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Report Classification									
Police	Scotland:		For Noting						
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			EXECUTIVE	SUMMARY					
1.	Purpose								
1.1	This paper provides the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) with a weekly update on policing changes seen during Operation TALLA, Police Scotland's COVID-19 response.								
	This report contains the preceding week's information and data on changing demands within the service centre, incident attendance and crime. It will also consider our COVID-19 response including our use of the emergency legislation and how we are assisting our officers and staff welfare throughout these challenging times. This update will have a reporting period of Thursday to Wednesday. For the purpose of this report, the week of Thursday 25th June 2020 to Wednesday 1st July 2020 is considered.								
2.	Decision	Requeste	ed						
2.1	N/A								
3.	Recomm	endation							
3.1	N/A								
4.	Alignmer	nt to Polic	e Scotland Strateg	ic Outcomes					
4.1	This report aligns to both Police Scotland's Strategic Outcomes and the Operation TALLA Strategic Objectives as set out by DCC Malcolm Graham.								
	Strategic Objectives as set out by DCC Malcolm Graham. This report discusses the flexible and adaptable response to the challenges posed by COVID-19 by Police Scotland (SO1, SO2 and SO5). It further highlights the activities undertaken by Police Scotland to protect our people (SO4). The levels of intervention activity discussed in the report serve to protect our communities from COVID-19 (SO1 SO2). The frequent, transparent publication of papers, such as this, and those published on the Police Scotland website provide engagement with communities, to maintain trust and confidence (SO3).								

5. Main Report

5.1 CURRENT LANDSCAPE

Over the last week, as Scotland remains within 'Phase 2' of the 'Route map through and out of the Crisis,' Police Scotland have continued their approach applying the updated guidelines accordingly. The initial changes in 'Phase 2' which came into effect on Fri 19th June allowed those living alone or single parents with children under 18 to widen their 'social bubble.' Face coverings became mandatory for anyone using public transport from Monday 22nd June. The quarantine regulations continue to be applied to those entering the UK from abroad.

The weather during this week has deteriorated, with hot sunny weather seen at the beginning of the week and rain seen towards the end of the week. This is assessed to have had an impact on the behaviour of the public, which can be seen within the Covid-19 policing intervention data that will be discussed within this report.

5.2 SERVICE CENTRE DEMAND

In the last week, the volume of 101 and 999 calls decreased slightly compared to the previous week. The total number of 101 and 999 answered by Police Scotland are both around ten percent lower this week than the levels seen during the same period last year.

5.3 INCIDENT DEMAND

There is no significant change in total incident volumes when compared to last week

Public nuisance incidents saw a decrease of 14% when compared to last week. However, in contrast, noise complaints have increased 14%. This may be attributable to the poor weather that has caused less persons to congregate outside, but increased activity within dwellings causing noise.

In comparison to the previous year, most incident types continue to trend at lower levels with the notable exception of public nuisance and noise, which continue to trend at considerably higher levels.

5.4 CRIME

Crime is currently lower than seasonal averages. Recorded crime has increased approximately 8% from the previous week, but is still 10% lower than last year. There are no significant crime trends to report this week.

5.5 COVID-19 INTERVENTION ACTIVITY

As the governmental guidance enters 'Phase 2' of easing lockdown restrictions, Police Scotland's approach to the use of COVID-19 legislation continues to be to firstly engage with people, explain the provisions and encourage them to comply with the necessary restrictions, with enforcement action being taken only where absolutely necessary.

The overall style and tone and style of policing the pandemic in Scotland has not changed since the inception of the public health emergency.

In the last seven days, Police Scotland officers attended 17623 incidents.

The COVID-19 intervention powers have been used on 4290 occasions over the same time period, this is a 115% increase on last week's figures. This is attributable to large scale breaches of lockdown last Thursday, in a very well publicised case at Kelvingrove Park where 2500 people were asked or instructed to leave by Police. Despite this significant incident, there has only been 1 FPN and 5 arrests recorded for the week, reinforcing the trend that most people will desist when requested by the Police and are responding well to the '4E approach' adopted by Police Scotland.

Due to the manual nature of data recording for these lower level interventions, Police Scotland may not capture every occurrence of such activity. It is highly likely that the percentage of intervention activity which results in enforcement is actually smaller than reported.

5.6 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Securing suitable PPE remains an ongoing priority and the dedicated Logistics cell has continued to provide extensive training, equipping and resupply, operating on an early shift late shift basis. Supply lines remain fragile and this will be a long term challenge.

Up to and including the 1st July, over 14900 frontline police officers and staff have been trained in, supplied or resupplied appropriate PPE. This is in conjunction with the provision of significant measures to implement physical distancing within the workplace wherever possible.

Protest activity taking place across the country continues to impact the PPE usage, and it is unclear as yet what bearing if any the newly introduced legislation around compulsory wearing of face coverings on public transport will have.

5.7 ABSENCE

Over the past week, employee absence levels have consistently trended below levels of the same dates in 2019. Those absences related to COVID-19 have also continued to decline. This has been an established pattern since the last week in May. It was anticipated that the Scottish approach to 'Test and Protect' in order to limit the spread of the virus moving forwards, may have seen pockets of absence across teams or shifts. This has yet to materialise.

