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	This report contains the preceding week's information and data on changing deman 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 6th August 2020 to Wednesday 12th August 2020 is considered.												
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5. Main Report

#### 5.1 CURRENT LANDSCAPE

Over the last week, Police Scotland have been closely monitoring the situation in Aberdeen City in regards to the local lockdown which commenced at 1700hrs on 5<sup>th</sup> August as well as continuing their support of communities throughout the country as we continue to move through 'Phase 3' of the 'Route map through and out of the Crisis'.

Police Scotland's approach has remained unchanged throughout the pandemic period, promoting "Engage, Explain and Encourage" prior to enforcement action being taken. Two fixed penalties have been issued this week in relation to breaches of Coronavirus legislation. These will be discussed further in the intervention activity section of this paper.

As reported in previous weeks, generally throughout the country the re-opening of indoor licensed premises for eating and drinking continue to have no significant impact on frontline policing. Mandatory use of face coverings within retail premises continues to generate calls but these incidents are usually resolved by use of the first '3E's'.

The localised lockdown in Aberdeen has been announced to continue and will be reviewed again on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. People have been told not to travel more than 5 miles unless for work or education purposes, there should be no more mixing with other households and pubs and restaurants remain closed.

Schools throughout the country began to return from 11<sup>th</sup> August and so far, this had no impact on operational policing.

The weather during this week has been changeable although largely warm for large parts of the country. This does not seem to have had any discernible impact on the behaviour of the public.

#### 5.2 SERVICE CENTRE DEMAND

In the last week, the volume of 101 calls answered increased by 10% compared to the previous week however the volume of 999 calls increased by 9%.101 calls answered are still trending at significantly lower figures than the same time last year, now approximately 27%, however 999 calls answered are now 28% higher than a comparable week last year.

#### 5.3 INCIDENT DEMAND

There has been a 10% increase in total incident volumes when compared to last week, but there is a 6% decrease on incident volumes when compared to the same period last year. Public nuisance, noise and disturbance calls increased on last week's figures.

#### 5.4 CRIME

Crime is currently lower than seasonal averages.

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#### 5.5 COVID-19 INTERVENTION ACTIVITY

During the last week, the government guidance remained in 'Phase 3' of easing lockdown restrictions. The only exception to this being the reintroduction of restrictions in the Aberdeen City area which began at 1700hrs on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Throughout the last week 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 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 19632 incidents.

The COVID-19 intervention powers have been recorded on the CVI system as used on 59 occasions this week. The occasions where these powers have been used tend to relate to a small number of gatherings of large numbers of persons requiring to be moved on. During this week, officers from Police Scotland had cause to issue an FPN to a male at Glasgow Airport who refused to wear a facemask without exemption on a flight from Northern Ireland.

Since quarantine regulations came into force on travellers entering Scotland from outwith the UK on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, Police Scotland investigated 11 incidences of alleged non-cooperation. Only one, high profile incidence of police investigation in relation to quarantine legislation cooperation has resulted in enforcement action with an FPN being issued to a male residing in the Glasgow area on the 11<sup>th</sup> August who had failed to quarantine on his return from Spain.

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> August, over 18500 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.

#### 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 increased from last week and are currently sitting at 50. It is anticipated that the Scottish approach to 'Test and Protect' in order to limit the spread of the virus moving forwards, will see pockets of absence across teams or shifts.

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#### 5.8 OFFICER AND STAFF COVID-19 SCREENING

People & Development continue to support our workforce, providing reassurance to officers and staff who are symptomatic, to assist with returning officers and staff to work as soon as possible. Testing arranged up to the 10<sup>th</sup> August now numbers over 1966. From all testing, 202 have returned as positive for COVID-19.

Testing of asymptomatic officers and staff based on risk commenced on 14th May and 306 tests have been arranged up to and including 10th August. None of these tests have yet returned a positive result.

Contact tracing numbers are now being reported and this currently stands at 23, with no positive tests.

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 24 of these forms submitted, which is a decrease on last week. It continues to be likely that many of these will be attributable to the process of requesting an asymptomatic COVID-19 test.

