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Report Title: Police – Area Performance Report

Report By: Chief Inspector Judy Hill - Area Commander (Inverness Area Command)

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 To provide an update to Committee Board on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland Policing Plan 2023–2026.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2023–2024 Year 1 attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.
- ii. The change in format necessitate by a reduction in back-office capacity to prepare additional area committee reports.

3. Report Format – Police Area Performance Summary Report

3.1 This document covers priorities featured in the Local Policing Plan and evidences Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the Policing Priorities, provide local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

3.2 At present, for The Highland Council, we report bi-annually at a Highland level, additionally, there has been a local agreement that we would also provide scrutiny reports individually to all 11 Local Area Committees, 10 of them bi-annually and 1 of them annually.

In response to the budgetary challenges facing Policing, we have had to restructure the Divisional establishment, to ensure we maintain critical front line services, and

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this has resulted in a reduction in our back-office functionality, which is where the preparation of such reports is undertaken by Police officers, supported by analysts.

Scoping the frequency of reporting across other Local Authority areas, it is apparent that this provision of additional Local Area Committee reports is anomalous, and likely as a result of the geographical diversity of the Highland area.

To this end, we are looking to move to Area Command level reporting bi-annually, but with the assurance that the local Inspector or Area Commander will be able to still articulate local context.

This is the first report using this new format and we will be monitoring its implementation.

4. Implications

4.1 Resource – There are no immediate resource applications arising from this noting report.

4.2 Legal – There are no immediate legal implications arising from this noting report.

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – There are no immediate community implications arising from this noting report.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Risk – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Gaelic – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

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**Performance Against
Local Policing Plan 2023-2026**



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**Inverness Area Committee Report
Monday 19 August 2024**

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Introduction by Area Commander

Chief Inspector Judy Hill

I present to you the Inverness Area Committee Scrutiny Report covering the reporting period 1 April 2023 until the 31 March 2024.

The local and national policing priorities are the centre of our approach to performance and reporting. Our operational focus in 2023/24 and into 2024/25 is on threat, harm, and risk, with particular focus on prevention, problem solving and proactivity.

A changing, ageing population; the cost-of-living crisis driving vulnerability; pressure on other services; civil unrest; new laws and increasingly complex investigations all contribute to growing community need and increasing contact from the public to police. Set against a backdrop of acute pressures on public finances we must ensure that the service is as efficient and provides as much value as possible.

The Chief Constable has set out her organisational priorities for this year ahead in the [Annual Police Plan](#) with focus on trust, confidence and performance.

This report provides you with a picture of the demand and activity which has been ongoing in Inverness over the last fiscal year.

We maintain a presence on our roads, enforcing road traffic legislation, improving road safety and investigating road traffic collisions. The road policing unit work tirelessly to tackle areas of greatest risk and undertake robust enforcement activity. Whilst it is reassuring that we are targeting and catching people who are under the influence at the wheel, it is disappointing to see the figures continue to increase. There is simply no excuse for drink or drug driving, and we will continue to target those drivers who choose to put the safety of others at risk.

In terms of antisocial behaviour, you will note in the report that whilst serious assaults have remained static over the reporting period, common assaults have increased. Whilst a proportion of assaults are attributed to antisocial behaviour, it is prudent to note that a significant proportion of assaults occur indoors, in residential premises.

Protecting vulnerable people in terms of Domestic Abuse is an absolute priority and our response to this type of crime is highly developed in terms of risk and victim focus but we can never become complacent, and we recognise that we need to continue to be pro-active and work very closely with our partners in the preventative space.

You will note that there continues to be a significant increase in the number of missing person reports. These enquiries are a core part of local policing and a significant demand, as we dealt with, on average 13 reports every week in the last year. We take every report of a missing person seriously and have a robust process in place in terms of assessing risk and managing an ongoing enquiry. The Divisional Missing Person's Coordinator focuses on advising ongoing enquiries and preventative approaches.

The report outlines an increase on the previous year in relation to Hate Crime related offences. We continue to support victims of crime to engage with us and feel confident in reporting crimes to us.