5.8 OFFICER AND STAFF COVID-19 SCREENING

People & Development continue to support our workforce and to provide reassurance to officers and staff who are symptomatic. To assist with returning officers and staff to work as soon as possible, a formal COVID-19 testing regime continues. Up to and including 25th June over 1200 tests have been arranged. From all testing around 200 have returned as positive for COVID-19.

Testing of asymptomatic officers and staff based on risk commenced on 14th May and around 260 tests have been arranged up to and including 1st July. None of these tests have yet returned a positive result. Further work continues to establish if such testing could become more widely available as the Scottish Government Test and Protect strategy is implemented.

Police Scotland continues to be engaged in discussions about the opportunities to introduce workplace antibody testing should a valid test become available in Scotland.

5.9 COVID-19 NEAR MISSES

'Near-miss' forms in the context of the pandemic situation may be submitted for a variety of reasons i.e. when officers are potentially exposed to COVID-19 whilst not wearing PPE, where PPE malfunctions, or in any other instance an officer feels a risk to themselves in a specific occurrence relating to COVID-19. This can occur due to the reactive nature of policing, as well as being influenced by training levels and supply of PPE.

In the last week we have seen 22 of these forms submitted, which has continued the downward trend. This number of forms submitted continues to be attributable to the process for requesting an asymptomatic COVID-19 screening test due to an occupational risk requiring the submission of a 'near-miss' form.

This week it accounted for over 90% of forms submitted.

5.10 CUSTODY

'Custody volume' refers to the amount of individuals held in Police Scotland custody facilities at a given time. The number of custodies fell on the approach to 'lockdown', reaching their lowest level on 29th March. Since that date, total custody volumes have increased and, in recent weeks have been comparable to pre-COVID business as usual levels. The organisation is seeing traditional weekend peaks returning which was less noticeable during the early stages of lockdown. COVID custody levels (those custodies purported to have COVID symptoms) have been trending at a slight increase week on week.

5.11 SUBMISSION

This report is submitted to the SPA for information and consideration.

Appendix A – COVID-19 Weekly Bulletin contains the information which will be released publically by Police Scotland. This information will continue to be released weekly and will synchronise with the weekly SPA reporting for consistent, single data timelines.

COVID-19 WEEKLY BULLETIN 25th June – 1st July 2020

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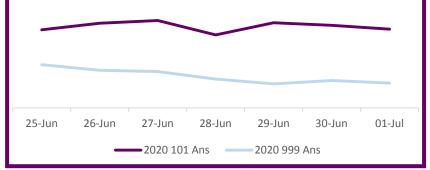


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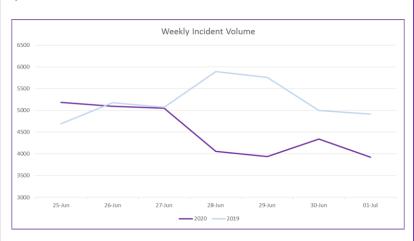
The volume of 101 calls answered has remained at a relatively consistent level throughout the week. The volume of 999 calls answered also has remains relatively consistent throughout the week.



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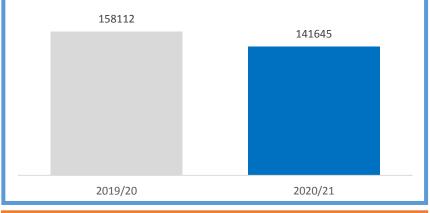
Incident volume this week has reduced slightly as the week went on and continues to show lower levels compared to the same time last year.



Crime Levels

Crime Volume (19 March – Present compared to Previous Year)

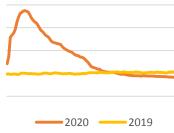
Crime has continued to trend at levels lower than the seasonal average, and total volume year to date is still considerably lower than last year. Total 'Year to Date' volume is displayed below, further data is available in the Crime slide.



Staff Absence and Welfare

<u>Absences</u>

Absences are now trending lower when compared to 2019.



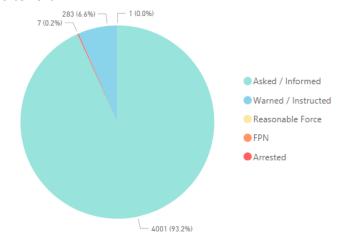
Staff COVID Screening

Testing of key workers for COVID-19 continues and the number of tests arranged for Police Scotland employees is broken down later in this report.

Coronavirus Legislation

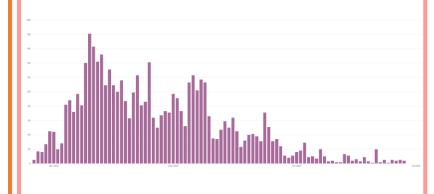
Co-operation with new Coronavirus Legislation

The below chart is indicative of the co-operation levels experienced by Police over the last 7 days. The vast majority of interactions between Police and the public continue to be resolved without enforcement.



