**

4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because this report is principally designed to advise members of the performance of the police service for the relevant quarter. There will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.

4.2 There are no specific staffing or financial implications arising from this report.

4.3 There are no Risks directly identified in respect of this matter in terms of the Corporate and Directorate Risk Registers as the Committee is monitoring the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as required under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 however links to the Corporate Risk of Working with Other Organisations.

**Richie Johnson**  
**Director of Business Services**

Report prepared by Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson  
Date 09/08/2018



**POLICE**  
**SCOTLAND**  
Keeping people safe

Communities Committee

North East Division  
Aberdeenshire

April 2017 – March 2018



## Contents

- Introduction
- Staffing
- Complaints About the Police
- Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
- Acquisitive Crime
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- Serious Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
- Miscellaneous



## Introduction

I'm pleased to present this positive report covering the fiscal year 2017/2018. Performance in the area has remained strong, building on the progress made in 2016/17.

Violent Crime and Acquisitive Crime are down significantly, while detections remain strong and are well above the Force average.

Aberdeenshire regularly features highly in quality of life surveys. We are committed to working closely with partners and the many diverse and expanding communities that form Aberdeenshire to ensure the area continues to be one of the safest and most welcoming areas in the country.

Our response to the issues which impact the most continues to improve. There were fewer deaths or serious injuries on the 6560 plus miles of road networks across Aberdeenshire, although as recent tragedies clearly show, the need for maintaining our presence, balancing education and enforcement within our communities and across our road networks remains a top priority nationally and across the North East.

Over £450,500 of Class A Drugs have been seized and assets valued at nearly £400,000 removed from those intent on causing harm in our communities.

While the welcomed figures represent real progress and continuing success, we can't lose sight that behind each figure is a victim and we will never become complacent. Our Police Officers, Police Staff and Special Constables are out there every day and night, working with partners in the heart of our many diverse communities, helping and supporting individuals and vulnerable members of society, often in times of great need, fear and anxiety.

I would wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Chief Inspectors Murray Main, Neil McDonald and their teams for their very positive work as we collectively strive with partners and communities themselves to make Aberdeenshire an even safer place to live, work and visit.

Regards



Campbell Thomson  
Chief Superintendent  
North East Division



## Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	March 2018	Difference
Police Officers <sup>1</sup>	1,115.0 FTE	1,104.77 FTE	-10.23 FTE
	March 2017	March 2018	Difference
Police Staff <sup>1</sup>	118.15 FTE	123.72 FTE	+5.57 FTE

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

The authorised establishment figure for North East Division has remained relatively consistent during 2017/18, and our overall staffing numbers remain close to the establishment figures.

We currently have **78** Probationary Constables within Aberdeenshire. We are also making good progress on Police Staff recruitment and are currently slightly above our full time equivalent footprint.

Throughout the year, there have been good levels of Police Officer recruitment in North East Division. Nine of the latest recruits will serve communities across Aberdeenshire, commencing in September 2018. There are also three Officers shortly transferring to Aberdeenshire from elsewhere in Scotland.

This level of recruitment is likely to continue in the immediate future 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. These new recruits bring a breadth of experience and wide range knowledge and skills to enrich and enhance our already dedicated workforce.



## Complaints About the Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	%Change 2018 v 2017
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident <sup>2</sup>	N/A	82.4%	85.2%		-2.8%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	171	156	+15.0	+9.6%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	32.2	30.5	-1.7	+5.6%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	202	238	-36.0	-15.1%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	6	0	+6.0	+100.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	42	53	-11.0	-20.7%
Total Allegations	N/A	250	291	-41.0	-14.1%

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

The feedback received from members of the public remains very positive. In our most recent public satisfaction survey, **over 82%** of those contacted stated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the service received. Service Delivery is very important to us as we continue to provide our communities with an effective, efficient and reliable policing service.

The number of allegations against the Police are **down by over 14%** on the same period last year. This has resulted in a **reduction of 41 allegations**. However, there has been a slight increase in the number of individual complaints received, with **15 more complaints** received over the past twelve months.

Each complaint and allegation made is addressed by our dedicated Service Delivery team comprising of just two Officers for the North East. Complaints are then reviewed by a member of Divisions Senior Management Team to ensure we provide a robust scrutiny of all areas of dissatisfaction. This allows us to capture any individual or organisational learning which is documented and shared. This enables us to enhance our customer satisfaction and allows a fair and reasonable assessment of Officers performance, conduct and behaviour, whether on or off duty.

