

North Ayrshire Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 1 Apr - 31 Dec 2017



Total Crime



5.5%



9,098 crimes

Incidents
Recorded

1.8%



33,381

Common Assault

14.8%



1,004

Overall Dishonesty

3.7%



2,211

Domestic Abuse

4.6%



791

Overall Violent
Crime

14.0%



1,101

Sexual Crime

10.8%



175

Road Traffic
Casualties

11.8%



160

Disorder
Complaints

1.9 %



5,209

Missing People

12.2%



448

Counter Terrorism



The threat level from INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM remains at SEVERE meaning an attack
is highly likely.

Housebreaking

4.2%



250

*All data provided is for the period 1 April - 31 Dec 2017 unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 03/01/2018.



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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration.





The report covers the first 9 months of the year and the performance picture is a very positive one, both in terms of the reduction in overall crime and continued decreases in specific areas such as violent and domestic crime.

As ever, I would welcome the Committee's views on any information that it would wish to be included in future reports.

Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise numerical comparisons relate to the same period in the previous year to date.

NORTH AYRSHIRE POLICING PRIORITIES 2014-2017

- 1 Drug dealing and misuse
 - 2 Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
 - 3 Dishonesty
 - 4 Road Safety
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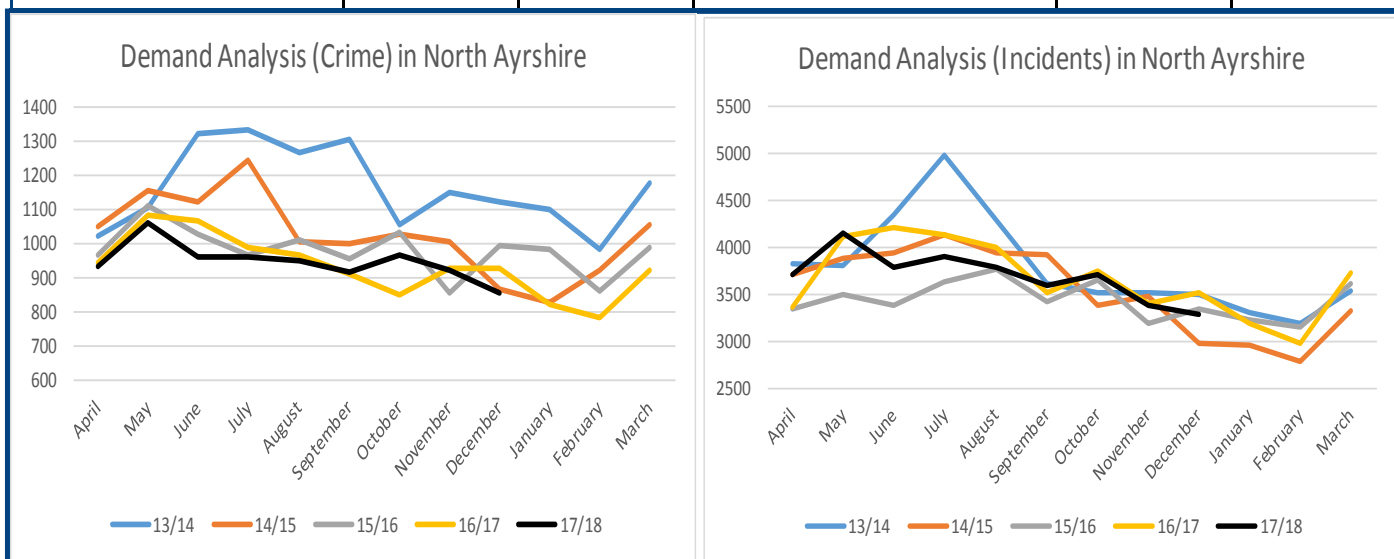
PRIORITY AREA	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Drug supply and misuse 	The number of detections for drug supply offences has increased compared to last year and is a reflection of the extent of police activity in this area. Over the past 3 months in particular, there have been a number of successful operations targeting Organised Criminals, which have come to fruition. Local Policing Teams continue to build strong relationships within communities and intelligence continues to be gathered through this enhanced engagement.
Violence, Disorder & ASB 	The reduction in violent crime has been sustained which is very pleasing given the challenging position being experienced nationally. We had seen slight increases in disorder and anti-social behaviour in the first half of the year, but levels are now below those experienced last year.
Dishonesty 	Crimes of dishonesty have risen slightly this year, primarily due to an increase in shoplifting and online fraud. Additional town centre patrols and analytical work have been undertaken to combat this and small improvements are being seen. Housebreaking and vehicle crime reductions are being maintained.
Road Safety 	The overall position on North Ayrshire roads this year shows a reduction of 27 in the number of people injured, however, there have been 2 more fatalities and 3 more serious injury casualties. Road Policing maintain a high visible presence on the priority locations where accidents are occurring.

