

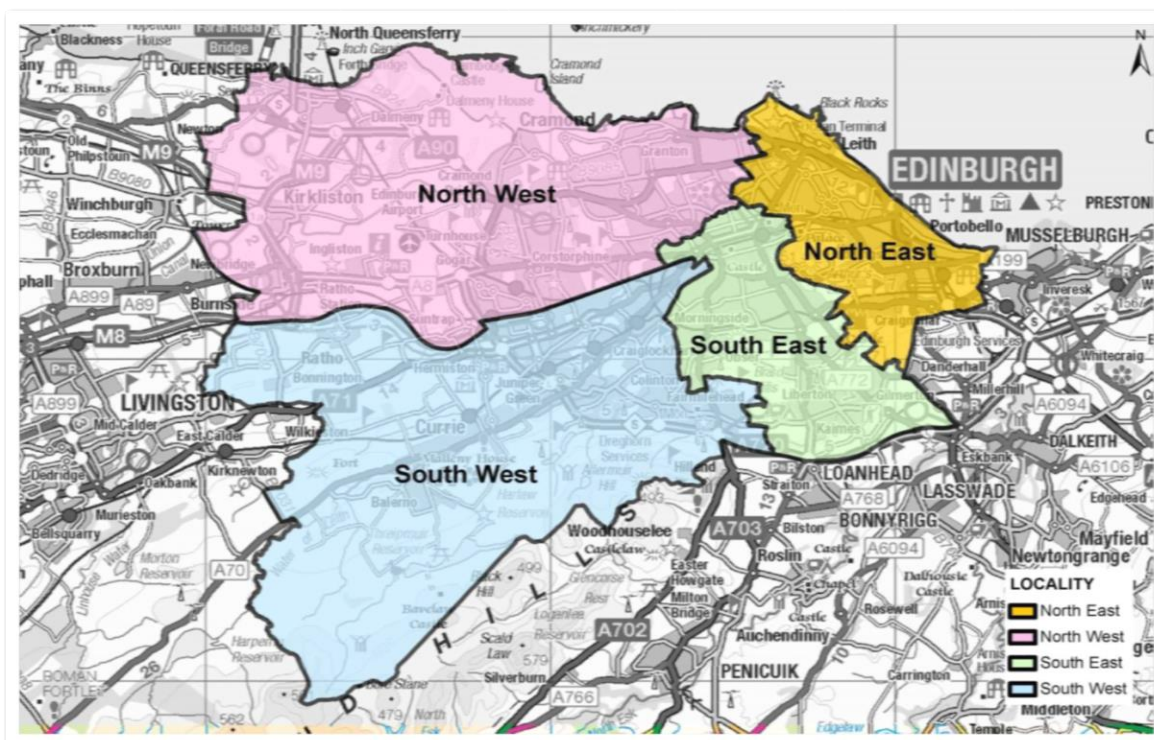


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# CITY OF EDINBURGH DIVISION

## North East Locality Policing Update

Thursday, 26 April 2018



### *Purpose*

*This information is provided for Local Area Committee members.*

*It reflects recent policing activity within the Locality over the last 2 months and is designed to provide an indication of local crime trends, antisocial behaviour, summarised ward activity and work of Community Policing Teams.*

*Additional detailed reports around funded ward officer activity are submitted separately to the Local Authority and Community Safety Partnership as part of the Edinburgh Partnership Agreement.*

*Other planned community safety work relating to policing will be covered in the Locality Improvement Plan updates.*

## Key Crime Statistics

NORTH EAST AREA COMMAND – CRIME SUMMARY					
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018 - 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018					
North East Police incidents in last 7 days		873			
Average Police incidents in last 7 days		124			
PUBLIC SAFETY		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Robbery	Recorded Crime	2	4	2	- 50 %
	Detection Rate	50 %	50 %		
Serious Assault	Recorded Crime	2	2	2.2	0 %
	Detection Rate	50 %	100 %		
Common Assault	Recorded Crime	44	57	57.6	- 30.9 %
	Detection Rate	50 %	52 %		
DOMESTIC ABUSE		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Domestic Abuse	Recorded Crime	34	37	49	- 30.6 %
	Detection Rate	29 %	62 %		
HATE CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Hate Crime	Recorded Crime	4	12	10.8	- 62 %
	Detection Rate	125 %	58 %		
Antisocial Behaviour	Recorded Incidents	358	435	406	- 11.8 %
HATE CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Housebreaking	Recorded Crime	22	17	17.2	+ 27.9 %
	Detection Rate	0 %	17.6 %		
Theft Motor vehicle	Recorded Crime	11	22		- 50 %
	Detection Rate	9 %	23%		
Thefts from Vehicles	Recorded Crime	11	20		-45 %
	Detection Rate	0	0		
Please note these figures are taken from ScOMIS (Police Scotland Crime Management Tool) and relate to crime recorded between 02/04/18 and 31/03/2019. These figures are invalidated and used for internal crime management purposes. Validated Quarterly crime figures are published on the Police Scotland website.					