Where appropriate, Officers are provided with additional support and guidance through Early Intervention Management Plans to reduce the risk of further complaints.

The majority of complaints received are resolved through Front Line Resolution, where staff can deal with the most minor complaints quickly, efficiently and in a consistent manner.



### Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Serious Assault - Recorded <sup>3</sup>		88	106		
Serious Assault - Detection Rate		92.0%	97.2%		
Common Assault - Recorded	1,950.4	1,847	1,817	-103.4	-5.3%
Common Assault - Detection Rate	71.6%	74.4%	71.4%		+2.8%
Robbery - Recorded	28.2	51	47	+22.8%	+80.9%
Robbery - Detection Rate	68.8%	84.3%	76.6%		+15.5%
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded <sup>4</sup>		186	208		
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate		82.3%	88.5%		
Vandalism - Recorded	1,420.2	1,254	1,251	-166.2	-11.7%
Vandalism - Detection Rate	22.5%	26.9%	22.0%		+4.4%
Licensed Premises Visits	3,522.8	7,539	4,058	+4,016.2	+114.0%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
Number of Complaints of Disorder <sup>5</sup>	N/A	5,801	5,254	+547	+10.4%

<sup>3</sup> April 2016 - implementation of broader definition of what constitutes a Serious Assault.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Disorder includes Public Nuisance, Disturbance, Noise, Neighbour Dispute and Nuisance Phone Call incidents.

**Serious Violent Crime reduced by over 10%**, when compared to the same period last year.

Where Violent Crime has occurred, our response is based on three principle strands namely; victim, offender, location. This has helped **reduce Serious Assaults by 17%** while delivering detection rates which **remain high at 92%**. This is **14%** higher than the Force detection rate.

We explore each of the three aspects to ensure we are providing the best possible support to those who report such crimes, whilst examining the location and offenders to ensure there are no emerging patterns or recurrent issues. The year to date figures for recorded crime continues to decline and our detection rate for violent crime continues to increase.

There was a slight **increase of 4 Robberies** reported across Aberdeenshire, compared to the same period last year. While this crime type can be particularly distressing for victims, analysis of the local crime patterns indicate a large proportion of Robberies are committed during existing criminality or criminal enterprise, including those involved in the local drugs scene or amongst criminal associates who are known to each other. Despite the obvious challenges this





can present with victims and witness on occasion reluctant to engage, the **detection rate remains over 82%**.

Operational Officers are supported by licensing Officers and members of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Hub on a daily basis to assess what has happened, what this means in terms of threat, risk and harm, what action if any, is required and by whom.

The links between alcohol and violence are complex, yet studies across the world show that alcohol use commonly precedes aggressive behaviour, and that harmful drinking is associated with being both a perpetrator and victim of crime. Alcohol itself doesn't make people violent but it lowers inhibitions and increases risk taking behaviour. Officers have undertaken **almost 7,500 licensed premises visits** throughout the year, an increase of almost **3,500** from last year and **114% increase** in the 5 Year Average. We continue to support Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partners deliver on agreed Local Outcome Improvement Plans, including changing Aberdeenshire's relationship with alcohol.

Our Violence Reduction Officer ensures recidivist offenders are targeted robustly from initial appearance in court and are monitored to ensure any bail conditions and curfews are being adhered to. There have been a number of recent successful applications for ASBO's under Anti-social Behaviour Legislation and this work is ongoing.

Operation PINE has delivered close integration with partners through Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership allowing for additional officers to be deployed during periods of key demand. Working alongside Substance Misuse Teams, high profile patrols have taken place in Inverurie, Peterhead and Fraserburgh with the specific remit of engaging and assisting individuals at increased risk of harm or offending, through excessive alcohol consumption. These patrols have proven to be highly successful in preventing violent crime and are now extended to include key weekend periods throughout the year, where there is an identified increased risk of alcohol related violence or disorder.

In February this year, an operation to tackle violent offenders across the North East resulted in the **apprehension of 144 offenders and recovery of £14,174 in outstanding fines**. Whilst in custody, joint working with Substance Misuse Teams and Criminal Justice Social Work has allowed for interventions to take place with arrested individuals in order to improve access to support services, challenge substance misuse and allowing 'one to one' interactions with those identified at increased risk of re-offending.