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2017-18

- 1 Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
 - 2 Serious Organised Crime
 - 3 Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
 - 4 Protecting People at Risk of Harm
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DEMAND ANALYSIS

CRIME	PYTD *	CYTD *	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	9,629	9,098	Total number of incidents	34,009	33,381

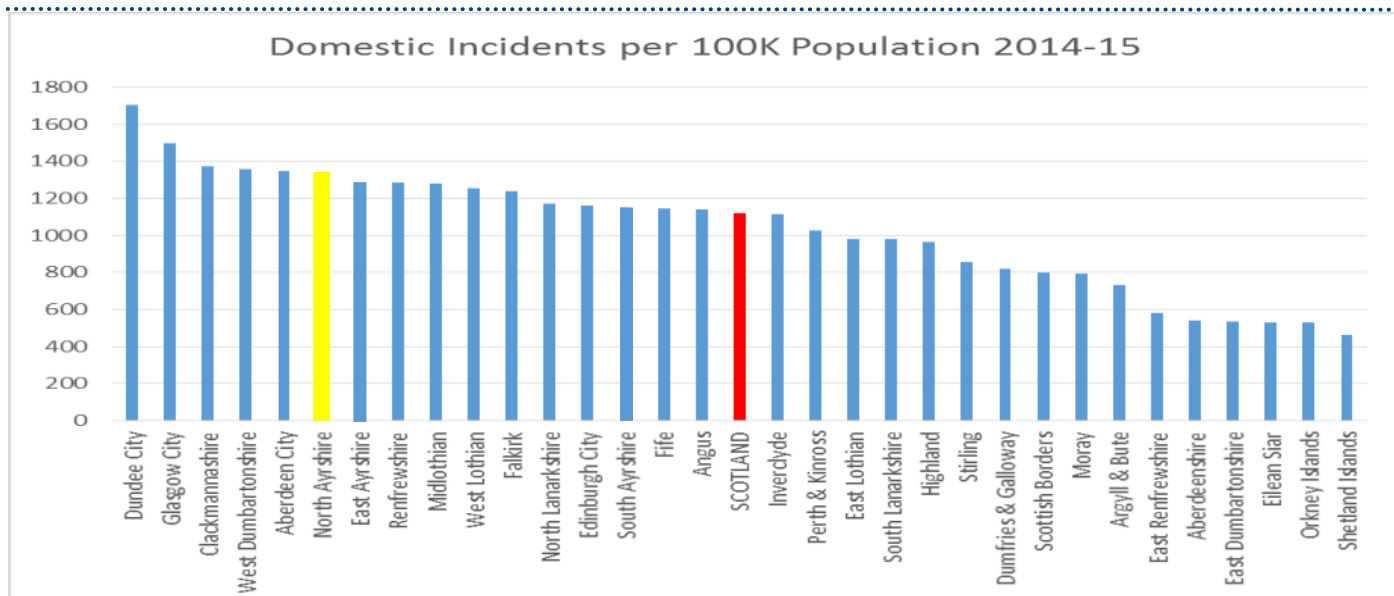


The graphs above show the numbers of crimes and incidents recorded in North Ayrshire from 2013/14 to the current year. There are clearly fluctuations throughout the course of any year but, in broad terms, crime has decreased over the period, whilst the number of incidents reported has increased.


As society changes, the nature of that growing demand changes too, with an increasing need to accurately identify and address vulnerabilities in society. Police Scotland's 2026 strategy recognises that, in order to meet the evolving needs of Scotland's communities, the Service must create the capacity to focus on prevention and prioritise protection based on threat risk and harm in public, in private and in the 'virtual' environment.

