



TACTICAL ASSESSMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Aim

This assessment has been produced to inform the Aberdeen Community Safety Partnership Tactical Tasking and Co-ordinating Group of the following:

- The overall picture of crime and other community safety-related issues in accord with Partners' control strategy priorities with particular focus upon: crime trends and other series, emerging 'hotspot' areas and the selection of targets.
- The impact of Partners' activity on crime and community safety-related incident levels.
- Current and emerging issues of exception ie high risk that fall outside the divisional control strategy.

Purpose

The purpose of the tactical assessment is to enable the Community Safety Partnership's Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (T&CG) to make well informed resource allocation decisions, balanced against priorities in Partners' control strategies and exceptional issues of risk. This will be achieved by reviewing intelligence, prevention and enforcement plans and currently agreed operational activity. New operations and problems will be identified by reviewing current intelligence taking into account the data provided as noted below.

Method

The assessment is based on data extracted from crime and incident records, partnership agency data and analytical and intelligence products. Where shown in this assessment, performance figures have been supplied by the Aberdeen Division Crime Analysts and their counterparts in partner agencies.

Sensitivity of Report

The audience for this report is intended to be as wide as possible, whilst noting the sensitive nature of the contents. This document is classified as 'Restricted' and therefore may be circulated freely within the Community Safety Partnership. However, contact should be made with Superintendent Adrian Watson before this report can be disseminated further.

Current Community Safety Partnership Control Strategy Priorities

- Controlled Drugs.
- Antisocial Behaviour.
- Domestic Abuse.
- Serious and Violent Crime.
- Fire Safety (Wilful Fireraising).
- The Sex Industry.

These are the areas concentrated on in this assessment. Additionally, regular scanning is undertaken in order to identify emerging trends and address predicted threats, usually of exceptional risk, that may fall outside the current control strategy.

CRIME PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS

	09/11/2008 – 20/12/2008	% Total Crime or Incidents ²	Year Target	6 Weekly Baseline	+/- on Baseline used	% of Year Target used
Controlled Drugs (supply only)	75	8.1%	480	53	+22	15.6%
Antisocial Behaviour	532	57.6%	7313	813	-281	7.3%
Domestic Abuse ¹	208	22.5%	1749	194	+14	11.9%
Serious and Violent Crime	61	6.6%	480	53	+8	12.7%
Fire Safety	18	2.0%	253	28	-10	7.1%
The Sex Industry	29	3.1%	213	24	+5	13.6%

¹ The number of Domestic Abuse incidents relate to STORM incidents of a Domestic nature.

² Percentage shown represents the percentage of the total number of crimes and incidents that comprise the six priorities.

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CONTROL STRATEGY PRIORITIES

Controlled Drugs

Report of Changes since last Tactical Assessment

No update at this time.

Predictions for the Next Reporting Period

No update at this time.

Recommendations:

Prevention

- No Recommendations

Intervention

- No Recommendations

Enforcement

- No Recommendations

Rehabilitation

No Recommendations

Antisocial Behaviour

Report of changes since last Tactical Assessment

STORM incidents:

STORM incidents	North		Central		South	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
09/11/2008 - 20/12/2008						
UNDERAGE DRINKING	4	18	12	23	4	16
YOUTH DISORDER	153	205	110	102	105	130
MOTORCYCLE	82	135	22	52	11	23

Figures in italics show the number of STORM incidents for the previous 6 week period

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Over the period there has been a 28.6% decrease in the number of calls received by Grampian Police in relation to the above incidents of antisocial behaviour. This decrease is made up of the following: a 15.8% decrease in the number of Youth Disorder incidents; a 45.2% decrease in the number of Motorcycle related annoyance; and a 64.9% decrease in the number of Underage Drinking incidents. Byron Square has been the peak locus for antisocial behaviour related STORM incidents during the period. The shops in this area are experiencing ongoing problems with local youths who are being abusive to both staff and customers. The overall decrease is likely to have been caused by the downturn in the weather. The lower level of incidents can be expected to continue during the next reporting period.

