

Local Police Plans 2018 - 2021



Community empowerment, inclusion and collaborative working

Partnership

Working together to keep the Capital safe

Shared outcomes

Prevention and accountability

Our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the people and communities of

Edinburgh



Foreward

This Local Policing Plan Outlines the policing priorities for Edinburgh City Division for 2018 – 2021.

The plan is a statutory requirement under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, and the priorities outlined, reflect local community concerns and our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all citizens.

In delivering our plan we will work with The City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh's voluntary sector and other key planning partners to take a preventative approach to the challenges and demands we face.

Over the period of the plan we will continue to maintain public trust and confidence in Police Scotland and our officers and staff will strive to deliver the best possible service to residents and visitors to the city. The service we deliver will be based on fairness, integrity and respect and these core values will guide our decision making and behaviours.

Our primary aim as Edinburgh continues to grow both economically and in population, will be to protect people, reduce crime and ensure our city continues to be a safe place.

A key focus of our work will be in local communities and we will work within our Locality partnership teams to progress Locality Improvement Plans (LIPs) to improve local wards and focus our resource around issues that relate to the impacts of poverty and inequality.

This police plan and our work over the next three years, will also support the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan and The Edinburgh City Vision, as we also continue to develop our service as part of our 2026 Strategy 'Serving a Changing Scotland'.

Only by continuing to plan our future work with communities and partners, will we be able to continue to deliver our vision of 'sustained excellence in service and protection' and ensure the wellbeing of all communities across Edinburgh.

How we identified our Policing Priorities



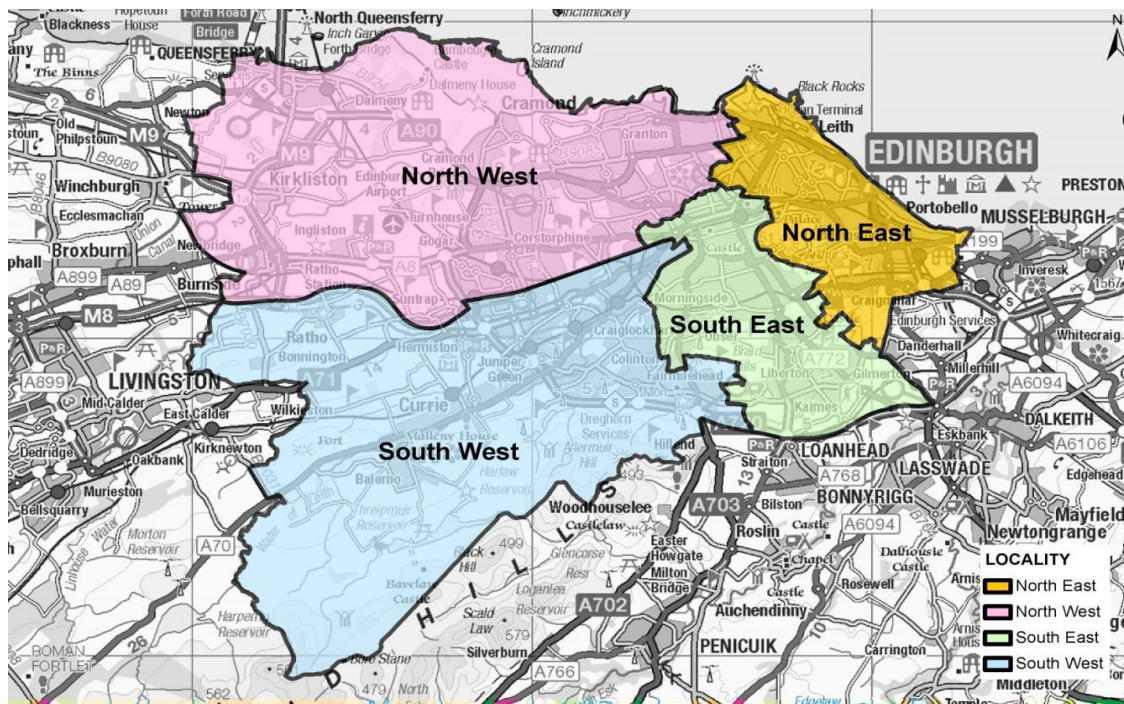
A key element of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 is for local policing divisions to develop and publish local policing plans.

