

Meeting	SPA Board Meeting
Date	26 June 2019
Location	Pollock Halls, Edinburgh
Title of Paper	Chief Constable's Report
Presented By	Chief Constable Iain Livingstone QPM
Recommendation to Members	For Discussion
Appendix Attached:	No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Authority with information relating to the Police Service, policing and the state of crime.

This report is submitted as a Standing Agenda Item.

1. BACKGROUND

The purpose of Police Scotland is 'to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland' and our focus is on Keeping People Safe. This paper is intended to provide Members with an update on key activity and events within Police Scotland.

2. TACKLING THREAT AND RISK

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME GROUP RELATED VIOLENCE, FIREARMS AND FEUDS

Our priorities for policing cut across all aspects of criminality and policing and we will tackle the areas that pose the greatest threat and risk, as highlighted in our Strategic Assessment.

Operation ENGAGEMENT

As reported to the Scottish Police Authority Chair and Members in May, six men were imprisoned for a total of 104 years, following conviction of being involved in conspiracy to murder. On Friday 14 June, Serious Crime Prevention Orders (SCPOs) were granted in respect of each of the men. SCPOs are designed to protect the public, by imposing conditions to prevent, restrict or disrupt those involved in serious crime. The SCPOs will run for a period of five years following release from prison.

On Friday 31 May, two males and two females attributed to the same Organised Crime Group were convicted at Glasgow High Court for the discharge of a firearm.

The further convictions, and the imposition of the Serious Crime Prevention Orders, reinforce and support our resolute commitment to tackle organised crime and improve the safety and security of citizens in Scotland.

SERIOUS VIOLENCE (including homicide)

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Death of Paul Smith – Edinburgh City Division

On Thursday 30 May, Paul Smith was fatally stabbed in Edinburgh. Following an immediate policing response and investigation, a 40 year old man was arrested and charged with murder. He appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court and was remanded in custody. This unprovoked incident

caused significant distress within the local community and beyond, and local policing and specialist resources provided a high-visibility presence to reassure members of the public and offer support.

Death of Emma Faulds – Ayrshire Division

On Wednesday 12 June, the body of Emma Faulds, who had last been seen in Monkton, Ayrshire, on Sunday 28 April, was recovered in Galloway Forest. Throughout this extensive investigation, the thoughts of officers and staff involved have been with Emma’s family and friends, who had to endure weeks of uncertainty while coping with the tragic circumstances. A 40 year old man has previously appeared at Ayr Sheriff Court, charged with Emma’s murder.

Murder of Margaret Fleming – Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division

Following a seven week trial at Glasgow High Court, on Friday 14 June, a 77 year old man and 59 year old woman were convicted of the murder of 19 year old Margaret Fleming, a crime which took place almost 20 years ago. The conviction followed a significant police investigation which commenced after suspicions were raised in October 2016.

3. DELIVERING ON OUR PRIORITIES

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Supporting people considered vulnerable and working with partners to reduce harm.

Mental Health

Work is ongoing by the Safer Communities Mental Health Team and Demand and Productivity Unit to develop a ‘Mental Health – Understanding Demand’ survey. The survey will gather information relating to the time and resources required when dealing with police incidents involving mental health. The information will supplement data drawn from Police ICT systems, and will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of a variety of policing approaches including Distress Brief Intervention referrals; mental health and suicide intervention training; community triage; places of safety; and partnership working at mental health related incidents.

Missing Persons Campaign

A week long campaign commenced on Monday 3 June to raise public awareness of missing persons in Scotland. As part of the campaign,

along with Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Purple Alert, Alzheimer's Scotland and the University of the West of Scotland, Police Scotland signed a joint pledge at the Alzheimer's Scotland Annual Conference. The pledge is the latest demonstration of our continuing commitment to the 'Dementia and Emergency Services Collaborative', and our support for people living with dementia and their families.

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

Engaging with the public and communities to build resilience and prevent crime.

Stop and Search

As the Scottish Police Authority Chair and Members will be aware from previous reports, intelligence-led stop and search is a valuable and effective policing tactic. It contributes to the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, whilst at the same time keeping people safe and improving community wellbeing. Police Scotland is committed to ensuring that all stop and search is used in a manner that is lawful, justified, proportionate, necessary and accountable.

The Independent Advisory Group for Stop Search (IAGSS) has reviewed the introduction of the Stop Search Code of Practice, and presented quantitative and qualitative analysis of police activity in the first 12 months since it came into effect. The reports highlight that the Code has led to improvements in respect of stop search in Scotland.

