



North Ayrshire Council  
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

## Police and Fire and Rescue Committee

A Meeting of the **Police and Fire and Rescue Committee** of North Ayrshire Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE** on **Monday, 14 August 2023** at **14:00** to consider the undernoted business.

### **Meeting Arrangements - Hybrid Meetings**

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#### **1 Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

#### **2 Minutes**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2023 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

#### **3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance and Service Update**

Submit report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan (copy enclosed).

#### **4 Police Scotland Performance Update**

Submit report by Police Scotland on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan (copy enclosed).

## 5 Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

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## Police and Fire and Rescue Committee Sederunt

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Donald Reid (Chair)  
Nairn McDonald (Vice-Chair)  
Scott Davidson  
Stewart Ferguson  
John Glover  
Jean McClung  
Davina McTiernan  
Donald L. Reid  
Angela Stephen  
John Sweeney

Chair:

Apologies:

Attending:



**IRVINE, 19 June 2023** - At a Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

Donald Reid, Stewart Ferguson, Jean McClung, Donald L. Reid and John Sweeney.

**In Attendance**

R. Lynch, Senior Manager Legal Services, Claire Cochrane, Solicitor (Legal Services), H. Clancy and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

**Also In Attendance**

Chief Superintendent F. Hussein and Chief Inspector F. Normansell (Police Scotland); Area Commander I. McMeekin, Station Commander D. Murray and Watch Commander D. Wilson (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

**Chair**

Councillor Donald Reid in the Chair.

**Apologies**

Nairn McDonald, Davina McTiernan and Angela Stephen.

**1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Stewart Ferguson and Chief Inspector Fraser Normansell to their first meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**3. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee held on 7 February 2023 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**4. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance and Service Update**

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) which provided information on progress against the North Ayrshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023. Appendix A to the report provided an analysis of the performance across six indicators, using the rolling three-year average as a basis of measuring performance.

The statistical information identified a 2.7% decrease in activity levels across the local authority when compared to the corresponding period in 2021/22. A further review of the three-year average indicated a 1.9% increase in overall operational activity during a similar timeframe. Data on false alarms accounted for 60% of all demand within North Ayrshire, with fire related and special service activity accounting for 24% and 16% respectively.

Updates were also provided in relation to recent changes to support budget planning necessities to maintain effective services while optimizing resources and managing costs, the discontinuation of the response to automatic fire alarm calls from 1 July 2023 where no fire confirmation is received, recent recruitment within the Service, and the celebration of 50 years' service by Watch Commander Fred Williams from Dalry Community Fire Station.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, expressed best wishes and congratulations to Watch Commander Fred Williams on 50 years' service.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- staffing implications arising from the cessation of automatic fire alarm response at specific premises, unless confirmation of a fire had been received;
- the extent of automatic fire alarm calls which were real incidents;
- consultation and engagement which had taken place regarding future response to automatic fire alarm calls;
- the fact that 6% of operational activity related to false alarm calls;
- additional clarification on unwanted fire alarm criteria; and
- ongoing partnership work to reduce deliberate fire setting.

Area Commander McMeekin offered to meet with local Members to discuss concerns and to provide further information regarding deliberate fire setting in the Saltcoats and Stevenston and Irvine Moor areas.

Noted.

## **5. Police Scotland Performance Update**

Submitted report by Police Scotland on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023 together with an overview of year end performance. A summary of current local policing plan priorities was also detailed.

The report provided information on North Ayrshire's performance, including a 4.1% decrease in the total number of crimes. The report further outlined progress in the areas of serious crime, safer communities, acquisitive crime, community wellbeing, road safety and public confidence with additional contextual information being provided by Superintendent Frew to the meeting.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- environmental health and cleanliness issues in connection with anti-social behaviour;
- the number of discontinued calls to the 101 number and the direction to members of the public to utilise email and online web forms as alternative methods of contact;
- the various methods used for collation of statistics;
- the reduction of full-time staffing levels within some sections of Police Scotland;
- full-time equivalent staffing levels being included within future reports;
- a zero-tolerance approach to drug driving and the use of drug wipes to determine those individuals driving under drugs influence;
- the enforcement of traffic violations by Police Scotland; and
- the benefits of CCTV cameras as a crime deterrent.

Chief Inspector Hussein offered to meet with local Members to discuss concerns and to provide further information regarding anti-social behaviour related to cleanliness and environmental health issues.

The Committee then discussed the Safer Shores multi-agency partnership initiative to safeguard those who visited the Ayrshire coast. Reference was made to the recent 'car cruise' which drew large crowds to the Irvine Beach area and caused major congestion and disruption. Police Scotland advised on the requirement for enhanced levels of co-ordination to take forward plans to manage the next scheduled 'car cruise'. Chief Inspector Hussein advised that the August Committee report would have a focus on the Safer Shores initiative and the 'car cruise'.

Noted.

## **6. Urgent Items**

In terms of Standing Order 10.8, the Chair agreed that the following item be considered as urgent to allow the Committee to receive up-to-date information.

### **6.1 Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022**

The Senior Manager, Legal Services, advised the Committee that in terms of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act, 2022 which was introduced last year, Local Authority powers to designate firework control zones would come into effect on 22 June 2023. The Scottish Government were currently preparing guidance for Local Authorities on how to consider and establish the new zones. A report or Members briefing would be prepared once the guidance was released.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.







**North Ayrshire Performance Report  
1st April 2023 - 30th June 2023**



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# North Ayrshire Performance Report

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# Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan Priorities

The Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan has been developed to set out the priorities and objectives within North Ayrshire and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely with our partners in North Ayrshire to ensure we are all “**Working Together for a Safer Scotland**” through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.

The plan has been developed to complement key partnership activity embedded across North Ayrshire's Community Planning Partnership. Through effective and co-ordinated partnership working we will seek to deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.




The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for North Ayrshire identified six areas for demand reduction and is subject to regular monitoring and reporting through the Police & Fire and Rescue Committee. A summary of the priorities and current activity is detailed below with further detail and analysis contained within this performance report.

	Accidental Dwelling Fires	Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties	Unintentional Injury and Harm	Deliberate Fire Setting	Non-Domestic Fire Safety	Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
Ardrossan	1	0	2	14	1	6
Arran	0	0	0	0	0	10
Garnock Valley	2	0	2	17	0	28
Irvine East	3	0	2	8	0	0
Irvine South	2	0	4	19	1	41
Irvine West	6	0	1	45	0	38
Kilwinning	4	0	0	16	1	19
North Coast	3	0	10	8	3	10
Saltcoats and Stevenston	7	0	2	49	1	28
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>180</b>

