

# **Tayside Division**

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LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT	
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To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses on the 21st of each month outlining the previous month's activity.

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## **PART A**

#### NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES



The sexual abuse of children and young people online is hugely damaging for victims and their families (and for perpetrator's families). The consequences can last a lifetime, damaging relationships, health and long-term wellbeing. The personality profile of cyber enabled contact offenders can mean that behaviour is indiscriminate and there's little understanding or acknowledgement of the impact on victims.

Internet enables perpetrators easy access to children online for the purposes of Online Sexual Grooming.

The sexual exploitation of children is child abuse and any child or young person, regardless of gender, ethnicity, family background or sexual orientation, may experience this kind of exploitation.

There are children who may be deemed more at risk due to circumstances i.e.:

- A history of abuse, neglect and/or disadvantage
- Being looked after, or formerly looked after
- Disrupted family life, including family breakdown, domestic violence and/or problematic parenting
- Disengagement from education and isolation from other support mechanisms
- Going missing from home or care environments
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Homelessness
- Poor health and wellbeing, social isolation, bullying or low self-esteem

#### What are the signs?

The following are indicators of child sexual abuse. This list is not exhaustive but might help with spotting the signs of a victim:

• Staying out late or episodes of being missing overnight or longer

- Multiple callers (unknown adults/older young people)
- Evidence of/suspicion of physical or sexual assault disclosure of assault followed by withdrawal of a reported incident
- Unplanned pregnancy and/or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Peers involved in sexual exploitation
- Drugs/alcohol misuse
- Isolation from peers/social networks
- Exclusion or unexplained absences from school or college
- Relationships with controlling adults
- Entering/leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults
- Unexplained amounts of money, expensive clothing or other items
- Frequenting areas known for adult prostitution
- Children under 13 years asking for sexual health advice
- Concerning use of the internet/mobile phone

## Got info – report it

If you are a child or young person call Childline on 0800 1111.

- <u>Crimestoppers</u>: call 0800 555 111.
- Police Scotland: call 101 (or in an emergency 999).
- <u>ParentLine Scotland</u>: call 0800 028 2233 or email: <u>parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk</u> Parent Line's opening hours are from 9am-10pm (Mon-Fri) and 12 noon-8pm at weekends.
- NSPCC: If you are an adult and worried about a child you can call the 24 hour NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000

# Recent crimes/issues in the area:

The Neighbourhood Watch alert system is up and running, with alerts being placed on a regular basis. The more people who get involved and sign up the better, <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk">www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk</a>

#### **FORFAR**

In Forfar this month five people have been reported for Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, four people charged with vandalism, six people charged with Petty Assault, one person charged with Serious Assault. There have been two detected theft by shopliftings and another three remain under enquiry.

One Driver has been reported for no insurance, one driver reported for careless driving, two people arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Three people have been reported for drugs offences and one person reported for passing counterfeit currency.

A fire in a common close at Thornton Park has been detected to two local youths. In addition to reporting these offences, Police and Fire Service work together to deliver educational inputs to youths involved in fireraising in our area. The youths who set fire to a bin at Tesco, Forfar recently were the latest to receive this valuable input.

Unfortunately there have been a number of vandalisms in Forfar this month which remain under enquiry. If anyone has any information regarding the following crimes please contact any of the Community Policing Team. Details above.

#### February 2019

On 26<sup>th</sup> a car at Lordburn Place was damaged, on 23<sup>rd</sup> tools were stolen from a motor vehicle in Kirkton Park.

#### March 2019

On 7<sup>th</sup> a pedal cycle was stolen from Newmonthill, on 11<sup>th</sup> a window was smashed at a house in Dundee Loan, on 12<sup>th</sup> a car was damaged in Goosecroft and a window was damaged at the furniture store, and the Photoshop on East High Street. On 14<sup>th</sup> a vandalism to the Dugouts at Market Muir occurred during school lunch time. Between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> a window in Goosecroft was damaged.