Operation Bayswater was introduced at the end of 2017, to tackle increasing youth disorder in Garioch, and particularly within Inverurie. Issues included Vandalisms, alcohol consumption and street disorder with Officers reporting a small but influential group mainly responsible for a disproportionate amount of crime. In response to a general increase across Aberdeenshire, **up 10.7%**, the CSP Hub recently reported Garioch accounted for **145 incidents, or 28%** of all youth disorder calls across Aberdeenshire. Buchan had **21%** while Banff and Buchan had **20.5%** of all reported incidents.

A small team of local Officers were dedicated to carrying out patrols, youth engagement and trying to divert those involved in the criminality towards other activities. The availability of early intervention is limited in Aberdeenshire and further work is being progressed with partners around activities available for young persons in the area.



Initially intended to run for three months, Operation Bayswater has been extended. To date, **71** local children or young people who were believed to be involved in Antisocial Behaviour have been engaged and, where necessary and appropriate to do so, information has been sent to parents outlining any concerns. **19** were charged with a variety of crimes and offences during the three month period.

Vandalisms across Aberdeenshire have **decreased by over 11%** when compared to the Five Year Average while **detection rates have increased 4.4%** in the same period to **26.9%**. There are a number of excellent examples of the strong partnership working which goes on across the region. These activities are often tailored to the individual needs of local communities and appear to be having a positive impact on reducing and detecting this type of crime.

Our local Police Scotland Young Volunteers scheme (PSYV), set up in partnership with Youthlink Scotland and Young Scot, and is going from strength to strength in the Fraserburgh area, with a new group recently introduced in Moray.



## Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	3,177.8	2,506	2,855	-671.8	-21.1%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	33.6%	47.8%	43.9%		+14.2%
Housebreakings - Recorded	551.4	317	424	-234.4	-42.5%
Housebreakings - Detection Rate	19.7%	36.9%	25.2%		+17.2%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded <sup>6</sup>	518.4	247	409	-271.4	-52.4%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	26.3%	38.5%	36.4%		+12.2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	149.8	113	137	-36.8	-24.6%
Common Theft - Recorded	1,023.0	741	806	-282.0	-27.6%
Common Theft - Detection Rate	21.2%	27.4%	24.6%		+6.2%

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

Acquisitive Crime in Aberdeenshire has been steadily falling for the past twelve months. Significant overall reductions are reported across each crime type while detection rates continue to be considerably higher than the Scottish average.

Housebreakings in our urban, rural and remote communities have **decreased by 107 crimes** compared to last year, which represents a significant **reduction of over 42%** compared to the 5 Year Average. Thefts from motor vehicles are **down 162 crimes** on last year, and **over 52%** on the 5 Year Average. Detection rates for both these crime types have **increased by over 17% and 12% respectively**.

There were **24 less** vehicles stolen last year, while overall thefts **decreased by almost 28%** On the 5 Year Average, resulting in **65 less** victims of theft.

These unprecedented reductions in crime and detection rates are delivered through strong partnership working within and outwith the criminal justice system but are heavily influenced by members of the public taking basic home and personal security measures and reporting suspicious activity.

We continue to tackle Acquisitive Crime through Operation MAGPIE. A fortnightly Governance Group ensures all crime trends, intelligence and investigation opportunities are quickly acted upon by local Officers, Detectives and members of our specialist Proactive Unit. Every day, those subject to Bail or Home Curfew restrictions imposed through criminal proceedings can expect a visit to ensure they are complying with their conditions of liberation.

In addition, enquiries into those wanted on Warrant are expedited to reduce the risk of reoffending. While the picture is very positive, this can quickly change and we will continue to treat Acquisitive Crime as a top priority across North East Division.



## Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
People Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	97	155	-58.0	-37.4%
Children Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	5	9	-4.0	-44.4%
People Killed	N/A	7	14	-7.0	-50.0%
Children Killed <sup>7</sup>	N/A	0	1	1.0	-100.0%
Road Safety Education Inputs	N/A	18	34	-16.0	-47.1%
Advice/Education Given to Motorists <sup>8</sup>	N/A	20,483	24,509	-4,026.0	-16.4%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	192.8	112	117	-80.8	-41.9%
Speeding Offences	2,400.4	2,320	1,755	-80.4	-3.3%
Drink/ Drug Driving Offences	257.8	243	241	-14.8	-5.7%
Dangerous Driving	136.8	125	141	-11.8	-8.6%
Disqualified Driving	53.0	61	61	+8.0	+15.1%
Detected Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles	6,014.4	5,949	5,262	-65.4	-1.1%
Parking Fixed Penalties Issued <sup>9</sup>	2,362.8	1,250	832	-1,112.8	-47.1%

<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.

