

North Ayrshire Performance Summary Report - Q1 2023/24

Reporting Period: 01/04/2023 - 30/06/2023



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe

Total Crime



8.6%



3,235 Crimes

Incidents
Recorded

Violence/Homicide

Drug Supply

Robbery

Domestic Abuse

Sexual Crime

-2.3%*

16.9%

27.7%

-48.3%

-3.6%*

2.2%



10,529

457

24

6

260

84

ASB

Hate Crime

Acquisitive Crime

Drink/Drug Driving

Speeding

Serious Injury &
Fatal Accidents

-22.3%*

28.9%*

5.2%

39.7%

15.4%

100%/-100%



2,097

41

692

64

162

12 SI/0 Fatal

Note: All percentage figures are based on the 5-year average with all data based on Management Information which may be subject to change. *5-yr Average is locally produced and not MI

Introduction

This document has been compiled to look at the quarterly data available for North Ayrshire. The report is based on the areas of focus identified within the Local Policing Plan agreed with the Local Authority. The 'Plan on a Page' document is available on Page 3, this provides details of the areas Police Scotland have agreed to report on.

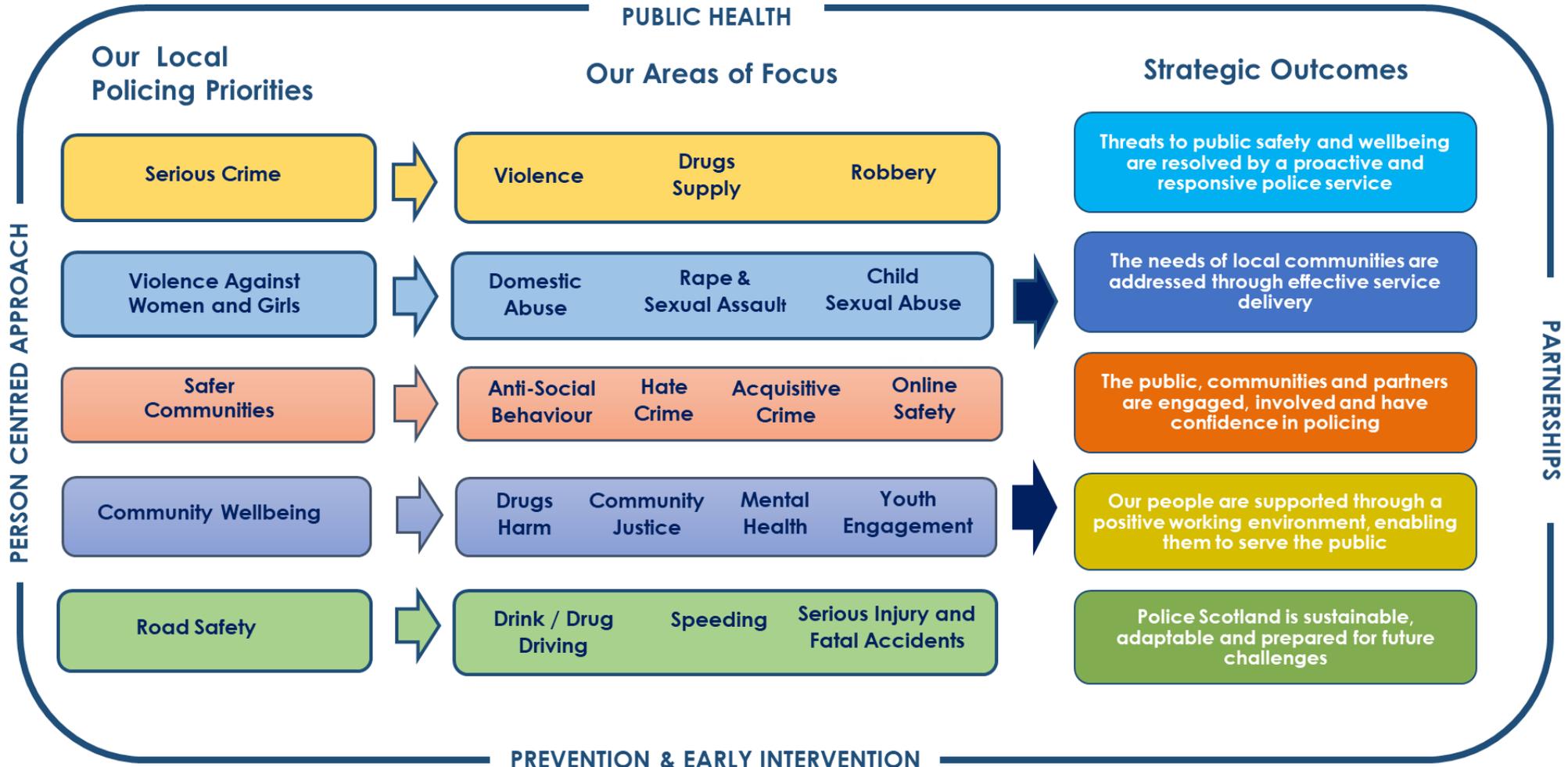
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**Plan on a Page
North Ayrshire**