Since January 2017 a twice weekly message has been circulated on Social Media outlining demands on the police across 96 Hours from Monday morning to Friday morning and the 72 hours from Friday morning to Monday morning. This can be viewed on our Facebook and Twitter accounts: www.twitter.com/ayrshirepolice www.twitter.com/ayrshirepolice

DOMESTIC ABUSE - DATA OVERVIEW




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Total Crimes & Offences in domestic abuse incidents	PYTD	CYTD
 4.6%	829	791

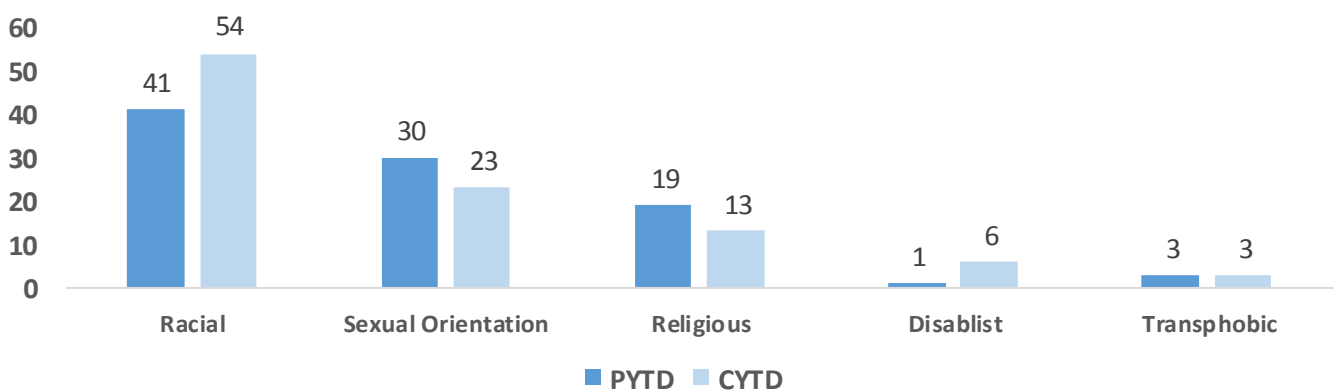
CONTEXT:

There has been a 4.6% reduction in the number domestic abuse crimes this year so far which demonstrates our continued commitment in this priority area. Partnership working remains at the forefront of our approach to tackling this type of behaviour and it is very pleasing to see these reductions being sustained.

HATE CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

Hate Crime Detection Rate	PYTD	CYTD
	73.2%	76.1%

Hate Crime - categories of reported crime



Note: Where a victim is exposed to more than one category of hate related crime in one incident, each category of hate crime is counted.

CONTEXT:

The number of hate crimes recorded has fallen by 8 and the detection rate has risen slightly when compared to last year. Tackling Hate Crime is a priority area for all officers in North Ayrshire and the highest level of scrutiny is given to each crime to ensure all investigative opportunities are undertaken.

Local Community Safety officers working in partnership are arranging bespoke "I AM ME" training inputs for schools which seeks to address issues around disablist crimes.

VIOLENCE, DISORDER & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - DATA OVERVIEW

1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DEC 2017 - OBJECTIVE: Reduce the number of victims of violent crime



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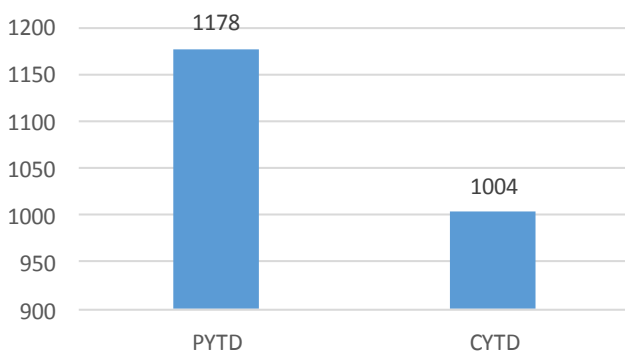
Fewer victims of violent crime

The reduction in violent crime has been sustained throughout the third quarter of the year, which can be a very challenging period. Crimes of this nature almost invariably have a significant impact on victims, their families and friends and the services dealing with the aftermath, so a reduction of 179 victims of violence is substantial. It is also pleasing to see that the detection rates for the most serious violent crimes have increased slightly.