#### **KIRRIEMUIR**

There was a theft and a robbery at the cash machine at Bank of Scotland in Kirriemuir. In addition an individual was targeting elderly and vulnerable people in their own homes, begging for money. An arrest has been made and circumstances and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A theft from within the Ogilvy Arms has been detected, as has a theft shoplifting from Co-op, Roods.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 there was a vandalism to a vehicle on West Hillbank, Kirriemuir. We plan to use mobile CCTV due to a few issues with local youths being reported in this area.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there was an incident at an address in Kirrie, whereby someone was conned out of £550, requested to forward codes for Google Play Vouchers etc. Please be aware that no reputable company will ask for payment by this method, it is a scam, please report to Police or Trading Standards who can provide advice.

#### LANDWARD/ RURAL WATCH

Increased patrols are continuing in rural areas and residents are advised to ensure that their premises are secure and are asked to report anything suspicious to police, at the time on **101**.

Alerts are being placed on the Rural Watch platform which is now up and running in the local area.

We are reminding our rural communities to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity. Please also remember to secure buildings and consider improving security. We would also encourage you to sign up to the new Angus Rural Watch scheme at <a href="https://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk">www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk</a>

# Mountain safety advice issued

Police Scotland and partner agencies are encouraging hillwalkers to take precautions and consider available weather information following a number of incidents in the mountains.

Police and partner agencies are advising walkers to plan their routes and to ensure that information about weather conditions and avalanche activity is considered.

Fort William Inspector, Isla Campbell said: "The circumstances of Tuesday's incident remains under investigation however we want to take this opportunity to advise the public to carefully plan when heading to the mountain ranges.

"We do not want to put anyone off enjoying the great outdoors activities we have here in Scotland but we would ask that people plan their routes, take sensible precautions and consider whether it is safe to climb a particular route. The environment of the Scottish mountains is by its very nature an unpredictable one and it is important that people take as many precautions and plan ahead as much as possible if they are going to go climbing, especially at this time of year.

"Detailed information about weather conditions and avalanche risk are available from agencies including the Scottish Avalanche Information Service and we would encourage climbers to look at this information before heading out on the mountains. Be prepared to alter your routes or plans if there is indications that inclement weather or avalanches could affect your climb."

# Local Initiatives:

## DITCH THE DEALER

A number of Drugs Search warrants have been executed in our area.

In order to be able to take enforcement action we need information from the public to deter and detect drug dealing in our Community. Special Constables have assisted by delivering Ditch the Dealer Leaflets, encouraging people to report anyone dealing drugs in your area. We deal with information in confidence, you do not have to tell anyone that you have contacted us, you can remain anonymous. You can also make reports to Crimestoppers anonymously 0800 555 111.

#### **Mentors in Violence**

This programme has now started at Websters High School in addition to Forfar Academy.

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION

Forfar and Kirrie Community Policing Team attended at Websters High school and provided inputs into drugs and alcohol to all third year pupils. Inputs from the dog section with an interesting display from a drugs dog, followed by talks by an ambulance paramedic, Tayside Council for Alcohol and Drugs and also Trading standards highlighted legislation and awareness of the dangers and long term issues around drug and alcohol use.

# **Counter Terrorism and Serious Organised Crime**

Police Scotland, through our Counter Terrorism Security Advisors and in liaison with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), has been busy working within the Crowded Places sector in order to keep people safe.

#### Be Reassured

The threat from International Terrorism to the United Kingdom is at SEVERE.

# Be Alert, Not Alarmed

Police have exercised plans to respond to multi seated firearms attacks and may increase their presence in some areas. Don't become fearful or withdraw from the streets. Businesses and priority Crowded Places have been working with police (NaCTSO and the CTSA network) to protect sites and staff from a variety of terrorist attacks. This includes music, sport and entertainment venues, restaurants, hotels and shops.

Statements from Police Scotland are posted on the Police Scotland website, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

Police Scotland will continue to work with all of our partners in order to Keep People Safe.

# Be Vigilant and Report Suspicious Behaviour

Police act on information from the public who report suspicious people or behaviour. I would encourage everyone to remain alert and vigilant and, "If you suspect it, report it" by contacting Police Scotland directly by calling 101. In an emergency dial 999 or report it through the <u>antiterrorist</u> hotline on 0800 789 321.

