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**Report Title:** Police Performance Report

**Report By:** Chief Superintendent Robert Shepherd –  
Divisional Commander (N Division)

**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 scrutinise and note progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2023–2026 Year 1 attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025.

**3. Report Format – Police Area Performance Summary Report**

- 3.1 This document will now cover all priorities featured in the Local Policing Plan and evidence Prevention and Interventions work corresponding to each of the Policing Priorities, provide local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

**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.

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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.

Chief Superintendent Robert Shepherd  
Divisional Commander – N Division  
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# Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2023-2026



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## Introduction by the Divisional Commander

I am pleased to present the N Division Scrutiny Report, as the Divisional Commander for Highland and Islands. This report specifically covers the Highland area for the reporting period 01 April 2025 – 31 December 2025.

The demands placed on the Police continue to be challenging, as we support our partners working within our communities, while continuing to focus on policing across the Division, my officers are delivering that service daily.

Officers have been active across all priority areas of our Policing Plan. We have maintained a proactive presence on Highland roads, enforcing road traffic legislation, working with Partners to improve road safety and investigating road traffic collisions which can be seen within the statistics. Motorcycle engagement continues to be a focus for our officers as a particularly vulnerable group involved in fatalities over the reporting period.

In terms of acquisitive crime, we have seen a reduction in domestic Housebreaking and a significant reduction in theft by shoplifting offences. We have seen the launch of the National Retail Crime Task Force and operation Lambie within the Highland and Islands which has involved the deployment of plain clothes and uniform officers and closer working relationships with retailers to combat retail crime. Fraud offences have increased in the reporting period, and we are working nationally to review our approach to dealing with fraud type offences which cross both national and international boundaries and can make the investigation complex and challenging. My officers continue to engage with vulnerable demographics susceptible to this type of offence raising awareness of fraud trends.

There has been a slight increase in domestic crime in comparison to the same period last year. Hate crime has reduced and missing persons have reduced especially in relation to looked after children, and children which is a positive figure in reducing the risk of harm to the young members of our community.

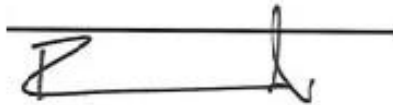
We have built and continue to develop strong partnership relationships, structures and working arrangements for the protection of vulnerable people within our communities who are impacted by substance abuse. We have a dedicated Harm Prevention officer who alongside our Preventions and Interventions unit actively approach and support those identified vulnerable members of our community. We are pro-actively targeting those offenders engaged in County Lines within our Division and ensuring a robust approach to enforcement.

We have had significant change for our officers in the past year with the introduction of Body Worn Video which is now embedded within our division. This has brought significant improvements to the presentation of evidence for court and alongside our summary case management process we are reducing the numbers of witnesses required for court. This is a reduction in the number of civilian witnesses being required but also a reduction in officers required for court which allows the officers to spend more time supporting our communities. This work is ongoing in collaboration with the COPFS.

Our division has supported some major events in the reporting period such as the Presidential visit to Scotland in July 2025 while continuing to maintain the level of service expected across the Highland Area.

Lastly, we have continued to feature on Highland Cops which has provided an insight to Policing such a geographically demanding area and the often-unique challenges this presents.

My team remains committed to meeting the priorities set out by the Chief Constable and delivering these to our communities. We recognise the need to be agile and respond to our communities' needs in conjunction with our partners. In the coming months we will continue to focus our activities on performance, proactivity, public engagement and our people. This will enable us to deliver a strong service and continue to contribute to the wellbeing of the communities we serve.

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**Chief Superintendent Robert Shepherd  
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



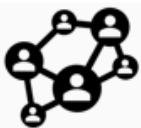
## ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

## N Division (Highland): At a glance

### **Road Safety and Road Crime**

Overall, Road Crime offences have increased by 16.7% (684.4 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 15.67% (648 more offences) against the Last Year to Date (LYTD).

Offences in relation to Unlawful use of motor vehicle have increased by 6.5% (88.2 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 2.83% (40 more offences) against the LYTD.

Mobile Telephone offences have increased by 137.2% (90.8 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 45.37% (49 more offences) against the LYTD.

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

Offences in relation to Culpable and Reckless Conduct have decreased by 1.2% (0.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 14.04% (8 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Assault have increased by 10.0% (137.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 6.14% (87 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Murder are at 0% (no increase or decrease in crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 100% (1 more crime) against the LYTD.

