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Pollokshields and Southside Central February 2013 update

Dear all,

Welcome to the March 2013 edition of the Pollokshields and Southside Central monthly update.

As you may be aware new telephone number for contacting the police in a non-emergency situation was launched across Scotland on Thursday 21 February and replaces the range of existing police force non-emergency numbers, which will gradually be phased out.

The 101 non-emergency number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The key reasons for introducing the 101 non-emergency number in Scotland are to:

- help keep people safe by giving them one easy-to-remember number for contacting the police, wherever they are in Scotland
- make the police more accessible, while reducing pressure on the 999 system
- help the police cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information
- support the creation of a more efficient and effective police service for the people of Scotland

The public should continue to call 999 in an emergency - when a crime is in progress, when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when a life is in danger or when violence is being used or threatened.

On Wednesday 27 February 2013 one of my officers launched a new initiative aimed at fully informing young offenders of what a life of criminality could potentially lead to. This opportunity has arisen to intervene in the lives of young people at the cusp of making poor life choices which could have a negative impact in both their own lives and the lives of those in their communities. The HMP Barlinnie Restorative Justice Programme involves the young people attending a workshop in HMP Barlinnie where they will have an opportunity to review the consequences of their actions and explore the potential 'End Game' of any choices they make. Initial reaction shows the workshop to be a success, however this will be reviewed overtime with the potential to extend it further.

Performance (all figures are year to date, i.e. April 2012 to current)

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen a spate of robberies in GE sub

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division. We see no pattern in these robberies as they appear to be random incidents occurring in various parts of the sub division. The divisional robbery unit have taken on the investigation of these and we are hopeful of some positive results.

We see a reduction in violent crime of 46.7% on this time last year, a reflection of the excellent work my officers are doing in 'keeping people safe'. Our common assault figures show a reduction on 126 on last year, that reduction is not a headline figure it is in reality 126 less victims.

An area of concern is the increase in anti-social behaviour particularly in Gorbals and Govanhill. Going into the lighter nights and warmer weather we can anticipate further youth disorder and look to implement proactive policing plans to impact on it.

Operational Matters

You may be aware of the attempted murder which occurred in the Govanhill area during February where a young man was brutally assaulted while on his way home. The young man is still in hospital and his long term prognosis is not yet known but I am pleased to say that after a lot of investigation three males were arrested and brought before the courts.

Due to a spate of cars broken into round about the Bridge Street area I had plain clothes officers deployed in the area which resulted in the notable arrest of a 37 year old man. The arrest of the man has resulted in an end to the vehicle break ins.

A woman was arrested in the Govanhill area in possession of 2 kg of Cannabis. This year has seen the removal of a significant amount of illegal substances from the street through hard work and intelligence gathering from my officers. The assistance of the public in providing us with intelligence cannot be underestimated and I am grateful to them for that.

In the meantime, should you have any queries regarding the contents of this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Provisional dates for quarterly updates (please note revised dates)

Friday July 5 2013

All meetings to take place between 1700-1900 at New Gorbals Office.

Kind regards

**Chief Inspector Mark Hargreaves
Area Commander**

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