

# Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 6 August 2020

## Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 October to 31 March 2020

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### 1. Recommendations

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It is recommended that the Policy and Sustainability Committee:

- 1.1 Note the progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland attached at Appendix 1 covering the Period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020;
- 1.2 Note the end of Council funding (£1.5m) associated with the allocation of 35 community (ward) police officers from 1 April 2020;
- 1.3 Note that future summary reports will align with the tasks and activity of the 8 FAHST police officers (embedded into the Council's Family and Household Support Service) and Youth Justice Sergeant, reflecting priorities as set out by the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership, Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023 and Youth Justice Strategy (2020);
- 1.4 Agree a review of the existing Performance Framework and individual Key Performance Indicators to reflect the April 2020 changes in funding and police officer designation.

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 In February 2020 a full Council Meeting approved a reduction in funding to Police Scotland, from £2.1 million to £578k, ringfencing funding to protect 8 FASHT Police Officers and the Youth Justice Sergeant.
- 2.2 In February 2020 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland. They requested a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland, or their designated deputy, on a quarterly basis. The Performance and Activity report provided by Police Scotland which provides information for quarters 3 and 4 is at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 It is noted that due to negotiations undertaken with regard the revised funding agreement and service level agreement and with the transfer of oversight from the Culture and Communities Committee no summary report was prepared for quarter 3 (1 October to 31 December 2020), the data related to this quarter is therefore available under Appendix 1.
- 2.4 The funding reduction was applied with effect from 1 April 2020. The remaining allocation is in keeping with the strategic objectives of the organisation and of Safer and Stronger Communities. By retaining the complement of the FAHST funded officers' posts, strategic aims remain specifically targeted towards early intervention and prevention that align with the broader organisational context; to reduce poverty and inequality and to continue to work alongside some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals within our communities.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 Since 2003, the Council has provided funding to support community policing activities, in both local neighbourhoods and city centre, and through targeted interventions undertaken to detect and disrupt anti-social behaviour and issues associated with community safety. The Council formalised the arrangement to

support community policing through a Service Level Agreement with Police Scotland.

- 3.2 In 2019 Full Council agreed a reduction in funding of 500k (reduction in overall funding from £2.6m to £2.1m), which realised a reduction of seven funded community police constables, resulting in the overall reduction of funded community officers deployed within the capitals city centre district.
- 3.3 The reduction in funding also saw the deletion of 4 FAHST officers based within the Family and Household Support Service, leaving a compliment of eight officers, 2 in each of the 4 localities.
- 3.4 In financial period 2019/20, £2.08 million revenue funding was provided to Police Scotland by the Council to resource the following:
  - 3.4.1 35 “named” Community Police Officers (Police Constable rank) working within local communities, based within wards and the city centre to manage specific issues such as those concentrated around the night time economy, business community and tourism. The Community Officers support community engagement activities.
  - 3.4.2 8 Family and Household Support Officers (Police Constable rank), based within localities, whose role is to share information daily and support Council Family and Household Support teams in activity within the locality.
  - 3.4.3 One Youth Justice Officer (Police Sergeant rank) responsible for coordinating Police Scotland activity around the development of Youth Services in line with Council policies and liaison with Youth Justice services within the Council.

## **4. Main report**

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- 4.1 In July 2019 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing.
- 4.2 A detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland, or their designated deputy, was requested on a quarterly basis.
- 4.3 The Performance and Activity report provided by Police Scotland covering the period 1 October to 31 March 2020 is at Appendix 1. It has been written by Police Scotland with additional information provided by the City of Edinburgh Council’s Family and Household Support Service.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 In April 2020 funding was reduced from £2.08m to 578k. The revised Partnership Agreement and associated reporting coverage will, from April 2020 onwards, only provide information and data associated with the activity undertaken by the 8 FAHST officers and the 1 Youth Justice Police Sergeant.
- 5.2 The next review of the partnership agreement will commence no later than 1 November 2020, to ensure content reflects accurately the changes associated with service delivery and alignment with respective business and budget planning cycles within both organisations.
- 5.3 The refreshed framework will further enable the identification of areas where performance improvements can be realised to ensure effective targeted delivery and the coordination of partnership resources to address areas of concern, thus adopting a more intelligence led approach to the deployment of officers as well as the continued broader collaboration between the Council and Police Scotland.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The funding provided to Police Scotland by the City of Edinburgh Council was reduced by £1.5m in 2020 (from £2.08m to £578k), a decision ratified by Council committee in March 2020.
- 6.2 The remaining funding is ringfenced to secure ongoing activity undertaken by the 8-remaining designated FAHST police officers (2 per locality) and the post of Youth Justice Sergeant. This position will be reviewed annually.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 There has been no consultation with elected members with regards the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 The City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland continue to review current methods to improve our collective ability to detect, respond, disrupt and divert individuals and groups away from anti-social and offending behaviour that serves to damage community cohesion and increase fear of crime and disorder.
- 7.3 The use of current, up to date intelligence, targeted tactical deployment and responsive, preventative approaches will serve to increase public confidence and help tackle the root causes of such behaviours.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 There is no background reading or external references for this report.

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1 - Police Partnership Performance Activity Report: 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020.



# EDINBURGH CITY DIVISION



## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: FUNDED OFFICERS PERFORMANCE AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Time Period: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Governance: Culture and Communities Committee



This report outlines the performance and activity of the City of Edinburgh Council funded community officers who are covered under the terms of the Partnership Agreement between Police Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council.

It outlines the activity of:

- 35 Ward officers deployed across 4 Localities in the City,
- 8 officers who work in conjunction with the Family and Household Support Teams.
- 1 Youth Justice Sergeant.

Over and above the data provided in this report Appendix A has been included to highlight the range of community policing activity and responsive work carried out by the officers.