### **Acquisitive Crime**

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has increased by 3.9% (85.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 7.85% (193 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house have decreased by 24.4% (22 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 23.6% (21 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 19.6% (72.6 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and has increased by 18.45% (69 more crimes) against the LYTD.

### **Protecting Vulnerable People**

Overall, Sexual Crime has increased by 15.7% (74 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 2.25% (12 more crimes) against the LYTD.



## **Serious and Organised Crime**

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Still stated:

***“The Division continues to be heavily affected by Serious and Organised Crime Groups utilising the ‘County Line’ business model. We continue to work with our internal partners in the Police Service of Scotland and exporting forces including Merseyside, Metropolitan and West Midlands Police to share intelligence, information, and target those involved in drugs supply.”***

## **Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism**

Police Constable Andrew Hardwick, N Division’s Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated:

“Ongoing work under Operation Bridger, Ford and Sandbed with MPs, MSPs and councillors in the Highland & Islands area. Continued liaison with CT Intelligence, CT Security Advisors and the Prevent Delivery Unit to address CT matters in the Highland and Islands area. Work is ongoing with the CONTEST group to raise awareness of the strategy and with the planned introduction of Martyn’s Law. Planning for the next Exercise Shopboard workshop is underway which is being planned in the Western Isles in May 2026. Liaison work is ongoing between Prevention & Interventions and CT security advisors for the planning of the upcoming demand at Cameron Barracks.”

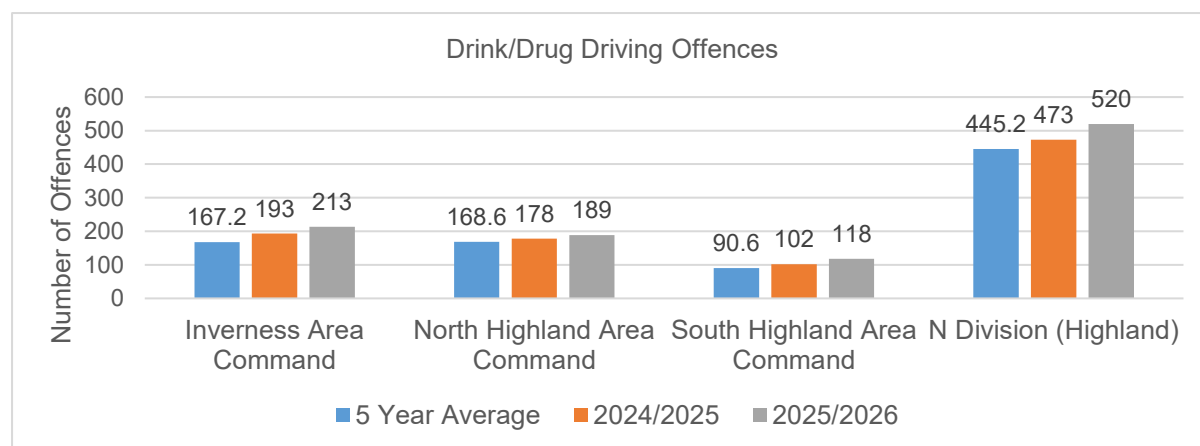
# Road Safety and Road Crime

**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 2024/2025	YTD 2025/2026	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	18.8	16.3	12	19	7	
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	426.4	487.3	473	520	40	90.5%
Speeding Offences	811	459.3	419	601	182	100.0%

## **2024/2025 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -**



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

***“For the reporting period, there were 19 road deaths across the Highland area. There were eight motorcycle fatalities, an increase of five on the previous year.***

***Five foreign drivers were involved in fatal collisions on the A862, A82, A9 and A87 (x2) in the Highland area. Road death figures represent an increase against the three- and five-year***

*average, despite a significant amount of engagement and enforcement being undertaken which includes delivering robust visitor management and motorcycle safety plans. We are committed to working with partners to deliver a Road Safety Strategy that prioritises casualty reduction, influences driver and road user behaviour and detects and deters criminality on our road network. Investigating road deaths can be complex and we face competing demands, but we strive to deliver a high-quality service to Highland communities through high visibility road patrols, road user interaction and public reassurance”.*

**Operation CEDAR** (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) -

This builds on established practices and continues to focus on a collaborative approach focussed on reducing road casualties in the Highland area. Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads which sits alongside preventative activity aimed at improving driver behaviour. 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.