Our vision | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland
Our purpose | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland
Our values | Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights



OFFICIAL

SERIOUS CRIME—Violence/Homicide

Analytical Context:

The Q1 period shows that overall violent crime has increased by 16.9% on the 5-year average. This increase is due to the number of Minor Assaults both on Emergency workers and the public. However there have been decreases noted in Murder, Attempt Murder and Serious Assaults on the 5-year average. There are currently just under 7% of the Minor Assaults which are non-recent.

The Attempt Murder remains undetected at this stage with 60% of the Serious Assaults currently detected.

11 of the Serious Assaults have taken place in a public place.

Local Action/Context:

Violent crime continues to be closely monitored and reviewed with investigations being resourced across Local and Priority Policing Teams and the Criminal Investigation Department.

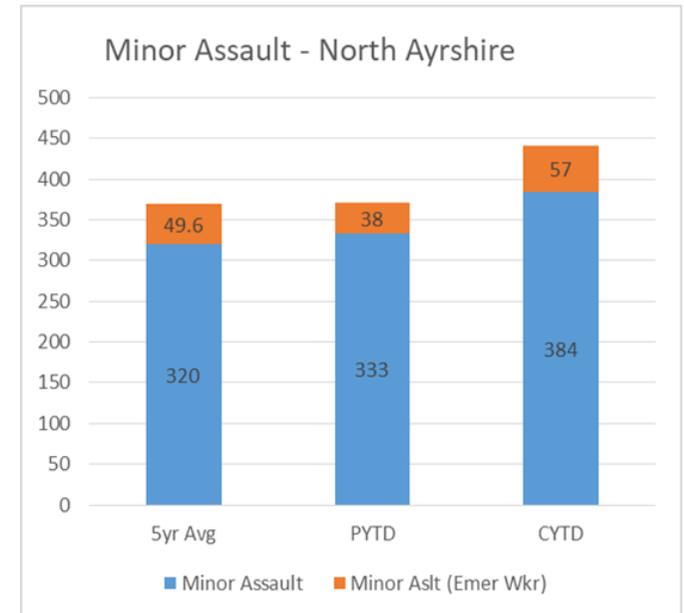
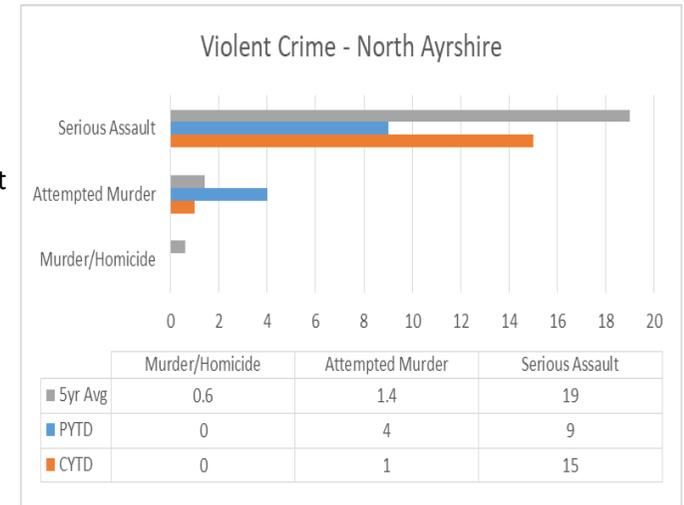
Each crime is subject of daily review and scrutiny and thereafter allocated to the most appropriate department to progress to assist in identification of repeat victims, offenders and locations.

Our local action plans target any repeat locations especially when related to the night time economy where during the reporting period have completed 198 licensed premises visits throughout North Ayrshire.

There have been no homicides during the reporting period and despite extensive investigation the one attempted murder remains undetected.

The number of serious assaults has increased from the same period last year however the detection rate has significantly improved where 73.3% of crimes have been resolved.

The Community Wellbeing Unit continue to work closely with persons and partners to make a positive impact with the overarching aim to divert offenders away from crime whilst supporting our vulnerable victims.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

SERIOUS CRIME—Drug Supply

Analytical Context:

Drug supply charges in North Ayrshire have noted an increase during the first quarter of the year. Charges are up 27.7% on the 5-year mean for Supplying Drugs and up 100% for Cannabis Cultivations on the 5-year average.