<sup>9</sup> North East Division (figures area for Aberdeenshire, Moray, and Aberdeen City).

During 2017/18, the total number of people fatally injured in collisions across Aberdeenshire halved from 14 to 7.

However welcomed the **37% reduction** is, there were also **90 individuals seriously injured** on our roads. Reducing road casualties and preventing criminals using our road networks to further their criminal enterprise continues to be a top priority for the Division, specialist Road Policing Officers and a wide network of partner agencies.

The Division continues to actively support the North East Road Casualty Reduction Strategy. This involving Local Divisional Officers, Road Policing staff and others supporting Operation CEDaR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) to strike the appropriate balance between enforcement and education in order to make our roads safer.



There were more road traffic offences detected across Aberdeenshire last year. Last year's Group 7 Offences, show an increase of over **14%** when comparing the previous twelve months.

As a result of detailed analysis of collision history, specialist Roads Policing resources were realigned and redeployed to Aberdeenshire during 2017. This has allowed increased visibility and enforcement activities in areas at risk of collisions.

For example, a weekend of action recently resulted in 150 drivers appropriately dealt with; community speeding issues being Policed across the more remote towns and villages across Aberdeenshire; Officers working with Community Policing Team colleagues to target antisocial road users and parking issues, particularly in Banff, Fraserburgh, Turriff, Huntly and Inverurie.

Over the year, various thematic or focused campaigns or operations, have also been carried out across Aberdeenshire. These events have focused on known contributory factors in road collisions and higher risk road users, including:

- Mobile phones / distractions
- Trucks and buses
- Motorcycles
- Drink driving
- Speeding
- Seatbelts
- Carriage of dangerous goods
- Vulnerable road users

Specialist Roads Policing Officers joined colleagues within the Mounted Section to promote equestrian road safety (Operation Lose the Blinkers). They patrolled in locations across Aberdeenshire, educating and enforcing road safety legislation. Roads Policing Officers also attended a number of inputs organised by the British Horse Society (Scotland) to ensure riders were aware of their own responsibilities when it comes to road safety.

Officers also deployed Operation Safe Pass, to challenge those motorists who do not give enough road space to cyclists. The events coincided with national media coverage of the general issue.

The Randomised Scheduled Enforcement (RSE) strategy has been utilised worldwide and targets high-risk locations at specific times to create an image of police omnipresence. By applying this concept, motorists become increasingly uncertain and/or unable to predict the location of enforcement activity, therefore positively influencing driver behaviour. An analytical review of the North East collision history over 2017/18 and updating of local priority routes and RSE activity, now sees all Aberdeenshire major routes as priority routes.

Crime patrols have featured across Aberdeenshire this year, as we have responded to intelligence and crime trends indicating criminal use of our road networks. These have successfully led to the reporting of offenders for involvement in acquisitive crime, drug use and supply, serious organised crime as well as road traffic offences.

Aberdeenshire has the second highest number of licenced motorcycles in the country (4,900), with the Ellon and Mintlaw areas the highest number of collisions.



A new training scheme to help reduce the number of collisions involving motorcyclists has been launched by road safety partners in the North of Scotland. Part funded by Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund, 'Rider Refinement North' is a new one day training course which has been specifically designed to give motorcyclists advice and tuition on how to ride more safely when out on the local road network.

The one day course, which is the only course of its kind being offered in Scotland at the moment, will be led by qualified police motorcyclists and run on 21 dates across the summer period in Tayside, the North East and the Highland areas, between May and October. The North East training will be delivered from Inverurie police office and already interest and take up is high.

While all Police Officers can engage with and provide advice, guidance and verbal warnings to drivers, Road Policing Officers record this engagement as part of their daily duties, invariably where discretion offers such a disposal for minor offences. These are recorded within a North East wide figure which indicates in 2016/17 **24,509** motorists were given advice and guidance by Road Policing Officers, a figure which in 2017/18 dropped to **20,483**, a reduction of **16.4%**.