#### 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 returned to levels comparable to pre-COVID business as usual. The organisation is seeing traditional weekend peaks returning which were less noticeable during the early stages of lockdown.

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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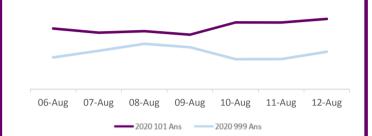
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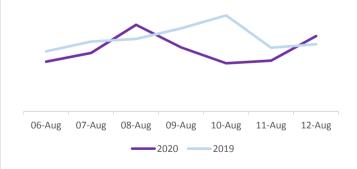
The volume of 101 calls answered has shown an overall increase as the week has progressed. The volume of 999 calls answered were higher than the previous year.



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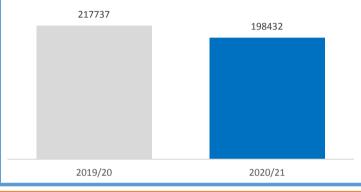
Incident volume has fluctuated this week, showing an increase towards the end of the reporting period. Overall incident volume continues to show lower levels compared to the same time last year.



#### **Crime Levels**

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

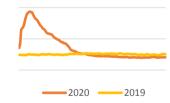
Crime has continued to trend at levels lower than the seasonal average, and total volume year to date is still considerably lower than last year. Total 'Year to Date' volume is displayed below, further data is available in the Crime slide.



#### **Staff Absence and Welfare**

#### <u>Absences</u>

Absences are now trending lower when compared to 2019.



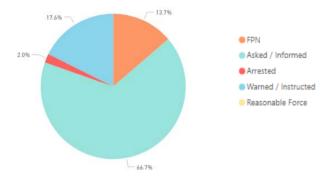
#### **Staff COVID Screening**

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.



<u>Total Number of Enforcement Activity Relating to Coronavirus</u> Legislation

Enforcement Activity over last 7 days

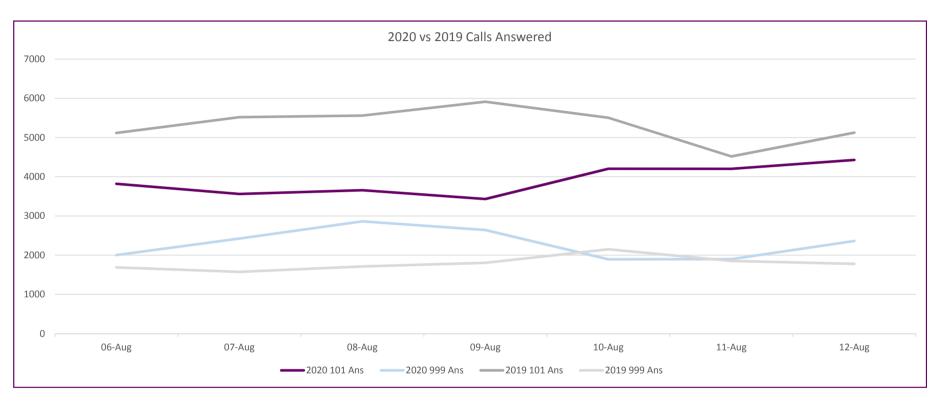
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#### **Total Referrals To Date**

The Home Office referral figures are currently being reviewed and are not available for publication in this weeks bulletin.