Vandalism Offences:

Vandalism Offences	North		Central		South		Not Recorded	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
09/11/2008 - 20/12/2008								
Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	110	121	191	221	159	239	3	0

Figures in italics show the number of Vandalism offences for the previous 6 week period. Figures in the "Not Recorded" category have not had the Beat Area correctly entered into the Crimefile, and are yet to be corrected.

During the 6 week period, there has been a 20.3% overall decrease in the number of vandalism offences. While decreases have been achieved in each area of the City, a massive 33.5% decrease has been achieved in the South area. This has been caused by work carried out by the Proactive Teams within Grampian Police who have apprehended 2 prolific vandals. These individuals had between them committed a total of 76 Vandalisms during the previous period, that were almost exclusively committed in the South area of the City. Both North Deeside Road and Union Street have been the peak loci during the period.

ASBO Breaches:

ASBO Breaches	North		Central		South	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
09/11/2008 - 20/12/2008						
Breach of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Act 1998	2	0	10	2	3	8

Figures in italics show the number of ASBO breaches for the previous 6 week period

The total number of breaches during the period remains consistent with the level recorded during the previous period.

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Fixed Penalty Notices:

ASB FPNs	North		Central		South	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
09/11/2008 - 20/12/2008						
Fixed Penalty Notices	7	11	209	231	5	19

Figures in italics show the number of ASB Fixed Penalty Notices and Fixed Penalty Notices for the previous 6 week period

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There has been a 15.3% reduction in the number of ASB Fixed Penalty Notices and Fixed Penalty Notices issued during the period. The number of Penalties issued in total is greatly dependant on the number issued within the City Centre, as well as the number of operations carried out in this area during the period. The decrease in the number of Penalties issued is partially representative of the general downturn in antisocial behaviour during the period. It is anticipated that the number of Penalties issued during the coming period will show an increase on current levels because of the festive period.

Predictions for the Next Reporting Period

- The number of STORM incidents relating to Antisocial Behaviour will remain low due to the inclement weather. This will have a particular affect on Motorcycle annoyance because of the icy conditions of the roads in the City.
- The number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued during the next reporting period is expected to rise as a result of the number of people attending licensed premises during the festive period.

Recommendations:

Prevention

- City and Neighbourhood Wardens should be tasked to include Byron Square in their patrols to combat the elevated levels of antisocial behaviour in the area. This will also reassure local business owners that steps are being taken to combat the problem.

Intervention

- A Problem Profile should be considered to investigate the ongoing problems caused by local youths at Byron Square.

Enforcement

- No recommendations

Rehabilitation

- No recommendations

Domestic Abuse

Report of changes since last Tactical Assessment

There has yet to be a meeting arranged of the Domestic Abuse Partnership due to other work commitments and reductions in staffing. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange a meeting for late January 2009.

- A meeting is planned to review the Domestic Abuse Plan and priorities, and consider what other indicators are required. The meeting will also seek to identify links to the Serious and Violent Crime Plan and the Tackling Prostitution Plan.
- Over the course of the period, ongoing work has been focused on dealing with the implications of the closure of Aberdeen Women's Aid (AWA) in July, in particular working with an appropriate provider to reopen the refuge accommodation formerly managed by AWA .

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- Work on modernising refuge accommodation has also begun. Talks with housing providers, refuge providers and the Council Housing Strategy Team are ongoing. A potential site for the first new style refuge is currently being considered. The new style refuge would provide individual flats plus office/support accommodation.

Predictions for Next Reporting Period

- Potential opportunities to improve the organisation of support services to victims of domestic abuse are in the early stages of being explored.
- A new coordinator for Grampian Domestic Abuse Training Consortium has now been appointed and will be meeting with relevant services to agree priorities. It is hoped that this post will make strong links with Council Social Work training team.