*NB. It should be noted that Area Commanders also provide local update reporting to their 4 Locality Committees in addition to verbal updates regarding bespoke initiatives and engagement activity carried out by funded officers in their area.*

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Richard Thomas

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Police Scotland

*As the Partnerships lead for Police Scotland's Edinburgh Division, I am pleased to present this overview of funded officer activity for the period covering 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. I hope it demonstrates the effective and cohesive collaboration with the City of Edinburgh Council, which is integral to delivery of our joint outcomes, and to improving the safety and wellbeing of our communities.*

*This report provides a detailed insight into the work of funded officers in their localities, and shows the commitment we share with partners to deliver the Locality Improvement Plan outcomes and Local Policing Plan priorities. The importance of partnership working, as evidenced here, cannot be overstated in terms of addressing the needs of our communities, and building confidence in public services.*

Jon Ferrer

Senior Manager Quality,  
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*I am pleased to present the latest joint report with colleagues from Police Scotland covering the period October 2019 to March 2020. Despite the recent reduction in overall funding available to support the union between Family and Household Support and Police Scotland it is clear that the combined effort of officers and staff remains an imperative ingredient to effective team work.*

*The service remains committed to working in close partnership with colleagues in Police Scotland. We continue to build strong synergies in the way we assess and respond to those who may be in need of support and protection.*

*I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of both the FAHST and Community Ward Officers over the reporting period. The important benefits of good information and intelligence sharing and cooperation to support often complex and dynamic casework, joint visits, attendance at child and adult case conferences, community engagement events, public meetings, team meetings and targeted working groups. The officers provide invaluable advice and assistance with challenging cases and when preparing cases for escalation to the Council's legal team. Several officers have also organized and funded projects/grants for youth related work in their local area.*



| Key Performance Indicator  | Activity Measured  | Data  |
|--|--|---|
| Current Vacancy Level  |  | Zero  |
| Compensatory Abstractions  | Number of days where officers are abstracted from role / locality for non-funded duties                                    | <p>North East: 49</p> <p>North West: 64</p> <p>South East : 76</p> <p>South West: 23</p> <p>Compensatory Work</p> <p>North East: OP Orbit / CPTF - 36</p> <p>North West: CPTF - 80</p> <p>South East : OP Servator / CPTF - 84</p> <p>South West: CPTF - 40</p> |
| Routine Abstractions   | For example: rest days, absences, mandatory training, major incidents  | 206   |
| Engagement activities with communities and educational establishments                                    | Activities within communities including community council meetings, community surgeries, events and social media messages. | <p>Council Meetings: 58</p> <p>Community Surgeries: 138</p> <p>Community Events: 91</p> <p>Social Media Messages: 181</p>   |
| Level of recorded antisocial behaviour incidents recorded by Police Scotland                             | Incidents recorded within Edinburgh Division   | <p>This Year to Date: 26978</p> <p>Last Year To Date: 28023</p> <p>% Difference: -3.7%</p>  |
| Level of recorded antisocial behaviour complaints recorded by Local Authority                            | Per 10,000 population  | <p>This Year to Date: 648.4</p> <p>Last Year To Date: 673.5</p> <p>% Difference: -3.7%</p>  |
| Number of intervention visits  | To include activity around complaints of hate crime, acquisitive crime and antisocial behaviour                            | <p>Hate Crime: 462</p> <p>Acquisitive Crime: 775</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour: 1089</p> <p>TOTAL: 2326</p>   |
| Licensed premises monitoring   | Innkeeper entries created  | (419 Inspections and 518 Incidents) 937   |
| Road safety: Focus on Monitoring and Activity Around 20mph zones and local road safety issues of concern | Number of road safety operations and parking complaints dealt with, Number of warnings issued, number of tickets issued.   | <p>Operations and Parking complaints: 107</p> <p>Warnings issued: 375</p> <p>Tickets issued: 23</p>   |



## TRENDS

There has been city-wide **reduction in acquisitive crime of 7.3%**. There were 162 fewer victims of dwelling housebreaking and 274 fewer victims of motor vehicle crime.

**Antisocial behaviour reduced across the city with 510 fewer reported incidents.**



### **Collaborative working: Family and Household Support Service and funded FAHST Officers.**

The combined activity of both the FAHST police officers and FHS service is intended to foster effective information sharing to ensure early and effective interventions leading to long term positive outcomes. Eight police officers, two in each locality, continue to work closely with their respective FHS team to achieve short and long term behaviour change, reducing the impact of familial and generational offending and antisocial behaviour that contributes to poor outcomes and reduces the need to escalate to enforcement action ie ASBO's and eviction.

FAHST officers operate within the parameters of the agreed Information Sharing Protocols, providing local intelligence in real time to determine the type and immediacy of response required. Officers work closely with Family and household Support to prioritize activities, identify and react to trends and patterns associated with escalation of risk, disruption and/or concern.

Officers draw on information obtained from wider Police led intelligence gathering to assist in assessing risk, plan visits and agree a proportionate approach. Officers participate in and contribute towards multi-agency meetings where FHS are involved or where they are actively contributing to a plan of support and intervention, such as Getting it Right for Everyone, Escalating Concerns, Stronger Edinburgh and Reviews of Anti-social Behaviour Orders (including Interims) held by the FHS Service.

Officers are afforded a range of development opportunities, including attendance at regular FHS staff meetings, relevant legal training and opportunities offered by the Council. Closer links have been fostered with the introduction of direct 1:1 Support also available from the allocated FHS Manager.

### **Service Developments:**

#### **Coming together**

The second annual FAHST event was held on 9 October 2019, planned and delivered jointly by FHS staff and Police Scotland. The content covered topics including the need to develop an Information Sharing Protocol and the use of police reports and daily briefings.

The event and the agreed actions generated from it will allow both services to continue to build and strengthen joint working and practice, to streamline processes and effectively target resources.

#### **Stronger Edinburgh**

In collaboration FHS and FASHT developed *Stronger Edinburgh* methodology enabling more effective engagement with children/young people and vulnerable adults. Whilst still in its infancy, the approach builds on the success of 'Stronger North' and enjoys the continued support and commitment from key partners and stakeholders.

This relatively new way of working within an antisocial behaviour and Community Safety sphere is very much a partnership approach involving Education, Social Work and Mental Health and Substance Misuse Services. The model sees a departure from a more traditional and often siloed approach to intervention with families where services work in relative isolation (based on assessed need or risk), to one that fosters joint work and cooperation at a much earlier stage and before the point of crisis.