This will be discussed as an agenda item at the Board meeting.

Children and Young People

Effective engagement with communities is vital to the delivery of successful policing in Scotland. Opportunities to engage with children and young people at key events and festivals throughout the summer have been identified, including Youth Beatz; Belladrum; TRNSMT; Party at the Palace; Edinburgh Festival and Electric Fields. In conjunction with local policing colleagues, officers from Safer Communities will attend these festivals with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and representatives from Young Scot. Officers and volunteers will support the overall policing operation and address wellbeing issues, while maximising opportunities to engage with young people and their parents.

TACKLING CYBER RELATED CRIME

Building capability to address the threat from cyber related crime.

Phishing Awareness Campaign

Police Scotland supported The National Cyber Security Centre's 'Phishing Campaign', which took place on Friday 7 June, to raise awareness around phishing attacks. Phishing attacks target people and businesses by email, social media or text, encouraging users to click on malicious links or attachments which compromise email or social media accounts, asking users to divulge banking or other sensitive information.

The campaign used targeted social media messaging, and a toolkit was shared with local policing divisions and partners, encouraging them to promote awareness of this type of criminality across their networks.

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

Police Scotland Safer Communities continues to work with the SCVO, which provides guidance and support to over 2,000 charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises throughout Scotland. The network enables the sharing of online safety and cyber security advice with members, who can in turn educate the wider public and communities, whilst signposting them to trusted guidance and programmes. This collaborative approach includes the delivery of a structured schedule of regular 'Cyber Safety, Prevention and Resilience' sessions for practitioners who work with young people.

SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONAL POLICING

Delivering change that enables our people to deliver an effective and sustainable service.

Contact Assessment Model

The Contact Assessment Model (CAM) was introduced on Wednesday 12 June 2019 in Lanarkshire and Dumfries and Galloway Divisions. This marks a significant milestone in the development of call handling in Police Scotland. CAM aims to improve our assessment of calls from the public, considering threat, risk, harm and vulnerability to identify the most appropriate and proportionate response to every contact. The benefits of CAM are anticipated to include improved service delivery, increased empowerment of staff, and a more efficient approach to managing demand, with early indications since the introduction of the model being positive.

Road Traffic Collision Module - CRaSH

On Wednesday 12 June, CRaSH, which is part of the Core Operational Solutions Programme, was launched in Tayside Division and will be rolled out across the country. This new national road traffic collision module will

link the whole country for the first time, improving data accuracy relating to road fatalities and injuries. It will support targeted policing activity and re-engineering of problematic road layouts.

Benefits for officers and staff include a reduction of re-keying requirements, the facility to record the collision process at scene through police issue mobile devices, and the ability to securely collect, validate, store and transmit road traffic collision reports.

Mobile Working

Mobile Working is a significant part of Police Scotland's integrated Digital, Data and ICT Strategy. On Monday 17 June, the introduction of mobile working capability for officers began in Tayside Division, with the commencement of training for over 700 officers and the delivery of mobile devices. The ability to access key operational information from mobile technology will enable officers to work in a more flexible way, allowing them to spend more time in local communities, increasing visibility and engagement with the public, and enhancing the level of service delivered to the people of Scotland.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Police Scotland continues to maintain the necessary momentum to meet its statutory obligations in respect of data protection. We adopted the Information Commissioner's Office '12 Step Plan' towards achieving compliance with the new legislation and engaged with the National Police Chiefs' Council Data Protection Portfolio to ensure consistent practices and approaches towards data protection reform.

Together with statutory and non-statutory partners, with whom we regularly share information across a wide range of policing activities, Police Scotland will participate in a Scottish Government led roundtable event in early summer, which will further consider the impact of GDPR legislation. This will provide a forum for discussing issues and options, to ensure legislative and operational requirements continue to be met. Individual data rights must always be balanced with wider human rights, and appropriate information sharing is critical to support the discharge of my positive duties to safeguard the citizens of Scotland.

4. STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES BOARD

On Friday 24 May, I attended the Home Office Strategic Capabilities

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Board (SCB) meeting in London as part of a regular meeting cycle. The SCB provides me with the opportunity to meet with senior colleagues from policing and beyond, build effective partnerships, and consider and discuss matters of strategic importance.