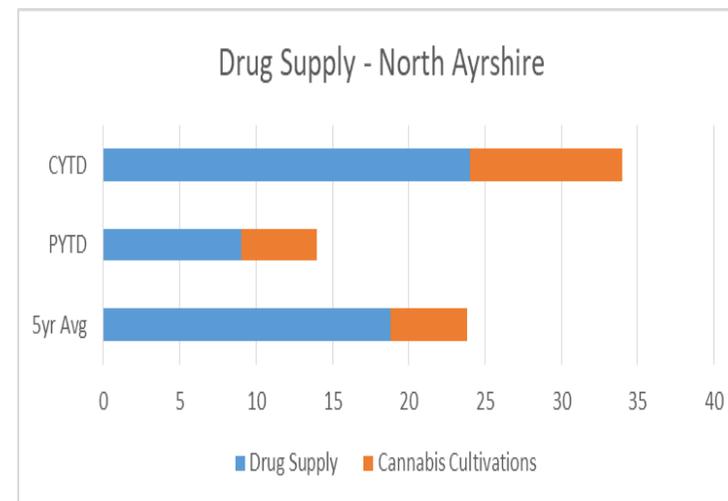
Proactivity remains the main focus and means by which these charges are obtained. Identifying any real patterns to where these crimes are taking place requires the combined work of local officers and Divisional staff, building on the Community Intelligence provided by North Ayrshire residents, community groups or via Crimestoppers.

Local Action/Context:

The increase in drug supply charges in the first quarter reflect the significant work ongoing to target those offenders who are involved in serious and organised crime in the sale and supply of controlled drugs. We remain responsive to information and intelligence relating to drug supply developing this into enforcement action by our proactive crime team supported by priority and local policing teams.

During the reporting period notable recoveries include several cannabis cultivations.

- Cannabis cultivation in Ardrossan, 28 year old male arrested and charged with production and supply . Value in excess of £100k
- Cannabis cultivations, acting on local intelligence 6 properties searched in Kilbirnie all linked to same offender, 22 year old male arrested and remanded in custody . Value £340K
- Cannabis cultivation in Dalry, large scale operation , £40K value of cannabis and £32K class B drugs seized, enquiry ongoing
- Cannabis Cultivation Stevenston Industrial Estate, 4 males apprehended—potential street value of £2 Million.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

SERIOUS CRIME—Robbery

Analytical Context:

The number of reported Robbery type crimes so far this year is lower than both last year (n=9) and the 5-year average (11.6). So far 5 of the 6 reported crimes this year have been detected, giving a detection rate of 83.3%.

The Rivergate Shopping area is currently being shown as a repeat location with two crimes taking place at this location. Three of these crimes have taken place within the home, with a physical assault being most commonly used against the victim. Cash remains the most commonly acquired item and the victim knew the offender, in some capacity, in at least 50% of these crimes from the information currently available.



Source: Taken from Crime Management through ScOMIS

Local Action/Context:

The reduction in recorded robbery crimes is positive, as is the current detection rate which has improved on the previous reporting period, the robbery that is not yet detected is still a live investigation.

Every report of robbery is a key priority and is subject to immediate supervisory overview and review and investigation by the CID. This enhanced level of scrutiny allows for the prioritisation of investigations resulting in the early identification and arrest of offenders which is clearly evidenced by the positive detection rate.

There is always a collective response to such crimes utilising all available investigative tools and intelligence.

Our officers regularly patrol town centres areas to provide reassurance and visibility around retail outlets, licensed premises and transport hubs. They are supported by our Preventions and Interventions Officer who will follow up each crime committed in a commercial setting to discuss security and safety of staff.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS—Domestic Abuse

Analytical Context:

Domestic crimes during the first three months of this year are showing an increase when compared with last year (up 14%), however there has been a reduction on the 5-year average of 3.6%. The chart opposite clearly shows that the month of May has recorded fewer crimes than the other two months and is well below the 5-year average figure.

It has been noted that almost 11% of the crimes reported during this period are non-recent.

There has been a slight increase in the number of Domestic Incidents reported this year compared with 2022/23 (up 2%).