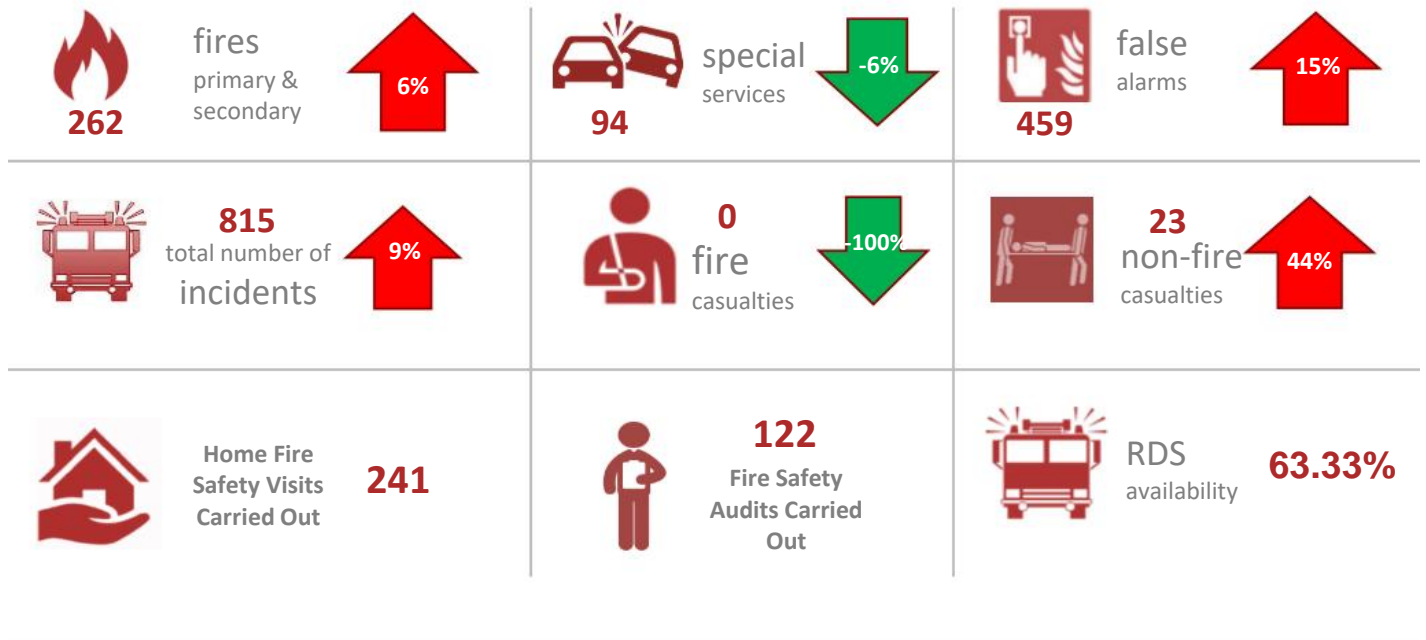
<b>Year on Year Change</b>	 12%	 -100%	 44%	 1%	 -22%	 12%
<b>3 Year Average Change</b>	 -2%	 0%	 8%	 16%	 4%	 15%
<b>5 Year Average Change</b>	 -10%	 -63%	 -20%	 -6%	 -11%	 4%

## About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

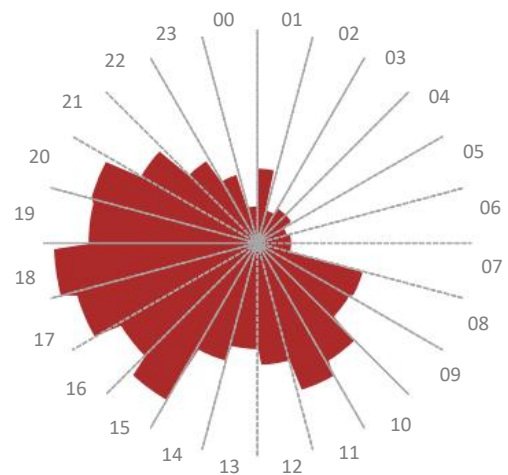
-  Activity levels have reduced by more than 5%
-  Activity levels have reduced by up to 5%
-  Activity levels have increased overall

# North Ayrshire Delivery Activity Summary

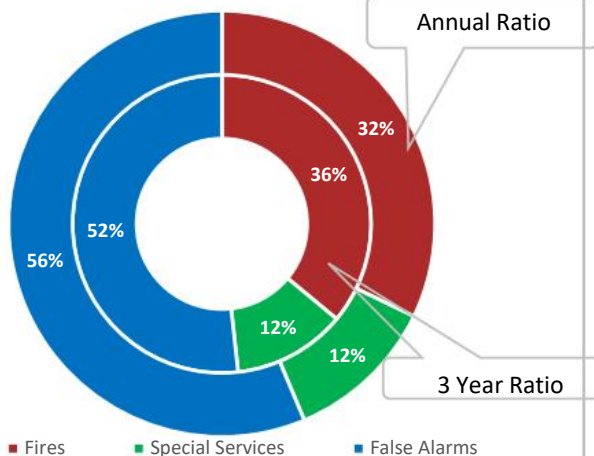


## Activity by Time of Day

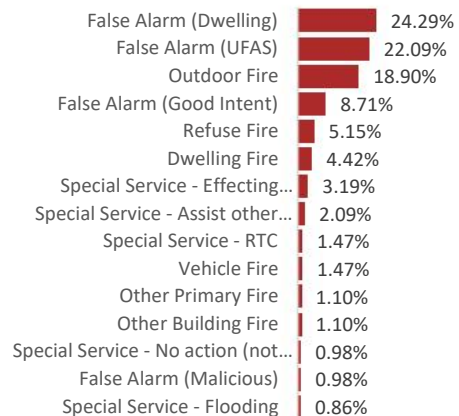
Hour (am)	Total	Hour (pm)	Total
Midnight	12	Mid-day	39
1am	24	1pm	34
2am	11	2pm	39
3am	13	3pm	58
4am	13	4pm	51
5am	10	5pm	60
6am	11	6pm	65
7am	11	7pm	54
8am	35	8pm	55
9am	34	9pm	43
10am	44	10pm	31
11am	49	11pm	23



## Incidents by Classification



## Top 15 Incident Types by % of Total Incidents



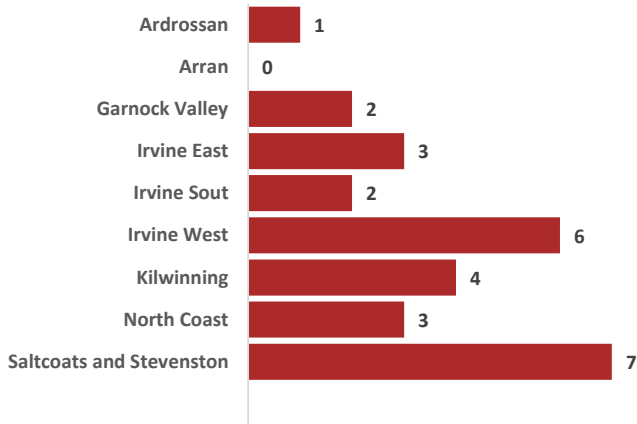
# Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fires



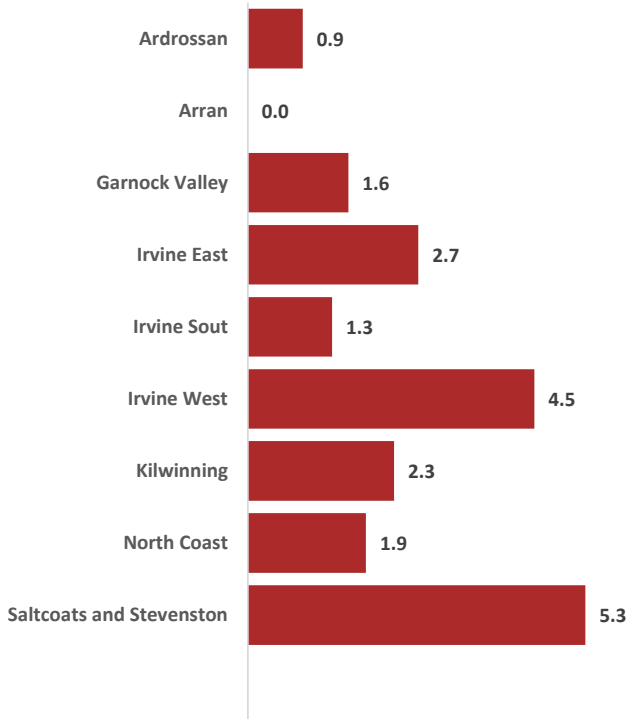
## Performance Summary



## Accidental Dwelling Fires by Ward Area



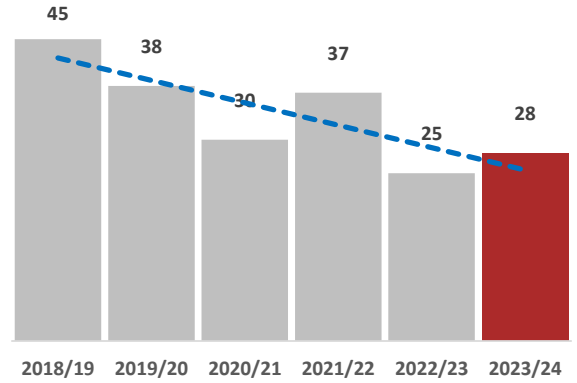
## Incidents Per 10,000 Population - North Ayrshire