Finally, over the last year County Lines activity has been having a significant impact on the area and I have no doubt that this activity is linked to some of the increase in overall crime. Tackling this issue requires the use of multiple police tactics, as well as support from our partners and wider communities. By working together, we can send a clear message to the Organised Crime Groups that they are not welcome. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you members for your ongoing support in raising the profile of County Lines in our communities.

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 public 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

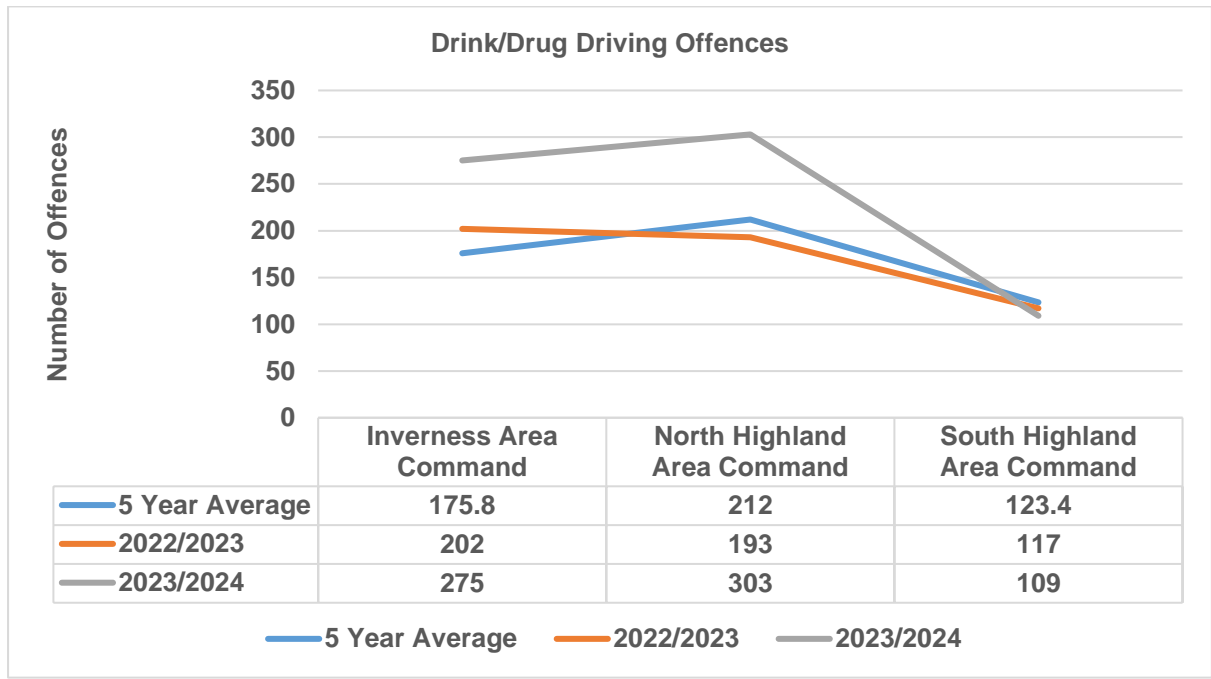
Road Safety and Road Crime

Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area.

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	3.0	2.67	4	4	-	N/A
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	175.8	207.7	202	275	73	92.0%
Speeding Offences	689.6	462.3	326	467	141	100.0%

2023/2024 Drink/Drug Driving Offences –



Inspector Donald MacKinnon of the Road Policing Unit, Operational Support Division stated:

“For the Reporting period, there were 3 fatal road collisions which resulted in 4 deaths. All these collisions occurred on National Speed Limit roads – A9, A96 and the B9091. The monthly North Road Policing Action Plan is forward facing and focusses on:

- ***Road patrol.***

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- *Influencing driver and road user behaviour.*
- *Deterring and detecting criminality on our roads.*
- *Combat the threat of terrorism.*

Priority patrol locations are identified from collision analysis, speed/traffic survey data and intelligence products. We listen carefully to public/Elected Member concerns and process all information to shape our deployments. We aim to patrol the areas of greatest risk at the right time and undertake robust enforcement of road traffic legislation. This is reflected in the increased drink / drug driving and speeding detections highlighted above which evidences effective targeting of those who demonstrate risk taking behaviour. We have undertaken innovative patrols utilising an unmarked police HGV to target those who drive whilst using mobile phones.