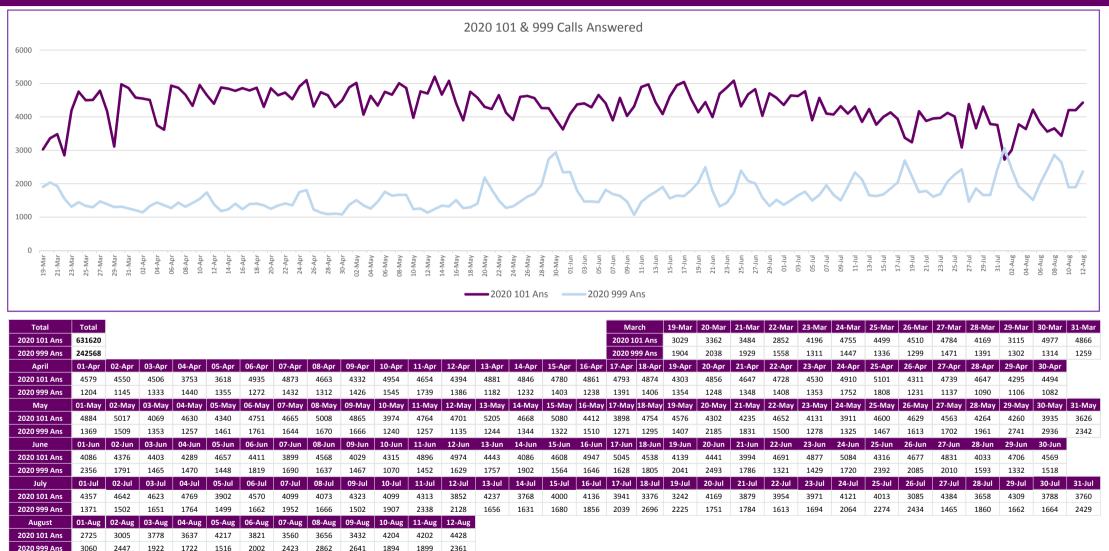
# Weekly Service Centre Demand (6<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020)



	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	Total
2020 101 Ans	3821	3560	3656	3432	4204	4202	4428	27303
2020 999 Ans	2002	2423	2862	2641	1894	1899	2361	16082
2019 101 Ans	5116	5520	5561	5913	5504	4519	5126	37259
2019 999 Ans	1687	1573	1713	1804	2150	1853	1778	12558



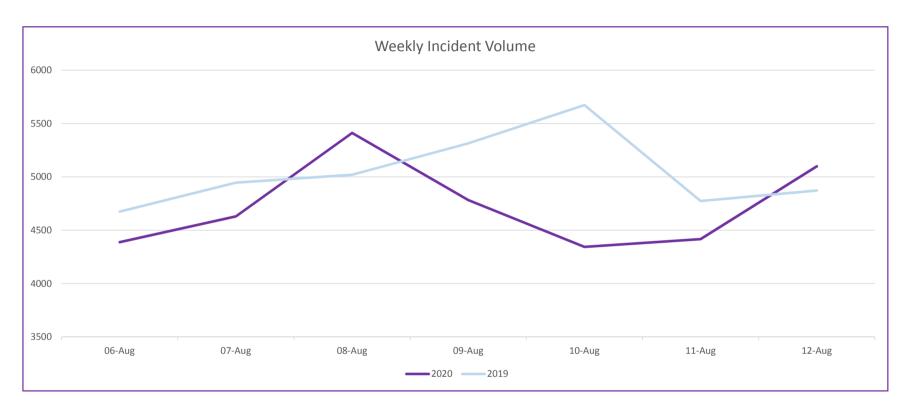
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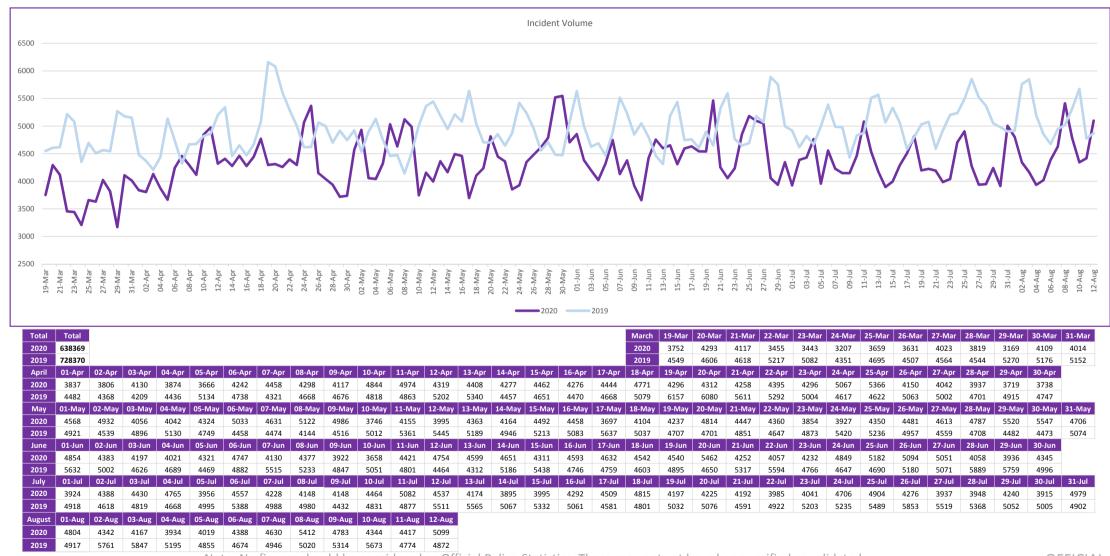
# Weekly Incident Demand (6<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020)