## Incidents Per 10,000 Population - Ayrshire



## Accidental Dwelling Fires to Date



## Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires



No Firefighting Action

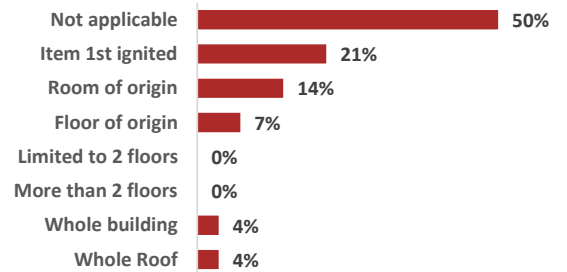
**39%**



Direct Firefighting

**21%**

## Extent of Fire Damage



## Automatic Detection & Actuation



Detection Present

**75%**



Detection Actuated

**86%**



Calls Made via Linked Alarms

**14%**

## Human Factors



Distraction

**29%**



Alcohol/Drug Impairment

**7%**



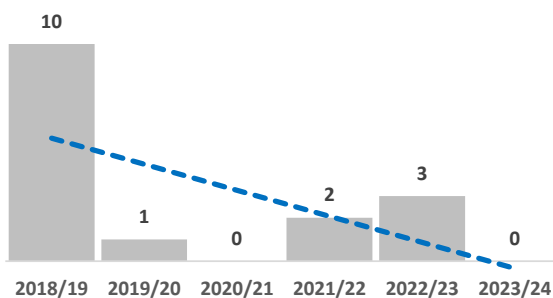
# Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties



## Performance Summary

Year on Year **-100%**    3 Year Average **0%**    5 Year Average **-63%**

## Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties Year to Date



## Fire Casualties by Ward Area

Ardrossan	0
Arran	0
Garnock Valley	0
Irvine East	0
Irvine South	0
Irvine West	0
Kilwinning	0
North Coast	0
Saltcoats and Stevenston	0

## Age / Gender Profile

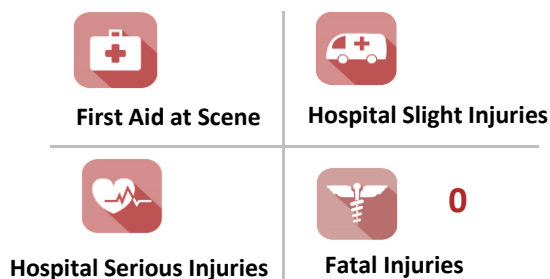


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0 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 49	50 - 79	80+					

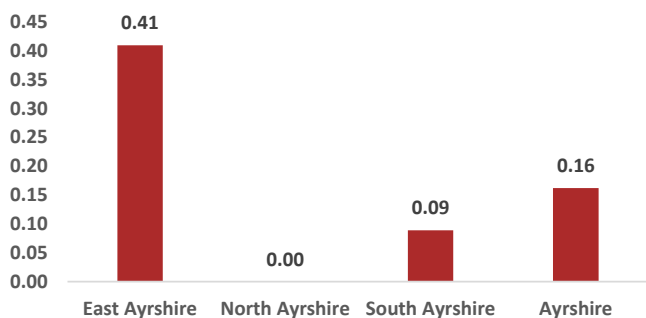
## Casualties Per 10,000 Population - North Ayrshire

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Arran	0.00
Garnock Valley	0.00
Irvine East	0.00
Irvine South	0.00
Irvine West	0.00
Kilwinning	0.00
North Coast	0.00
Saltcoats and Stevenston	0.00

## Extent of Harm



## Casualties Per 10,000 Population - Ayrshire



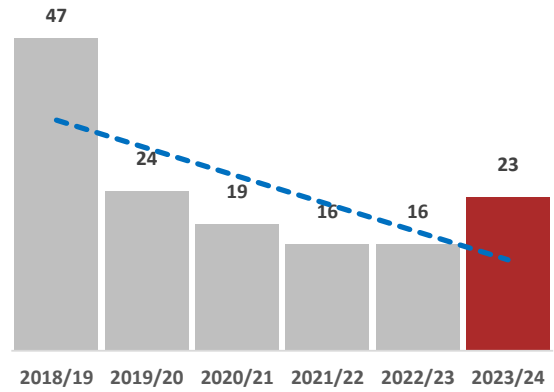
# Unintentional Injury or Harm



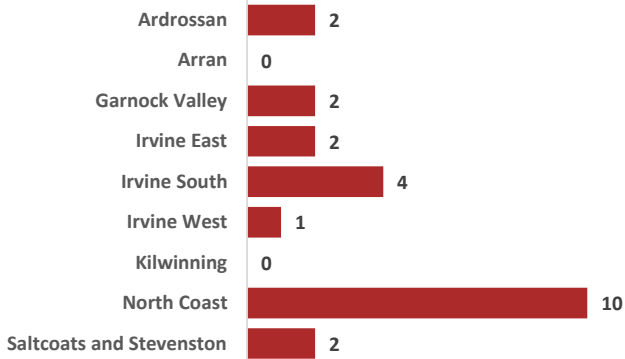
## Performance Summary

Year on Year **44%**    3 Year Average **8%**    5 Year Average **-20%**

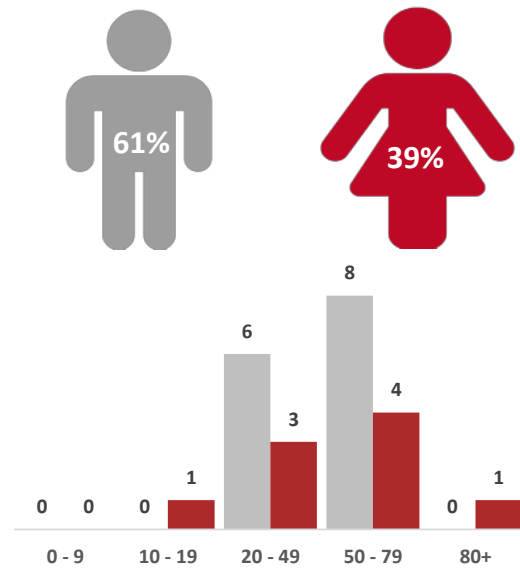
## Special Service Casualties Year to Date