### **Case Example 1: Influencing Behaviour Change**

Residents in Leith described as living in fear due to criminal activity and anti-social behaviour from an adult male neighbour and his visitors. This neighbour was an elderly man with a history of offending. Following an alleged incident, the local FAHST Police officer escalated the person of interest to the attention of the FHS team.

Police and FHS worked in partnership to address the criminal and anti-social behaviour experienced by the residents whilst also attempting to engage and offer support to the person of interest. Intervention included undertaking joint investigative enquiries to evidence the negative impact of the behaviour on the other residents, whilst also assessing the person of interests own vulnerabilities. It emerged that although the gentleman had an extensive number of pending charges, failure to appear in court, a repeat perpetrator of antisocial behaviour and offending, concerns also existed to emerging evidence that he was being coerced, manipulated and potentially exploited by others.

The combination of enquiry and support led to the male becoming subject to Adult Support and Protection Measures, with ongoing support provided by FHS staff and Police to understand and influence his destructive behaviour, support positive change, work closely with social work and provide reassurance and security to residents in the building.

The success of this intervention reflects the importance of close coordination between services, residents and victims feeling they have been heard, listened to and good communication to help them understand the complexity surrounding the person of interest. Residents have reported that they are supportive of the FHS/FHAS approach. "The regular contact with a named FAHST Police Officer has in particular given reassurance to residents".

### **Case Example 2 – Information Sharing**

Joint FHS and Police enquires highlighted adult welfare concerns for a female resident. Police assisted in compiling a chronology of incidents and episodes to provide evidence to colleagues in Social Work of risk and vulnerability. Support was offered around safe gatekeeping, managing unwanted visitors attending the property and causing a nuisance. The combined efforts resulted in an Adult Support and Protection case conference to coordinate support. Effective information and intelligence sharing provided substantial evidence leading to bail conditions being applied by the court.

### **Case Example 3 – Early Interventions**

Following an incident in which 2 adult men 'kicked in' a tenant's front door and the adjacent water pipe, causing significant damage in the stair and to the tenants ceiling.

FHS staff worked closely with the FAHST Police Officers to investigate the incident and received a subsequent complaint in which a resident also alleged racially aggravated comments. The complainer was advised to report the matter to police as a hate crime.

A stair investigation was undertaken with accompanying letters issued to each tenant in relation to the ASB and material damage to the stair. Evidence gathered as a result provided grounds for a formal warning to be issued. The local Community Policing Team and the Councils Community Safety Night Noise team also undertook passing patrols.

### **Case study 4 – Good Partnership Work**

Complaints received about a single occupancy, young female tenant exhibiting ASB, having parties and young people visiting her tenancy on a regular basis. Tenant experienced poor mental health and was reported to be a heavy cannabis user, there were also reports the house was in very poor condition with swarms of flies due to the amount of food waste and detritus left lying around. The



individual and her associates had previously been issued with fines and on one occasion charged with a Breach of the Peace. FAHST Police Officers and FHS staff worked together and arranged for the tenant to be discussed at the vulnerable Adults Group resulting in her allocation to the Substance Misuse Social Work Service.

The Social Worker, Police and FHS engaged in multi-agency discussion to explore the concerns and influencing factors and the negative impact on both the tenant and the local community.

Due to the damage caused and the nature of the ASB a warning was issued in relation to her behaviour. Support was also offered in the form of her allocated Social Worker and a FAHST Police Officer undertaking joint weekly visits to discuss her behaviour and support a process of change.

#### **Case Example 5 – CCTV negotiation**

ASB case reporting growing tension and conflict between an owner/occupier and a CEC tenant. FHS worked closely with Housing colleagues to seek a satisfactory resolution.

The dispute centred around the presence of CCTV, with the owner/occupier feeling their privacy was being invaded. FHS liaised with FAHST officers to carry out a visit to the property to provide advice around the use of CCTV at home and to ensure compliance with the requirements of surveillance equipment ie position/direction of equipment, signage. The partnership work with Police colleagues was vital during the negotiation with both parties and enabled a resolution to be found.

Ongoing development and practice

- FAHST officers have supported the development of a multi-disciplinary forum for FHS, Housing and RSL's. The meeting forum is designed to share information to identify those likely to need support at point of entry, and to avoid escalation and/or tenancy breakdown.



The Youth Justice Sergeant role is wide and varied with meetings and engagements almost daily forming a large part of the daily role. A brief overview of the main areas are;

**Weekly Pre Referral Screening (PRS) Meetings** are multi-agency attended meetings chaired by police looking at lower level offences and how best early and effective intervention can be implemented to divert young people away from prosecutions. This process is constantly reviewed, to ensure all multi-agency partners involved in the decision making process can effectively contribute to this process. As a result of the current COVID 19 situation, a further streamline of the process has been carried out, as meetings are currently being carried out remotely. It was identified and agreed to further improve efficiency and reduce workload at a time when many services were working differently or at reduced capacity, that Police alone would utilise their direct measure opportunities such as warning letters without the requirement of lengthy and time consuming reports being required to be compiled by partners, which invariably reached the same conclusion. To ensure that partners were kept informed a copy of the Vulnerable Database Form would still be shared after this decision, thus allowing required people relevant access to this information. This has reduced workload. Additionally, where there is an allocated worker involved with the child or young person, an agreement was reached, again to increase efficiency and reduce workload that the offence report is sent to that allocated worker directly. This means the right person involved with the young person can address the concerns, and if necessary, ensure any intervention or escalation as required is carried out as quickly as possible.

As a result of Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) under the Whole Systems Approach (WSA) it has been agreed to divert more cases involving 16 and 17 year olds to PRS, particularly given how the courts are working at present. Evidently, a far greater amount of cases are currently being diverted back from the court to local agencies due to capacity and working practices, therefore to combat this and increase speed and efficiency to address matters the decision was made to screen these at PRS and allocate accordingly.

**PRS Steering Group Meetings** form part of the governance framework, focusing on strategy and direction, including developing process and streamlining practice. The Youth Justice Sergeant chairs the Pre Referral Screening Group (PRS) meeting. This area, in keeping with the weekly PRS meetings is constantly looking to refresh working practices. One such area is to look at a new and more up to date information leaflet for both partners and parents involved in EEI and WSA. This will answer questions and outline processes where a young person is involved in offending. Currently work is also being looked at diversionary measures and outlets particularly where a young person is involved in theft of pedal cycles.