LOCALITY	Robbery				Serious Assault			
	PYTD	CYTD	Det	% Det	PYTD	CYTD	Det	% Det
Irvine	10	12	8	67%	23	28	24	86%
Kilwinning	3	6	3	50%	8	4	1	25%
Three Towns	14	5	4	80%	18	21	19	90%
Arran	0	0	0		0	1	1	100%
North Coast Cumbraes	2	0	1		11	11	6	55%
Garnock Valley	1	1	1	100%	10	5	3	60%
TOTAL	30	24	18	71%	70	70	54	77%

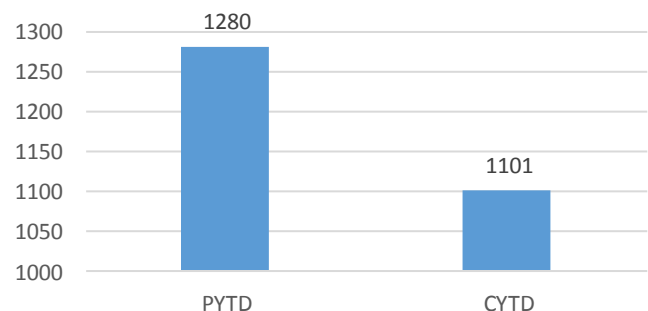
NB figures to 31 Dec 17

Common Assault



NB figures to 31 Dec 17

Total Number of Victims of Violence



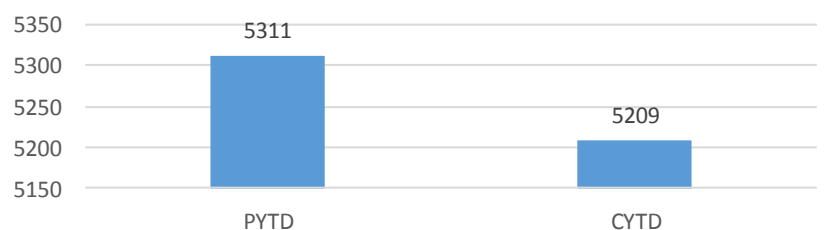
OBJECTIVE: Tackle rowdy and drunken behaviour in public places

Disorder
1.9%





NB figures to 31 Dec 17

Complaints regarding Disorder



UPDATE: Levels of disorder have decreased in recent months, which has helped to balance out the modest increase seen earlier in the year. Our partnership working through the Prevention 1st group continues to target problematic areas and individuals in an effort to reduce this type of behaviour and robust action plans were implemented over the festive period in and around our town centres. These plans were supported by some additional funding received from North Ayrshire Council Community Safety Fund.

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

Drug Supply, production & cultivation	PYTD	CYTD	Drugs possession	PYTD	CYTD
11.1% 	90	100	12.1% 	446	392

CONTEXT:



The number of detections for drug supply has now increased beyond that of last year. Several high level operations targeting serious and organised criminals have been carried out and came to a successful conclusion with several arrests made. Operations of this nature and scale, require a considerable amount of planning and resource commitment, so it is particularly rewarding when they have such positive outcomes.

Our Locality Policing Teams and School Liaison Officers continue to engage with young people in and outside of school and college to inform and influence their life choices in respect of substance abuse.

TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM



CONTEXT: The UK threat level remains at SEVERE, which means an attack is highly likely and the current threat level for Northern Ireland related terrorism in Britain is SUBSTANTIAL, meaning an attack is a strong possibility.

PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK FROM HARM - DATA OVERVIEW

Number of Sexual Crimes	PYTD	CYTD	Sexual Crimes detection rate	PYTD	CYTD
 10.8%	158	175	 4.8%	58.9%	61.7%

CONTEXT: The investigation of sexual offences is a key priority for Police Scotland and the continued reporting of non-recent crimes maintains our belief that public confidence is higher than ever in this area. All sexual crimes are robustly investigated by specialist officers and victims are dealt with the highest degree of sensitivity. A victim centred approach is always taken and support is always at the forefront of our engagement with victims, directly or through the strong partnerships we have with other agencies. The investigation of non-recent crimes can present particular challenges, so it is very pleasing to see a small increase in detection rate.