We have worked alongside road safety partners such as DVLA, SEPA and Trading Standards during specific days of action aimed at interacting with those in the haulage/works industry.

We detected a number of county lines related drugs offences during targeted patrols aimed at disrupting those who use the road network to engage in criminal activity.

We carried out a number of preventative road safety initiatives in the Inverness area aimed at engaging with vulnerable road users:-

- *Close Pass (cycle safety).*
- *Driver Engagement North (older driver engagement).*
- *New Driver Early Intervention (young driver inputs).*
- *Rider Refinement North (motorcycle safety)".*

**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 the Highland Area.

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	1.2	1.0	0	1	1	100.0%
Assault	772.8	772.7	842	984	142	62.0%
Serious Assault	48.8	50.7	59	59	-	69.5%
Drug (Possession) Offences	625.4	604.3	529	603	74	85.9%

Acquisitive Crime

Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across the Highland area.

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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Total)	108.2	107.0	122	106	-16	30.2%
Fraud	191.0	219.3	249	260	11	11.9%
Theft by Shoplifting	571.6	504.7	588	904	316	56.1%
Motor Vehicle Crime	83.6	65.0	77	92	15	45.7%

Protecting Vulnerable People

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm.

Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the Highland CHAMPS (Highland Champion Board) strategy; 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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	230.8	230.3	312	260	-52	51.2%
Domestic Crime	511.8	533.7	528	565	37	62.7%
Hate Crime	32.2	35.7	35	55	20	72.7%
Missing Persons*			494	679	185	-

Acting Detective Chief Inspector Ross Hamill stated:

“Throughout the course of the reporting period, the number of recorded incidents of domestic crime has remained similar to that of previous years across most committee areas. There are some local variances, with certain committee areas showing a slight increase when measured against the 3 and 5 year averages. Detection rates of domestic crime have in the large remained similar to the 3 and 5 year averages. The Policing and investigation of domestic crime remains an absolute priority, with the risk that domestic crime presents to victims being clear. Whilst it is key to ensure that the detection of domestic crime remains at a high level, it is also vital that work is undertaken to halt domestic abuse before it occurs. Aware of this, officers of the Public Protection Unit in Highland represent Police Scotland on the Highland Violence against Women Partnership, where alongside partners pro-active work is driven forward to seek to stop persons becoming victims of domestic abuse.

Recorded sexual crime over the reporting period has shown an increase when reviewed against the 3 and 5 year average, however significantly lower than 2022/23. The detection rate for sexual crime also shows an increase. The higher reporting of sexual crime is in keeping with recent trends across the country and on one level reflects a greater preparedness and confidence by survivors to come forward and report. Recent feedback provided by third sector partners reflects positively on Highland officers when it comes to ensuring that survivors of sexual abuse are treated according to their needs. This feedback importantly highlighted the awareness officers now have around how trauma affects survivors of abuse, with this in turn positively impacting how officers provide a policing service to such survivors.

Hate Crime has shown an increase in comparison to the 3 and 5 year average. Police Scotland will robustly investigate all reports to ensure victims receive a high-quality service and reassurance from the organisation. We encourage victims of these crimes to come forward and report these offences, especially those from minority groups.

Missing person investigations with Inverness and the wider Division have increased dramatically within the last twelve months. Police Scotland will continue to prioritise the deployment of resources to protect those most vulnerable within our communities from harm”.

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 Highland area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Highland 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 Highland 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 2022/2023	YTD 2023/2024	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Drug (Supply) Offences	90.6	86.7	88	121	33	77.7%

County Lines - When Organised Crime Groups from major cities such as Birmingham, Derby, Liverpool and London are expanding their drug networks to other areas, bringing with it serious criminal behaviour such as violence, exploitation and abuse. The term County Lines refers to the use of a single telephone number to order drugs, operated from outside the local area. They often set up a base in a rural town for a short time, taking over the home of a vulnerable person by ‘cuckooing’ and use adults and children to act as drug runners. Preventions and Interventions delivered advisory presentations to Partner agencies including Highland Council (Housing/Social Work) and NHS Highland.