SCOTTISH LEADER'S FORUM

On Monday 3 June, members of the Force Executive Team participated in the Scottish Leaders' Forum which took place at the University of Stirling. This was a major event attended by a significant number of national and local political leaders. It included a session on building more inclusive public services, with input on representative public services provided by Superintendent Ann Bell from Police Scotland's Recruitment Positive Action Team.

CIVIL SERVICE LIVE

On Tuesday 4 June, Director Jude Helliker, ACC Angela McLaren and the Force Health and Wellbeing manager Clare Craig, presented Police Scotland's approaches to Wellbeing at the 'Civil Service Live' Continuous Professional Development event in Edinburgh. The session was extremely well received by attendees from across the civil service.

REFORM COLLABORATION GROUP

Work is ongoing to support the objectives of the Reform Collaboration Group, which aims to develop and enhance collaboration between the three emergency services in Scotland. Key enablers to strengthen effective partnerships include opportunities for co-location, co-response, shared knowledge and increased integration. Other themes of particular interest are joint leadership collaboration, data sharing and training, collaborative corporate services, and asset sharing.

5. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL EVENTS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2019

On Thursday 23 May voting in Scotland took place at over 4,700 polling stations with the overall ballot count taking place in Edinburgh on Monday 27 May. As a result of significant planning, the deployment of conventional and specialist officers delivered an effective policing operation throughout the election.

Positive feedback has been received from representatives of the Electoral Management Board, the Electoral Commission and Scottish Government,

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regarding the collaborative approach and support provided to facilitate a safe and secure democratic process.

STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, took part in a state visit to the United Kingdom from Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 June. Whilst the Presidential itinerary did not include a visit to Scotland, a number of demonstrations took place at various Scottish locations including Trump Turnberry, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

A police event room was activated to coordinate the national policing response to these demonstrations, providing the agility to effectively identify and respond to any emerging issues. The demonstrations in Scotland passed without significant incident.

6. OUR PEOPLE

INJURY OF ON DUTY POLICE OFFICER

On Friday 31 May, Constable Phil Hedge-Holmes from Greater Glasgow Division was seriously injured when he was struck by a vehicle while he was assisting fellow citizens involved in a road traffic collision. The incident has left Phil with life changing injuries and my thoughts, and those of the police family in Scotland and beyond and are with him and his family.

CARERS WEEK CAMPAIGN

Police Scotland supported Carers week, which commenced on Monday 10 June, with this year's theme being 'Getting Carers Connected'. The campaign was designed to raise awareness of caring and highlight the challenges carers face.

Prior to the campaign, on Thursday 23 May, I opened the annual conference of the Disability and Carers Association (DaCA) which took place at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan. DaCA is a staff association with over 300 members, which aims to promote equality for those with disabilities or caring responsibilities within Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority. I recognise that there are a growing number of officer and staff who are carers, and the conference and campaign provided excellent opportunities to highlight the range of information and support available, both internally and from partner organisations.

SPECIALLY TRAINED OFFICERS - TASER

As reported to the Scottish Police Authority Chair and Members in January, the roll out of Conducted Energy Devices, commonly known as TASERS, to Specially Trained Officers (STOs) was completed.

The Scottish Institute of Policing Research was requested to lead an evaluation of the roll out of TASERS to STOs. Police Scotland await the final report and following receipt and consideration, an update will be provided to the Scottish Police Authority Chair and Members.

POLICE SCOTLAND OFFICERS HONOURED

Serving and retired Police Scotland Officers received awards in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours. Detective Superintendent Gail Johnston and Chief Superintendent Brian McNulty both received the prestigious Queen's Police Medal for services to policing. Special Constable Donald Ewen Darroch, who provides the only full time policing presence on the Hebridean Island of Jura and has served for more than 22 years, was awarded an MBE for his contribution to law and order. Retired Sergeant Colin Dorrance was awarded an MBE for services to law and order, his work in remembrance of Pan Am 103, and to charity.

The awards recognise the dedicated public service each recipient has given to communities across Scotland, a level of dedication and commitment to public service that is reinforced by officers and staff throughout Police Scotland on a daily basis.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report however, any financial implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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10. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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11. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct social implications associated with this report however, any specific social implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

12. COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no direct community impact associated with this report however, examples of recent police investigations referenced within this report will undoubtedly have impacted on local communities. Local community impact assessments will have been carried out where appropriate.

13. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct equalities implications associated with this report, however any specific equalities implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications associated with this report however, any environmental implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to discuss the information contained in this report.