Given new Locality working arrangements in the city, four Locality Improvement Plans (LIPs) have been created which highlight local community safety concerns and priorities in these areas.

Police Scotland, The City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Edinburgh College, Universities, the voluntary sector and other partners will work together in each Locality to progress work around their plan.

Each police Area Commander will also work with local partners and provide resource to support planned work to tackle issues associated with poverty and inequality.

These plans can be accessed via The City of Edinburgh Council website or following this link [Locality Improvement Plans](#)



Our divisional Local Police Plan and the priorities identified for the next three years, have been identified by overlaying:

- The views of the public and communities highlighted during priority setting consultations for Locality Improvement Plans,
- Specific priorities chosen by residents in our 'Your View Counts' survey,
- The Police Scotland 2026 Strategy 'Serving a Changing Scotland',
- Wider risks and challenges linked to our strategic assessment.

These sources shape and inform our approach and enable us to focus our resources on delivering a service which is responsive and directed towards preventing crime and protecting the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our future work around addressing these priorities will focus on prevention and also support key themes and priorities as identified in the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan.



1. Acquisitive Crime

Both in local communities and across the city, residents and businesses raise theft related crime as a key concern.

Housebreaking, specifically, is an invasive crime which can leave victims feeling vulnerable and violated.

Edinburgh Division is committed to preventing acquisitive crime, pursuing those who commit thefts and providing support to victims.

Our Community Investigation Unit was created to tackle housebreaking as part of Operation RAC. This operation involves local partners and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service as we look to focus our resources on education and crime prevention, as well as developing intelligence to target those involved in theft or resetting stolen property.

A key element of our preventative approach will be to work with offenders to divert them away from crime and the consider factors in their life which cause them to commit crime in the first instance.

Motorcycle theft is also a recurring issue in the city which can affect residents both as the victims of the theft, but also when they are exposed to the dangerous use of motorcycles within their communities, walkways or park land.



Operation Soteria is our multiagency response to tackling this crime. Over the period of our plan we will continue to develop long term educational programmes around the dangers associated with the antisocial use of motorcycles to discourage young people from getting involved in vehicle theft and risk taking behaviour.

A key element of our focus will be towards encouraging the creation of appropriate vehicle parking areas to ensure locking mechanisms are available for motorcyclists to use.

Furthermore, we will also ensure that we adapt our policing tactics so that we can also effectively address emerging issues relating to the antisocial use of motorcycles off road.

We will also continue to engage with hoteliers and the tourist industry to ensure visitors to the city are provided with current crime prevention advice so they can they can take sensible precautions to minimise the risk of becoming the victim of theft.

Objectives:

- Develop targeted intervention and supports around recidivist housebreakers to divert them away from offending.
- Develop long term educational programmes to discourage young people from becoming involved in the theft and antisocial use of motorcycles.
- Work with The City of Edinburgh Council and planning partners to ensure opportunities to 'design out' crime and discourage theft are considered in parking areas.

2. Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

Reducing violent crime and its effects on victims, their families and the community remains a priority.

A key element of violent crime occurs within the home and our focus on preventing and tackling domestic abuse will be a key element of our approach.

Studies have shown the affect and impact of experienced trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on children growing up and it is imperative that we work with our partners and voluntary sector to tackle all forms of abuse within the home.

Domestic violence is the main contributor to violence in the home and our aim will be to continue to identify and target offenders involved.

Our officers and staff working within the Public Protection Unit and Family and Household Support Teams work together to identify and target offenders. A key element of this work will also be to ensure that families affected are provided with the right services to support them and reduce the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse.

Our Community Policing Teams will continue to focus on street violence and youth disorder. Our work towards community safety priorities in Localities across the division will ensure we create preventative plans when residents report feeling unsafe or violence and youth disorder has been experienced.



A key element of our approach will involve education and we will utilise our School link Officers to deliver inputs on violence and weapon carrying to encourage responsible decision making.