Where young people who are involved in serious offending or display sexually harmful / extreme risk taking behaviour, or a combination of both, **Young People Risk Management Meetings** are held and the Youth Justice Sergeant represents Edinburgh City Division at this multi-agency public protection style meeting.

Prevention plays a key part of the Youth Justice Sergeant's role and they are actively involved in **delivering targeted engagement** particularly around online behaviours, such as "**sexting**" and "**sextortion**". This has resulted in the Sergeant having delivered this input, which is kept current and informative, to over 40,000 high school aged young people and adults. This has been developed to cover parents' evenings, delivery to other agencies as well as all youth contingents of Scottish Rugby groups, Hibernian and Heart of Midlothian football clubs. Where necessary and appropriate, the Youth Justice Sergeant acts as a single point of contact should schools, agencies or parents have concerns around a young person's online behaviour / potential exploitation. This work will continue, as soon as groups and others are able to and when circumstances change.

Further focusing on Early and Effective Intervention, the Youth Justice Sergeant regularly engages personally with high tariff young people in a variety of settings in an attempt to understand the causes of the behaviour and what, if anything, can be done by police or in conjunction with other agencies to



address, support and change current practices and behaviours. Visits continue regularly and engagement with other partners too

Internally communication is frequently sent out to staff reminding them of processes and procedures when dealing with young people accused of crimes and offences. It also highlights how the Youth Justice Sergeant can assist officers and line managers. An information section of useful tips and advice is also being set up

Externally, the Sergeant represents Edinburgh within National fora, including the EEI and Diversion from Prosecution meetings, with these groups focused on developing current practices across Edinburgh and Scotland. Currently a system for streamlining the processing of young people who are held in custody is being developed with police and partners to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the process ensuring a WSA.

The Youth Justice Sergeant along with a City of Edinburgh Council representative also engages with all schools and often attends and presents at safeguarding committees again looking at how these establishments operate in terms of reducing offending and child protection.

At the request of City of Edinburgh Council, the Youth Justice Sergeant has been heavily involved in the participation of multi-agency workshops leading to the development of Edinburgh's Community Safety Strategy.

The Youth Justice Sergeant is a regular attendee at the multi-agency Youth Justice Strategy meetings aimed at shaping and defining youth justice and what services are doing in Edinburgh to combat and address offending and improve outcomes for young people.

Given the role the Youth Justice Sergeant undertakes in terms of prevention and intervention, they have been involved with the City of Edinburgh Council and Action for Children in developing "Side Step", a process aimed at identifying young people aged between 11 - 18 either linked to, or on the cusp of, Serious and Organised Crime. They are engaged in developing an Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) to propose in detail how the process will work, ways to refer, and what action will be undertaken to behaviours and actions. Already, work has begun in identifying young people that would be suitable for the service to interact and engage with.



### **Operation Threshold:**

Edinburgh continues to deliver Operation Threshold which utilises an assertive outreach programme to overcome the barriers to engaging and supporting those at risk of harm from substance use. Recent developments include the funding of an additional peer mentor to support the assertive outreach work alongside the following prevention and intervention activities:

### **Community Inclusion Huddle (CIH)**

The CIH is a multiagency group who review non-fatal drug overdoses in the city. Data from police, ambulance, hospital, local authority and third sector support providers is collated and analysed to identify those at the highest risk of harm from their drug use. Edinburgh Division's VOW project, consisting of police officers and peer mentors, continue to support the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Recovery Hubs and NHS Lothian to engage users through assertive outreach, providing treatment, help and support at the point of need.

### **Drug Death Review Group**

Multiagency review groups have commenced and are planned to be held on a quarterly basis at the locality level to review the full circumstances surrounding drug related deaths from each stakeholder's perspective, enabling identification of gaps in support provision.

### **Safeguarding Victims of crime during COVID 19**

At the commencement of the COVID 19 pandemic, a partnership approach was taken to address the needs of local communities by the Prevention, Intervention and Partnerships (PIP) department of Edinburgh Division:

- A concerted drive across the partnership to engage and accommodate the city's homeless population. A multiagency health-led and police supported approach was adopted with police locating, engaging and immediately referring service users to NHS Public Health for triage of needs. The partnership was instrumental in accommodating and supporting this hard to reach community in a number of the city's hotels, with over 200 individuals being accommodated.
- A comprehensive crime prevention package was created for business owners, which was circulated to commercial/business/retail premises and partners.
- The 'Edinburgh Division COVID-19 Business Housebreaking Prevention Response Plan' was created, identifying business and commercial sectors that may be vulnerable.
- Rural crime prevention advice has been sent to key partners and local community policing teams in light of recent increases in plant and machinery thefts experienced in a number of Forces in England since lockdown.
- In conjunction with Trading Standards a weekly email update was initiated around emerging trends including COVID-19 related fraudulent schemes and online and telephone scams. Crime prevention information is communicated to all partners and third sector organisations, signposting them to accredited websites that contain updated advice. Work is ongoing to see if this crime prevention advice can be delivered within food parcels being provided to those identified as potentially vulnerable.
- Online safety advice has been circulated by our colleagues within the Education department to all city schools, teaching staff, parents, carers, and pupils. Ongoing social media online safety advice is being circulated through key partners during the ongoing situation.



## South East

### Prevention



- **“Safer South”** was designed as an easily identifiable name for a joint operation that all partners could identify with and highlight work carried out in the South East locality. The operation was instigated having recognised the negative impact of youth ASB on community safety. In response to the concerns, we worked with our partners and increased intelligence led patrols in hotspot areas including Moredun, Gracemount and the Southside Corridor. The operation resulted in multiple arrests, imposition of bail conditions and the execution of Misuse of Drugs Act warrants, leading to a 12.5% reduction in public nuisance calls this year compared with the same period last year.
- **Operation Vanguard** was the South East localities response to drug misuse and supply in the locality. Using community feedback and intelligence, the operation was led by local South East community officers. The operation was successful and saw over £270,000 of drugs recovered last year.
- **Knife crime interactive workshops** - were developed and delivered at the local high schools. This format encouraged active participation, discussion and reflection around the consequences of knife crime, receiving positive feedback from the participants and the teachers / senior management within the schools. Given the success, this format will be replicated across other themes moving forward.