Local Action/Context:

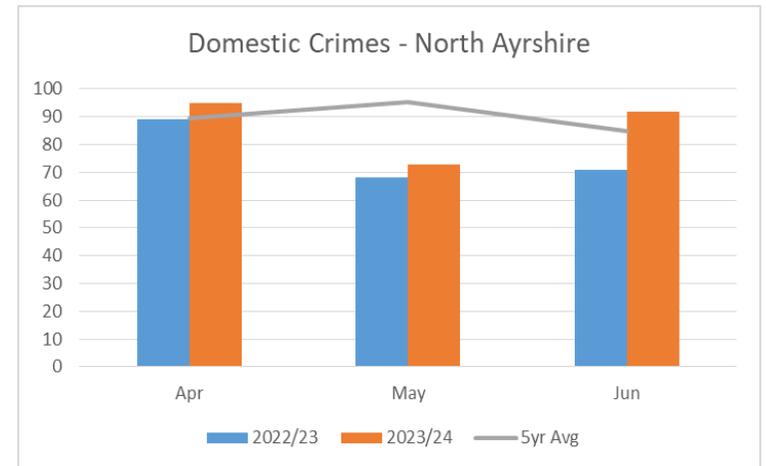
The Domestic Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Team in Ayrshire continue to offer the victims in all domestic cases reported a follow up contact from the department. This important function has given a notable increase in victim confidence and the ability to discuss their often complex situations which allows them a period of reflection following the initial incident. This also offers an increased opportunity for third sector signposting and referral to partner agencies.

This increased confidence can be evidenced in the use of DSDAS (Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland) where applications continue to show exponential increase. During the reporting period the department processed 79 applications which is an increase of 44% on the previous year.

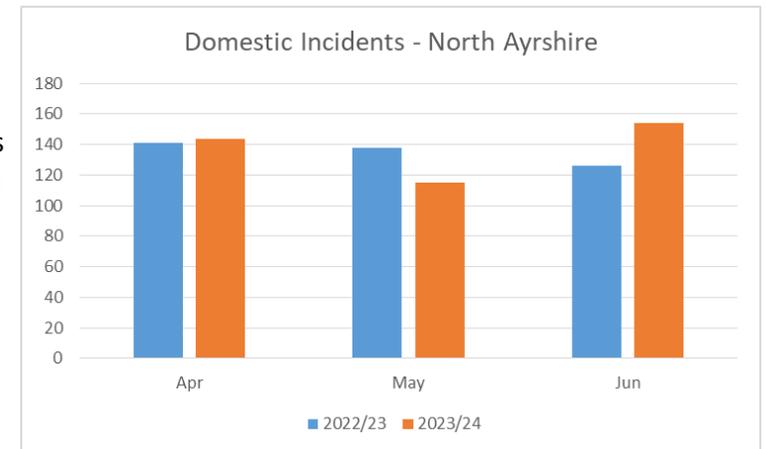
Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals for North Ayrshire number 32 and 3 high tariff offenders of domestic abuse were identified as Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) targets with investigations ongoing.

The increase in reporting from the same period last year may well be explained by the additional processes now implemented by the DAIU who have been able to engage with victims that may have otherwise have disengaged or felt that they were not being heard.

The Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) remains committed to the delivery of the Violence Against Woman and Girls Strategy for North Ayrshire.



Source: Data taken from iVPD through ScOMIS



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS—Rape & Sexual Assault

Analytical Context:

Examination of the Rape crimes which were reported in Q1 shows a reduction in the numbers this year compared with both last year and the 5-year average. It is notable that a total of 4 of these are non-recent crimes of which two were Domestic related.

Sexual Assaults have noted a marked increase during the first three months of this year on both last year and the 5-year average. Of the 29 reported crimes, 5 are non-recent, and 4 are domestic related. It should be noted that 9 crimes have been reported by one individual against the same male.

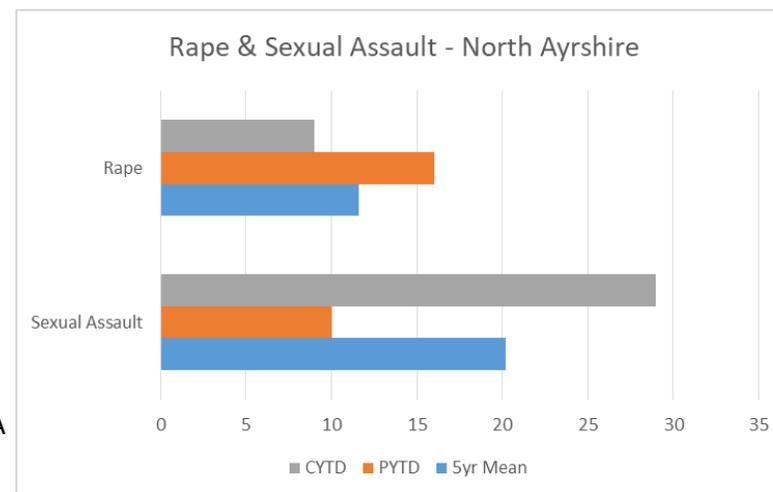
During the Q1 period there have been a total of 17 individuals (3 males, 14 females) aged 17 years or younger who have reported a recent sexual crime (a total of 30 crimes reported by these individuals). A further 9 crimes were reported to have taken place between 2020 and 2022 which involved 5 individuals (1 male, 4 females) who are still under 18 years of age.