The Divisional Road Policing Unit covering A Division continue to perform at a high level and in 2018/19 to date, they have recovered the previous reduction seen over the 2017/18 year, with the number of vehicles stopped and motorists engaged increasing by **17%** (from **6334** to **7401**). Additionally the number of warnings for Vehicle Related Offences has increased by **41%** (from **806** to **1138**)



### Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
<b>Group 2 Crimes - Recorded<sup>10</sup></b>	367.4	516	485	+148.6	+40.4%
<b>Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate</b>	63.4%	60.5%	63.7%		-2.9%
<b>Rape - Recorded</b>	49.8	70	58	+20.2	+40.6%
<b>Rape - Detection Rate</b>	62.7%	50.0%	41.4%		-12.7%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
<b>Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported</b>	N/A	1,608	1,444	+164.0	+11.4%
<b>Domestic Abuse Incidents Detection Rate</b>	N/A	72.4%	73.2%		-0.8%
<b>Hate Crime - Recorded</b>	N/A	110	67	+43.0	+64.2%
<b>Hate Crime - Detection Rate</b>	N/A	71.8%	70.1%		+1.7%

<sup>10</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.

Keeping people safe and protecting the vulnerable remains a key priority for North East Division.

There has been a small increase of **31 more individuals** reporting sexual crimes compared to 2017/18. This, in part, reflects the work of highly skilled Detectives within the Public Protection Unit engaging victims of sexual crime. These specialised Detective Officers provide re-assurance to victims that they will be listened to and crimes will be thoroughly investigated, irrespective of when or where they may have occurred. In the year to date (March - August 2018) the detection rate for Rape is **72%** and Group 2 Crimes as a whole **78.3%**.

There are a number of high profile long running criminal investigations looking into more non-recent allegations. This important work sends a strong, clear and consistent message that we will investigate these crimes irrespective of how far back they reach. Crimes occurring in the past, but reported now are included within the above figures and provide confidence victims are coming forward.

A significant number of Group 2 Crime, those with a sexual element, involve the inappropriate use of the Intranet, including Social Media and different platforms. This is especially relevant to children and young people, many of whom have a lack of awareness to the risks associated with, for example, sharing intimate photographs of themselves or others online.

A great deal of time and resource across a wide spectrum of partner agencies is devoted to education and increasing awareness of the threats, risk and harm from inappropriate use of Social Media. These crimes influence the overall number of Group 2 Crimes.





North East Division are working in partnership with the Barnardo's charity where a Child Sexual Exploitation Advisor is embedded with Police to identify any child or young person at risk of or has been the victim of sexual abuse/exploitation.

The Child Sexual Exploitation Advisor compliments the ongoing work of our School Liaison Officers, by also providing specific inputs to Schools and Residential Centres about the dangers of sexual abuse/exploitation. The Advisor also delivers prevention advice to individuals identified at risk.

Our School Liaison Officers continue to provide general inputs to primary and secondary school children on the dangers of online activity along with personal safety and other highly topical themes.

We have also developed the 'Ask For Angela' campaign which has been running successfully in Aberdeen. This initiative provides training for staff in licenced premises to support any member of the public using their premises, who feels uncomfortable with the actions of any persons towards them, who can ask for help without necessarily alerting the individual.

It's anticipated the initiative will prevent any sexual crime being instigated once the person leaves the licenced premises.

North East Division is also working in partnership with the 'Stop It Now' charity to raise public awareness and encourage potential offenders to engage with the charity for help.





### Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures <sup>11</sup>	£146,782.24	£398,245.03	£291,365.84	+£251,462.79	+171.32%
Drug Possession Offences	526.2	862	693	+335.8	+63.8%
Drug Supply Offences	108.4	145	128	+36.6	+33.8%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Difference	% Change 2018 v 2017
Drug Deaths	N/A	18	21	-3.0	-14.3%
Educational Inputs	N/A	123	140	-17.0	-12.1%

<sup>11</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.

Serious and Organised Crime in the UK is a multi-billion pound industry. It is invariably international and sophisticated but it also strikes at the heart of our local communities, creating suffering and misery for its victims. In Aberdeenshire, we have increased our commitment to proactivity target those who cause harm to communities and supply drugs to often vulnerable individuals.