	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	Total
2020	4388	4630	5412	4783	4344	4417	5099	33073
2019	4674	4946	5020	5314	5673	4774	4872	35273



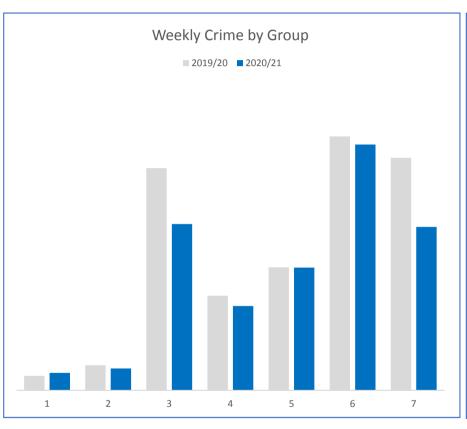
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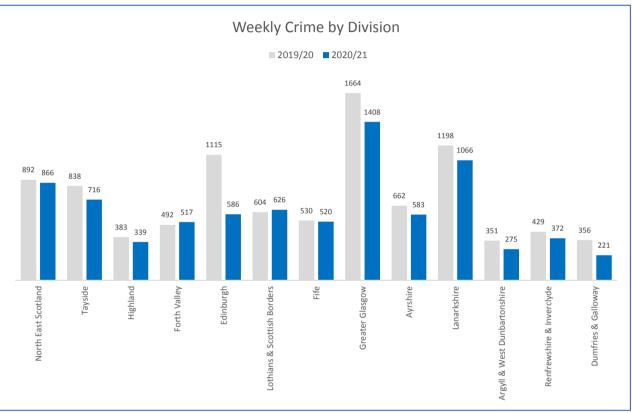


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# Weekly Crime Demand (3<sup>rd</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020)





Crime Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
2019/20	142	246	2189	932	1212	2502	2291	9514
2020/21	171	215	1638	830	1209	2422	1610	8095

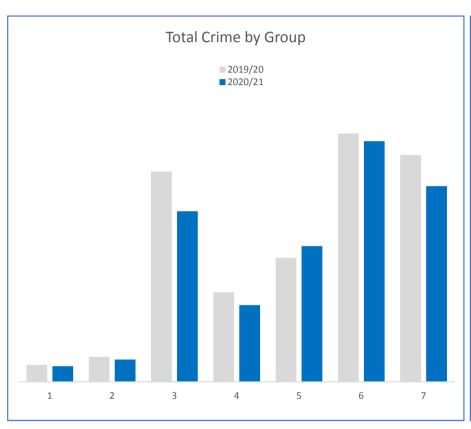
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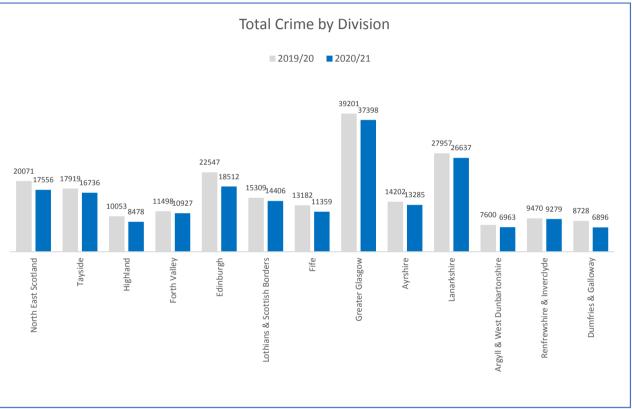
All Crime Groups (with the exception of Group 1) show a decrease in volume when the preceding weeks volume is compared to the same period in 2019. Most divisions this week have noted a decrease in crime volumes, however there are two exceptions, Forth Valley and Lothian & Scottish Borders.