Police Scotland has relaunched an awareness-raising initiative aimed at preventing young people from falling into a life of crime. Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, Police have devised an educational pack for young people that shows the devastating effects of Serious Organised Crime.

N Division has also recently expanded its team of dedicated officers with the sole purpose of targeting County Line offenders, working in partnership with partner agencies and protecting vulnerable persons.

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 response 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 participants 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 the Highland area.

ACT Early is a program delivered to schools across the Highland area. The ACT Early session is a vehicle for debate around the sensitive issue of violent extremism within communities. As such it is an enabler for community participants to air grievances, debate matters of interest to them and work through a group problem solving experience. The following links can provide more information regarding the program:

<https://act.campaign.gov.uk/>
<https://actearly.uk/>

Crime Statistics

Recorded Crimes and Offences: Year-to-date (April - March) Inverness (Area Committee) by selected crime classifications							
SGJD crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - March)					% Change from	
	2021/22	2022/23	3 yr mean	5 yr mean	2023/24	5 yr mean	2022/23
TOTAL CRIMES AND OFFENCES (GROUPS 1 - 7)	7 000	7 964	7 422.0	7 832.6	9 265	18.3	16.3
TOTAL CRIMES (GROUPS 1 - 5)	3 453	3 899	3 572.7	3 578.0	4 565	27.6	17.1
OVERALL VIOLENT CRIME*	978	1 106	1 004.0	987.8	1 273	28.9	15.1
TOTAL OFFENCES (GROUPS 6 - 7)	3 547	4 065	3 849.3	4 254.6	4 700	10.5	15.6
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	136	200	159.7	137.4	233	69.6	16.5
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	-	-	1.0	1.2	1	- 16.7	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	0.3	0.2	-	- 100.0	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	1	3	1.7	1.2	-	- 100.0	- 100.0
Attempted murder	6	9	7.7	7.0	13	85.7	44.4
Serious assault	50	59	50.7	48.8	59	20.9	-
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	29	26	25.3	23.0	33	43.5	26.9
Domestic Abuse (of female)	20	34	29.3	22.8	39	71.1	14.7
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1	1	1.3	1.0	3	200.0	200.0
Domestic Abuse (Total)	21	35	30.7	23.8	42	76.5	20.0
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	1	6	3.3	3.6	6	66.7	-
Threats and extortion	15	35	22.0	15.2	52	242.1	48.6
Other group 1 crimes	13	27	17.0	13.4	27	101.5	-
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	186	312	230.3	230.8	260	12.7	- 16.7
Rape	50	64	57.3	51.2	58	13.3	- 9.4
Assault w/ī to rape or ravish	1	4	2.7	2.0	3	50.0	- 25.0
Rape and attempted rape - Total	51	68	60.0	53.2	61	14.7	- 10.3
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	-	4	1.7	3.4	1	- 70.6	- 75.0
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	48	78	55.0	60.2	71	17.9	- 9.0
Lewd & libidinous practices*	8	9	7.7	6.8	8	17.6	- 11.1
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	56	91	64.3	70.4	80	13.6	- 12.1
Prostitution related crime - Total*	-	-	-	-	1	x	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	4	24	12.0	11.8	25	111.9	4.2
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	19	24	20.3	23.2	23	- 0.9	- 4.2
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	5	3	6.3	5.6	4	- 28.6	33.3
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	6	8	6.3	5.8	5	- 13.8	- 37.5
Public indecency (common law)	1	3	1.7	2.4	7	191.7	133.3
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	23	74	41.0	42.8	34	- 20.6	- 54.1
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	11	5	7.3	6.4	3	- 53.1	- 40.0
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	10	12	11.0	9.2	17	84.8	41.7
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	79	153	106.0	107.2	118	10.1	- 22.9
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	1 322	1 586	1 359.7	1 438.8	1 953	35.7	23.1
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	52	53	52.3	55.8	51	- 8.6	- 3.8
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	14	20	17.7	17.0	13	- 23.5	- 35.0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	25	49	37.0	35.4	42	18.6	- 14.3
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	91	122	107.0	108.2	106	- 2.0	- 13.1
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	9	11	10.0	16.0	8	- 50.0	- 27.3
Theft of a motor vehicle	32	35	31.0	34.4	51	48.3	45.7
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc)	18	29	22.0	30.8	25	- 18.8	- 13.8
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	4	2	2.0	2.4	8	233.3	300.0
Motor vehicle crime - Total	63	77	65.0	83.6	92	10.0	19.5
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	9	15	11.0	15.4	12	- 22.1	- 20.0
Common theft	328	369	319.7	335.6	422	25.7	14.4
Theft by shoplifting	485	588	504.7	571.6	904	58.2	53.7
Fraud	230	249	219.3	191.0	260	36.1	4.4
Other Group 3 Crimes	116	166	133.0	133.4	157	17.7	- 5.4