The North West of England remains the primary source of supply for drugs into Scotland, followed by London. This trend is evident across each drug commodity identified where the north west of England appears to be an established gateway for drugs into Scotland. This is evident within Aberdeenshire and particularly the Buchan and Banff and Buchan areas where it is believed a number of English based Organised Crime Groups are operating.

All Officers in North East Division are engaged in tackling Serious and Organised Crime and are supported by specialist resources based locally and from throughout Scotland. The main objective is to keep our communities safe.

Over the 12-month reporting period, North East Division has continued to develop a robust strategy to disrupt, divert, deter and detect Serious and Organised Crime Group activity. In support of this strategy, Officers have executed in excess of **191 Drug Search Warrants** across Aberdeenshire.

The total value of controlled drugs removed from Aberdeenshire communities in the last year, stands at in excess of **£450,520**.

This includes: -

- **1.7 kilograms** of Cocaine with a potential street value of **£126,200**, has been recovered;
- **1.6 kilograms** of Diamorphine (Heroin) with a potential street value of **£103,800**, has been recovered;



- **35.3 kilograms** of Cannabis with a potential street value of **£215,000**, has been recovered and;
- **552 grams** of Amphetamine with a potential street value of **£5520** has been recovered.

These figures are calculated from larger drugs seizures and do not include individual recoveries which will raise the overall amount and value of recoveries made.

We continue to target Organised Crime Groups through enforcement initiatives, for example Operation Aspen and other appropriate means including the proceeds of crime legislation. This has resulted in increased seizures of nearly **£400,000.00**, **an increase of over 171%** on the 5 Year Average.

We work very closely with partners to deprive Organised Crime Groups of financial gains achieved through illegal and legitimate enterprises. Our work is coordinated through the strong multi-agency Serious Organised Crime Governance Group which meet regularly to discuss close working arrangements and opportunities amongst the public, private and third sector groups.

This firmly focuses the reality and risks for many vulnerable members of society and highlights the need for continuing, strong measures from the Police, local partners and the Criminal Justice system to help prevent further tragedies.

The use of Heroin, Crack Cocaine, Cocaine and Cannabis remain the most prevalent drugs of choice within Aberdeenshire, which is reflected in the sizeable seizures of these commodities. There is an emerging risk from large scale Cannabis cultivations and in recent months a number of remote or rural locations have been uncovered where rented properties have been converted to cultivate the growing of Cannabis.

These drugs however are often combined with other prescribed or illegal drugs and alcohol, which in combination can lead to fatal consequences. This is reflected in the **18** Drug Deaths in Aberdeenshire this year. There are no patterns at this stage, albeit they appear lifestyle related with many of the deaths relating to individuals who have been abusing Controlled Drugs for a number of years. Mixed-drug intoxication is the predominant cause of death.

Intelligence led Policing is key to the local disruption of Organised Crime Groups and the number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation across Aberdeenshire has **risen by 33.8% to 145 crimes**. The number of possession cases has also risen sharply, by nearly **64%**.

We are aware of a number of large scale Cannabis cultivations recently discovered across the North East. In particular, **over 25%** appear to be within rural or remote locations, often within rented houses and buildings away from public glare. This is an emerging risk which is being actively addressed in our response to Serious and Organised Crime.

In 2017, the 'Cuckooing' Initiative was launched in the Banff and Buchan area in response to members of Organised Crime Groups targeting and 'cuckooing' at addresses of vulnerable persons and dealing controlled drugs. A multi-agency strategy to tackle the issue is in place ensuring that individuals at greatest risk are identified so action can be taken, both to provide support and to disrupt the Organised Crime Groups exploiting them.



Over the year, **92** individuals, vulnerable to this increased risk, were referred to the Community Substance Misuse Service for support with their addiction. A media campaign and bespoke presentations have been delivered across the North East and elsewhere to raise awareness of 'cuckooing' among both the wider public as well as partner agencies.

Our School Liaison Officers have provided **123 educational inputs** in primary and secondary schools across Aberdeenshire. To support this activity, bespoke awareness inputs have also been held with partners in education, pupils and parents in Banchory, Huntly and elsewhere in a bid to raise awareness and educate young people and parents on the dangers of illegal drugs use. This meeting was extremely well received and will be revisited as and when required.