### Partnerships



- **Local homelessness resilience group** - established with City of Edinburgh Council (CEC), Public Health and homeless support organisations, with the intention of embedding a framework to support and safeguard the 'homeless' during COVID lockdown. To date, 140 homeless persons have been provided with accommodation, food and access to support. From a Community Planning perspective, work is ongoing to scope longer-term housing, repatriation, training and employment alongside immunisations and methadone programmes;
- **The South East Action Group** - continues to meet on a monthly basis and have focused on reducing the prevalence of ASB reports via early intervention. The membership comprises CEC, Police, Social Landlords and third party agencies and the group promotes joint decision making, ownership, sharing of resources, with interventions led by the agency best placed / skilled to deliver tangible results. Successful outcomes have included, the placement of vulnerable individuals within tailored accommodation, improvements to street lighting and CCTV capability and multi-agency awareness training on “Cuckooing” and how to report concerns;
- **South East Vulnerable Person Group** - a multi-agency forum (Police, NHS, mental health team, substance misuse team, social work department, CEC family and household support team) were established to discuss, information share and rationalise the safeguarding and support provided to vulnerable individuals, minimising duplicated effort and multiple independent engagements across public service sectors;
- **Trading Standards joint operation** - provenanced by local intelligence gathering, drugs and general evidence warrants were executed at a newsagent within the Southside, whilst no drugs or stolen property were recovered, 200 counterfeit cigarettes were seized;



## North East

### Prevention



- During the Month of December officers from North East Local Area Command were deployed to The Fort and Meadowbank retail parks alongside Ocean Terminal to provide reassurance and carry out preventative patrols. Counter Terrorism posters were distributed around these locations to raise awareness and joint patrols were conducted with on-site security staff to detect any offences.
- Operation Safer Leith, was our local response in the lead up to Christmas to tackle crimes of violence and ASB associated with the night time economy within the Leith walk and Great Junction Street areas. Joint patrols were carried out during evenings, targeting local licensed premises and enforcing Licensing legislation.
- "Elf on the Beat" social media Initiative – was a local initiative which was conducted during the days of advent in December. Based around the "Elf on the Shelf" concept, daily tweets were issued during the days of advent promoting advice around property and personal safety, tackling issues such as Domestic Abuse and mental health and highlighting road safety and alcohol awareness.

### Partnerships



- **Leith Doesn't Hate** Campaign - Through Collaboration with CEC, we designed and distributed a large number of 'Bags for life' emblazoned with the slogan "Leith Doesn't Hate". Bags were distributed through retail outlets and during Home matches at Hibernian FC. Representatives from the Hibs foundation and Tesco/Asda Community champions were present.
- **"Keep it 100"**; Under our corporate parenting responsibilities and through collaboration with CEC, local housing associations, local young persons' centres, youth clubs, Hibernian FC, local retail partners and the Community Alcohol Partnership, we created the "Keep it 100" project. The project is open to local young people aged 12-18years from Leith or Craigmillar/Portobello areas, promoting health and wellbeing and encouraging them to make better choices in life. The initial phase will run for 6 weeks at 2 locations within the local area and consisted of 1 hour "Boot camp" style activities per week run by a local fitness organisation and to included dietary advice. Those who completed the 6 week course received a discounted Edinburgh Leisure pass and High street shopping voucher. A final evening will also provide the young people with access to advice and support on employment, learning and wellbeing.
- **Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)** - Ongoing work with the CAP, within Leith, led to a children's disco being organised for the Leith area in conjunction with the CAP. Various youth groups were approached and funding was received from CAP and local retailers.
- **Portobello Beach Safety Group** - Ongoing collaboration with HM Coastguard and CEC in improving interagency working/response to water/beach incidents. Improved signage is to be installed to allow for more accurate location identification if incidents occur and set protocols are being devised for a smarter interagency response where required.
- **Review of Local Improvement Plan (LIP)** - As part of wider the LIP review, we are working with CEC and partners in reframing the LIP around local priorities and high level actions.
- **February school holiday ASB patrols** - pro-active high visibility patrols were planned for during the school holidays in February. Joint patrols were undertaken by Police, Scottish Fire and Rescue and housing officers tackling ASB and where necessary identifying those responsible.



## South West

### Prevention



- **Dedicated COVID 19 patrols-** Patrols matrices were developed for key locations and graded on likelihood of the threat risk and harm involved. These matrices were updated as the situation progressed to include any emerging areas of concern. Dedicated patrols from FFAST officers alongside Community officers, School Link Officers and specialist national officers were backfilled when required to build resilience.
- **Drug dealing activity** – During the COVID-19 situation the drug dealing landscape changed. As intelligence was received, it was assessed for the threat, risk and harm and appropriate action was taken. During the final 3 months of 2019 - 2020 enforcement activity continued, with 18 Warrants executed at addresses and £97,740 worth of drugs recovered alongside £16,000 in cash seized and 20 individuals charged in relation to associated offences.
- **Road safety related activities-** In response to community concerns around speeding during Covid-19 restrictions and as a result of quieter roads, speed checks were carried out at 6 locations resulting in 22 warnings. Activity was covered in social media and widely publicised.
- **Acquisitive Crime** – With an increase in garage and sheds being broken in to proactive patrolling was carried out on all shifts with uniform and plain clothes officers patrolling alongside preventative messaging being circulated on social media to Community contacts. From this, a witness came forward and a male was identified, with a house searched under a general evidence warrant and a stolen bicycle was recovered.

### Partnerships



- **Community safety and wellbeing** - As a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, most daily business focus changed to support vulnerable groups in the community. Partnership groups were created and enhanced to address issues arising and we held virtual meetings, which included the Police, NHS, mental health teams, substance misuse teams, social work department and CEC family and household support teams. Within a short time frame, referral and support processes were implemented locally to support vulnerable families and individuals.
- **Operation Harefield** – was a South West response Rural Crime Campaign. Joint patrols were carried out with the Pentland Hills Ranger Service, were carried out in prominent rural areas of South West including, Bonaly, Torphin, Torduff, Harlaw and Thriepmuir areas and reservoirs. Joint engagement sessions were held at Harlaw Visitor Centre where we engaged with rangers and volunteers alongside members of the public. We engaged with dog walkers to advise them about livestock worrying and gave advice on dog control matters.