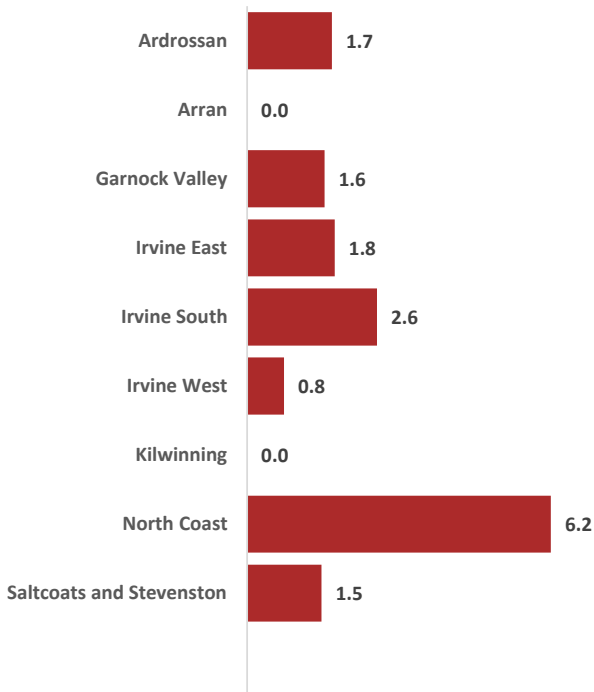
## Non-Fire Casualties by Ward Area



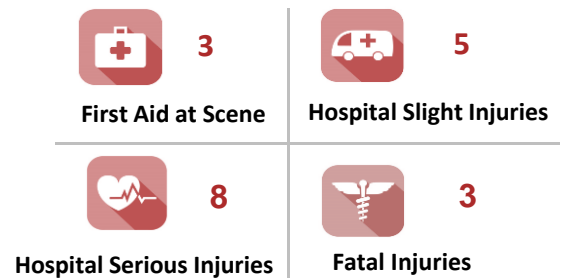
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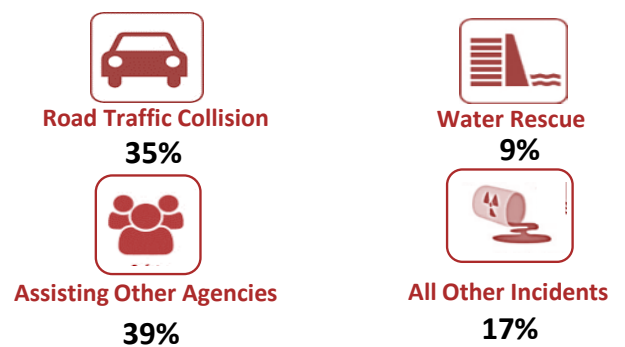
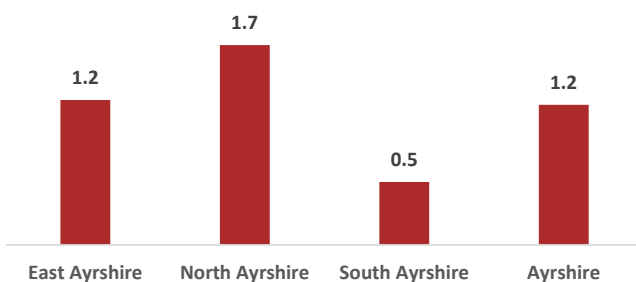
## Casualties Per 10,000 Population - North Ayrshire



## Extent of Harm



## Non-Casualties Per 10,000 Population - Ayrshire



# Deliberate Fire Setting

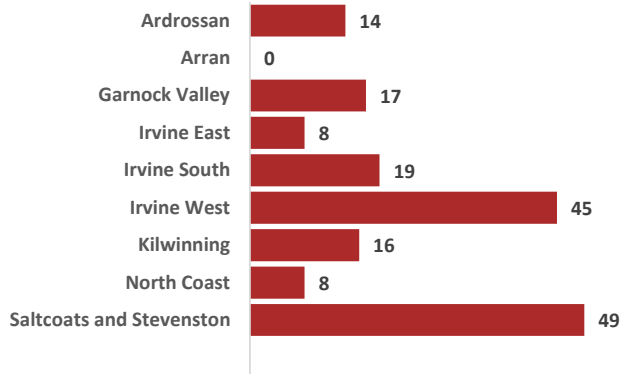


## Performance Summary

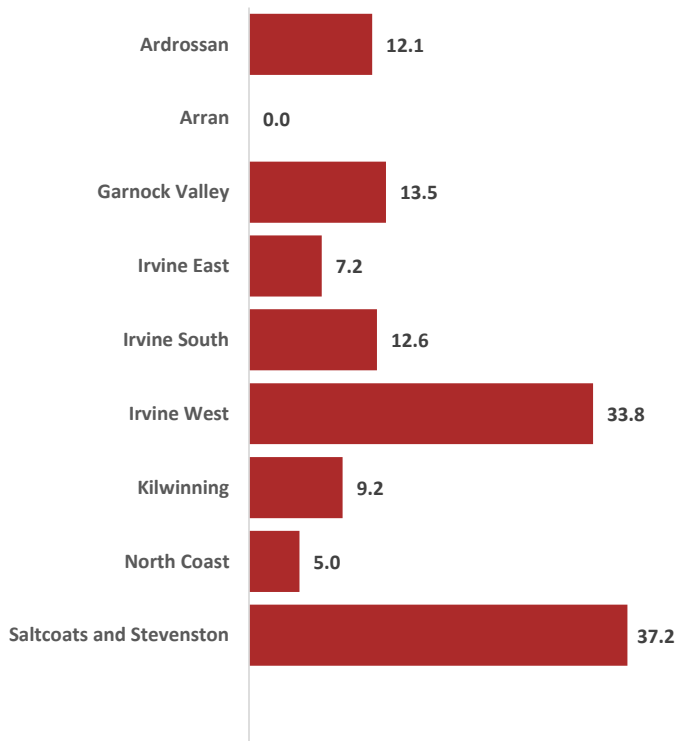
Year on Year    3 Year Average    5 Year Average

◆ 1%    ◆ 2%    ● -6%

### Deliberate Fires by Ward Area



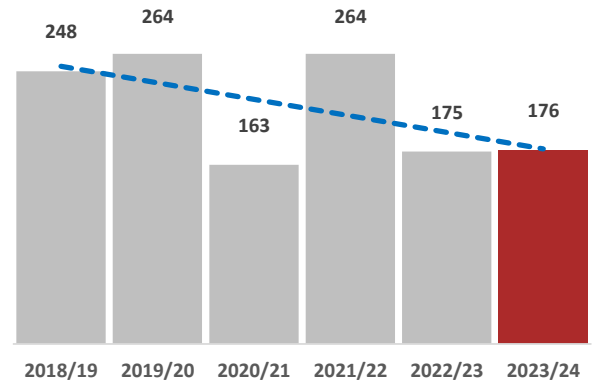
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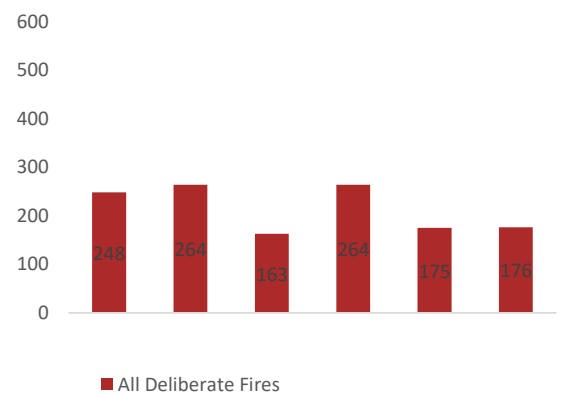
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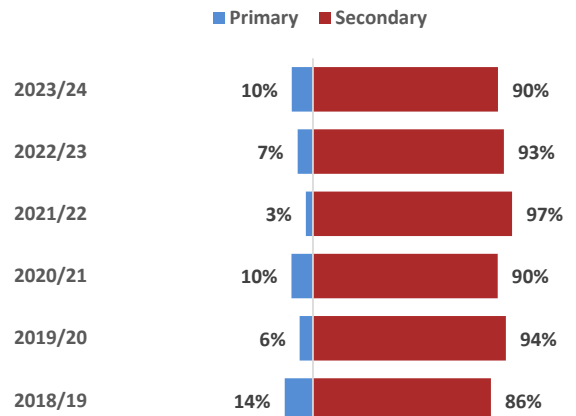
### Deliberate Fires Year to Date



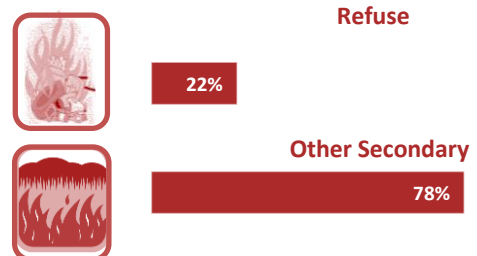
### Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity



