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Report Title: **Police – Performance Report**

Report By: **Chief Superintendent Dave Ross–
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:
- i. 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 01 April 2025 – 31March 2026.

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 Dave Ross–
Divisional Commander (N Division)

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



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Communities, People and Partnerships... at the Heart of the
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Introduction by the Divisional Commander

I am pleased to present the N Division Scrutiny Report in my role as Divisional Commander for Highland and Islands. This report provides an overview of policing performance across the Highland area for the reporting period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Policing continues to operate within a demanding environment, balancing increasing and evolving demand while working closely with partners to support our communities. Throughout this reporting period, officers and staff across N Division have continued to deliver a professional, visible and responsive policing service, remaining focused on protecting people, preventing harm and improving outcomes for the communities we serve.

Our officers have been active across all priorities within the Local Policing Plan. We have maintained a proactive presence on Highland roads through enforcement activity, partnership working to improve road safety and thorough investigation of road traffic collisions. This sustained approach is reflected within the performance data presented in this report.

Protecting vulnerable road users remains a key priority. Motorcycle safety has continued to receive significant attention through targeted engagement and enforcement activity, complemented by our Visitor Engagement programme delivered across key tourist routes during the busy visitor season.

Performance in acquisitive crime has been encouraging. Domestic housebreaking has reduced, alongside a significant decrease in theft by shoplifting offences. These improvements have been supported by the introduction of the National Retail Crime Task Force and the implementation of Operation Lambie across Highland and Islands. Through the deployment of both uniformed and plain-clothes officers, alongside strengthened partnerships with retailers, we have enhanced our ability to prevent, disrupt and investigate retail crime.

This enforcement activity has been complemented by Operation Firhill, which focuses on engaging with offenders to better understand the underlying causes of offending behaviour and connect individuals with appropriate support services, helping to reduce reoffending and prevent future harm.

While fraud offences have continued to increase during the reporting period, this reflects a national trend involving increasingly sophisticated criminality that frequently crosses regional and international boundaries. These investigations remain complex and resource intensive. Alongside national work to strengthen our response, local officers continue to deliver preventative engagement with those most vulnerable to fraud, raising awareness of emerging scams and providing practical advice to reduce the risk of victimisation.

There has been a slight increase in recorded domestic crime compared with the same period last year. However, it is encouraging to note reductions in both hate crime and missing person incidents, particularly those involving children and looked-after children. This

represents positive progress in reducing vulnerability and safeguarding some of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Protecting vulnerable people remains at the heart of our approach. We continue to strengthen partnership arrangements to support individuals affected by substance misuse and other complex vulnerabilities. Our dedicated Harm Prevention Officer, supported by the Prevention and Interventions Unit, works proactively to identify those most at risk, provide early intervention and connect individuals with appropriate services. At the same time, we continue to take robust enforcement action against those involved in County Lines criminality operating within the Division.

The introduction of Body Worn Video is now fully embedded across the Division and is delivering tangible benefits. It has enhanced the quality of evidence presented to the courts, supported more effective case management and reduced the need for witness attendance, contributing to earlier case resolution while improving the experience of victims and witnesses.

The Policing for Our Communities programme represents an important step in delivering a sustainable model of local policing aligned to Police Scotland's Vision 2030. The programme is focused on delivering safer communities, preventing crime through partnership working, improving services for victims and ensuring our workforce is equipped, empowered and supported to meet future demand.

The programme has now been implemented within the Inverness Area Command as the first phase of delivery, with further rollout planned across the Division over the coming months. A more detailed update on progress and benefits will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting.

During the reporting period, Highland policing has continued to feature in the television series *Highland Cops*, providing the public with a valuable insight into policing one of Scotland's largest and most geographically diverse divisions. The programme has helped demonstrate the professionalism, commitment and adaptability of our officers and staff in responding to the unique challenges of policing across the Highlands.

I remain extremely proud of the commitment, professionalism and dedication demonstrated by officers and staff across N Division every day. Supported by our partners, we remain focused on delivering the priorities set by the Chief Constable while responding to the needs of our local communities. Over the coming months, we will continue to drive performance, proactive policing, prevention, public engagement and workforce development, ensuring we provide an effective, compassionate and sustainable policing service for the people of Highland.

Chief Superintendent Dave Ross
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 increased by 21.7% (1195.4 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 17.5% (997 more offences) against the Last Year to Date (LYTD).

Offences in relation to Unlawful use of a motor vehicle increased by 5.3% (102.4 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 3.31% (65 more offences) against the LYTD.