## North West

### Prevention



- Operation Decisive – is a North West initiative tackling ASB across the area with focus on Inverleith Park, Drumbrae Hub and Ferry Road Drive areas particularly during school holiday periods. Additional partnership patrols and joint visits were carried out to carry out to engage with young people, which resulted in incident reduction and improved community relations.
- Operation Crackle (Bonfire / Halloween) – In partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue, housing officers and trading standards departments, we carried out joint working with a keen focus on prevention. Work included delivering school talks, improvement in public space CCTV, sale of fireworks legislative enforcement, intelligence gathering and development, 24/7 uplift of bonfire materials and ASB patrols.
- Crime Prevention events – numerous events have been held covering subjects such as home security and personal safety, including a bike marking event held at Craigmount High School.

### Partnerships



- Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) – working with CAP and carrying out proxy purchasing of alcohol has proved to be an effective partnership with local businesses getting involved. Work was undertaken to launch Alcohol Awareness Week at Waverley Station in November in partnership with CAP, Network Rail, Scotrail and British Transport Police as well as St Johns Ambulance, Street Assist, Fire Service, CEC, Lothian Buses, Tesco, Morrisons and Scotmid.
- A local community event for young girls was held around the ethos of helping them “aim high and dream big”. The event was delivered in partnership with Spartans FA, Body Shop, Dominos, Scotmid and the Community Alcohol Partnership.
- Multi-agency mental health group – A local community mental health group was created, where we identified and supported local people affected by mental health, ensuring appropriate support and triage was available for escalating any concerns.
- Winter Warmer event – We joined partnerships with Red Cross and other agencies with the aim to assist our local elderly and vulnerable residents, which culminated in our invite to the Red Cross Power of Kindness event held at the Scottish Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.



### **Ward 1: Almond**

#### Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)

Funded officers continued their work within the CAP by attending at the Scottish parliament to meet current and potential supporters of the project. The officers highlighted the ongoing work and initiatives along with future plans.

#### Road Safety

Funded officers conducted a significant amount of work in relation to road safety, particularly around schools throughout the ward. Visits have been conducted to Queensferry High, Dalmeny Primary School. A meeting was held at Cramond Primary School, following feedback from parents regarding dangerous parking. In response to this, funded officers carried out an initiative within the safe school's zone during its hours of operation. This was promoted on social media to raise awareness of the issue and received a positive response.

#### Antisocial Behaviour

Following reports of violence and antisocial behaviour in the Echline area of South Queensferry funded officers took ownership of the issue. A report was received of a robbery and five youths were identified as potentially having been involved, with one being charged. Following the disruption of a group of around 30 youths, positive feedback has been received from the local community in response to the role played by the funded officers.

### **Ward 2: Pentland Hills**

#### Housebreaking and Acquisitive crime

Funded officers reviewed incidents of sheds and garages being broken into and with particular hotspots identified, focused patrols were carried out in those areas and crime prevention advice provided to victims.

#### Road Safety

Visits were made to all Community Councils in the area with the Community Inspector and Sergeant to promote and encourage participation in the Community SpeedWatch initiative. Issues were identified at some primary Schools in the Currie area, particularly in 20mph zones and these were addressed through joint speed checks with Road Traffic Officers. "Pop up Kirsty" was regularly used in various locations of speeding within Pentland Hills as a deterrent and was publicised on social media for community awareness.

#### Anti-social Behaviour

Regular youth disorder issues were occurring at Currie Rugby Club, which involved damage and large groups congregating. Similar issues found at Harlaw Reservoir, with fires being lit and youths drinking alcohol. Through linking in with the rugby club, regular patrols were carried out with access granted to the spectators stand through shared use of a key and installation of CCTV meant a reduction in youth issues experienced (though in the interests of transparency, these have increased again in the summer months). Similarly, by linking with the Scottish Natural Heritage Rangers of Harlaw Reservoir, walkthrough patrols of problematic sections of the woods around the reservoir resulted in reduction of youth issues.



### **Ward 3: Drumbrae/Gyle**

#### Hate Crime

Funded officers provided a significant contribution to hate crime awareness week, providing an emphasis on disability related crime. An awareness and advice surgery was held at the Gyle shopping centre and drop in session was carried out at Costa Coffee. Further activity in relation to disability hate crime included joint working with City of Edinburgh Council visit licensed premises and providing posters to raise awareness.

A victim of hate crime was visited by funded officers and other vulnerabilities were identified. In response to this, partnership work alongside the charity Care and Repair provided necessary support, positively impacting on the quality of life of this victim of crime.

#### Road Safety

Officers conducted road safety work in response to community feedback. Speed checks were carried out on the B800 in Kirkliston. A joint operation was conducted alongside Road Policing officers on Maybury Road and Clermiston Road North. Tickets were issued to four drivers with several others warned. Joint patrols were conducted with the Junior Road Safety Officer at Clermiston Primary School. A speed check was conducted in Drum Brae Drive with four tickets issued.

#### Antisocial Behaviour

In response to reports of escalating levels of antisocial behaviour, a meeting was convened at Drumbrae Hub with the funded officers alongside local retailers, council and other partners. Various solutions were discussed and planned. One being the 'Ring Around' process whereby retailers can communicate with others in the area if they are experiencing antisocial behaviour and can raise awareness amongst colleagues and partners to allow for early intervention.

### **Ward 4: Forth**

#### Antisocial Behaviour

Funded officers carried out work in relation to antisocial behaviour at various locations throughout the ward. At Granton Library staff were visited and spoken with on several occasions following reports of youth-related disorder. Enquiries were carried out in relation to disorder at Ferry Road / Pilton Drive North focussed at Morrisons, Ainslie Park Leisure Centre and The Village Hotel. Enquiries identified one youth involved in this at all three locations, who was subsequently charged. Further to this additional patrols and direct contact was made with management at all locations encouraging the reporting of any future incidents to allow for appropriate measures to be taken at an early stage.