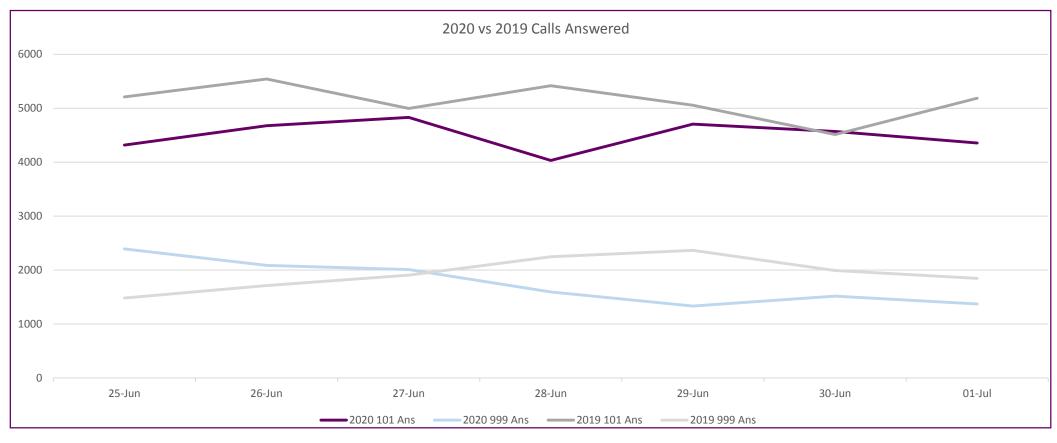
Total Number of Interactions Relating to Coronavirus Legislation

The below chart is indicative of the total number of FPNs issued and charges libelled since the introduction of the new legislation.





Weekly Service Centre Demand (25th June – 1st July 2020)



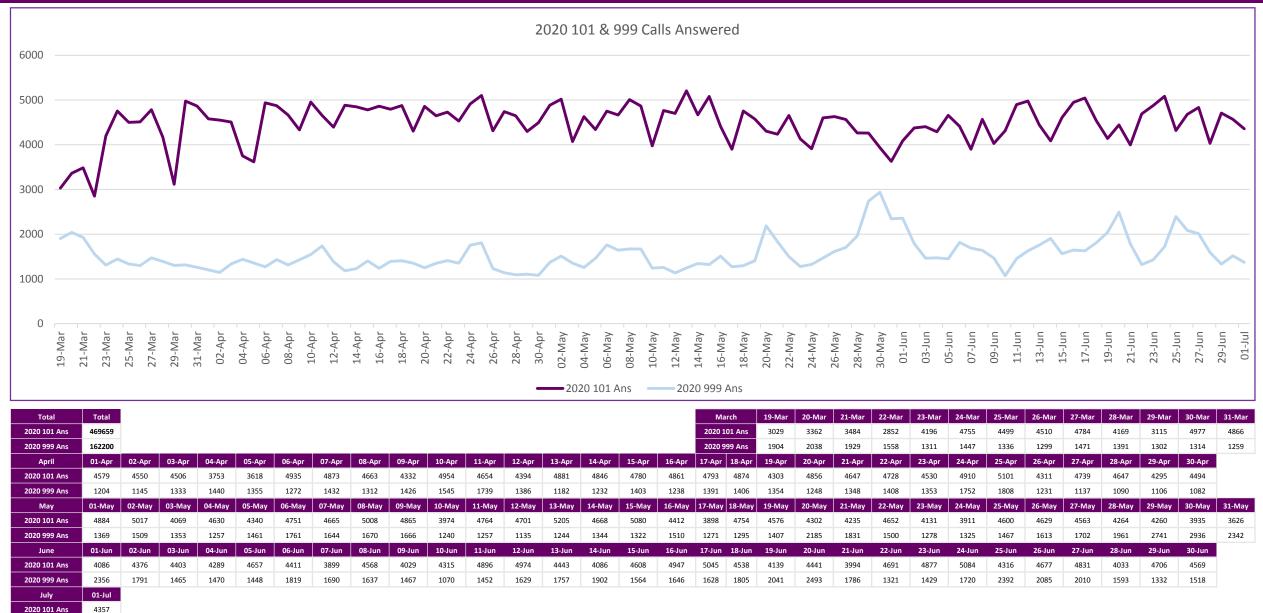
	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	Total
2020 101 Ans	4316	4677	4831	4033	4706	4569	4357	31489
2020 999 Ans	2392	2085	2010	1593	1332	1518	1371	12301
2019 101 Ans	5211	5541	4996	5418	5056	4513	5187	35922
2019 999 Ans	1480	1714	1904	2247	2366	1990	1845	13546