**Driver Engagement North** -

This innovative road safety initiative focuses on interacting with older drivers and their friends and families at a variety of venues within the Highlands and Islands where we encourage open and honest conversations about fitness to drive. We use an interactive driving simulator designed to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities. The project is led by the Police Scotland Highland and Islands Road Policing team and has since received additional funding which will allow a national roll-out later this year.

Any interested parties looking for more information can contact: [highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.police.uk](mailto:highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.police.uk).

**Rider Refinement North** -

This one-day course is delivered to the motorcycling community which aims to raise road safety awareness and encourage riders to think about the consequences risk taking behaviour. Led by police motorcyclists and accompanied by an Institute of Advance Motorists observer, the course considers key risk factors and provide riders with the knowledge and skills to ride in a safe manner. The course involves demonstration rides and observed rides with feedback from officers, motorcycle examination/safety checks of riders' bikes which should be carried out before any journey.

**New Driver Early Intervention Scheme** -

This is aimed at encouraging safe driving practices amongst new and learner drivers. The scheme generally targets drivers between 17-25 years of age who are statistically more likely to be involved in a collision.

Classroom inputs are delivered to young drivers such as apprentices, students and private/public sector employees across the divisional area.

Police Scotland, Highland Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have recently collaborated to allow the delivery of this scheme to senior secondary school pupils within Highland area.

**Operation Close Pass -**

Close Pass is a cycle safety initiative which aims to highlight how much room motorists should allow when passing cyclists who are considered to be vulnerable road users. This educational initiative is aimed at changing driver behaviour through engagement and interaction.

**Visitor Management / North Coast 500 (NC500) -**

There are robust Road Policing plans in place for motorcyclists/vulnerable road users and Visitor Management for the year ahead. Analytical work is undertaken to ensure Police Scotland targets the right locations at the right time. We are committed to reducing road casualties across the Highland area and daily patrols are conducted on priority routes in addition to specific days of action on key tourist routes such as the NC500 route, utilising car and motorcycle patrols. We aim to positively influence driver / road user behaviour, detect and deter criminality on the road network and provide reassurance to our communities. We continue to promote our activity through media channels and encourage anyone with road safety concerns to contact Police Scotland.

## 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 2024/2025	YTD 2025/2026	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	2	2.3	1	2	1	100.0%
Assault	1367.8	1472	1418	1505	87	61.9%
Serious Assault	76.6	67.3	68	63	-5	71.4%
Drug Deaths	21	14	16	14	-2	

\*The figure provided in relation to Drug Deaths is an estimated figure at time of publication. This is the total number in the reporting period in which N Division are treating as a suspected Drug Death, however the figure is subject to change as Post Mortem results and other information are received from NHS Highland.

Drug Deaths – Drug Related Deaths within the N Division area (Highland) is of significant concern. N Division continues to work with Partner Agencies in order to support individuals who find themselves involved with alcohol and controlled substance misuse. Every Drug Related Death within the N Division area is reviewed by the Harm Prevention Officer (HPO).

**Harm Prevention Officer** – Harm Prevention Officer (HPO) role was introduced within the N Division area in November 2020. This role is filled by a Police Constable who undertakes daily liaison between internal/external stakeholders with a view to reducing the risk posed to certain members of the public through alcohol and controlled substance misuse.

The HPO works with other Partners to target Cuckooing which is a crime whereby crime groups take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for County Lines offences. The HPO works within the nationally recognised Serious and Organised Crime Strategy (Divert, Deter, Disrupt, Detect) targeting the Divert and Deter strands.

The HPO is fully funded by NHS Highland via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership (HADP).

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**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.

Police Scotland's Prevention and Interventions Officers supported this initiative in the Highland area.

Further inputs continue to be undertaken by Prevention and Interventions Officers supported by Special Police Constables.

## 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 2024/2025	YTD 2025/2026	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	90	82.6	89	68	-21	23%
Fraud	370.4	399.3	374	443	69	13.5%
Theft by Shoplifting	755.6	1003.6	1015	871	-144	71.6%
Theft of a motor vehicle	70.4	75.3	54	68	14	54.4%

**Rural Watch** - The Highland area 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 Highland 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](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)

Detective Inspector Andy Bilton stated:

**Fraud:** - The Highland and Islands continue to see an increase in Fraud offences with a continued increase visible across the year. We Continue to see several banking frauds, and more recently seen several frauds which have occurred due to e-mail interceptions/hacking. It would also appear that cryptocurrency related frauds are becoming more frequent. We are working nationally to review our approach to dealing with fraud type offences and continuing to engage with community groups particularly the elderly as a demographic particularly vulnerable to fraud type offences.