Our Licensing Department will closely monitor licensed premises across the city to ensure responsible management and we will work with our partners in the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership to understand the causes of excessive alcohol consumption in public or private places and develop a coordinated plan to reduce harm caused by alcohol and drugs.

Operation NightGuard is our weekend policing operation for the city centre. Police officers work with the City of Edinburgh Council Environmental Wardens, Taxi Marshalls, Licensing Standards Officers, CCTV operators and the voluntary sector with support from 'Street Assist' and Street Pastors to ensure that people can enjoy their weekend and get home safely.

A key element of that is ensuring support for those who are vulnerable as a result of alcohol or drug consumption and we will continue to seek to expand this partnership approach to ensure appropriate 'safe places' are available during the night.



Objectives:

- Support the work of safe place volunteers to ensure they can identify and support the vulnerable at night time.
- Continue to enhance and develop the role of officers working in the Family and Household Support Teams to focus on the impacts of inequality and poverty

3. Road Safety

Our priority will be to Keep People Safe as they use Edinburgh's road network and travel around the city whether as a pedestrian or by car, bus, tram, rail, or bicycle.

Our focus will involve work around key groups of road users.

- Cyclists
- Pedestrians
- Motorcyclists
- Drivers and passengers
- Public Transport Users
- Children and Young People

As the city expands and continues to grow, it will be important to raise awareness of all road users as to the importance of reducing speed and promoting respect for other users.

New twenty mile per hour speed limits across the city, will assist in reducing speed. We will continue to encourage responsible driving through education and enforcement at vulnerable locations.

Our community officers will focus specific activity at vulnerable areas and where complaints have been received and we will target operations towards key local problems.

With the continued positive increase in cycling as a mode of transport, we will work to ensure the roads are safe for cyclists and that they receive appropriate road safety advice to ensure they are visible on the roads.

Operation 'Close Pass' is one such initiative which has been used to good effect to educate drivers around ensuring motor vehicles give cyclists appropriate space on roads.



Through the Edinburgh Road Safety Board we will continue to work with partners to promote road safety education and tackle emerging problems to reduce casualties and ensure safe travel around the city.

Young road users continue to be vulnerable and we will work with The City of Edinburgh Council as part of the 'Streets Ahead' programme to ensure young people are educated and given advice as both pedestrian and new drivers.

Our Transport Liaison Officer, performs a key role in respect of ensuring the safety of those using Public Transport and we will continue to develop that role. We will continue to provide assistance to transport operators to reduce crime and promote safety on buses and trams across the city.

Objectives:

- Continue to develop the Transport Liaison Role to ensure passenger safety on Public Transport.
- Utilise Community Policing Teams to respond to and address local road safety concerns as identified by Community Improvement Partnerships and residents.
- Promote cycle safety and continue to develop operations to ensure the city is a safe place to cycle.

4. Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime has a detrimental impact on individuals, communities, businesses and the economy.

Our aim in support of Scotland's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy, is to reduce harm caused by Serious and Organised Crime. We will deliver this by focusing on four main aims:

- DIVERT** To divert people from being involved in Serious and Organised Crime and using its products.
- DETER** To deter Serious and Organised Crime Groups by supporting private, public and third sector organisations to protect themselves and each other.
- DETECT** To identify, detect and prosecute those involved in Serious and Organised Crime.
- DISRUPT** To disrupt Serious and Organised Crime Groups.

Drug dealing specifically has a significant impact on communities and the effects of drug use and criminality associated with its supply, create demands for the Police and others.

Operation Eagle is our divisional drugs operation which has been designed to target local dealers based on intelligence received from communities.



In the last twelve months we have increased drug supply charges by 75% and ensured that numerous dealers have been identified and subjected to enforcement action.

Our local community teams will continue to focus on gathering community intelligence and responding to localised drug dealing. The Proactive Unit, who deal with Serious and Organised Crime, will continue to focus on criminal networks involved in drug dealing and serious and organised crime across the city.

A key element of their approach will be to work with other partners and voluntary groups in the city to seize funds and assets from criminal gangs using the Proceeds of Crime Act and seek to disrupt their activities by ensuring they cannot participate in legitimate enterprise.