HOUSEBREAKING - DATA OVERVIEW

Theft by housebreaking	1 Apr 16 - 31 Dec 16	1 Apr 17 - 31 Dec 17	CONTEXT
 4.2 %	261	250	The reduction in overall housebreaking in North Ayrshire is being sustained with year on year decreases in crime. This is very encouraging and an area where much focus has been given.
Theft by housebreaking detection rate	1 Apr 16 - 31 Dec 16	1 Apr 17 - 31 Dec 17	CONTEXT
 8.5%	25.7%	17.2%	Our detection rate for Housebreaking has decreased since our last report and is an area where we are looking to improve upon.

NB figures to 3 Jan 2018 LOCALITY	Crimes PYTD	Crimes CYTD	Detected	Dwelling House	Non-dwelling domestic	Other
Irvine	76	65	14	21	8	36
Kilwinning	33	33	7	13	7	13
Three Towns	66	68	15	31	16	21
Arran	1	2	0	0	0	2
North Coast Cumbraes	40	48	6	24	10	14
Garnock Valley	45	34	1	15	6	13
TOTAL	261	250	43	104	47	99

LOCALITY POLICING IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

CONTEXT:

Locality Policing continues to be the bedrock of our community engagement and partnership working approach. The model is now well established and is approaching 2 years in situ. The success of the approach has been reviewed by both South and East Ayrshire, who are following the North Ayrshire lead and are intent on delivering a similar approach over the coming months.

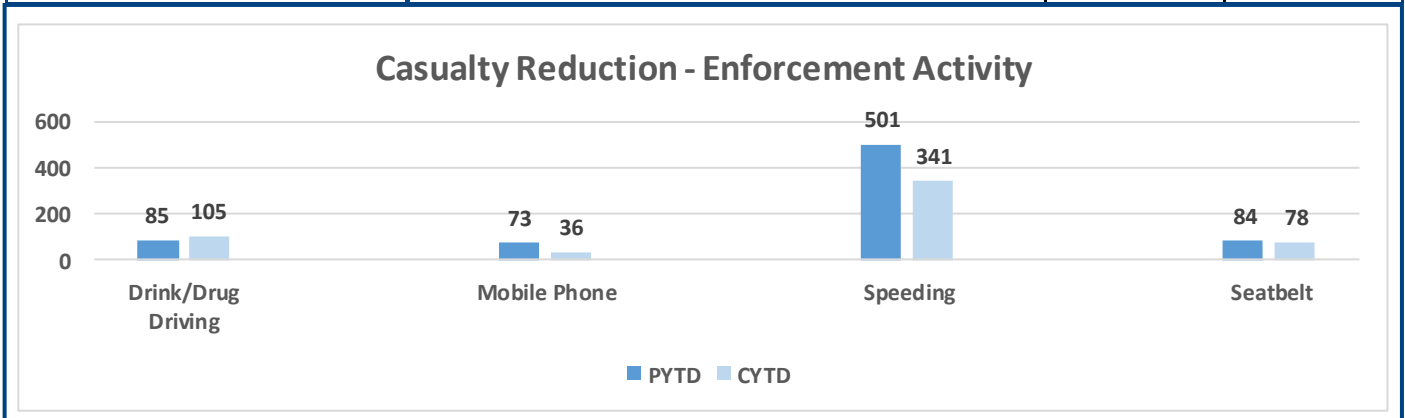
The Teams are overseen by a dedicated Sergeant for each Locality and 2 Community Inspectors have responsibility for 3 teams. The recent position vacated through the retirement of Inspector Brian Skimming has now seen the recruitment of Inspector Colin Convery who is an experienced Inspector with significant local knowledge.

I anticipate that North Ayrshire Locality Policing Teams will continue to develop strong partnerships and be at the forefront of tackling the issues of concern to local communities.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

PRIORITY: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED ON OUR ROADS

Road Traffic Casualties		01/04/16 - 31/12/16	01/04/17 - 31/12/17
	Number of persons killed on our roads	2	4
	Number of persons seriously injured	25	30
	Number of persons slightly injured	157	126
	Number of children seriously injured	6	3




PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

Data from 1 April 2017 – 31 December 2017

Number of Complaints about the Police			Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents
83			24.9
On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
77	0	19	96

The following provides a list of incidents that have been referred to the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC). When the PIRC investigation is complete, it can be expected that recommendations will be placed in the public domain and these will be reported to the South Ayrshire Police, Fire and Rescue Committee.