### Deliberate Fires by Classification



### Secondary Fire Ratio by Activity Type





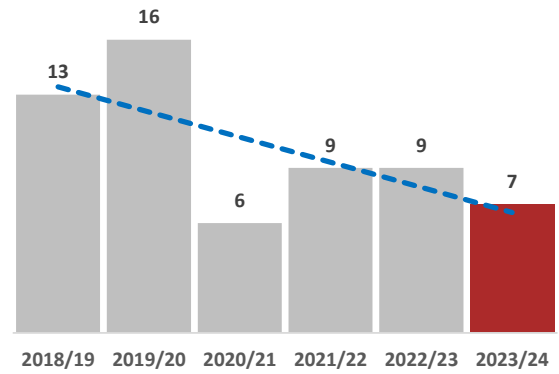
# Non-Domestic Fire Safety



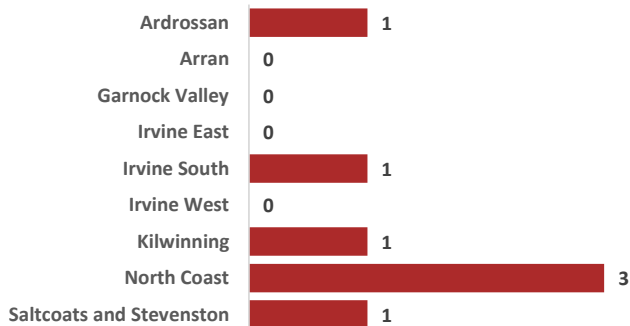
## Performance Summary

Year on Year **-22%**    3 Year Average **4%**    5 Year Average **-11%**

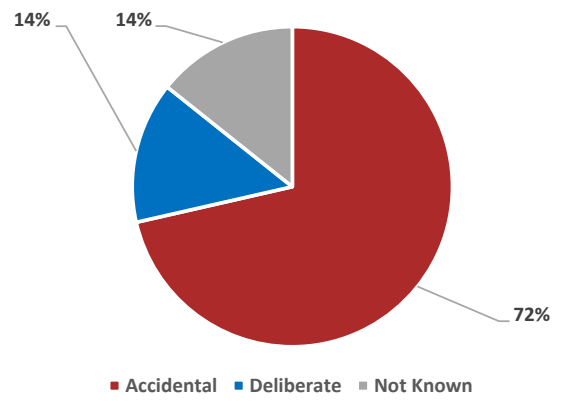
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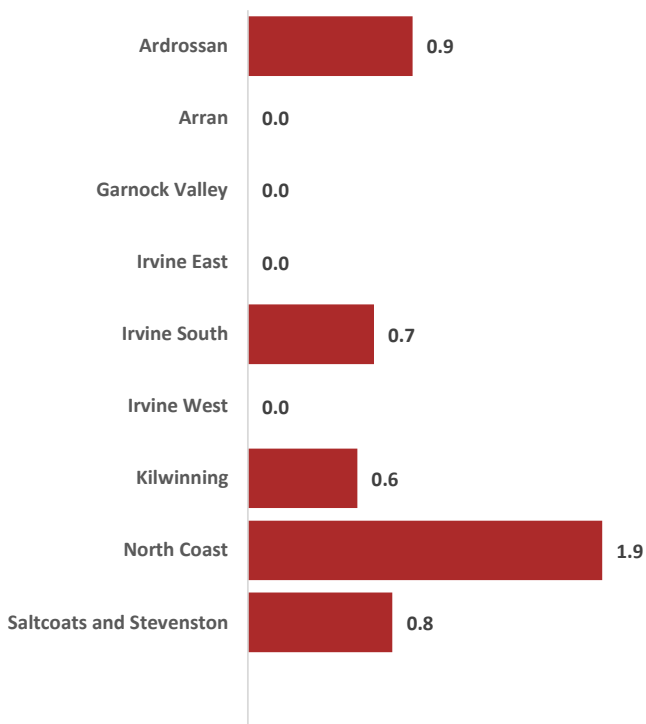
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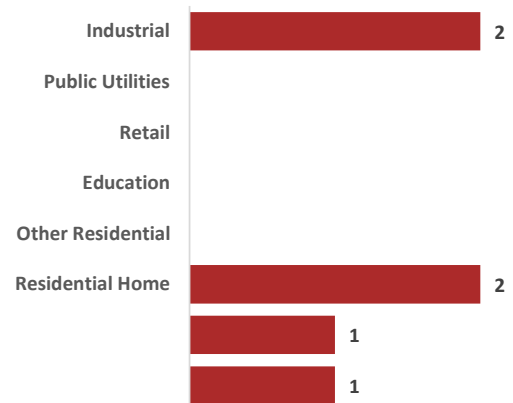
## Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



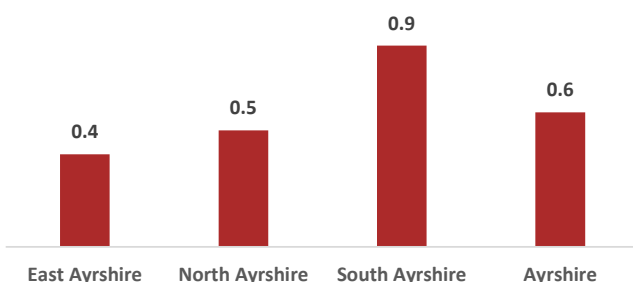
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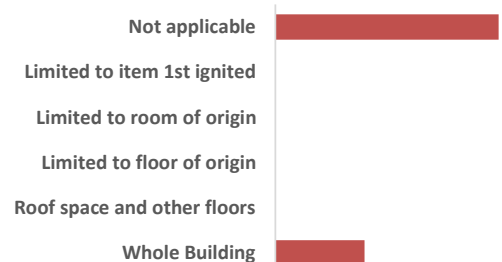
## Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



## Incidents Per 10,000 Population - Ayrshire



## Extent of Fire Damage



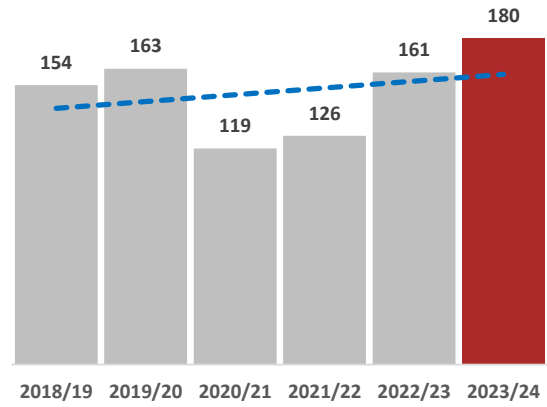
# Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



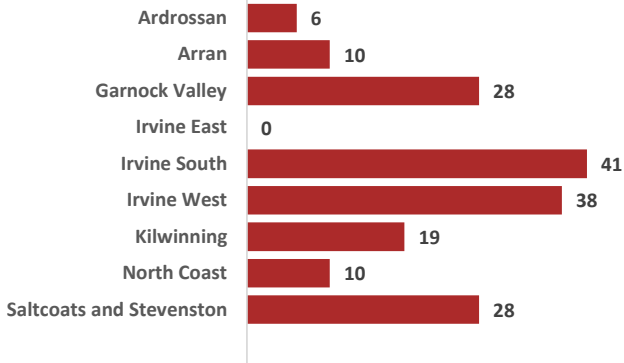
## Performance Summary

Year on Year **12%**    3 Year Average **15%**    5 Year Average **4%**

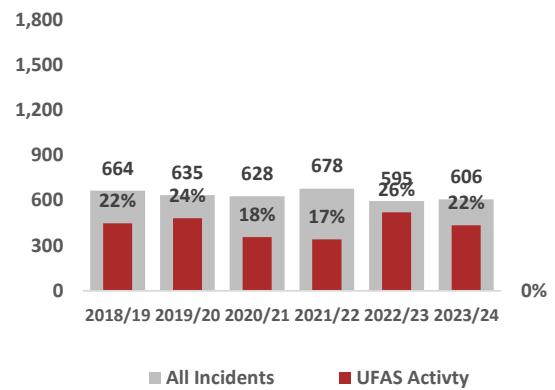
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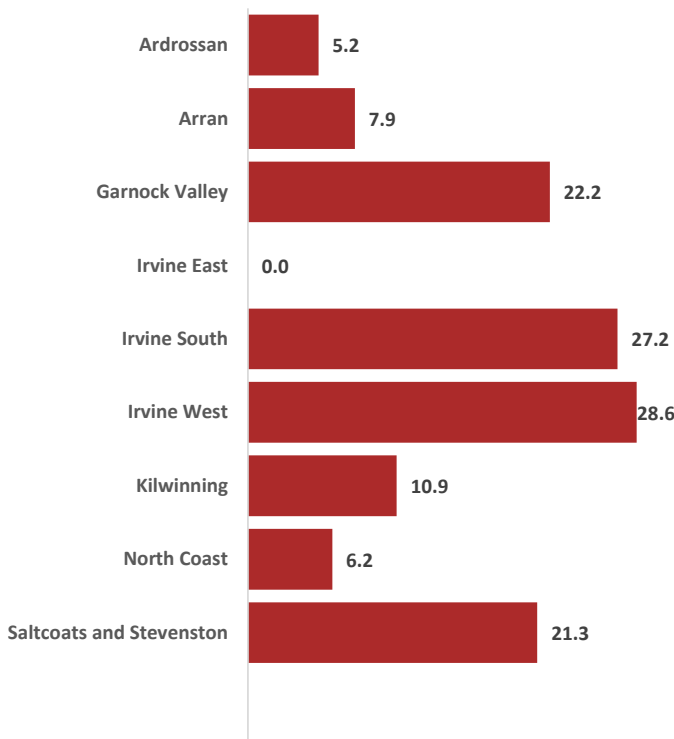
## Unwanted Fire Alarms Signals by Ward Area