2020 999 Ans

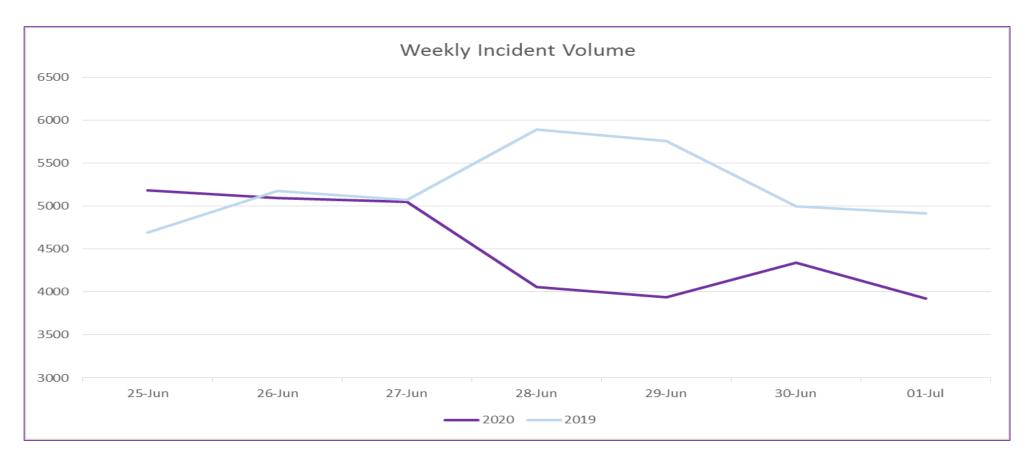
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Cumulative Service Centre Demand (19th March – 1st July 2020)





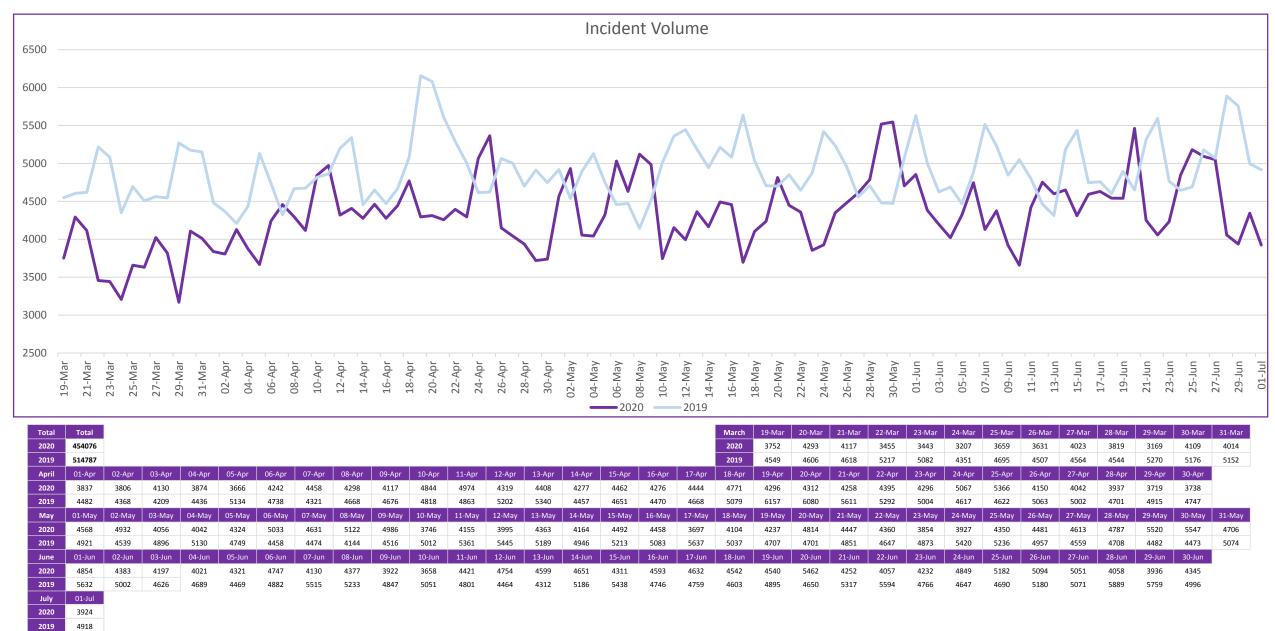
Weekly Incident Demand (25th June – 1st July 2020)



	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	Total
2020	5182	5094	5051	4058	3936	4345	3924	31590
2019	4690	5180	5071	5889	5759	4996	4918	36503