Vigilant behaviour by staff and the public can disrupt attack planning. Businesses can run <u>Vigilance</u> Campaigns and their staff can attend Project Griffin events.

The following videos released by Counter Terrorism Police UK, show the best plans of action when encountering suspicious behaviour and items.

#### Plan Now What You Will Do to STAY SAFE

'Stay Safe' principles (Run Hide Tell) give some simple actions to consider at an incident and the information that armed officers may need in the event of a weapons or firearms attack. Full

guidance is contained on the NaCTSO website.

More information about the 'Stay Safe' principles can be found at the following website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film</a>

Conduct a health check on your premises. <u>Crowded Place booklets</u> contain clear self-help guidance and check-lists.

- Review your building response plan to consider your response now and if the UK threat rises.
- Test and exercise with partners (around the table) to check your preparation for terrorism and wider business continuity (e.g. flooding/flu).

# Suspicious Airport Behaviour - Project Pegasus

Be vigilant around airports and airfields- notify Police Scotland of anything suspicious or which you have concerns about.

# Suspicious Maritime Behaviour - Project Kraken

Project Kraken delivers an enhanced crime and counter terrorist 'vigilance' capability within the maritime environment of Scotland.

# **Serious Organised Crime**

Serious Organised Crime a wide range of activities and individuals involved in areas such as drug trafficking, counterfeiting, money laundering, organised immigration crime and fraud.

Find out more about how to spot and report suspicious behaviour to help us Keep People Safe from terrorism and Serious Organised Crime on the Police Scotland website at <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/280693/">http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/280693/</a>



If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, ACT on your instincts and report it to the police, in confidence, at gov.uk/ACT.

Police Scotland is backing a UK-wide campaign to encourage the public to report suspicious behaviour and activity in a bid to prevent terrorism and save lives.

The call to action is part of the second phase of the ACT – Action Counters Terrorism – initiative, led by Counter Terrorism Policing, a collaboration of UK police forces working alongside intelligence agencies.

Research carried out by CT Policing suggests that three-quarters (75 per cent) of people who live

in Scotland are concerned about terrorism. Two thirds (66 per cent) of people in the UK say they have become more concerned over the past year.

But while 82 per cent said they would report suspicious behaviour to police, many are unclear exactly what they should be looking for.

The campaign features a 60-second film based on real-life foiled plots. It shows examples of terrorist-related suspicious activity and behaviour, as well as attack planning methodology.

Some examples of suspicious activity or behaviour could potentially include:

- Hiring large vehicles for no obvious reason
- Buying or storing a large amount of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders for no obvious reasons
- Taking notes or photos of security arrangements or inspecting CCTV cameras in an unusual way
- Looking at extremist material, or sharing and creating content that promotes or glorifies terrorism.
- Anyone who goes away travelling for long periods of time but is vague about where Someone carrying out suspicious or unusual bank transactions

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Johnson said: "We work tirelessly with security partners to identify and thwart the terrorist threat.

"But the public can also play a crucial role in helping to keep communities safe and we would encourage anyone with suspicions to report their concerns.

"We want to provide people with all the necessary information they need to help them identify suspicious activity and, more importantly, keep themselves safe and secure.

"Any piece of information could be vital in helping the police prevent terrorism and save lives. That cooperation between police and the public is Scotland's greatest defence against the terrorist threat."

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said: "Public vigilance is key to help Police Scotland keep our communities safe from terror threats. I very much welcome this campaign which highlights a number of ways in which members of the public can spot suspicious activity and how to make the authorities aware.

"I would urge the public to note the kinds of activity to be on the lookout for. Anyone who feels they may have witnessed and anyone who feels they have witnessed suspicious behaviour should report it immediately."

Anyone who wishes to report suspicious behaviour or activity can do so by calling Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency, or via the online tool at <a href="mailto:gov.uk/ACT">gov.uk/ACT</a>.

Contact Details	
Call 101 for non-emergencies and general enquiries, in an emergency call 999. If you have information about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.	

# PART B **Feedback from Community Council** (Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback) Issue of police interest raised Raised by 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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