## **Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism**

During the reporting period the United Kingdom experienced two significant terrorist acts which resulted in the increase in the overall threat assessment from Severe (an attack is highly likely) to Critical (an attack is expected imminently). This lasted for a total of 8 days.

This is unprecedented in recent times and resulted in additional resources being deployed to key sites and increased vigilance across law enforcement and partners.

Preventative messaging, reassurance patrols and education have become day business around contact with crowded places, faith groups and iconic locations and are embedded into our local policing structures through Local CONTEST Liaison Officers (LCLO's) who work with the Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO's) based in Banff, Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Ellon, Inverurie, Huntly, Banchory and Stonehaven and Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs). LCLO's will continue to deliver Prevent and CONTEST based inputs and briefings across our communities.

Aberdeenshire continues to be a lead partner within the North East Division Pan-Grampian Multi-Agency CONTEST Group. This group 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.

Working with colleagues in Borders Policing Command, LCLO's engage and support key personnel at key sites of national infrastructures, including sites of significance such as industry, harbours and Aberdeen Airport to ensure they remain fully briefed on the Counter Terrorism picture, risks and prevention measures required at individual sites.

Exercise Border Reiver took place in Scotland during October 2017, which tested the Police response to a Counter Terrorist Incident. This was a three day event which challenged Police on dealing with a complex scenario and confirmed their ability to deal with such matters. A more locally directed table top exercise took place recently focusing upon the multi-agency response to a terrorists attack and was well received across partners and the business community.



**Miscellaneous**

**Stop and Search**

Indicator	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018 (positive)
Consensual	2	0
Legislative	2,014	495
Number of Consensual Stop and Searches Refused	0	N/A



## Response Times

### A Division Comparison - Response Times

Note 1 - Data extracted and provided by APU from STORM Unity on for A Division showing data from 00:00:00 on the first of each month until 23:59:59 on the last day of each month. Figures include all resourced incidents (except diary calls) including those which have been generated by police, e.g. pre-planned events such as firearms operations or spontaneous deployment to deal with ongoing crime.

Note 2 - Data extracted and provided by APU from STORM Unity on for A Division showing data from 00:00:00 on the first of each month until 23:59:59 on the last day of each month. Figures are based on resourced incidents where a call is received from the Public, incident raised and transferred to ACR, then a resource dispatched which subsequently arrives at scene. Linked incidents and diary calls are excluded. Any incidents not dispatched within the grade of service timescales that are left open/scheduled for a future date will be included in the average calculation.

### Protect communities by monitoring the average length of time taken to attend at the scene of Emergency (Grade 1) classified incidents

Grade 1 Incidents	A Division												
	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Monthly Number of Grade 1 Incidents	388	406	359	464	421	369	369	324	369	280	295	301	314
Monthly number of Calls achieving Grade of Service	339	363	324	426	389	352	348	302	351	260	278	284	292
% of Calls achieving Grade of Service	87.4%	89.4%	90.3%	91.8%	94.2%	95.4%	94.3%	93.2%	95.1%	92.9%	94.2%	94.4%	93.0%

Numbers based on all resourced incidents<sup>1</sup>:



A Division													
Grade 1 Incidents	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Numbers based on responding to public <sup>2</sup> :													
Monthly Number of Grade 1 Incidents	382	399	344	455	410	355	355	317	366	272	288	295	309
Monthly Number of Calls achieving Grade of Service	336	356	309	417	379	340	336	295	349	253	271	279	287
% of Calls achieving Grade of Service	88.0%	89.2%	89.8%	91.6%	92.4%	95.8%	94.6%	93.1%	95.4%	93.0%	94.1%	94.6%	92.9%
Public response stage breakdown <sup>2</sup> :													
Incident Handling - Service Centre (monthly avg. time)		00:00:32	00:00:40	00:00:28	00:00:30	00:00:30	00:00:30	00:00:30	00:00:29	00:00:31	00:00:30	00:00:27	00:00:30
Incident Dispatch - Area Control Room (monthly avg. time)	00:03:18												
Resource Deployment - Local Division (monthly avg. time)	00:13:48	00:13:48	00:13:52	00:12:44	00:12:24	00:16:38	00:13:14	0:12:33	0:13:04	0:12:36	0:12:55	0:11:40	0:12:10
Overall Response Time (monthly avg. time)	00:17:07	00:17:13	00:17:02	00:15:43	00:15:11	00:19:34	00:16:41	0:15:18	0:15:37	0:15:43	0:15:41	0:14:21	0:14:59



Incident handling and incident dispatch times must be below 5 minutes to achieve Grade of Service for Grade 1 incidents. Table shows the percentage of calls which achieve this grade of service.  
Please note for North Divisions the incident handling and dispatch times are combined due to system limitations.