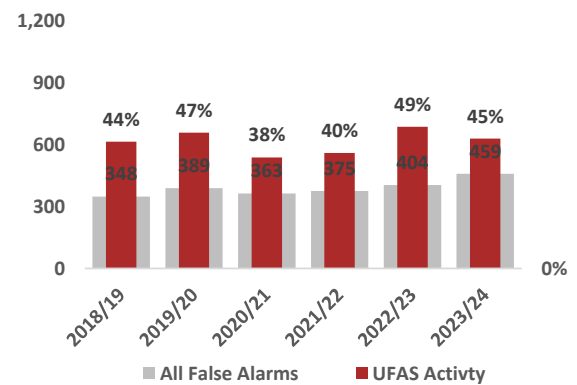
## UFAS Percentage Against all Incidents



## Incidents Per 10,000 Population - North Ayrshire



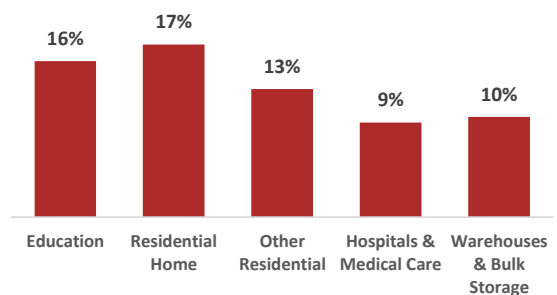
## UFAS Percentage Against all False Alarms



## Incidents Per 10,000 Population - Ayrshire



## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



# Home Fire Safety Visits



**241**  
Home Fire Safety Visits Carried Out

Smoke Detectors Fitted During Home Fire Safety Visits

Percentage of High Risk Home Fire Safety Visits Carried Out  
**34%**

Percentage of Visits Carried Out Following Attendance at an Incident  
**46%**

# Fire Safety Audits



Fire Safety Audits Carried Out  
**122**



New Audits  
**92%**



Re-Audits  
**0%**



Post Fire Audits  
**6%**



Complaint Audits  
**2%**



Broadly Compliant **9%**



Areas of Improvement **85%**



Notice of Deficiencies **6%**



Enforcement Notice **0%**



Prohibition Notice **0%**

# Retained Duty System

Appliance Availability	Mon - Fri (08:00 - 18:00)	Mon - Thu (18:00 - 08:00)	Weekend (Fri 18:00 - Mon 08:00)	Total
Ardrossan	8.96%	53.81%	39.61%	46.17%
Dreghorn	32.73%	77.71%	66.66%	50.89%
Dalry	10.69%	73.73%	42.31%	37.91%
Beith	56.00%	79.29%	74.53%	72.86%
Kilbirnie	15.27%	14.66%	29.44%	35.40%
Largs	78.35%	65.76%	63.28%	77.53%
Skelmorlie	41.27%	72.94%	44.17%	34.82%
Millport - 1	97.54%	99.42%	90.57%	98.39%
Millport - 2	26.46%	46.60%	9.80%	53.24%
Brodick	100.00%	100.00%	94.73%	94.33%
Lamlash	100.00%	100.00%	97.49%	95.10%
<b>North Ayrshire</b>	<b>51.57%</b>	<b>73.67%</b>	<b>59.33%</b>	<b>63.33%</b>
<b>Ayrshire</b>	<b>70.18%</b>	<b>96.28%</b>	<b>90.41%</b>	<b>86.36%</b>

Total Mobilisations	Total Time Deployed	No. of Personnel	Contracts
30	21:10:27	7	500%
142	89:02:25	13	975%
52	31:26:01	5	400%
113	74:19:57	13	1100%
44	22:43:09	7	575%
95	61:54:48	10	775%
50	27:58:23	7	525%
11	7:43:17	12	1125%
14	6:16:31	6	600%
22	11:42:01	9	825%

# Glossary of Terms

## Term - What it means

### **ADF**

Accidental Dwelling Fire

### **CSET**

Community Safety Engagement Toolkit is an internal IT system used to record home fire safety visits and community safety activities

### **FSET**

Fire Safety Experiential Training is a bespoke training programme developed by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Ayrshire and delivered to community planning partners to raise awareness of fire safety within the domestic environment

### **HFSV**

Home Fire Safety Visit

### **PDIR**

Post Domestic Incident Response, a term used by Prevention and Protection Directorate to indicate actions taken following attendance at a fire or other incident in the home. PDIRs include amongst things the offer of a free follow-up home fire safety visit

### **Primary Fires**

These include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fires attended by five or more appliances

### **RDS**

Retained Duty System. Professional on call firefighters who may have other primary employment responsibilities outside the Fire and Rescue Service but respond to emergency calls within their local area as and when required

### **RTC**

Road Traffic Collision

### **Secondary Fires**

These are the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires unless they involve casualties or rescues, property loss or fire or more appliances attend. They include fires in single derelict buildings

### **Special Service**

Calls to incidents which are not fires or false alarms such as RTCs, rescues, flooding, incidents involving hazardous materials or the provision of assistance to other agencies

### **UFAS**

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals. When an automatic fire detection and alarm system is activated as a result of anything other than an actual fire the activation is classed as a false alarm. If an attendance is made to such an event by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, then the event is recorded as an UFAS incident

# 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.

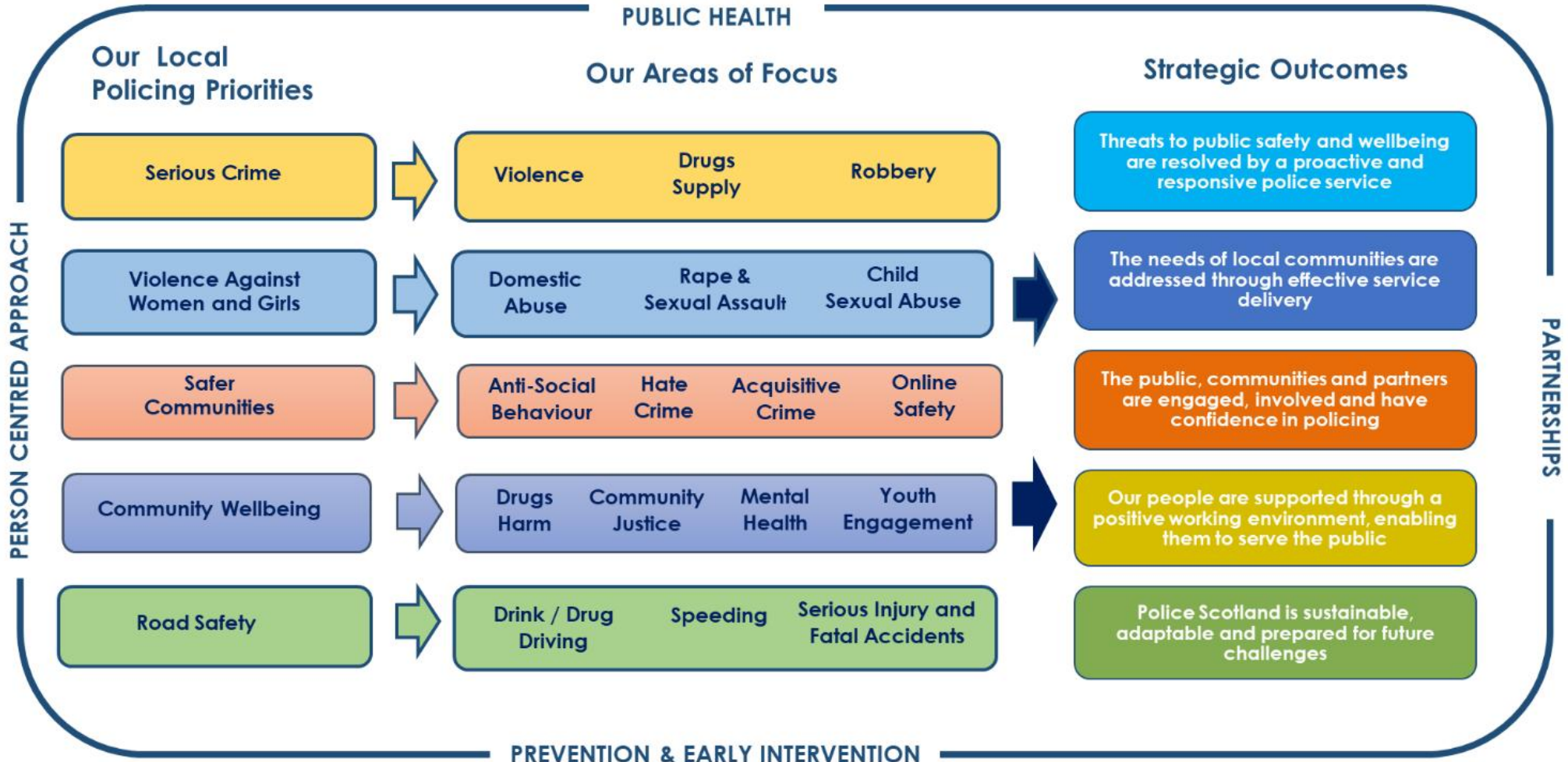
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**Plan on a Page  
North Ayrshire**