Please note, crime figures for Forth Valley have been revised. Comparisons to previous weeks figures should not be made due to a previous reporting error for the division.



# **Cumulative Crime Demand (9th March – 9th August 2020)**





Crime Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
2019/20	3958	5824	48643	20752	28690	57427	52443	217737
2020/21	3667	5207	39457	17788	31407	55646	45260	198432

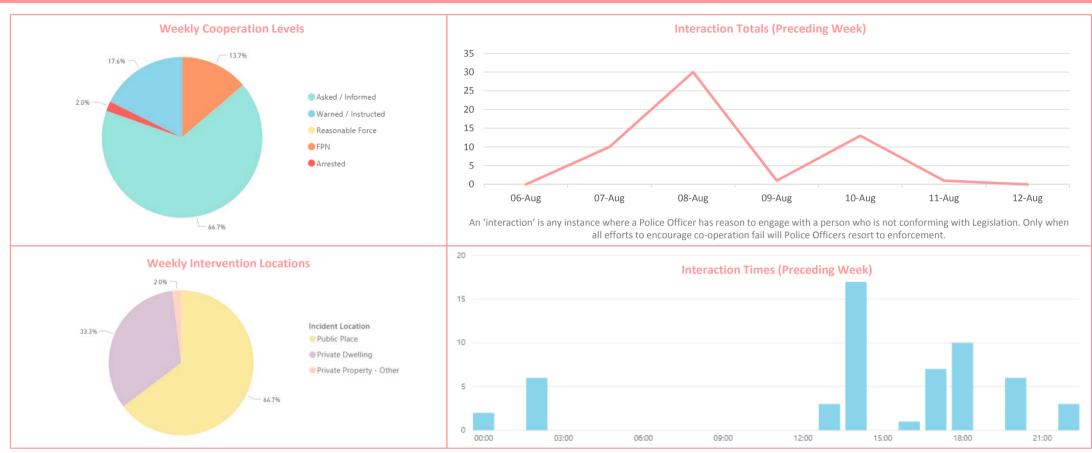
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All Crime Groups (with the exception of Group 5) show a decrease in volume when compared to the same period in 2019. All Divisions continue to show a cumulative decrease in volume when compared to the same time period in 2019.

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## Weekly Legislation Co-operation (6<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020)

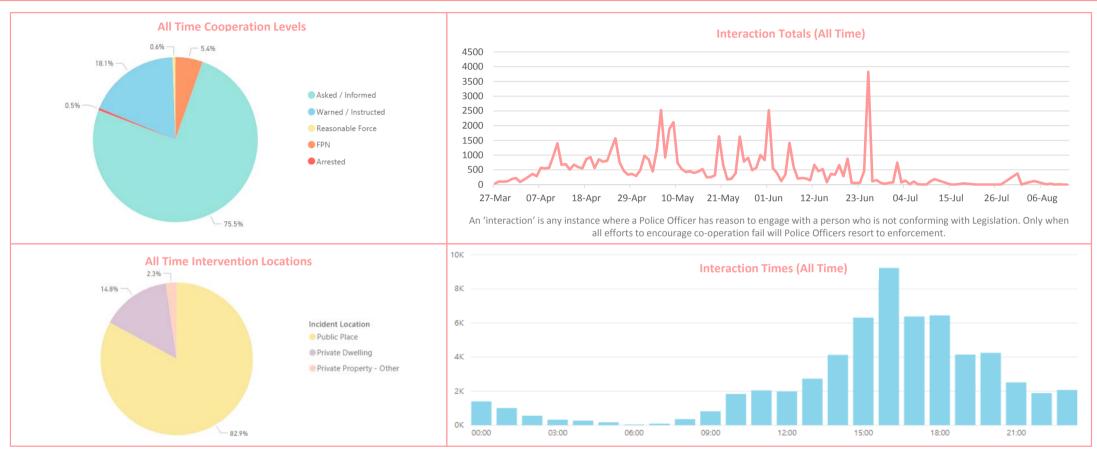


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## Coronavirus Legislation Co-operation (27th March – 12th August 2020)