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GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc	617	625	589.3	569.0	691	21.4	10.6
Fireraising	19	24	18.0	17.8	23	29.2	- 4.2
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	569	590	551.0	535.2	627	17.2	6.3
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	29	9	19.7	15.2	38	150.0	322.2
Other Group 4 Crimes	-	2	0.7	0.8	3	275.0	50.0
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	1 192	1 176	1 233.7	1 202.0	1 428	18.8	21.4
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	31	32	33.3	30.8	33	7.1	3.1
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	34	61	44.3	39.8	54	35.7	- 11.5
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	14	32	21.7	18.6	25	34.4	- 21.9
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	13	32	18.3	18.0	23	27.8	- 28.1
Total offensive/bladed weapons	92	157	117.7	107.2	135	25.9	- 14.0
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	6	-	3.7	3.8	4	5.3	x
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	67	88	81.7	86.0	116	34.9	31.8
Bringing drugs into prison	2	-	1.3	0.8	1	25.0	x
Supply of drugs - Total	75	88	86.7	90.6	121	33.6	37.5
Possession of drugs	605	529	604.3	625.4	603	- 3.6	14.0
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	5	-	5.7	4.2	7	66.7	x
Total drugs crimes	685	617	696.7	720.2	731	1.5	18.5
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	-	1	3.0	4.2	-	- 100.0	- 100.0
Bail offences (other than absconding)	215	211	222.3	192.8	315	63.4	49.3
Other Group 5 crimes	200	190	194.0	177.6	247	39.1	30.0
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GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	1 616	1 916	1 737.7	1 806.2	2 052	13.6	7.1
Common Assault	758	842	772.7	772.8	984	27.3	16.9
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	135	170	146.3	134.8	183	35.8	7.6
Common Assault - Total	893	1 012	919.0	907.6	1 167	28.6	15.3
Breach of the Peace	42	45	50.3	85.6	34	- 60.3	- 24.4
Threatening & abusive behaviour	477	624	552.3	562.6	586	4.2	- 6.1
Stalking	3	7	7.3	10.2	12	17.6	71.4
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	522	676	610.0	658.4	632	- 4.0	- 6.5
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	5	14	10.7	13.6	23	69.1	64.3
Drunk and incapable	-	-	-	5.0	-	- 100.0	-
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	15	7	15.0	35.4	2	- 94.4	- 71.4
Other alcohol related offences*	26	35	22.3	29.2	26	- 11.0	- 25.7
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	41	42	37.3	69.6	28	- 59.8	- 33.3
Wildlife offences*	19	7	14.0	12.0	4	- 66.7	- 42.9
Other Group 6 offences	136	165	146.7	145.0	198	36.6	20.0
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GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	1 931	2 149	2 111.7	2 448.4	2 648	8.2	23.2
Dangerous driving offences	30	42	34.0	31.8	57	79.2	35.7
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	196	202	207.7	175.8	275	56.4	36.1
Speeding offences	507	326	462.3	689.6	467	- 32.3	43.3
Driving while disqualified	13	38	19.0	15.2	19	25.0	- 50.0
Driving without a licence	84	109	93.7	91.4	142	55.4	30.3
Failure to insure against third party risks	188	284	254.3	250.4	379	51.4	33.5
Seat belt offences	43	34	44.0	56.4	40	- 29.1	17.6
Mobile phone offences	54	121	74.3	76.4	110	44.0	- 9.1
Driving Carelessly	183	179	168.0	165.4	271	63.8	51.4
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	57	38	49.0	75.2	55	- 26.9	44.7
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	251	246	304.0	396.6	304	- 23.3	23.6
Other Group 7 offences	325	530	401.3	424.2	529	24.7	- 0.2