#### Community Visits and Inputs

Funded officers visited many locations throughout the community providing inputs and support to local organisations and groups. Talks were held with all P1 pupils at Granton Primary School on 'People Who Help Us'. Officers visited the children at Granton Early Years Centre. Online safety advice was given to Primary 5 pupils at Granton Primary School. A hate crime awareness event was held at Newhaven Connections café and a crime prevention surgery was provided at Granton Library.



## **Ward 5: Inverleith**

### Acquisitive Crime

CPT officers carried out regular plain cloths and uniformed patrols around Craigeith Retail Park, following increased reports of ASB and shoplifting. This provided a deterrent effect. Additionally, CP trained officer carried out a detailed crime prevention survey at the hardest-hit store in the park; providing advice to help prevent further offending. Bike marking events were also carried out at the Wester General Hospital, and carried out visible uniformed patrols around the campus to deter offenders. Presentations were also carried out at local services for older people, in relation to doorstep crime and home safety.

### Road Safety

Speed checks carried out by CPT Officers, in conjunction with Roads Policing officers. Attention was also given to parking issues on Telford Drive, following repeated complaints about parking on the pavements there. CPT worked with management at WGH to contact staff there and advise them that parking enforcement will be carried out; and officers have engaged with local residents parking like this. This has led to a real reduction in the number of complaints and vehicles parking there.

### Antisocial Behaviour

Problematic areas identified: Ravelston Woods, Maidencraig Crescent, Inverleith Park. Regular patrols carried out on backshift and dayshifts. Officers have engaged with youths traced, and additional funded patrols were carried out over the school holidays as a preventative measure. Patrols led to a reduction in youth activity in the areas identified.

## **Ward 6: Corstorphine Murrayfield**

### Antisocial Behaviour

Funded officers identified escalating antisocial behaviour throughout the ward and carried out work in relation to this. A list of affected areas was established and CCTV enquires were undertaken in an attempt to identify people involved. A group of youths were identified as having been instrumental in this order and were visited at home and spoken to in the presence of their parents. Follow up work was undertaken by the School Link Officer. Retail premises affected by this issue were visited and offered crime prevention advice

### Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)

Officers conducted work in relation to the CAP initiative including; a silent disco was organised and supported at three local primary schools; an awareness raising exercise was carried out with the assistance of Police Scotland Youth Volunteers who carried out a letter drop in the Drumbrae and Clermiston area and funded officers attended a CAP meeting at the Scottish Parliament.



## **Ward 7: Sighthill / Gorgie**

### Criminal Use of the Roads Network

Intelligence was received in relation to delivery drivers taking advantage of their role and carrying out crime. In response to this funded officers set up a static road check resulting in 15 vehicles being stopped. One driver was reported for having no insurance and one male was reported for possession of an offensive weapon, linked to a drug related dispute. Another was charged with possession of drugs. A significant amount of intelligence was obtained during this initiative.

### Housebreaking and Crime Prevention

In response to housebreakings within the ward funded officers monitored reports and proactively undertook to attempt to prevent repeat crime. Victims were contacted and crime prevention surveys were arranged and carried out. Advice was given in relation to both dwellings and businesses. The suggestions given were quick and easy fixes which instantly enhanced the security of premises at minimal cost to occupiers and business owners.

### Antisocial Behaviour

An issue was identified in the Stenhouse area which was causing considerable impact to the quality of life of residents. Interventions were carried out by funded officers with a particular household which has resolved the problem

## **Ward 8: Colinton / Fairmilehead**

### Housebreaking and Acquisitive crime

In response to repeated break ins at one particular business premise and further break-ins to sheds and garages belonging to properties in the adjacent area, funded officers carried out focused patrols in those areas and crime prevention advice provided to victims.

### Road Safety

Visits were made to all Community Councils in the area with the Community Inspector and Sergeant to promote and encourage participation in the Community Speed Watch initiative.

### Anti-social Behaviour

Due to continued reports of anti-social behaviour in Spylaw Park, an operation was set up to specifically target the area using plain clothes options in an effort to engage with the youths rather than have them disperse on arrival. Operation was successful with calls regarding anti-social behaviour reduced.

## **Ward 9: Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart**

### Housebreaking and Acquisitive crime

The Craiglockhart area of Ward 9 continued to be targeted by housebreakers in this period, with the Funded Officers focusing patrols on this area and offering crime prevention advice to victims and education to residents on property security through Community Council Meetings.

### Road Safety

“Pop up Kirsty” was regularly used within Craiglockhart, Fountainbridge and Slateford areas as a deterrent against speeding in response to local complaints. Each occasion was publicised on social media for community awareness.



### Anti-social Behaviour

In the months of January to March, Fountainpark experienced continual youth issues at a variety of their premises on site. Through the Funded Officers engagement with security, a better relationship was established and patrols carried out at material times, reducing the impact. Further issues with drug users in Starbucks toilets was worked on and through crime prevention advice by the Funded Officers, a secure access process was put in place and the issue was eradicated.

### **Ward 10: Morningside**

#### Acquisitive Crime

Funded officers spent time focussing on both housebreaking and shoplifting within the ward area. Major retailers and independent businesses within Morningside area were visited regularly with crime prevention advice offered. These patrols also acted as a deterrent.

In response to domestic housebreakings officers established a patrol matrix, taking in Greenbank, Hermitage, Merchiston and Grange areas.

#### Road Safety

Officers conducted visits to St Peter's primary and to Bruntsfield Primary School in relation to reports of dangerous parking, particularly in contravention of the safer streets hours of operation. Attention was also given to South Morningside Primary School. Funded officers have also enlisted the assistance of Special Constables to increase and enhance the work that can be undertaken in relation to this.

#### Antisocial Behaviour

Instances of youth related disorder and rug use were identified in the Meadows, Bruntsfield and Wharton Square. Funded officers have conducted patrols of these areas and engaged with groups of youths found congregating. These patrols and interactions have assisted in reducing the volume of reports.

### **Ward 11: City Centre**

#### Vulnerabilities

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## **Ward 12: Leith Walk**

### Acquisitive Crime

In response to a rise in thefts of vehicles a number of proactive patrols were undertaken throughout the area.