Local Action/Context:

Targeting sexual crime remains a priority for Police Scotland. Every reported incident of a sexual nature is robustly investigated. The Divisional Rape Investigation Unit (DRIU) comprises a Detective Inspector, two Detective Sergeants and 8 Detective Constables/Constables with a wealth of operational and specialist experience and skillsets. Notably the majority of the Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLO) have now received training in video recorded interview (VRI) practices which afford a more effective victim centred approach to capturing victim evidence.

In order to provide a true victim centred approach the Detective Inspector meets with Rape Crisis monthly to discuss feedback from clients to identify any operational issues allowing the team to adapt and to provide the best service. This approach has afforded an opportunity to engage directly with survivors about their experiences in engaging with the Police at each stage of the investigation, all feedback is subject to evaluation and is fed back to the team in order that they continually learn and develop to build confidence in reporting.

North Ayrshire Domestic Abuse champions continue to engage with partners to develop support networks for those impacted by violence against women and girls.



Source: Data taken from iVPD through ScOMIS

SAFER COMMUNITIES—Antisocial Behaviour

Analytical Context:

Anti-social behaviour in general has shown a reduction this year when compared to the 5-year average, although there has been a slight increase on last year (up 2.6%). Both May and June have recorded increases and this may be as a result of the improved weather which resulted in more transient visitors to the beaches in Ayrshire, including those in North Ayrshire.

ASB incidents involving youths accounted for just under 12%.

A total of 91 ASB Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued during the Q1 period in North Ayrshire.

Local Action/Context:

The Safer Shores Initiative is in place to ensure that those living and visiting Ayrshire can do so safely, with our local officers working closely with specialist police resources and partner agencies to address any emerging issues or incidents.

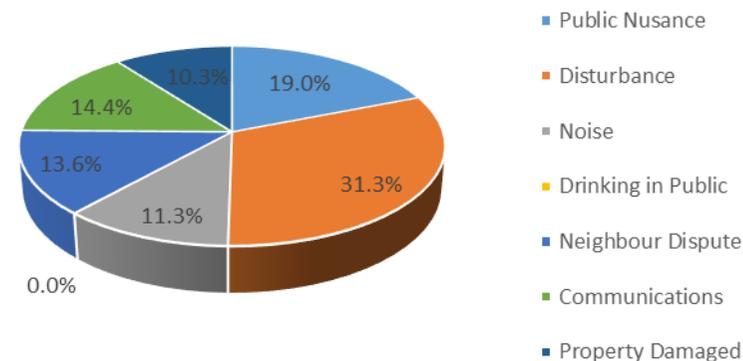
Additional and dedicated patrols are deployed in the areas to carry out active patrols, positively engage with the public, to intervene and deal with offences appropriately.

The improved weather during June has without doubt impacted on the local community with large numbers travelling to the area to enjoy the beaches.

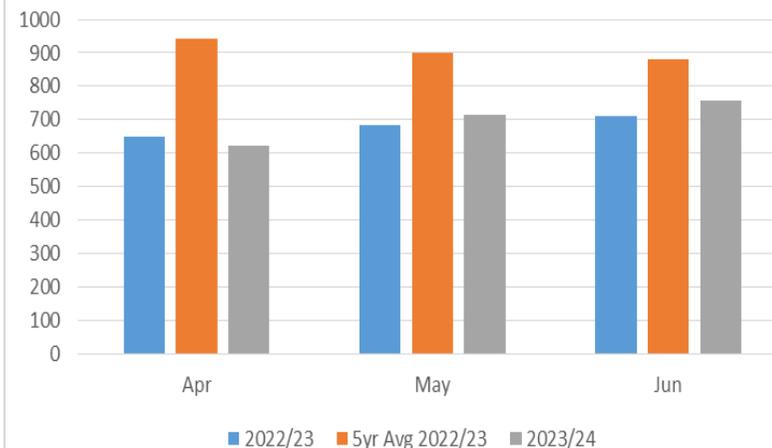
The partnership approach adopted by Prevention First continues to have a positive impact. On the 6th June we introduced locally funded Quad Bikes providing an additional dimension to policing in North Ayrshire. During the reporting period they were deployed assisting with the prevention and detection of Anti-social behaviour in known hotspots and were utilised to locate missing persons.