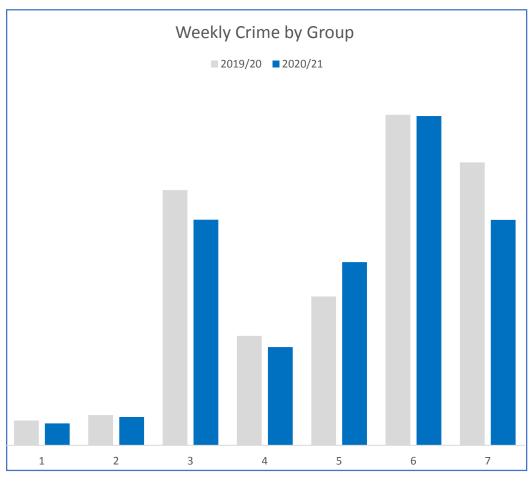


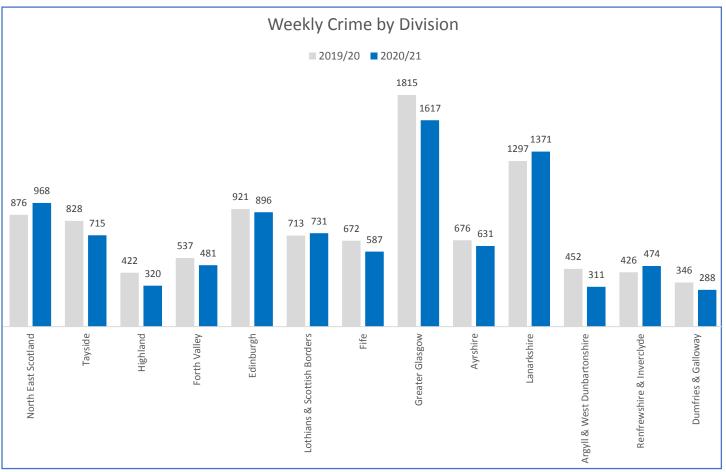
Cumulative Incident Demand (19th March – 1st July 2020)





Weekly Crime Demand (25th June – 1st July 2020)





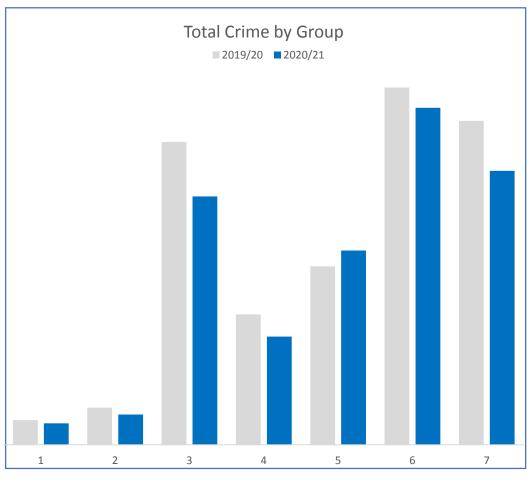
Crime Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
2019/20	210	255	2155	924	1257	2791	2389	9981
2020/21	185	239	1905	830	1547	2780	1904	9390

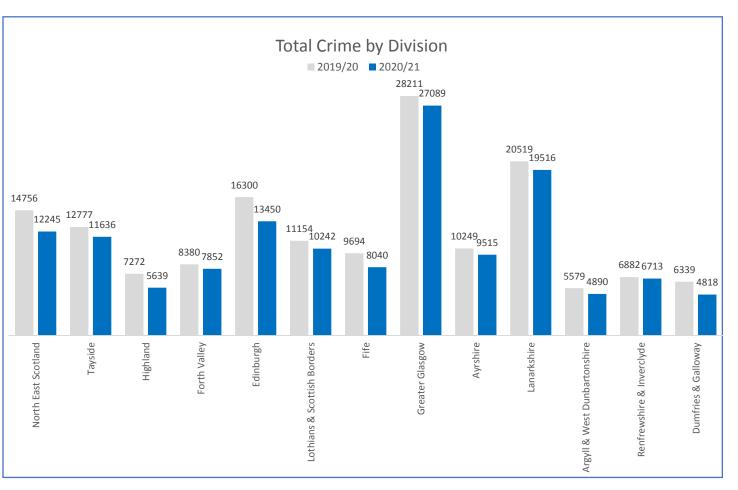
More information regarding Crime Groups can be found via this link

Most Crime Groups (with exception of Group 5) show a decrease when the preceding weeks volume is compared to the same period in 2019. Most divisions this week have noted a decrease in crime volumes, however there are four exceptions, spread around the country with no geographical pattern to report.



Cumulative Crime Demand (9th March – 1st July 2020)





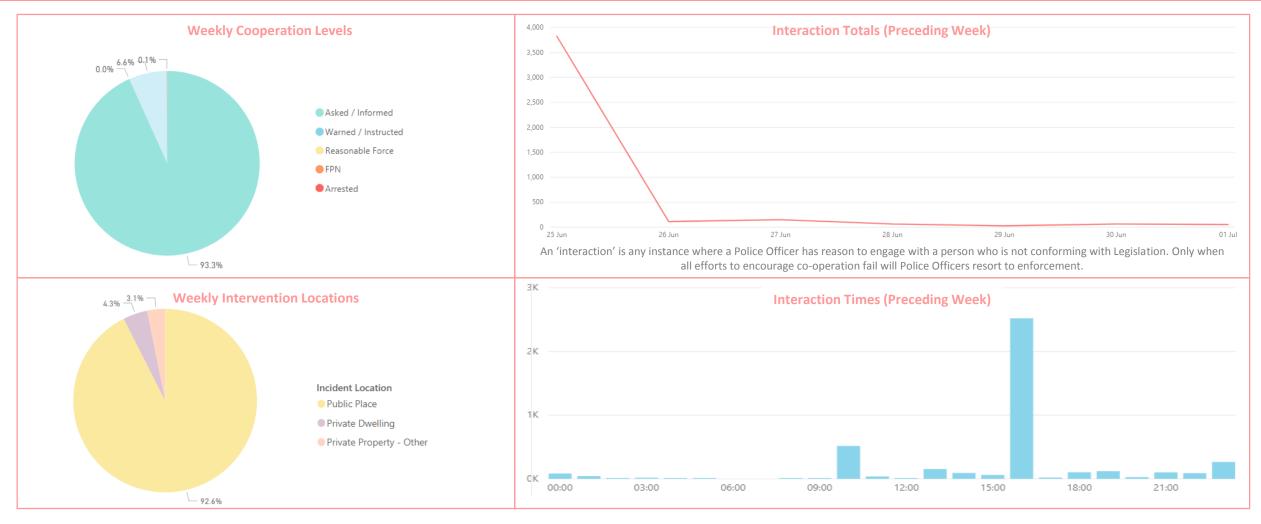
Crime Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
2019/20	2888	4342	35354	15216	20826	41697	37789	158112
2020/21	2511	3534	28988	12622	22681	39331	31978	141645

