Your Local Priorities

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Our Local Policing Plan 2023-26 outlines our local Divisional priorities and is accessible via the Police Scotland website.

These priorities were decided in accordance with from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents in the Your Police survey.

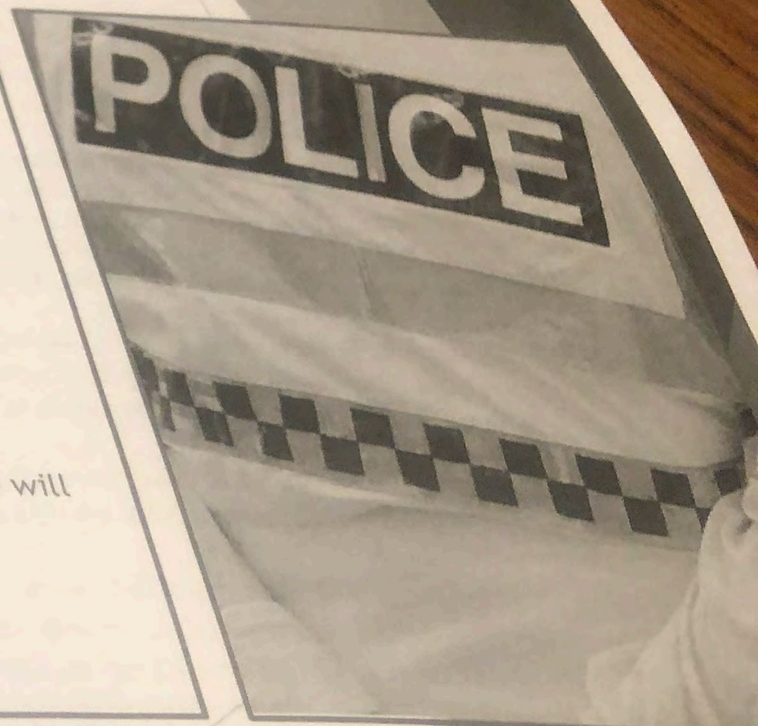
The local priorities for the New Town & Broughton Community Council area are

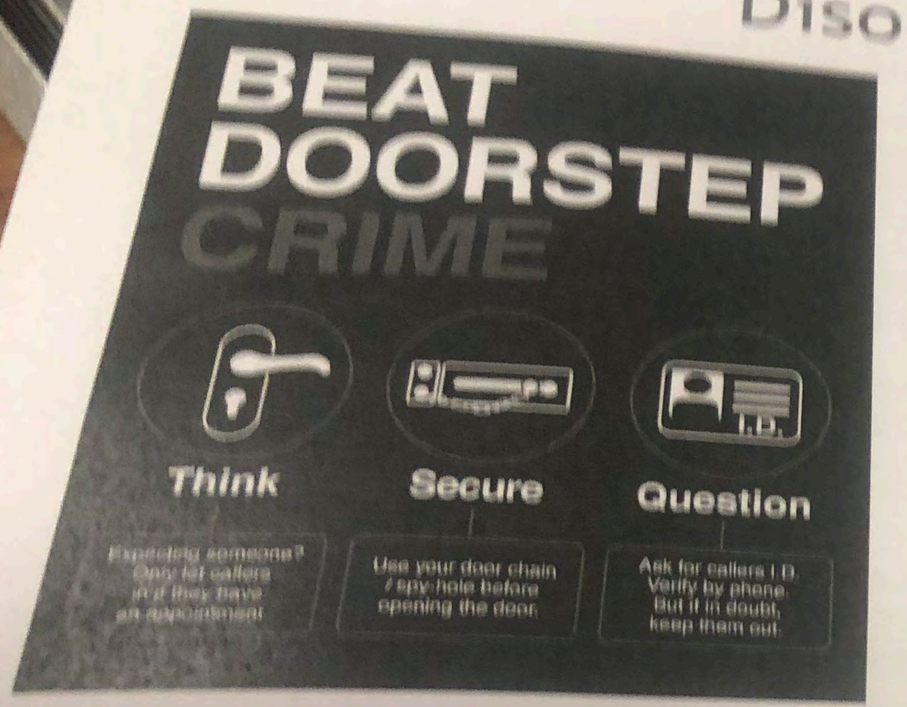
- *Addressing violence*
- *Reducing drug harm and targeting supply*
- *Tackling housebreaking and crimes of theft and dishonesty*
- *Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour*
- *Making our roads safer*

We will provide an update on each priority across the year - therefore each quarter we will provide an update regarding antisocial behaviour, plus one other priority.

This newsletter will focus on:

- *Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour*
- *Reducing drug harm and targeting supply*





Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Efforts have been made to address instances of anti-social behaviour involving teenagers in the area of Princes street, St James Centre and St Andrews square. Community Police officers have performed foot patrols particularly in the evening hours engaging with these individuals to deter further misconduct and foster a safer community environment.

Of notable concern has been the issue of speeding bicycles, particularly those rented from electric bike rental companies such as Zooma. Local officers have collaborated with Zooma to provide education to renters on the Highway Code and expected standards of cycling behaviour. This proactive approach aims to improve road safety and reduce the risk of accidents. Officers will continue to provide education as well as manage enforcement where proportionate.

In addition, police have engaged with delivery cyclists, including those from companies like Deliveroo and JustEat. These interactions are aimed at promoting adherence to road regulations and ensuring the safe and responsible conduct of delivery operations in the area.

The New Town has witnessed sporadic minor protests over the last month. Police have been vigilant in ensuring the safety of all parties involved and maintaining order during these eve

Shoplifting continues to be a concern in the area. Police are actively investigating reporte incidents and working closely with local businesses including the Edinburgh business distr Essential Edinburgh to ensure robust prevention and investigation opportunities.