Local action plans continue to impact on known areas of ASB to address community concerns and reports of ASB involving the use of off road vehicles / scramblers.

ASB Incident Breakdown - North Ayrshire



Monthly ASB - North Ayrshire



Source: Taken from STORM data extracted through ScOMIS

SAFER COMMUNITIES—Hate Crime

Analytical Context:

Hate crime across North Ayrshire is currently showing an increase when compared to the same period in 2022/23 (n= 41 this year n=29 last year) and the 5-year average (31.8). The chart opposite highlights that Racial crimes have increased markedly . In total 16 members of the public have been subjected to a racial crime. Of these 2 have been Syrian, 3 were Pakistani, 2 were Indian, 1 Chinese, 1 African and the remainder were either Mixed Race, English, Scottish and 1 was a French national.

There is one repeat victim identified who has been subjected to three racial crimes during the first three months of the year. There are currently no repeat locations identified apart from the home address associated to the repeat victim.

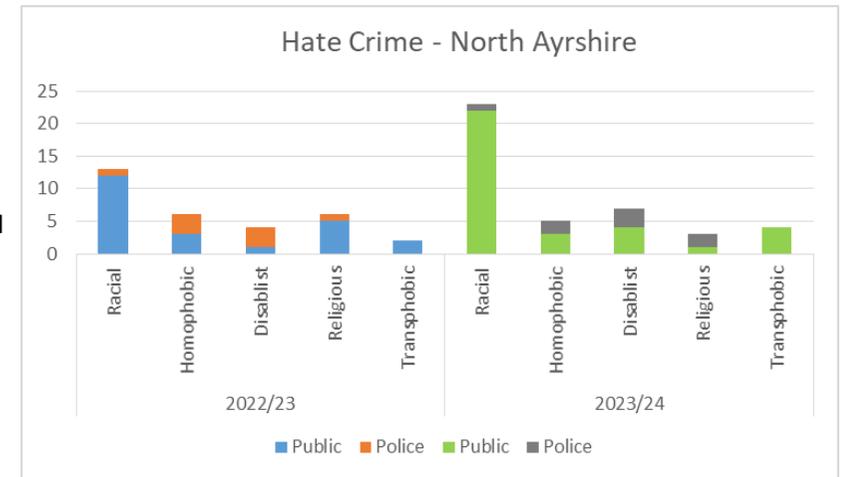
Local Action/Context:

Addressing the increase in racial crime is a priority in North Ayrshire.

Every report of a hate crime attracts additional scrutiny and governance from the Local Area Commander and team to identify patterns of behaviour, repeat victims, locations and to ensure the relentless pursuit of offenders. Local Policing Teams and interventions officer visit the victims of such crimes ensuring appropriate advice and support providing them with a single point of contact.

During the reporting period the repeat victim referenced has been targeted by the same perpetrator, who has been arrested on each occasion, appropriate bail conditions are in place and by working alongside the local authority a live Anti Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) case is being progressed .

During the reporting period no hate crimes have been recorded that feature any Ukrainian or Afghan refugees.



Source: Taken from the iVPD database through ScOMIS

SAFER COMMUNITIES—Acquisitive Crime

Analytical Context:

From the table opposite it is evident that the majority of acquisitive type crimes are currently showing increases when compared with last year but decreases when compared with the 5-year average.

Fraud type crimes have been on the increase for a number of years, and this has been exacerbated since the start of the pandemic in 2020 as more people moved their shopping habits online making them more vulnerable to potential scams and fake sites. Around 50% of Fraud crimes this year in North Ayrshire can be classed as having a cyber element. Examples of which include goods purchased and not received, monies not received for goods sent or WhatsApp type scams.

Whilst housebreaking crimes are also showing an increase this is primarily due to crimes where commercial premises have been broken into. Housebreaking crimes to domestic premises, including non-dwelling domestic premises, have recorded a decrease this year.

	CYTD	PYTD	5yr Mean
Housebreaking (Dwell)	21	24	30.6
Housebreaking (Non-Dwell)	2	4	7.4
Housebreaking (Commercial)	26	10	22.4
All Vehicle Crime	41	61	68.8
Fraud	94	63	55.8
Common Theft	181	173	237
Shoplifting	275	237	176.4
Other Thefts	52	39	59.2

Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

Local Action/Context:

The decrease to domestic housebreakings is positive given the significant emotional impact these crimes have on victims, there is strict governance around each report of housebreaking with each crime being subject to review by local Detective Inspector thus ensuring that evidential and forensic opportunities are maximised that where appropriate crimes are linked to the same offender.