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Detected Crimes and Offences: Year-to-date (April - May)							
Inverness (Area Committee) by selected crime classifications							
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OVERALL VIOLENT CRIME*	761	763	740.7	731.6	861	17.7	12.8
TOTAL OFFENCES (GROUPS 6 - 7)	3 176	3 323	3 322.0	3 758.2	3 818	1.6	14.9
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	98	111	105.0	94.6	114	20.5	2.7
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	-	-	1.0	1.2	1	- 16.7	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	0.3	0.2	-	- 100.0	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	1	1	1.0	0.8	1	25.0	-
Attempted murder	5	10	7.7	7.0	12	71.4	20.0
Serious assault	44	41	40.3	39.2	41	4.6	-
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	19	19	17.7	15.6	18	15.4	- 5.3
Domestic Abuse (of female)	17	24	23.3	17.2	20	16.3	- 16.7
Domestic Abuse (of male)	-	1	0.3	0.4	1	150.0	-
Domestic Abuse (Total)	17	25	23.7	17.6	21	19.3	- 16.0
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	1	2	2.3	2.8	5	78.6	150.0
Threats and extortion	-	1	0.7	1.4	4	185.7	300.0
Other group 1 crimes	11	12	10.3	8.8	11	25.0	- 8.3
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	128	169	133.0	147.6	133	- 9.9	- 21.3
Rape	26	43	32.7	29.4	30	2.0	- 30.2
Assault w/ to rape or ravish	1	2	2.0	1.6	3	87.5	50.0
Rape and attempted rape - Total	27	45	34.7	31.0	33	6.5	- 26.7
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	1	-	0.3	2.2	-	- 100.0	-
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	30	29	27.7	34.2	28	- 18.1	- 3.4
Lewd & libidinous practices*	6	4	4.3	4.8	7	45.8	75.0
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	37	33	32.3	41.2	35	- 15.0	6.1
Prostitution related crime - Total*	-	-	-	-	1	x	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	8	17	11.0	10.4	17	63.5	-
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	23	14	16.0	19.0	14	- 26.3	-
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	1	-	1.0	2.0	2	-	x
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	3	6	5.0	4.2	2	- 52.4	- 66.7
Public indecency (common law)	1	2	1.3	2.0	3	50.0	50.0
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	15	37	20.7	28.0	17	- 39.3	- 54.1
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	10	7	6.7	5.8	4	- 31.0	- 42.9
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	3	8	4.3	4.0	5	25.0	- 37.5
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	64	91	66.0	75.4	64	- 15.1	- 29.7
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	537	600	589.3	727.8	725	- 0.4	20.8
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	12	12	13.3	19.4	9	- 53.6	- 25.0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	9	2	6.7	6.6	3	- 54.5	50.0
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	19	26	19.3	16.6	20	20.5	- 23.1
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	40	40	39.3	42.6	32	- 24.9	- 20.0
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	-	2	2.0	4.4	-	- 100.0	- 100.0
Theft of a motor vehicle	17	24	18.7	23.2	30	29.3	25.0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc)	3	2	2.3	8.4	6	- 28.6	200.0
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	3	1	1.3	1.6	6	275.0	500.0
Motor vehicle crime - Total	23	29	24.3	37.6	42	11.7	44.8
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	2	3	2.7	6.0	2	- 66.7	- 33.3
Common theft	77	95	90.0	108.2	84	- 22.4	- 11.6
Theft by shoplifting	330	365	349.7	430.0	507	17.9	38.9
Fraud	40	39	52.3	67.0	31	- 53.7	- 20.5
Other Group 3 Crimes	25	29	31.0	36.4	27	- 25.8	- 6.9