More information regarding Crime Groups can be found via this link

All Crime Groups (with the exception of Group 5) show a decrease in volume when compared to the same period in 2019. Group 5 crime is higher in volume and has increased in the weekly records as mentioned. All Divisions show a cumulative decrease in volume when compared to the same time period in 2019.



Weekly Coronavirus Legislation Co-operation (25th June – 1st July 2020)

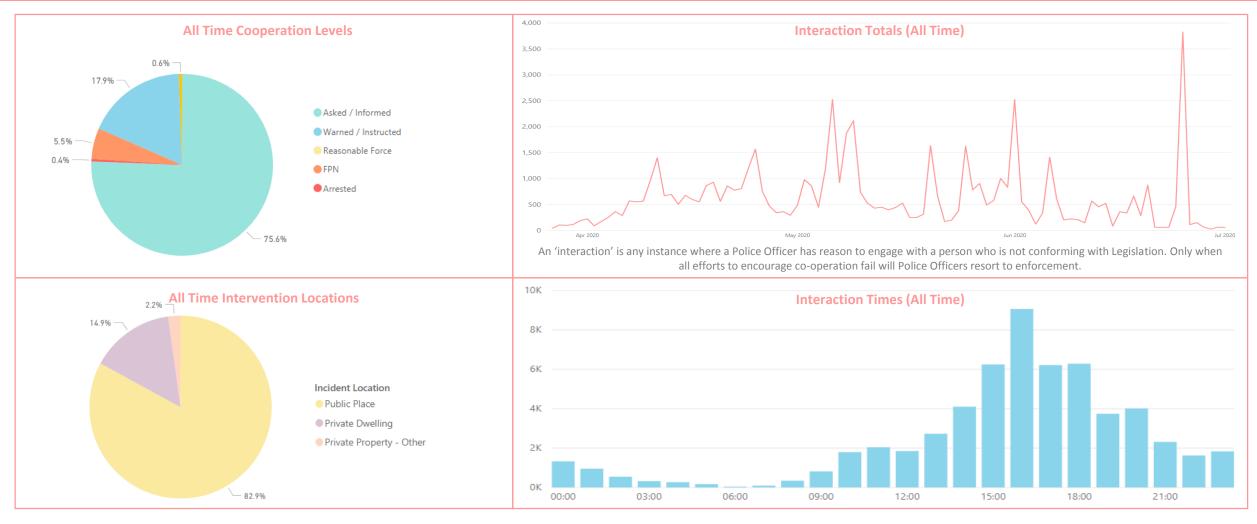


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Coronavirus Legislation Co-operation (27th March – 1st July 2020)



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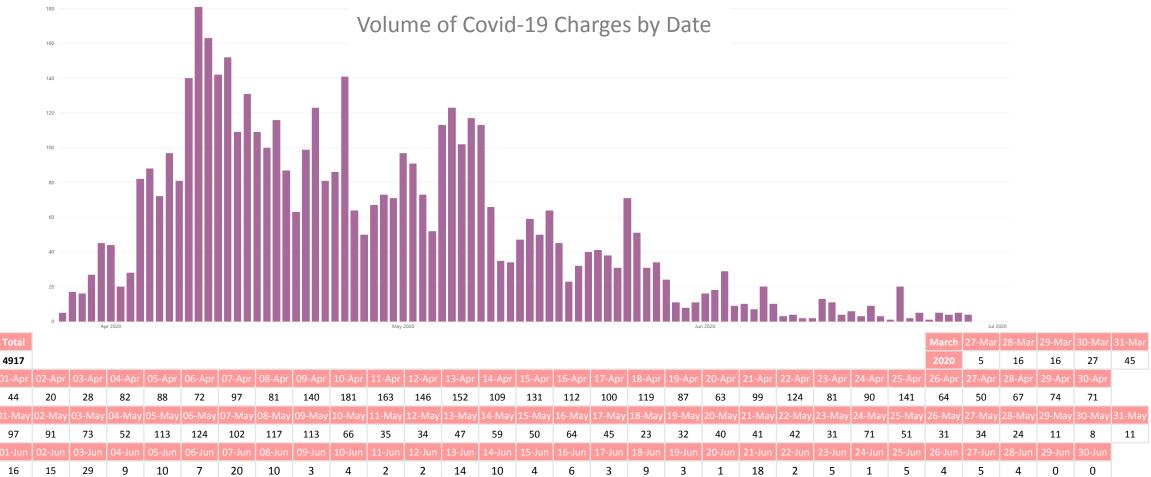
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'Enforcement' of Coronavirus specific legislation

The following is a summary of all 'enforcement' action in relation to both The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 and Coronavirus Act 2020.