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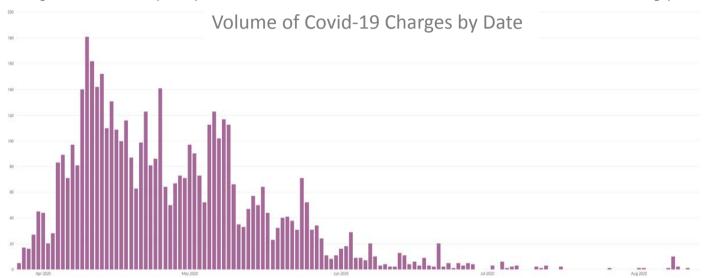
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## 'Enforcement' of Coronavirus specific legislation

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.

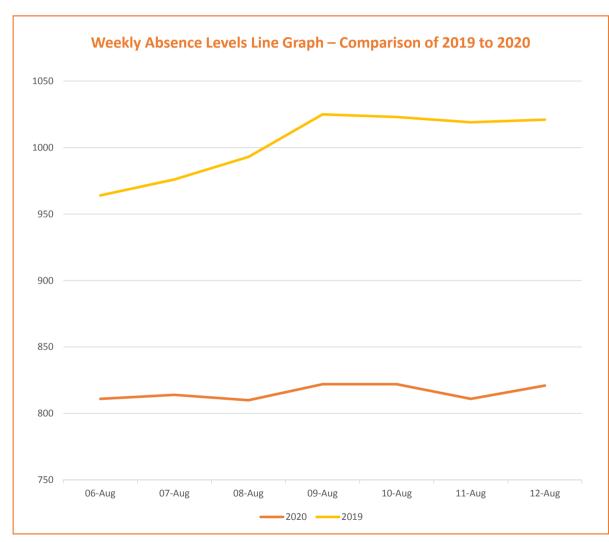
These values remain subject to change as offences are retrospectively added or amended and do not match the indicative 'enforcement' values from the CVI recording system.



Total	Total																									March	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar
2020	4959																									2020	5	17	16	27	45
April	01-Apr	02-Apr	03-Apr	04-Apr	05-Apr	06-Apr	07-Apr	08-Apr	09-Apr	10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr	13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr	17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	
2020	44	20	28	83	89	71	97	81	140	181	162	142	152	110	131	109	100	116	87	63	99	123	81	86	141	64	50	67	73	71	
May	01-May	02-May	03-May	04-May	05-May	06-May	07-May	08-May	09-May	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May
2020	97	90	73	52	113	123	102	117	113	66	35	33	47	57	50	64	44	23	32	40	41	38	31	71	52	31	34	24	11	8	11
June	01-Jun	02-Jun	03-Jun	04-Jun	05-Jun	06-Jun	07-Jun	08-Jun	09-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun		17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun		21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	
2020	16	18	29	9	9	7	20	10	3	4	2	2	13	11	4	6	3	9	3	2	20	2	5	1	5	3	5	4	0	0	
July		02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul		06-Jul		08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul			17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul			27-Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul
2020	0	3	0	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
August	01-Aug	02-Aug	03-Aug	04-Aug		06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug																			