**Theft by Shoplifting:** - This year saw the launch of the National Retail Crime Task Force and operation LAMBIE within the Highland and Islands. This is a proactive, intelligence-led policing initiative designed to combat shoplifting across key retail areas in the Highlands. This operation deployed plain clothes

police officers alongside uniform colleagues to conduct targeted patrols within identified problem premises.

**Common Theft:** The Highland and Islands has seen an increase in Common Theft in recent months, and we are also experiencing a rise in reported cooking oil thefts (Operation MITRIFORM). Another trend contributing to the increase in common thefts is Petrol Drive Offs, Scottish Crime Recording Standards are such that these are always raised as a crime until enquiry proves any genuine errors.

*Detective Inspector Andy Bilton – North Acquisitive Crime Lead.*



## Protecting Vulnerable People

**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 2024/2025	YTD 2025/2026	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	471	521.6	533	545	12	65.7%
Domestic Crime*			1135	1260	125	63.4%
Hate Crime**			179	148	-31	75%
Missing Persons	586.2	579.3	600	389	-211	

\*Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, and the different methodology/ counting rules, comparison of recorded domestic crimes from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 with recorded domestic crimes prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 would not be advised.

\*\* Please note, due to the different sources of data being used, and the different methodology/ counting rules, comparison of recorded hate crimes from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 with recorded hate crimes prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 would not be advised.

### **Missing Persons –**

Police Scotland treats 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	2024/2025	2025/2026	Variation
Adult	186	189	3
Cared for Adult	62	28	-34
Looked After Child	178	67	-111
Child	174	104	-70
Absconder/Wanted	0	1	1
Total	600	389	-211

Area Commands have an appointed 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.

**Highland CHAMPS** - The Highland CHAMPS (Children have Amazing Minds, Potential and Stories) are a group based in Clachnaharry, Inverness. Highland CHAMPS welcome any young person from the Highland area who identifies as care-experienced whether they are a care-leaver, looked after at home, fostered, adopted, in residential care or other. Highland CHAMPS provide a safe space for activities, opportunities, socialising and fun. Further information regarding Highland CHAMPS can be found at:- <https://www.highland.gov.uk/highlandchamps>

Detective Chief Inspector Ross Hamill stated:

***“Addressing and tackling abuse in all its forms is an absolute priority of Policing across Highland. Protecting vulnerable people is at the core of this. Throughout the course of the reporting period, recorded domestic crimes has a 63.4% detection rate, which is a slight improvement from the previous year, however, there has been an increase of 125 reported incidents from the previous year. Recorded sexual crime for the period has shown an increase of 12 more offences than the previous year, with a detection rate of 65.7%, which is an improvement of 7.6% on the previous year. The detection rate for hate crime is 75%, which is 8.7% improvement on the previous year.***

***Due to change in recording standards, we are unable to compare domestic recording figures to the previous year, three- and five-year average. The introduction of the Hate Crime and Public Order Act came into effect on 1st April 2024 has led to an increase in reporting of hate crime, however like domestic abuse, we are unable to make comparisons to the three- and five-year average.***

***Missing person reports have shown a significant reduction of 211 fewer reports in 2025/26 to date than the previous year. Ongoing work across the statutory and third sector partners has been fundamental to reduce reports of missing people and keep vulnerable people safe.***

***Whilst the aforementioned figures show a trend of increased numbers in respect of reported domestic and sexual crime, police in conjunction with statutory and third sector partners continue to be completely focussed on reducing abuse and harm to vulnerable persons. Through the Violence against Women Partnership, work continues to educate, prevent, and reduce abuse”.***

## 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 2024/2025	YTD 2025/2026	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Drug (Supply) Offences	100.2	130	118	166	48	89.8%

**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 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 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