Mobile Telephone offences increased by 114% (106 more offences) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 28.39% (44 more offences) against the LYTD.

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

Offences in relation to Culpable and Reckless Conduct increased by 13.3% (8.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 1.41% (1 fewer crime) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Assault increased by 12.2% (214.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 10.55% (188 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Murder increased by 100% (2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 300% (3 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Acquisitive Crime

Overall, Acquisitive Crime increased by 5.8% (163.8 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 6.36% (203 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house decreased by 19.6% (23.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and decreased by 26.52% (35 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences increased by 21.5% (106.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 20.48% (102 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Overall, Sexual Crime increased by 11.3% (71.2 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 4.61% (31 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Serious and Organised Crime

Detective Chief Inspector Ross Hamill 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 and recent work around the Scottish Elections. 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. The Western Isles exercise shopboard event is to take place in Stornoway on 21st May 2026 with approximately 40 persons in attendance. Following this, planning will commence for the Shetland Isles Exercise Shopboard due to take place in September.”

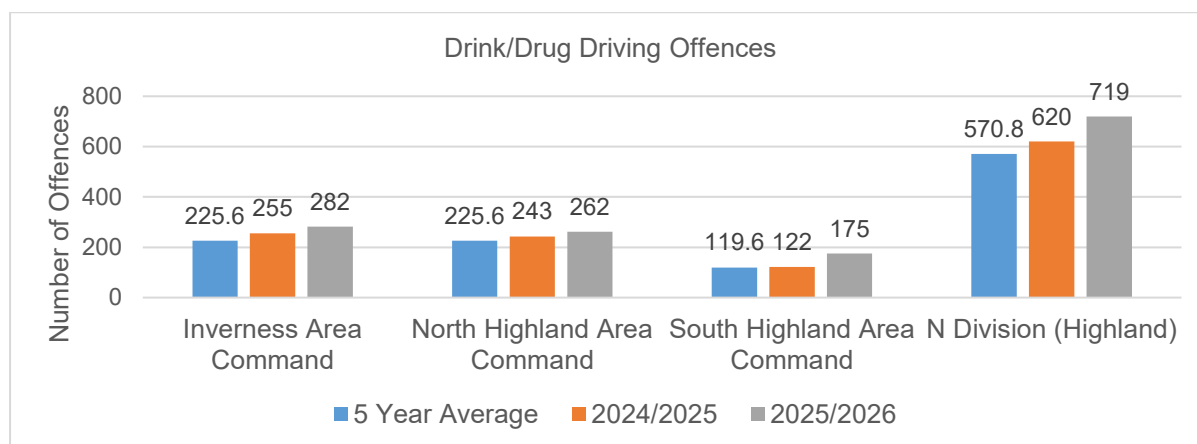
Road Safety and Road Crime

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	15.8	17.66	14	21	7	
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	570.8	659.3	620	719	99	84.8%
Speeding Offences	1026.6	676.6	628	911	283	100%

2024/2025 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -



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

“For the reporting period, there were 21 road deaths across the Highland area. There were eight motorcycle fatalities, an increase of five on the previous year. There was one triple fatality collision and two double fatality collisions in the Highland area.

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.

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	3	1	4	3	100%
Assault	1755.6	1894.6	1782	1970	180	66.4%
Serious Assault	98.2	85.3	89	78	-9	82.1%
Drug Deaths	Confirmed and Suspected 25	Confirmed and Suspected 19	Confirmed 9 Suspected 9	Confirmed 3 Suspected 19	Confirmed -6 Suspected -10	

*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)	120.6	118.3	132	97	-35	34%
Fraud	493.8	538	498	600	102	13.2%
Theft by Shoplifting	1002.8	1324.6	1337	1153	-184	72.7%
Theft of a motor vehicle	89	92	73	85	12	57.6%

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

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. 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

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 2024/2025	YTD 2025/2026	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	632.8	679	673	704	31	60.4%
Domestic Crime*			1446	1633	217	66.38%
Hate Crime**			102	98	-4	73.85
Missing Persons	769.80	742.33	760	497	-263	

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

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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	245	238	-7
Cared for Adult	76	37	-39
Looked After Child	231	89	-142
Child	208	132	-76
Absconder/Wanted	0	1	1
Total	760	497	-263

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>

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	137.6	174.3	160	221	61	90%

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 respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