PIRC Referrals	Incident
	No new referrals during this reporting period.

POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS



POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (PSYV) IN AYRSHIRE

PSYV was established in 2013, with five groups introduced across Scotland. Four groups were set up in the major cities and one group was introduced in Cumnock, East Ayrshire, based at Dumfries House. The programme has expanded quickly and there are now over twenty groups across Scotland and I am delighted that plans to introduce a new group in North Ayrshire in 2018 are well advanced.

The PSYV programme is designed for young people aged 13-18yrs and its primary aims are to:

- inspire young people to participate positively in their communities;
- encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship;
- promote a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people; and
- support local policing priorities through volunteering.

The groups are embedded in and reflect the diversity of their communities, although they have a distinctly Scottish identity. The young people volunteer for a number of hours per month and take part in a wide range of local activities and events. For example, they can assist with community based crime prevention measures; and assist with the operation of regional and national events such as the Open Golf Championship, the Scottish International Airshow and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

When working in their communities the youth volunteers participate in activities such as helping the elderly and giving out public safety information, all whilst supporting local policing and community safety priorities. The PSYV are also involved with peer to peer and intergenerational education programmes, providing information and delivering inputs to their peers and the public on important themes such as 'No Knives Better Lives' and internet safety.

Recruitment:

The groups are run by adult volunteers who are recruited locally, and these volunteers are supported by 'Police coordinators' (two officers in Ayrshire). The young people themselves are aged from 13-18yrs, with initial recruitment aimed at those between 13-15yrs (i.e. S3); the programme particularly seeks to engage young people who might not routinely have the opportunity to engage with groups like PSYV. The programme runs for a period of three years and it gives each volunteer the opportunity to develop their skills and personal qualities by completing three PSYV awards.

KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE



Additional officers to be trained in Taser use and Armed Response Vehicle roles extended.

Police Scotland is increasing its use of Taser by equipping around 500 specially trained officers in local policing divisions. The move, which was given approval at the Scottish Police Authority Board on Tuesday 19 December, is designed to improve the safety of the public and police officers.

It comes after an increase in the number of incidents in which police officers have been confronted by people with bladed weapons and an increase in assaults on officers. By mid December 2017, 969 officers have been assaulted, compared with 764 in 2016.

Police Scotland has been carrying out an extensive programme of engagement with the Scottish Police Authority, national and local politicians, and other key stakeholders to explain the plan to increase the deployment of Taser (correctly known as Conductive Energy Devices) before the specially trained officers (STOs) are in place.

The STOs will be deployed in urban and rural areas across the country, including Ayrshire, giving local policing commanders access to enhanced security and protection for their communities. The total number of STOs will equate to just under 3% of the force establishment.

Training of the STOs will start in May and some officers will be deployed as soon as their training is complete. All STOs are expected to be operational by August 2018. They will be equipped with the Home Office-approved Taser X2.

Taser allows officers to maintain a safer distance from a subject, decreases the risk of injury, prevents escalation and enables safer and quicker resolution to an incident. Every time a Taser is discharged a report is sent to the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner to independently assess the incident.

Police Scotland also announced that it would be extending the role of Armed Response Vehicle (ARV) officers to allow them to be deployed to more non-firearms calls. The removal of the current restrictions was also presented to the Scottish Police Authority on 19 December with planned implementation early in the New Year.

ARVs currently deploy to firearms incidents, threat to life incidents or deal with anything they come across during the course of their patrols using their professional judgement.

They will now support colleagues and the public by responding to a wider range of incidents with an emphasis on public protection, vulnerability and speed of response. They will also support local and national campaigns, such as drink-driving and speed awareness activity.

The change comes as Police Scotland completes an uplift in the number of dedicated firearms resources, which was announced in June 2016.

The increase of 124 officers includes 99 specifically dedicated to ARVs and was completed on Monday 27 November when the final three officers transferred into their new roles.