Reducing Drug Harm

Reducing the harm caused by drugs is a priority for the Community Policing Team. We aim to achieve this by working with partners such as Streetwork to support individuals at risk, whilst also targeting Serious and Organised Crime Groups who exploit vulnerable people in the community.

An important element of this effort is the flow of information from the community, so police would encourage local residents to tell us about any concerns in their area.

If people don't feel comfortable contacting the police then the anonymous CrimeStoppers service is also available by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Naloxone

As part of the joint approach to reducing drug harm, Police Scotland has trained and equipped all uniformed officers with nasal spray Naloxone kits, to help people experiencing suspected opioid/opiate related overdoses.

Naloxone is an emergency first aid treatment for use in a potentially life-threatening overdose situation. It works by reversing the respiratory suppression caused by opioids/opiates and can buy critical minutes until an ambulance arrives on scene.

Targeting Drug Supply

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Locally in the New Town & Broughton area, Community Policing officers carry out proactive patrols (in uniform and in plain clothes) in order to prevent drug misuse and to identify those involved in supplying drugs.

We also respond promptly to information/intelligence in order to target our resources toward the right locations at the right times. This also includes obtaining search warrants to enter private residences where intelligence indicates that drug production or supply is taking place.

Latest publicly-available statistics for City Centre Ward, Q1 2023-24 (crimes detected/solved).

Month	Possession Offences	Supply Offences
April 2023	34	2
May 2023	18	1
June 2023	10	4

Provision of Information

Recorded and detected crime data at Multi-Member Ward level, Road Traffic Collision (RTC) data (casualties and circumstances), and Stop/Search data can be found via

https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/

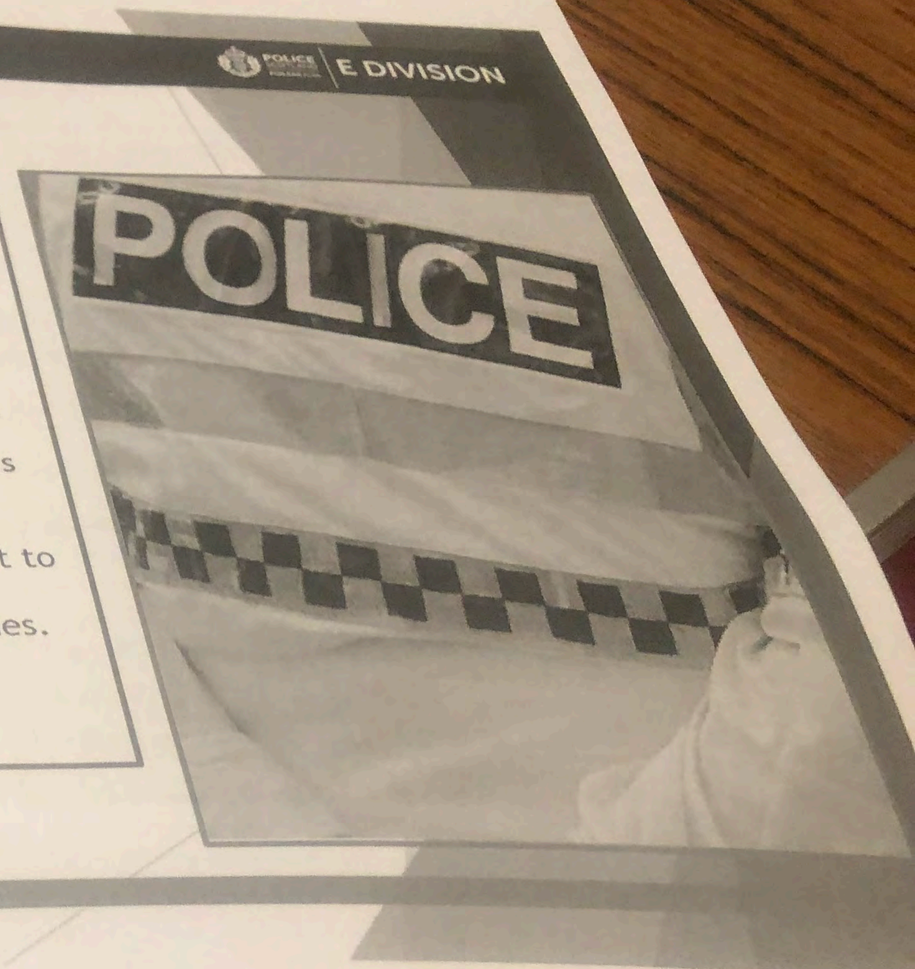
https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/

https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/

This raw data can be filtered to provide more accessible information, however crime data is only provided on an annual basis.

The Divisional Commander regularly attends and provides both a written and verbal report to the City of Edinburgh Council's Culture and Communities Committee, who scrutinise the Division's performance against the Local Policing Plan and other ongoing or emerging issues.

The most recent Edinburgh Division Scrutiny Report can be found here.



Useful contacts

For criminal matters, please contact **Police Scotland**

- By calling **101** or **999** in an emergency
- By emailing **contactus@scotland.police.uk**
- Online at **www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/**

For anonymous reports, contact **Crimestoppers:**

- By calling **0800 555 111**
- Online at **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**

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Local Area Commander:
Chief Inspector Mark Hamilton

City Centre Community Policing Team - West End Police Station:

Inspector David Duthie

Sergeant Rod Chill

Sergeant Emma McNaughton

Plus six officers allocated to community issues in Edinburgh's City Centre.