The significant increase in crimes of fraud is replicated nationally within North Ayrshire our prevention and Interventions officer works hand and glove with the local authority and trading standards to raise awareness of these crimes to give our communities the tools to spot a scam before they suffer any financial loss.

Prevention officers, working with partners, have delivered inputs to 16 events throughout North Ayrshire to support vulnerable members of the community, raise awareness and offer preventative advice on frauds and scams. Events have taken place within local community groups, resource centres, libraries and at community council meetings.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Local Action/Context:

Drugs Harm:

Community Wellbeing Unit (CWU) has established a strong and positive partnership with various organisations to address problematic drug use and support individuals in accessing the appropriate support and recovery services. Over the last quarter, CWU have engaged with 86 persons where there has been drug use or addiction involved in their vulnerability.

Working closely with addiction services, they identified those who may benefit from their support and referred several directly to the service. They meet with NADARS on a monthly basis to have a multi-agency discussion and plan effective support measures and interventions where appropriate. The partnership discusses and coordinates their efforts in supporting individuals with problematic drug use, sustained poor mental health, repeat offenders and those at risk of homelessness. They share updates on the availability of support services, including the implementation of local Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards. This collaborative approach ensures that the partners are aligned in their goals and resources are leveraged effectively.

Mental Health:

Over the last quarter, CWU have engaged with 111 persons who have come to the attention of the police requiring support with their mental health. CWU have been working closely with partners in relation to a member of the community who had been carrying out significant self-harm causing worry and concern within the family. After several multi-agency meetings and intervention of the CWU, this person is now settled in their own accommodation and no longer requires to have Adult Support and Protection measures in place having stopped self-harming. The partnership approach used has resulted in a significant improvement in the quality of life of all family members and a reduction on demand on both police and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS).

Police Scotland work with partners to review Deaths by Suicide in North Ayrshire. Shared discussions to identify families and communities impacted from deaths by suicide continues to take place. Work across all sectors is promoted to raise awareness of support groups available across North Ayrshire to reduce deaths by suicide and to reduce the impact of a death by suicide within the North Ayrshire communities.

Youth Engagement:

The CWU have maintained and built upon the relationships with young persons in care settings through regular visits and conversations in Children's Houses. They have provided inputs to the young person's around topics that have been suggested by staff which they feel they would benefit from such as online safety. They have attended several open day events in collaboration with Connected Communities.

ROAD SAFETY

Analytical Context:

There has been an increase in the detection of both Speeding offences and Drink/Drug Offences during Q1 within North Ayrshire. However, this is due to increased pro-activity across the area to ensure road users are driving appropriately and safely.

In terms of Serious and Fatal Road Accidents—there have been no Fatal Accidents so far this year compared with one last year. However there have been 12 people seriously injured during Q1, this is an increase of 6 since last year and includes two children. There are no repeat locations for incidents where people have been seriously injured.

Local Action/Context:

Speeding remains a strong focus for Police within North Ayrshire. Regular engagement is conducted between Police, Ayrshire Roads Alliance and North Ayrshire Council to discuss community concerns regarding speeding. All concerns raised via local elected members and the community are identified and assessed by colleagues within Ayrshires Road Policing Unit, where they form daily tasking deployments which are allocated out at briefings.

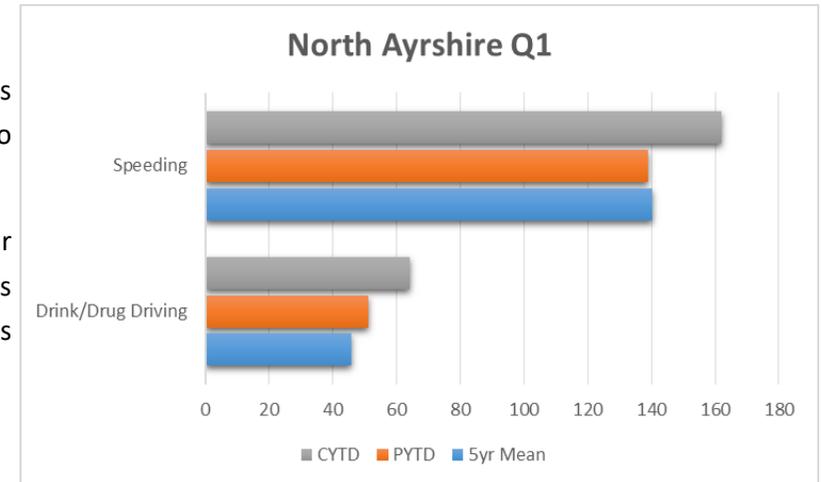
Speeding detections have risen by 15.4% as a result of the proactive approach of the officers of North Ayrshire.