Our School Link Officers play an important role in ensuring the delivery of drugs education to young people. We will look to enhance their role going forward to include bespoke inputs on preventing their involvement with crime groups through choices they can make.

Our work with the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership will be a key element of how we work with partners across the city to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drug problems across Edinburgh and we will contribute to their future strategy and plans as approaches continue to develop.

Objectives:

- Collaborate with partners and communities to promote awareness of the harm caused by drugs and the impact of Serious and Organised Crime on communities.
- Respond to emerging threats from Serious and Organised Crime Groups to minimise the impact on local communities of linked violence and associated criminality.
- Through the application of intervention tactics, seize criminal assets and deprive Serious and Organised Crime Groups of access to profit from legitimate enterprise.

5. Public Safety: Counter Terrorism and Events

The long term indications and assessment is for the United Kingdom to continue to be at risk from both domestic and international terrorism in the future.

As Scotland's capital city and the home to numerous iconic sites and international events, it is essential that we work with partners and the local community to ensure we mitigate against the risk of terrorism.

Police Scotland is committed to working in partnership to raise awareness of the UK Counter Terrorism Strategy, which is known as CONTEST.

The CONTEST strategy is based on 4 pillars, which are:

- PROTECT Strengthening our Borders, infrastructure, buildings and public spaces against attack.
- PREPARE Where an attack cannot be stopped, to reduce its impact by ensuring we can respond effectively.
- PURSUE To disrupt or stop terrorist attacks.
- PREVENT To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Edinburgh Division is a principle member of the Local Authority 'CONTEST' group which involves a variety of community planning partners. This group is used to share best practice which can be tailored for local communities and ensures responses are considered and coordinated in dealing with any new or emerging threats.

A key part of how we ensure the safety of residents and visitors will be to consider security arrangements as part of wider planning process and we will work with the Local Authority to provide specialist advice and assistance in that regard, as they plan the development of key public spaces in future.

Edinburgh Division has a unique events profile as a capital city. In any given year, officers from across the country will support the division in ensuring the safety of spectators and participants at over 1200 events, protests and royalty and VIP protection details.

The planning implications for larger events are significant and we co-ordinate our planning activity with The City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Ambulance Service and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Some specific events require additional security measures and planning. We will continue to work with our partners and Event Organisers to ensure that appropriate security provision is at the heart of the planning process and that the measures in place are sufficiently robust to protect spectators and visitors.

Objectives:

- To deliver the CONTEST strategy with partners to Prevent, Protect, Prepare and Pursue, in order to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism.
- To work with the Local Authority and Event Organisers to provide advice around counter terrorist security considerations in future city and event planning.

6. Public Confidence and Local Engagement

Policing by consent is a key principle of local policing.

We will continue to work with communities and our partners to listen to concerns and ensure we respond effectively to emerging issues.

Our Local Policing Plan reflects the priorities that local communities and businesses have told us matter most to them.

An annual review of the Local Policing Plan and how it complements the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan, will ensure these priorities remain relevant to the needs of communities as Edinburgh continues to grow and expand as a vibrant international city and tourist destination.



Edinburgh Division has been involved in the Localities programme from the outset and our Local Area Command management structures have been designed so that we can work collegiately with local partners to deliver services locally across the city.

Local Area Commanders, at Chief Inspector level, will provide local policing updates to the community and elected representatives via the Local Area Committees which cover the four localities.

To complement this, Community Policing officers will provide local policing ward updates to local Community Councils and residents groups.

Divisional policing updates around progress on the objectives set in this plan and divisional and national policing updates, will be provided to the Corporate Policy and Strategy committee of The City of Edinburgh Council.

7. Equalities

All of our work is underpinned by our commitment to equality and diversity, both in our dealings with the public we serve and our own staff. We promote the policing values of Fairness, Integrity, Respect and Human Rights both within our own organisation and in the communities in which we police.

We recognise that effective and fair policing is about reflecting the needs and expectations of individuals and local communities. Survey results show that different communities have differing expectations and contrasting experiences of the service provided by the police. Our aim is to ensure that our service is fair and consistent, keeping those who are most vulnerable safe and enhancing their quality of life.