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GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc	186	172	190.3	196.4	214	9.0	24.4
Fireraising	7	9	6.0	6.2	7	12.9	- 22.2
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	159	158	170.7	179.4	180	0.3	13.9
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	20	5	13.7	10.6	26	145.3	420.0
Other Group 4 Crimes	-	-	-	0.2	1	400.0	x
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	1 145	1 134	1 203.3	1 160.8	1 254	8.0	10.6
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*	30	30	33.0	29.2	34	16.4	13.3
Handling bladed/pointed instrument*	31	55	41.7	37.8	45	19.0	- 18.2
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	13	28	20.0	16.6	19	14.5	- 32.1
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	10	27	16.7	16.2	19	17.3	- 29.6
Total offensive/bladed weapons	84	140	111.3	99.8	117	17.2	- 16.4
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	5	1	4.0	3.6	3	- 16.7	200.0
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	99	67	81.7	87.0	91	4.6	35.8
Bringing drugs into prison	-	1	0.7	0.4	-	- 100.0	- 100.0
Supply of drugs - Total	104	69	86.3	91.0	94	3.3	36.2
Possession of drugs	529	551	592.7	602.0	518	- 14.0	- 6.0
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	5	-	5.7	4.2	7	66.7	x
Total drugs crimes	638	620	684.7	697.2	619	- 11.2	- 0.2
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	7	-	5.0	4.0	-	- 100.0	-
Bail offences (other than absconding)	212	192	211.7	185.4	289	55.9	50.5
Other Group 5 crimes	204	182	190.7	174.4	229	31.3	25.8
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GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	1 314	1 399	1 368.3	1 456.4	1 465	0.6	4.7
Common Assault	559	526	529.0	534.6	610	14.1	16.0
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	134	167	144.7	133.8	179	33.8	7.2
Common Assault - Total	693	693	673.7	668.4	789	18.0	13.9
Breach of the Peace	45	41	51.0	84.8	33	- 61.1	- 19.5
Threatening & abusive behaviour	421	501	480.0	496.8	479	- 3.6	- 4.4
Stalking	5	4	6.0	7.8	7	- 10.3	75.0
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	471	546	537.0	589.4	519	- 11.9	- 4.9
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	4	12	9.3	12.6	21	66.7	75.0
Drunk and incapable	-	-	-	5.4	-	- 100.0	-
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	15	7	15.0	35.2	2	- 94.3	- 71.4
Other alcohol related offences*	24	34	21.3	28.6	26	- 9.1	- 23.5
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	39	41	36.3	69.2	28	- 59.5	- 31.7
Wildlife offences*	14	3	9.0	8.4	2	- 76.2	- 33.3
Other Group 6 offences	93	104	103.0	108.4	106	- 2.2	1.9
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GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	1 862	1 924	1 953.7	2 301.8	2 353	2.2	22.3
Dangerous driving offences	30	34	31.0	29.0	48	65.5	41.2
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	229	203	193.7	161.6	253	56.6	24.6
Speeding offences	506	327	463.7	689.0	467	- 32.2	42.8
Driving while disqualified	13	37	18.7	14.8	21	41.9	- 43.2
Driving without a licence	85	105	93.0	90.2	138	53.0	31.4
Failure to insure against third party risks	195	271	252.0	247.0	374	51.4	38.0
Seat belt offences	47	34	44.0	57.0	40	- 29.8	17.6
Mobile phone offences	56	121	74.0	76.4	109	42.7	- 9.9
Driving Carelessly	169	164	155.3	155.8	241	54.7	47.0
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	57	37	49.0	74.6	54	- 27.6	45.9
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	256	243	306.0	394.8	302	- 23.5	24.3
Other Group 7 offences	219	348	273.3	311.6	306	- 1.8	- 12.1

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