Crime Bulletin Categories	Highland Area Command					
	2020 /21	2021 /22	2022 /23	2023 /24	2024 /25	2025 /26
<b>TOTAL CRIME &amp; OFFENCES</b>	<b>13578</b>	<b>12851</b>	<b>11901</b>	<b>13355</b>	<b>13364</b>	<b>13908</b>
<b>Group 1 - Non Sexual Crimes of Violence</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>1725</b>	<b>1840</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>2009</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	4	0	1	4	1	2
Culpable homicide (common law)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Culpable homicide (other)	3	4	3	1	4	1
Attempted murder	10	5	13	13	7	13
Serious Assault (incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	77	81	86	71	68	63
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	228	226	233	254	264	217
Common Assault	1238	1320	1370	1493	1418	1505
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	25	23	24	32	50	48
Stalking	20	13	17	23	33	30
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	12	12	4	4	10	26
Threats and extortion	20	26	62	73	50	49
Other group 1 crimes	17	15	27	46	50	55
<b>Group 2 - Sexual Offences</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>545</b>
Rape	100	78	96	92	116	104
Attempted rape	8	1	5	3	1	9
Sexual assault	102	129	168	181	195	182
Crimes associated with Prostitution	0	0	1	1	1	0
Indecent photos of children	27	18	39	35	34	39
Communicating indecently	43	40	52	32	39	59
Causing to view sexual activity or images	49	58	79	59	68	72
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image*	18	21	20	25	27	24
Other Group 2 crimes	44	75	64	59	52	56
<b>Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>1813</b>	<b>2164</b>	<b>2657</b>	<b>2458</b>	<b>2265</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	101	74	95	91	89	68
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling	28	19	26	21	18	20
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	69	50	78	84	75	35
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	16	11	16	12	23	13
Theft of a motor vehicle	61	69	64	104	54	68
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	46	32	56	40	67	54
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	3	6	3	11	13	8

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Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	26	25	30	43	20	23
Common theft	459	495	575	557	545	531
Theft by shoplifting	549	503	586	1125	1015	871
Fraud	290	373	434	381	374	443
Other Group 3 crimes	158	156	201	188	165	131
<b>Group 4 - Damage and Reckless Behaviour</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>1135</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>972</b>
Fireraising	32	38	56	49	59	52
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	966	1045	1115	1067	986	870
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	2	0	0	3	1
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	56	48	34	53	57	49
Other Group 4 crimes	1	2	1	3	1	0
<b>Group 5 - Crimes Against Society</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>1834</b>	<b>1604</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1758</b>	<b>1933</b>
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	0	5	3	6	5	1
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	0	0	0	5	12	14
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	126	96	104	118	108	105
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	0	0	2	0	2	1
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	0	0	0	2	1	2
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	63	42	105	91	57	79
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	19	19	6	15	1	6
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	123	64	90	106	118	166
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	12	4	0	6	4	11
Possession of drugs	1136	981	702	774	740	847
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	5	0	1	1	0	3
Bail offences (other than absconding)	330	315	310	381	386	360
Other crimes against public justice	352	305	280	359	323	330
Other crimes against society	4	3	1	1	1	8
<b>Group 6 - Anti-Social Offences</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>1059</b>
Breach of the Peace	99	69	64	64	50	74
Threatening or abusive behaviour	905	924	1005	1000	953	890
Hate aggravated conduct (incl. stirring up hatred)	16	13	28	25	36	37
Drunk and incapable	3	1	1	0	0	1
Consume alcohol in designated place (local bye-laws)	28	19	9	11	10	12

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Other alcohol related offences	17	24	41	31	29	25
Urinating	31	36	31	24	19	20
<b>Group 7 - Miscellaneous Offences</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>342</b>
Wildlife offences	39	29	25	21	13	19
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	29	27	34	48	52	62
Community and public order offences	184	172	185	216	187	203
Environmental offences	22	28	10	14	11	8
Licensing offences	40	36	51	35	42	43
Other misc. offences	1	7	5	12	17	7
<b>Group 8 - Road Traffic Offences</b>	<b>5086</b>	<b>4539</b>	<b>3074</b>	<b>3659</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>4783</b>
Dangerous driving offences	123	164	116	144	158	168
Driving Carelessly	322	385	302	355	408	574
Driving under the influence	426	409	355	469	473	520
Speeding offences	1756	1272	250	358	419	601
Seat belt offences	83	99	43	80	77	120
Mobile phone offences	64	67	36	56	108	157
Unlawful use of motor vehicle	1463	1400	1195	1361	1415	1455
Vehicle defect offences	351	236	209	222	319	368
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	64	57	36	19	43	80
Road Traffic Offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	5	2	3	6	2	8
Other Group 8 Offences	429	448	529	589	713	732

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