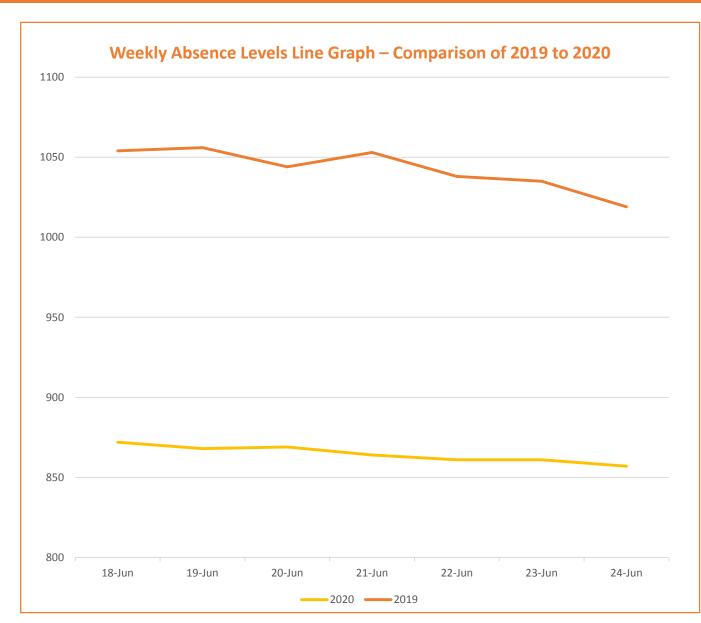
This includes all Fixed Penalty Notices issued and processed by Police Scotland. It also includes all occasions that a charge was libelled and recorded on Police Scotland's Crime Recording System against a person in relation to the aforementioned legislation. This is a true value of the volume of recorded 'enforcement' activity, but does not provide the granularity of the Coronavirus Intervention (CVI) recording system and does not capture the earlier phases of the '4 E's' approach.

These values remain subject to change as offences are retrospectively added or amended and do not match the indicative 'enforcement' values from the CVI recording system.





Weekly Absence (25th June – 1st July 2020)

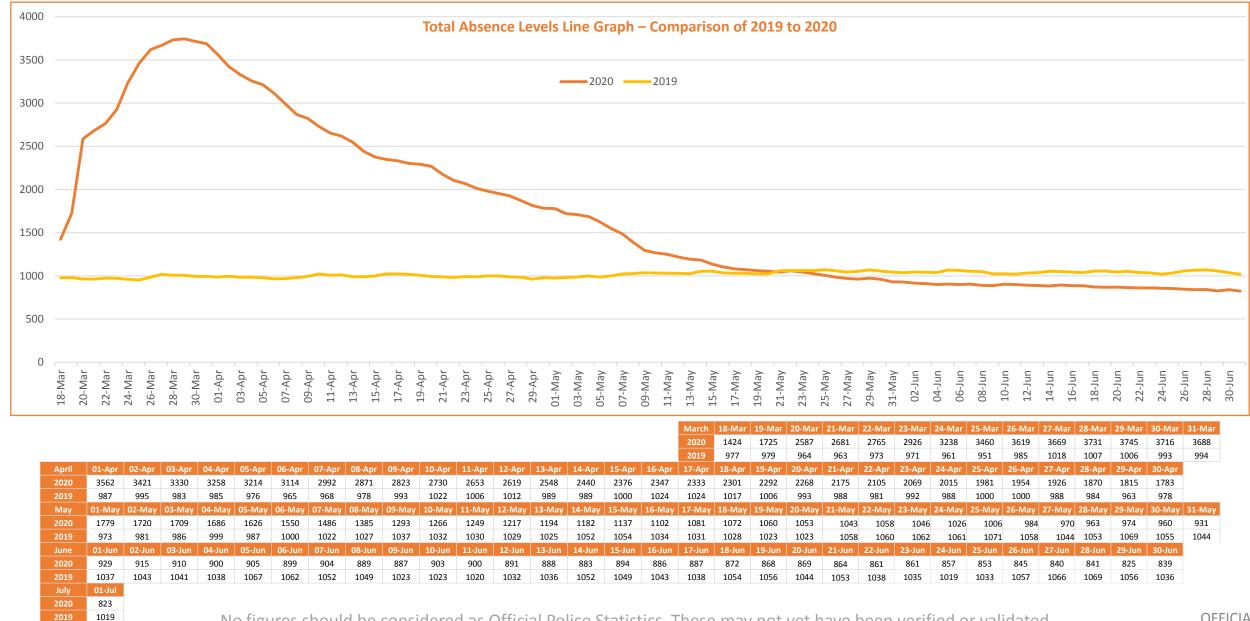


Police Scotland Current Absences							
1 st July 2020	No.	Change from same day previous week	Change from same day previous week (%)				
COVID-19	40	-25	-38%				
Total Absences	823	-14	-2%				