Ayrshire's Road Policing Unit have recently acquired a second unmarked patrol vehicle which is regularly deployed on priority routes in North Ayrshire. In addition, the National Motorcycle Unit have provided support via high visibility and unmarked motorcycle deployments within the sub division.

To reduce incidents of Serous Injury on the road network Road Policing officers supported by local officers have carried out a number of localised action plans within North Ayrshire at eight key areas including Millport and Arran during the reporting period and have also specifically targeted Mobile phone offences , seatbelts and child restraint action plan.

Local Policing Teams continue to respond to local community feedback and undertake speed detection patrols.

Two large scale car cruises have been held at Irvine Beach park in the review period. Both events attracting in excess of 3000 vehicles from all over the UK. Local officers supported by Ayrshire's Road Policing Unit and specialist officers from the Air Support unit deployed during these events to monitor and respond to incidents of anti-social driving in and around the area . During both cruise events there has been engagement with partners to reduce the impact on the local community both during and after the cruise. During both events there has been enforcement around Road Traffic and Anti social Behaviour offences.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE—Survey Information

User Experience - Current Position

The information on the table below is from data gathered in the April 2023 to June 2023 for North Ayrshire. It should also be noted that the ‘Feeling adequately informed’ question has changed in 2022/23 and only applies to those who stated they expected to be kept informed.

Questions	YTD	Force YTD	Female	Male	Blank/Other
Number of Respondents	87	3885	42	15	30
Ease of Contact? (% Easy and Very Easy)	72%	70%	69%	73%	77%
Being provided with the appropriate response? (% Yes)	72%	63%	76%	77%	63%
Feeling adequately informed about progress made with your report	59%	49%	60%	14%	83%
Overall Satisfaction? (% Satisfied or Very Satisfied)	61%	48%	64%	47%	63%

Your Survey

The following information is based on data from April to June 2023 **(we might want to consider if this should be included due to the low numbers)**

How safe do you feel in your local area?				Male		Female		Total Respondents
	Very Safe	Fairly Safe	Total	Very Safe	Fairly Safe	Very Safe	Fairly Safe	
North	20%	40%	60%	0%	33.33%	50%	50%	5

Concern about Crime				Male		Female		Total Respondents
	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	Total	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	
North	60%	0%	60%	66.67%	0%	50%	0%	5

Local Action/Context:

The Your Police Survey remains open for all police and members of the public to provide their views on Policing in the Local Community.

Local officers continue to promote engagement with Your Police Survey at all events and community engagements with regular broadcast on media and social media channels.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE—Complaints Against the Police

Complaints about the Police

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE
TOTAL	79	94	-16.0%	105	131	-19.8%
North Ayrshire	17	31	-45.2%	22	45	-51.1%

Breakdown of Case Categories

	FLR (Early Resolution)	FLR PSD (NCARU)	FLR (Spec or PSD)	Criminal Complaint	Non Criminal (not FLR)	Abandoned	Withdrawn	Ongoing (NCARU)	Not Relevant Complaint
U DIVISION	0	27	3	5	26	10	4	4	0
North Ayrshire Council	0	8	1	0	4	1	0	3	0

Breakdown of On Duty Allegations

Breakdown of Allegations	Assault	Corrupt Practice	Discriminatory Behaviour	Excess Force	Incivility	Irregularity in Procedure	Neglect of Duty	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	Other - Criminal	Non-Criminal	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	Unlawful Unnecessary Arrest or Detention
U DIVISION	6	0	1	5	9	33	2	1	0	0	3	2
North Ayrshire	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	1

Breakdown of Quality of Service Allegation

Quality of Service	Policy/Procedure	Service Delivery	Service Outcome
U DIVISION TOTAL	15	7	21
North Ayrshire	2	3	5

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acronym	Details
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
ASBIT	Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team
CWU	Community Wellbeing Unit
CYTD	Current Year to Date
DAIU	Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit
DAST	Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Team
DRD	Drug Related Deaths
DSDAS	Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland
NAC	North Ayrshire Council
FLR	Front Line Resolution
GIRFEC	Getting It Right For Every Child
HMP	Her Majesty's Prison
LPP	Local Policing Plan
LPT	Local Policing Team
LYTD	Last Year to Date
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
NCARU	National Complaints and Resolution Unit
Non-Rec	Non Recent (over one year from incident occurring)
PACT	Pro-Active Crime Team
PSOS	Police Service of Scotland
PYTD	Previous Year to Date
QoS	Quality of Service (relates to complaints)
RADAR	Rapid Access to Drug and Alcohol Recovery
SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
ScOMIS	Scottish Operational and Management Information System
SFRS	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
SWD	Social Work Department
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
YTD	Year to Date