**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



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## 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.

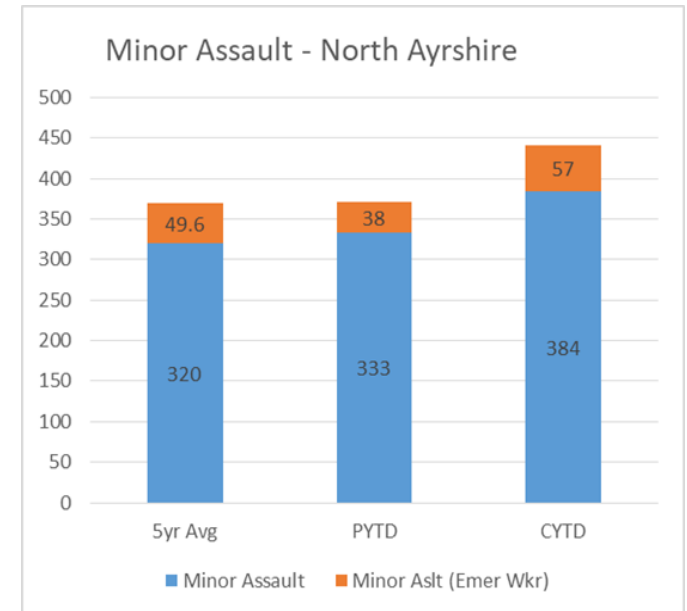
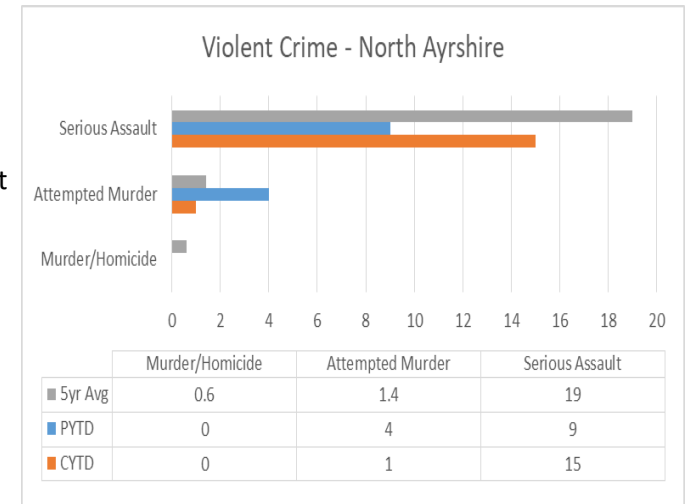
Each crime is subject of daily review and scrutiny and thereafter allocated to the most appropriate department to progress to assist in identification of repeat victims, offenders and locations.

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.

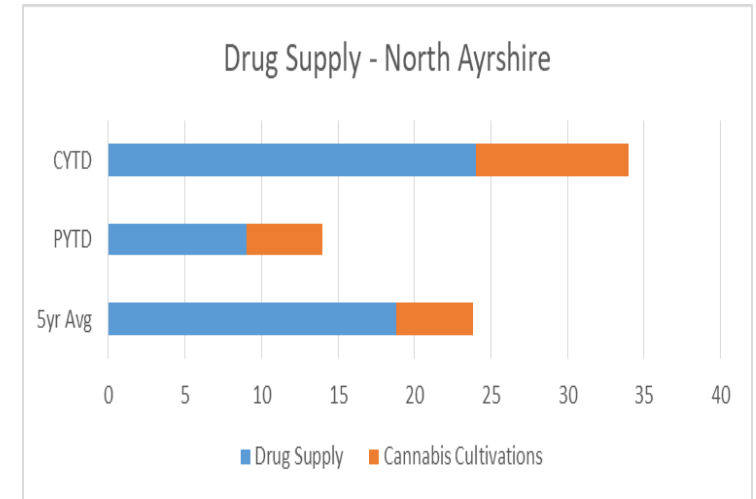
Proactivity remains the main focus and means by which these charges are obtained. Identifying any real patterns to where these crimes are taking place requires the combined work of local officers and Divisional staff, building on the Community Intelligence provided by North Ayrshire residents, community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



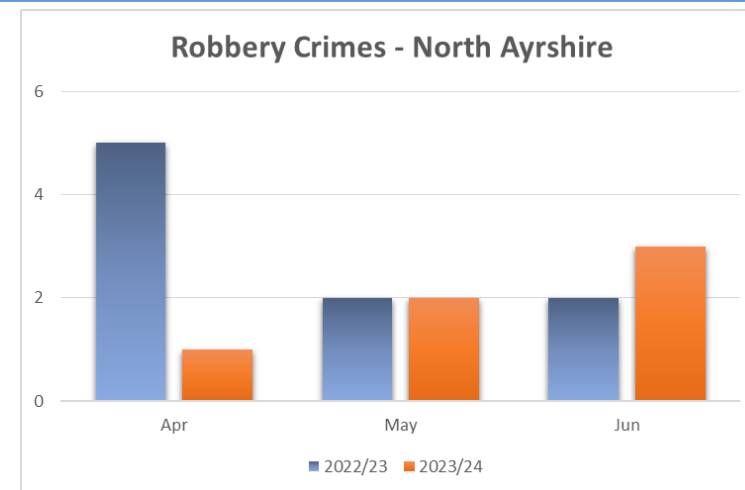
Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

## 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:

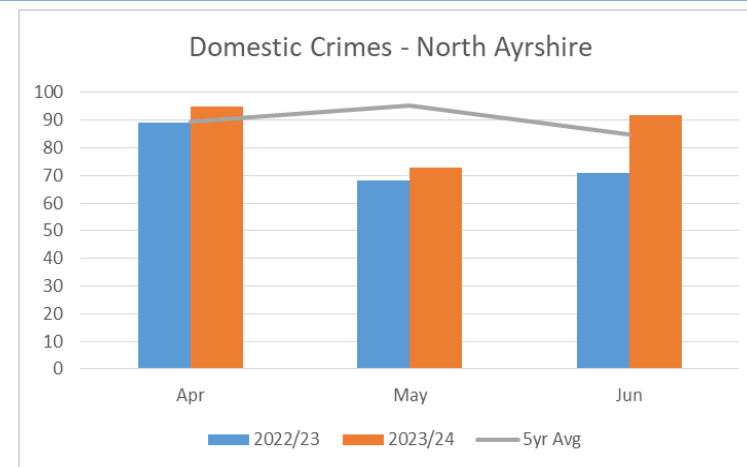
The Domestic Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Team in Ayrshire continue to offer the victims in all domestic cases reported a follow up contact from the department. This important function has given a notable increase in victim confidence and the ability to discuss their often complex situations 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.