Date	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul
2020	853	845	840	841	825	839	823
2019	1033	1057	1066	1069	1056	1036	1019

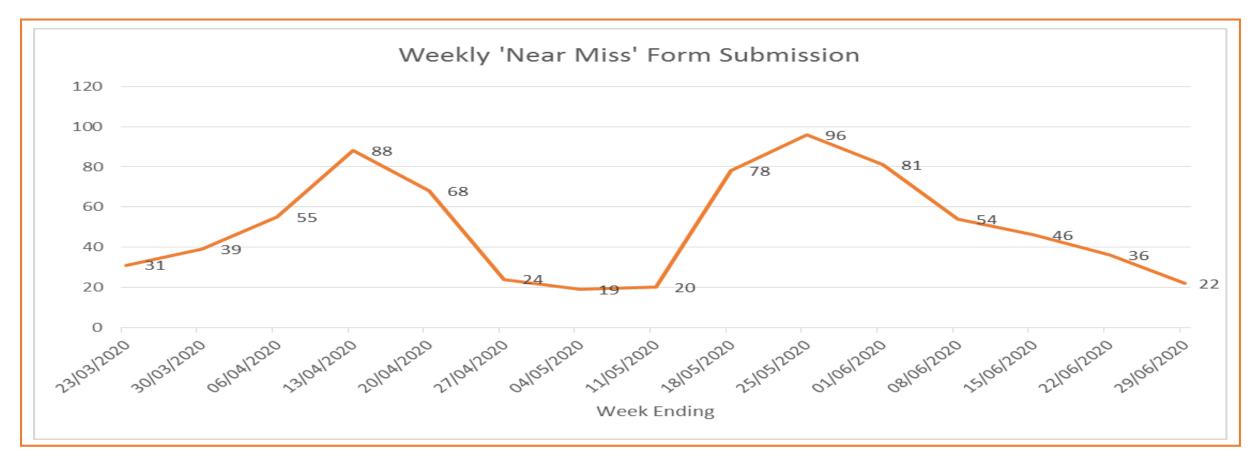


Total Absence (18th March – 1st July 2020)





Near Miss and Testing Data (w/e 23th March – 29th June 2020)



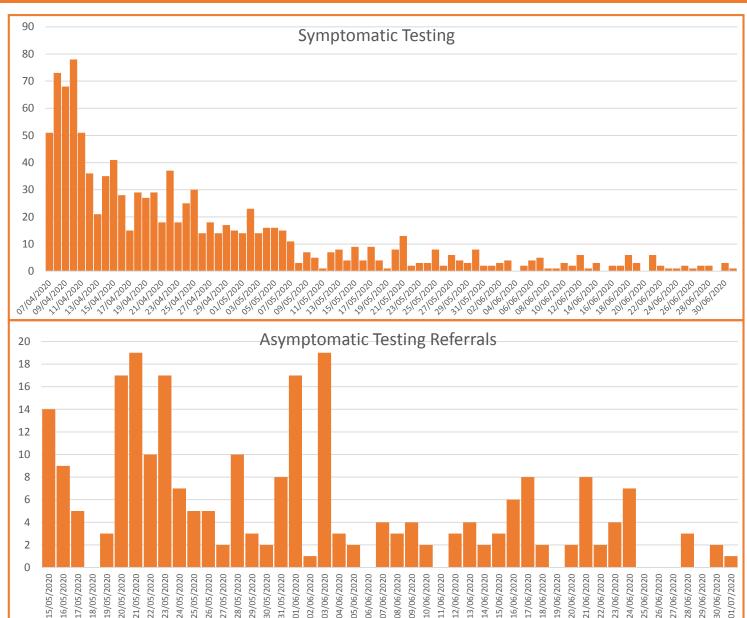
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This can occur due to the reactive nature of policing, as well as being influenced by training levels and supply of PPE. The number of forms have decreased over the last week.

The amount of forms submitted continues to be attributable to the process for requesting an asymptomatic COVID-19 screening test due to an occupational risk, requiring the submission of a 'near miss' form. Many of the reports would not have been submitted without this requirement. The number of incidents where a lack of PPE is identified has not risen.



Testing Data (7th April – 1st July 2020)



Police Scotland Testing Data								
Total Referrals	Tested Positive	Inconclusive						
Symptomatic Testing								
1215 162 970 21								
Asymptomatic Testing								
268	0	252	2					
	Contact	Tracing						
3	3 0 3 0							
Other: Locally Arranged Tests								
343	40	302	2					

Locally arranged tests may refer to Divisional arrangements, self arranged tests or those arranged by the NHS.



Custody Volume

The below line graph displays the total custody volume over time. As can be seen, the number of custodies fell on the approach to 'lockdown', reaching their lowest level on 29th March. Since that date Custodies have steadily increased.