Protect communities by monitoring the average length of time taken to attend at the scene of Grade 2 classified incidents													
A Division													
Grade 2 Incidents	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Numbers based on all resourced incidents <sup>1</sup> :													
Monthly Number of Grade 2 Incidents	3,660	3,623	3,378	3,680	3,615	3,279	3,346	3,072	3,488	3,070	2,884	3,045	3,143
Monthly number of Calls achieving Grade of Service	2,901	3,178	2,925	3,214	3,211	2,926	2,979	2,726	3,109	2,765	2,604	2,744	2,818
% of Calls achieving Grade of Service	79.3%	87.7%	86.6%	87.3%	88.8%	89.2%	89.0%	88.7%	89.1%	90.1%	90.3%	90.1%	89.7%
Numbers based on responding to public <sup>2</sup> :													
Monthly Number of Grade 2 Incidents	3,360	3,471	3,225	3,536	3,502	3,141	3,227	2,963	3,328	2,974	2,785	2,942	3,052
Monthly Number of Calls achieving Grade of Service	2,882	3,045	3,797	3,095	3,114	2,809	2,870	2,634	2,971	2,677	2,523	2,658	2,938
% of Calls achieving Grade of Service	85.8%	87.7%	86.7%	87.5%	88.9%	89.4%	88.9%	88.9%	89.3%	90.0%	90.6%	90.3%	89.7%



Grade 2 Incidents		A Division												
		Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Incident Handling - Service Centre (monthly avg. time)		00:00:49	00:00:50	00:00:44	00:00:46	00:00:44	00:00:46	00:00:45	0:00:43	0:00:44	0:00:44	0:00:42	0:00:44	0:00:41
Incident Dispatch - Area Control Room (monthly avg. time)		00:12:43												
Resource Deployment - Local Division (monthly avg. time)		00:25:55	00:26:03	00:23:39	00:23:26	00:22:49	00:22:53	0:23:11	0:25:15	0:21:47	0:22:39	0:22:35	0:23:57	
Overall Response Time (monthly avg. time)		00:38:39	00:38:20	00:35:52	00:34:40	00:34:00	00:33:33	0:35:25	0:34:29	0:32:51	0:31:26	0:33:04	0:34:22	

**Public response stage breakdown<sup>2</sup>:**

Incident handling and incident dispatch times must be below 15 minutes to achieve Grade of Service for Grade 2 incidents. Table shows the percentage of calls which achieve this grade of service.

Please note for North Divisions the incident handling and dispatch times are combined due to system limitations.

Protect communities by monitoring the average length of time taken to attend at the scene of Grade 3 classified incidents													
A Division													
Grade 3 Incidents	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Numbers based on all resourced incidents <sup>1</sup> :													
Monthly Number of Grade 3 Incidents	5,199	4,063	3,702	3,869	3,963	3,829	3,850	3,334	3,480	3,204	3,116	3,366	3,713
Monthly number of Calls achieving Grade of Service	2,479	2,762	2,416	2,577	2,677	2,569	2,657	2,337	2,476	2,284	2,187	2,352	2,572
% of Calls achieving Grade of Service	47.7%	68.0%	65.3%	66.6%	67.5%	67.1%	69.0%	70.1%	71.1%	71.3%	70.2%	69.9%	69.3%
Numbers based on responding to public <sup>2</sup> :													
Monthly Number of Grade 3 Incidents	3,783	3,547	3,227	3,365	3,466	3,344	3,387	2,889	2,975	2,786	2,694	2,925	3,217
Monthly Number of Calls achieving Grade of Service	2,453	2,368	2,038	2,192	2,291	2,188	2,282	1,964	2,036	1,916	1,841	1,983	2,149
% of Calls achieving Grade of Service	64.8%	66.8%	63.2%	65.1%	66.1%	65.4%	67.4%	68.0%	68.4%	68.8%	68.3%	67.8%	66.8%