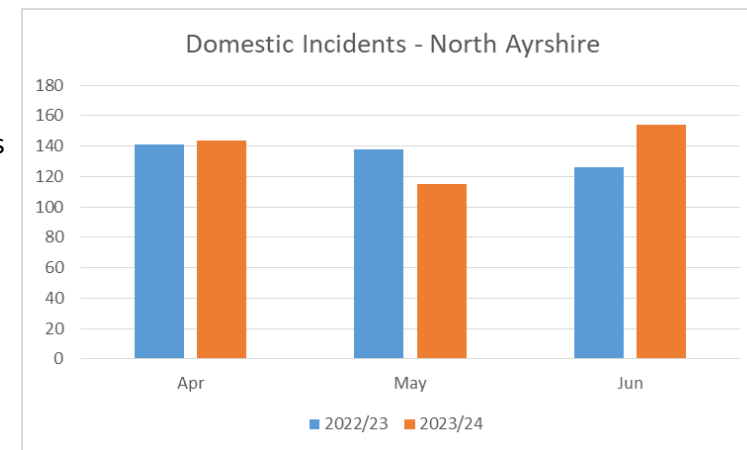
Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals for North Ayrshire number 32 and 3 high tariff offenders of domestic abuse were identified as Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) targets with investigations ongoing.

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.

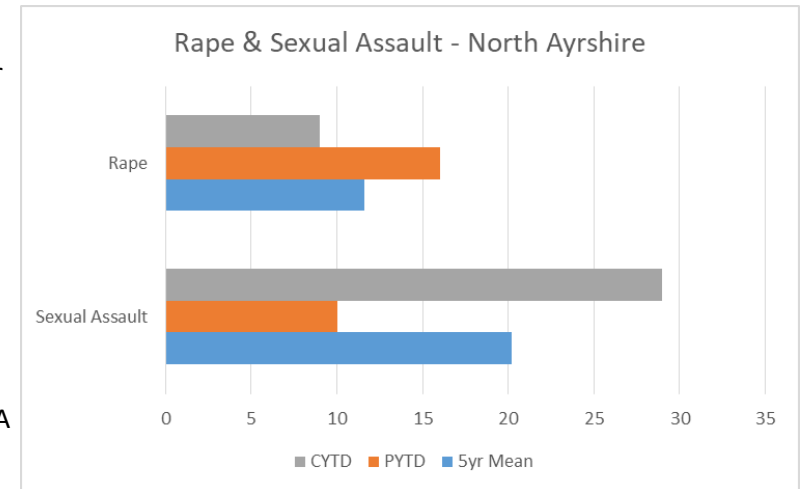
During the Q1 period there have been a total of 17 individuals (3 males, 14 females) aged 17 years or younger who have reported a recent sexual crime (a total of 30 crimes reported by these individuals). A further 9 crimes were reported to have taken place between 2020 and 2022 which involved 5 individuals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

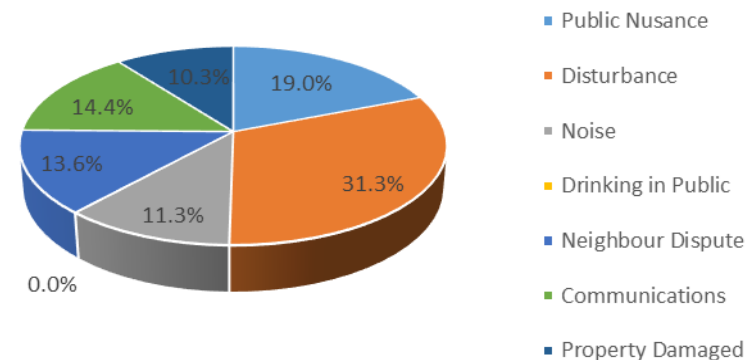
Additional and dedicated patrols are deployed in the areas to carry out active patrols, positively engage with the public, to intervene and deal with offences appropriately.

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

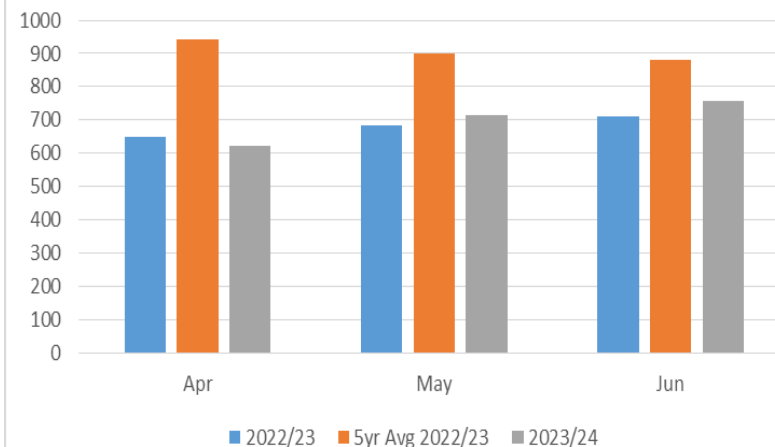
The partnership approach adopted by Prevention First continues to have a positive impact. On the 6th June we introduced locally funded Quad Bikes providing an additional dimension to policing in North Ayrshire. During the reporting period they were deployed assisting with the prevention and detection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

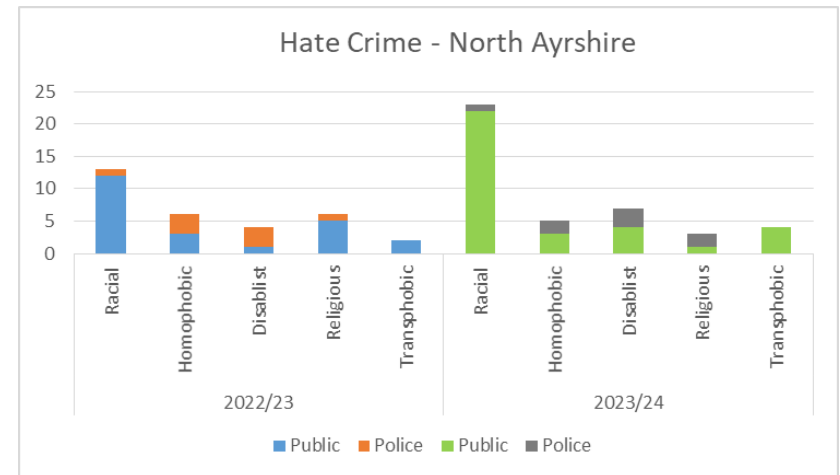
### Local Action/Context:

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.

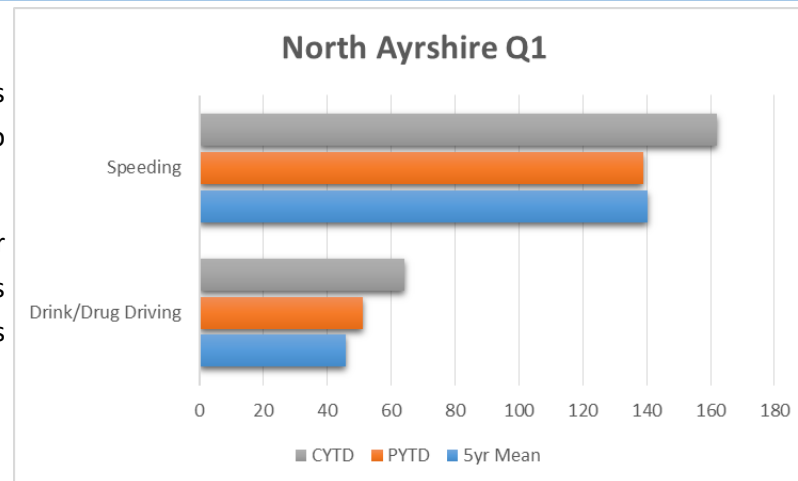
Speeding detections have risen by 15.4% as a result of the proactive approach of the officers of North Ayrshire.

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
<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3885</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>
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%	<b>60%</b>	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%	<b>60%</b>	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>-16.0%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>-19.8%</b>
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
<b>U DIVISION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>U DIVISION</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
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
<b>U DIVISION TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>
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