# Weekly Absence (6<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020)

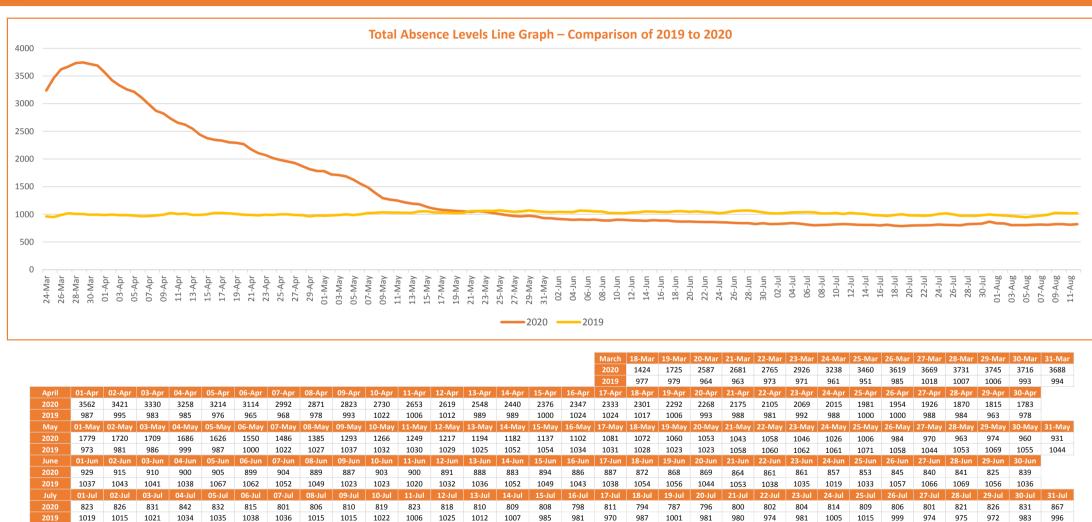


Police Scotland Current Absences										
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	No.	Change from same day previous week	Change from same day previous week (%)							
COVID-19	40	+3	+8%							
Total Absences	821	+17	+2%							

Date	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug
2020	811	814	810	822	822	811	821
2019	964	976	993	1025	1023	1019	1021



## Total Absence (18th March – 12th August 2020)





## Near Miss and Testing Data (w/e 23rd March – 10th August 2020)



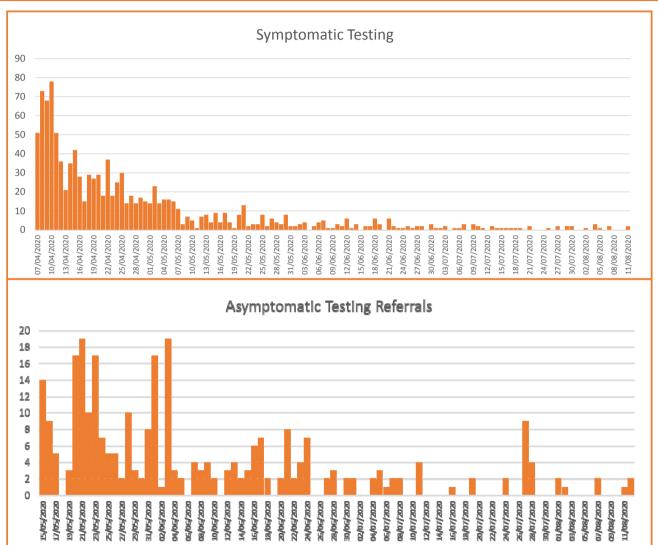
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This can occur due to the reactive nature of policing, as well as being influenced by training levels and supply of PPE. The number of forms have decreased over the last week.

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 (7<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020)



Police Scotland Testing Data										
Total Referrals Tested Positive Tested Negative Inconclusion										
Symptomatic Testing										
1254	1254 164 1014									
Asymptomatic Testing										
306	0	286	2							
	Contact	Tracing								
23	23 0 14 0									
Other: Locally Arranged Tests										
392	38	351	2							

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

<sup>\*</sup>Work has been undertaken resulting in some duplication of results being corrected which has resulted in a drop, particularly with regards to self referral reporting data, of positive and some negative cases.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note Testing Data is now being reported weekly. The last Testing data report was received on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and includes tests arranged up to and including 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020.



## **Custody Volume**

The below line graph displays the total custody volume over time. The number of custodies fell on the approach to 'lockdown', reaching their lowest level on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Since that date Custodies have steadily increased and have now levelled off. Please note custody volume figures are only available up to 9<sup>th</sup> August due to a change in reporting timescales.