A joint project with Scotmid to tackle low level theft was progressed through this period- with the aim of reducing reoffending by diverting through stealing to eat to the appropriate services. In response to a rise in theft of pedal cycles Officer conducted patrols within the Pilrig Park area. As a result a male was reported for selling three stolen bikes (all the bikes recovered) it is believed this represents a small amount of the many bikes he has previously sold and this has stopped a prolific re-setter of stolen goods.

### Road Safety

A number of traffic initiatives have been carried out within the area. These have included multi-agency road checks with the council, Traffic officers and the vehicle excise agency, as well as smaller speeding checks. These have been carried out in Leith walk, Easter Road, Commercial Street and many streets within the ward area. Initiatives with the Cab inspectors have proved particularly successful with a number of taxis and private hire vehicles taken off the road or served with notices. A number of school run patrols were carried out at Leith Walk Primary and Broughton Primary due to complaints about inconsiderate parking.

### Anti-social behaviour

Further work has been carried out by local officers with the friends of Dalmeny park- this included a planting session when local school children attended and planted trees supplied by local retailers.



This is part of a campaign to promote the park to the local community and reclaim it for their use. Extra patrols of this park, as well as Montgomery Street Park, Hopetoun Crescent and Pilrig Park, were carried out in response to complaints about anti-social behaviour. A number of early morning patrols were undertaken on the walkways in Leith in response to complaints about rough sleepers. Those identified were engaged with and pointed in the right direction for help. A number of patrols were also undertaken specifically to engage with street beggars in the Leith Walk/Easter Road area to get a better understanding of persons involved. A number of later complaints about aggressive behaviour from beggars meant they were quickly identified and spoken with.

Patrols of local off sales were carried out by Officers in conjunction with trading standards and the council licensing officers- this was in response to concerns about anti-social behaviour from under-age drinkers. A number of warning were issued to premises and some were subject to further visits and follow up work.

### **Ward 13: Leith**

#### Community Groups

Funded officers have carried out a range of work alongside and in support of local groups; A safety talk was provided to a Girl Guides group; Officers attended at the Child Services Fair at New Kirkgate Community Centre; A local Boys Brigade group came along to Leith Police Station and were given a guided tour; Officers attended at the Ripple Project open day and Funded officers visited the P1 pupils at Mannafield Christian School.

#### Antisocial Behaviour

Officers have continued their focus on antisocial behaviour, including the theft and subsequent use of motorcycles. Patrols have been conducted in many hotspot areas, identified through community feedback

### **Ward 14: Craightinny / Duddingston**

#### Restalrig / Lochend Week of Action

As part of the small areas plan, planning of weeks of action are taking place. Activity will include joint patrols with Scottish Fire and Rescue, CEC environmental wardens and housing officers. During these patrols and through collaboration with CEC open spaces will be tidied and Graffiti removed from buildings. Community Safety surveys were carried out with local residents and business to identify local issues.

#### Road Safety

Officers responded to reports of speeding vehicles in Craightinny Avenue and Craightinny Road by conducting speed checks. One driver was reported for excess speed with several others warned regarding the nature of their driving. This was followed up by communications to City of Edinburgh Council regarding the potential of implementing speed reducing measures. Officers provided a road safety input to pupils at Parsons Green Primary School.

#### Hate Crime

Following reports of hate crimes, funded officers took ownership of the enquiries. At the conclusion of the investigations, in total, six youths were identified, charged and reported. Four of those were charged with a racial assault involving the use of weapons.



## **Ward 15: Southside / Newington**

### Antisocial Behaviour

Funded officers maintain their focus on reducing antisocial behaviour throughout the ward area. A joint visit was conducted to a property which had previously been the subject of drug enforcement. Further reports of issues impacting on residents' quality of life had been reported. Officers established further offences with the tenant charged and reported.

Officers attended at a property along with housing association partners to address repeated reports of antisocial behaviour. The matter has been addressed through this joint approach.

Patrols have been carried out in Drummond Street, Roxburgh Street, Richmond Place amongst others in the Southside, with frequent checks of common stairs to deter disorder and antisocial behaviour.

### Vulnerable People

Officers have assisted in ensuring appropriate support measures are put in place in respect of vulnerable people;

A male was identified as having mental health issues and officers made contact with a GP who agreed to assist with a joint visit, resulting in treatment and support being offered.

Numerous letters were received from a female. Funded officers identified the author of the letter and made enquiries which resulted in her being traced, spoken to and she was referred to the appropriate partner agency for support mechanisms to be put in place.

Reports were received of two high risk missing people from out with Edinburgh. Officers assisted by engaging with relevant places of worship within the ward area to which the missing people had connections. These enquiries aided in the successful conclusion of the enquiry.

## **Ward 16: Liberton / Gilmerton**

### Antisocial Behaviour

FHAST officers focussed on reducing antisocial behaviour throughout the ward area. Knife Crime workshops were developed and delivered to the High School and discussions were held with pupils around the impact of knife crime and consequences.

### Vulnerable People

Officers have frequently assisted in ensuring appropriate support measures are put in place in respect of vulnerable people and we have attended monthly meetings of the South East Action Group, where we focused on reducing the prevalence of ASB reports via early intervention. We have enabled vulnerable people to be re-housed and removed from harm, including one resident who was subject of Cuckooing.

## **Ward 17: Craigmillar / Portobello**

### Antisocial Behaviour

A recurring instance of antisocial behaviour was identified and the matter was resolved through a joint approach between funded officers and housing officers, resulting in the agreement and signing of two Acceptable Behaviour Contracts

Reports were received of racially aggravated antisocial behaviour in the Hays area. Funded officers took on a community reassurance and preventive role in carrying out patrols and engaging with the community.



### Community Groups and Inputs

Funded officers have visited several groups and organisations in the wrad area, offering support and inputs. A talk was delivered to pupils at Towerbank Primary School on how the Police work and how we can help people. Officers attended at the Magdalene Resident's Association and delivered an input on crime in the area.

Police surgeries were held in various locations including Magdalene church, Northfield CC, Portobello Library and White House. Officers were present at the Brunstane Primary School Parent Teacher Council meeting and provided guidance and advice on road safety. Support and assistance was given to staff at Portobello High School following reports of a child protection incident.