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

In particular, it seeks to support them to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to being persuaded by an extremist or terrorist ideology. Workshops delivered to Partners across 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
TOTAL CRIME & OFFENCES	10400	10508	11348	12085	11427	11520
Group 1 - Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	2082	2225	2453	2629	2459	2586
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	4	0	1	4	1	4
Culpable homicide (common law)	1	1	0	0	0	0
Culpable homicide (other)	3	4	6	1	5	3
Attempted murder	15	9	16	24	10	16
Serious Assault (incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct - causing injury)	98	108	107	89	89	78
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	264	279	308	328	348	267
Common Assault	1558	1695	1811	1932	1782	1970
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	29	40	31	51	55	62
Stalking	32	14	32	35	38	35
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	15	15	7	9	11	35
Threats and extortion	45	41	90	95	63	55
Other group 1 crimes	18	19	44	61	57	61
Group 2 - Sexual Offences	539	551	741	660	673	704
Rape	142	117	140	126	153	134
Attempted rape	9	3	6	5	3	12
Sexual assault	144	170	247	229	235	232
Crimes associated with Prostitution	0	0	1	1	1	0
Indecent photos of children	30	24	50	52	50	50
Communicating indecently	58	49	72	52	47	70
Causing to view sexual activity or images	61	73	110	80	83	103
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image*	26	25	29	37	36	37
Other Group 2 crimes	69	90	86	78	65	66
Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty	2234	2430	2882	3396	3194	2991
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	121	101	123	126	132	97
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling	36	31	36	24	24	28
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	84	70	99	99	95	43
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	22	13	20	13	27	18
Theft of a motor vehicle	78	85	91	118	73	85
Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc	56	38	71	50	77	65
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	3	7	5	13	16	11

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Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	29	32	46	45	23	34
Common theft	580	641	756	696	698	701
Theft by shoplifting	640	714	839	1484	1337	1153
Fraud	395	501	559	516	498	600
Other Group 3 crimes	190	197	237	212	194	156
Group 4 - Damage and Reckless Behaviour	1390	1536	1558	1518	1402	1311
Fireraising	45	46	68	56	79	75
Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)	1267	1423	1448	1395	1248	1164
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	3	0	1	3	1
Culpable & reckless conduct (not firearms)	73	62	41	62	71	70
Other Group 4 crimes	4	2	1	4	1	1
Group 5 - Crimes Against Society	2799	2384	2180	2426	2287	2541
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	0	5	4	6	5	1
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	0	0	0	9	13	24
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	168	119	139	141	141	145
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	2
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)	77	57	127	107	72	105
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	21	21	7	17	5	7
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	169	98	119	142	160	221
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	19	5	0	7	4	13
Possession of drugs	1473	1252	968	1015	966	1073
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	13	0	1	1	1	3
Bail offences (other than absconding)	421	417	420	502	492	480
Other crimes against public justice	434	407	392	472	423	451
Other crimes against society	4	3	1	4	2	14
Group 6 - Anti-Social Offences	1356	1382	1534	1456	1412	1387
Breach of the Peace	117	82	92	71	68	101
Threatening or abusive behaviour	1129	1174	1312	1273	1213	1154
Hate aggravated conduct (incl. stirring up hatred)	22	15	32	38	49	49
Drunk and incapable	3	1	1	0	0	1
Consume alcohol in designated place (local bye-laws)	30	26	9	3	12	15

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Other alcohol related offences	21	39	55	43	43	39
Urinating	34	45	33	28	27	28
Group 7 - Miscellaneous Offences	428	413	429	460	440	471
Wildlife offences	45	38	33	23	13	22
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	50	37	49	58	67	76
Community and public order offences	253	246	260	291	269	301
Environmental offences	26	34	13	18	13	9
Licensing offences	52	43	66	48	56	55
Other misc. offences	2	15	8	22	22	8
Group 8 - Road Traffic Offences	6923	5575	4284	5017	5698	6695
Dangerous driving offences	154	190	161	188	200	211
Driving Carelessly	397	505	384	451	556	735
Driving under the influence	559	534	502	639	620	719
Speeding offences	2253	1405	356	491	628	911
Seat belt offences	111	112	60	103	117	204
Mobile phone offences	88	74	63	85	155	199
Unlawful use of motor vehicle	2264	1802	1705	1898	1964	2029
Vehicle defect offences	465	298	284	338	456	647
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	89	72	50	39	72	111
Road Traffic Offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	5	3	6	7	3	10
Other Group 8 Offences	538	580	713	779	927	919

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