Recommendations:

Prevention

- No Recommendations

Intervention

- No Recommendations

Enforcement

- No Recommendations

Rehabilitation

- No Recommendations

Serious and Violent Crime

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Serious and Violent Crimes:

26/09/2008 - 08/11/2008	North		Central		South	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
Serious and Violent Offences	6	7	51	34	4	9

During the period there has been a 18.0% increase in the number of Serious and Violent crimes reported. This increase has been most pronounced in the Central area of the City where a 50.0% increase has been recorded.

Breakdown of Serious and Violent Crimes:

09/11/2008 - 20/12/2008	North		Central		South		Total	
	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected
Assault & Robbery or Assault w i Rob	1	100.0%	21	38.1%	0	0.0%	22	40.9%
Assault with Intent to Rape	1	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	50.0%
Attempted Murder	1	100.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
Murder	1	100.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
Rape	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
Serious Assault	2	50.0%	23	52.2%	4	50.0%	29	51.7%

The Detection rate for Serious and Violent crime remains positive, although it has fallen from 64% during the previous 6 week period to 50.8% during the current period. Traditionally, during the run up to Christmas and the New Year, a large number of individuals frequent the City Centre. Increased patrols are, therefore, deployed to assist in the prevention of alcohol related disorder. The number of Murders reported during the period is not representative of a typical 6 week period, and it is unlikely that this trend will be replicated again during the year.

Analysis has been undertaken during the Period which examined the Serious and Petty Assaults in Licensed Premises. This analysis identified Union Street, Belmont Street, Justice Mill Lane and Langstane Place as Hotspots for this type of crime, and also identified 2 Licensed Premises as being the locus for an elevated number of incidents. Work is ongoing to review and implement the recommendations of this report.

Consultation on the placement of the new Night Time Transport Zone Taxi Ranks continues, and a request has been made by Aberdeen City Council to meet with those responsible for CCTV monitoring of the Zone within Grampian Police. It is possible that there is an opportunity to replace the lenses on several CCTV cameras that cover Union Street. This will improve picture quality and enhance our ability to identify and prosecute offenders in this area.

Predictions for the Next Reporting Period

It is hoped that the increase in City Centre patrols during the festive period will keep any increase in Serious and Violent crimes to a minimum.

Recommendations:

Prevention

- Meeting with Aberdeen City Council to consider the Night Time Transport Zone Taxi Ranks to be progressed.

Intervention

- No recommendations

Enforcement

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- No recommendations

Rehabilitation

- No recommendations

Fire Safety (Wilful Fireraising)

Report of changes since last Tactical Assessment

No update at this time.

Predictions for the Next Reporting Period

No update at this time.

Recommendations:

Prevention

- No recommendations

Intervention

- No recommendations

Enforcement

- No recommendations

Rehabilitation

- No recommendations

The Sex Industry

Report of changes since last Tactical Assessment

No update at this time.

Predictions for the Next Reporting Period

No update at this time.

Recommendations:

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Prevention

- No recommendations

Intervention

- No recommendations

Enforcement

- No recommendations

Rehabilitation

No recommendations

EMERGING ISSUES

- No issues have been noted at this time

RECOMMENDATIONS - EMERGING ISSUES

Current/ Nominated Problem Profiles	Description	Owner	Recommendations

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 31 March 2009 at 1000 hours Committee Room 4, Town House.

Submissions for the Tactical Assessment are to be submitted by 17 February 2009.

PROGRESS OF ACTIONS

Description	Owner	Action	Results and Progress	Status
Analysis to be carried out into 6 locations for the Street Sport initiative.	Rebecca Ball Grampian Police	Analytical Report compiled	6 locations have been identified for the Street Sport Project, according to seasonal variations in Youth related Disorder. Report has been sent to Cllr Leslie Brown, ACC.	Complete
Letter to be sent to Grampian Fire and Rescue concerning attendance at the CSP tactical meeting, 18/11/2008	Cllr Martin Greig Aberdeen City Council	E mail sent	Grampian Fire and Rescue were unaware of the meeting, but have assured their attendance in the future	Complete