The Code of Ethics for policing in Scotland sets out the standards of behaviour expected of all staff. It encapsulates Police Scotland's core values and the principles of Human Rights, anchoring our obligations under the Police and Fire Reform Act 2012. The Code sets out both what the public can expect from us and what we should expect from each other.

The Scottish Police Authority Equality Outcomes (2017-2021) sets out their commitment to not only comply with the equality legislation but to ensure that the implementation of their equality actions positively contributes to a fairer society through advancing equality and good relations in all that we do.

The SPA is committed to providing reassurance that these equality outcomes will be subject to further scrutiny and review in order to facilitate regular and informed dialogue with equality stakeholders going forward.

8. Local Contact Details:

Edinburgh Division Police Headquarters
St Leonard's Police Station
14 St Leonard's Street
Edinburgh
EH8 9QW

We are here to help

Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent police attention.

For non-emergency contact call the 24-hour non-emergency contact centre on 101.

If you have information about a crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111

If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, you can contact your local Community Policing Team by phoning 101.

For more detailed information about your local community policing team and other services that Police Scotland provides, please refer to the force website at www.scotland.police.uk.

If you would like this information in an alternative format or language - please phone us on 101 to discuss your needs.

Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via Next Generation Text (NGT) on 18001,101 for non-emergency, or 18000 in an emergency.

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<https://en-gb.facebook.com/EdinburghPoliceDivision/>

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- 1. Polish** Jeśli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać niniejsze informacje w innym formacie lub języku - proszę się z nami skontaktować aby przedyskutować Państwa wymagania.
- 2. Romanian** Dacă doriți aceste informații într-un alt format sau într-o altă limbă, vă rugăm să ne contactați pentru a discuta ce anume aveți nevoie.
- 3. Urdu** اگر آپ یہ معلومات کسی متبادل صورت یا زبان میں حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہوں تو برائے مہربانی اپنی ضروریات کے بارے میں بات چیت کرنے کے لیے ہم سے رابطہ کریں۔
- 4. Punjabi** ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੋਵੇ - ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੀਆਂ ਲੋੜਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਵਟਾਂਦਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।
- 5. Hindi** 'यदि आप यह जानकारी किसी वैकल्पिक प्रारूप अथवा भाषा में प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं – कृपया अपनी आवश्यकताओं के बारे में विचार करने के लिए हमसे संपर्क करें'।
- 6. Czech** Máte-li zájem o tuto informaci v odlišném formátu nebo jazyce - kontaktujte nás, abychom projednali Vaše potřeby.
- 7. Arabic** إذا كنت تود الحصول على هذه المعلومات بشكل آخر أو بلغة أخرى فالرجاء الاتصال بنا لمناقشة احتياجاتك.
- 8. Kurdish** نهمگەر ئهم زانیاریهت به شیوه یان زمانی تر دهوینت، ئهوا تکایه پهیوهندیمان پێوه بکه بۆ ئهوهی که گفتووگۆ سهبار هت پێویستهکانت بکهین.
- 9. Russian** Если вы хотите получить данную информацию в другом формате или на другом языке, пожалуйста, обращайтесь к нам, и мы обсудим ваши потребности.
- 10. Slovak** Keby ste chceli dostať tieto informácie v inom jazyku alebo v inom formáte, obráťte sa na nás s takou požiadavkou a my ju v závislosti od Vašich potrieb zväžeme.
- 11. Lithuanian** Jei Jums reikia šios informacijos kitu formatu arba kita kalba, prašome susisiekti su mumis bei aptarti Jūsų poreikius.
- 12. Chinese simplified** 如果您希望以其他的格式或语言获得这些信息，请联系我们以讨论您的需求。
- 13. Chinese traditional** 如果您希望以其他的格式或語言獲得這些資訊，請聯繫我們以討論您的需求。
- 14. Gaelic** Ma tha sibh ag iarraidh an fhiosrachaidh seo ann an riochd no cànan eile, nach cuir sibh fios thugainn gus ur cuid fheumalachdan a dheasbad.