## Ward Updates

### **Community Policing Team – Funded Officer Updates**

#### **1. Craightinny/Duddingston** - (PC Graham MacGillivray and PC Martin Wood)

##### **CIP Tasking:**

- The newly established Craightinny Community Council meeting was attended by the Community Sergeant and an input provided on topical issues. Arrangements were discussed for this year's suggested community bonfire, crime prevention advice surrounding parking complaints and theft of pedal cycles. The meeting was well attended by local residents, Councillors Griffiths and McLellan and Locality Family and Household Support Manager Scott Watson.
- Officers assisted with a Missing Person enquiry by conducting interviews with key witnesses with the assistance of an interpreter. They also continued the ongoing checks and meetings with a previous offender who is engaging well with police visits, criminal justice requests and is on the verge of employment.
- PC MacGillivray undertook a week long attachment with the VOW (Violent Offender Watch). The VOW engage with repeat offenders in an attempt to reduce or stop offending. Working alongside the charity Aid & Abet with offenders throughout Edinburgh City. This additional training is already benefitting the Craightinny/ Duddingston Ward, with two repeat offenders already approached to engage with the VOW.

##### **Emerging Crime / ASB:**

- Officers conducted reassurance patrols at business premises on Craightinny Road following information received regarding ASB from their customers. Officers also conducted numerous stair checks to disrupt ASB/ drug misuse in the Lochend and Loganlea areas.
- Patrols of Meadowbank area in evenings and stairs checked near to Meadowbank Church after reports of persons drinking and using drugs in common stairs and around this vicinity whilst waiting for Bethany Trust night shelter to open. Staff liaised with and several persons warned regarding their conduct. Night shelter is due to re-locate at the end of April and regular checks of the neighbouring stairwells will continue until then by both the police and staff from the shelter.

##### **Community Activity:**

- Officers attended the Police Community Surgeries for both the Restalrig/Lochend and Willowbrae/Northfield areas. Surgeries will continue to be held monthly and advertised through the use of posters and social media.
- Officers attended the regular youth group meetings at Northfield Community Centre and Craightinny social Centre. Officers undertook a question and answer activity with those who attended.



- Officers continued to deploy with the hand-held speed gun, concentrating on complaints of drivers exceeding the 30mph limit on Duddingston Park. Checks conducted over two days, both in morning and afternoons, with several drivers warned and one ticket issued. Officers also conducted similar speed checks in Craigmillar Road and Restalrig Avenue, with a number of drivers warned and 1 ticket issued for contravention of 20 MPH limit. Officers found drivers were largely compliant with the speed limits but will continue to utilise the speed gun whenever the opportunity arises.

## **2. Craigmillar/Portobello** – (PC Graeme Low and PC David Love)

### **CIP Tasking:**

- The Community Sergeant and beat officer attended the Magdalene Neighbourhood Association ('Magdalene Matters') meeting in conjunction with partners from the City of Edinburgh Council, Neighbourhood Alliance, Portobello High School, elected members and local residents. Attendance at the workshop exceeded 50 people with attendees split into small consortiums to discuss local issues. At the conclusion of the meeting an action plan was drafted and will be developed in the coming weeks by the CEC. Topics discussed included parking issues, dog fouling, graffiti and road layouts and signage.

### **Emerging Crime / ASB:**

- Officers carried out patrols during morning and lunch breaks outside Portobello High School in response to complaints from local shop keepers of disorderly conduct of pupils. Youths identified as being involved in ASB were engaged with, warned and school management made aware. Repeated visits to the shops continue to reassure staff and the school link officer is working closely with the school management to help reduce the issue.

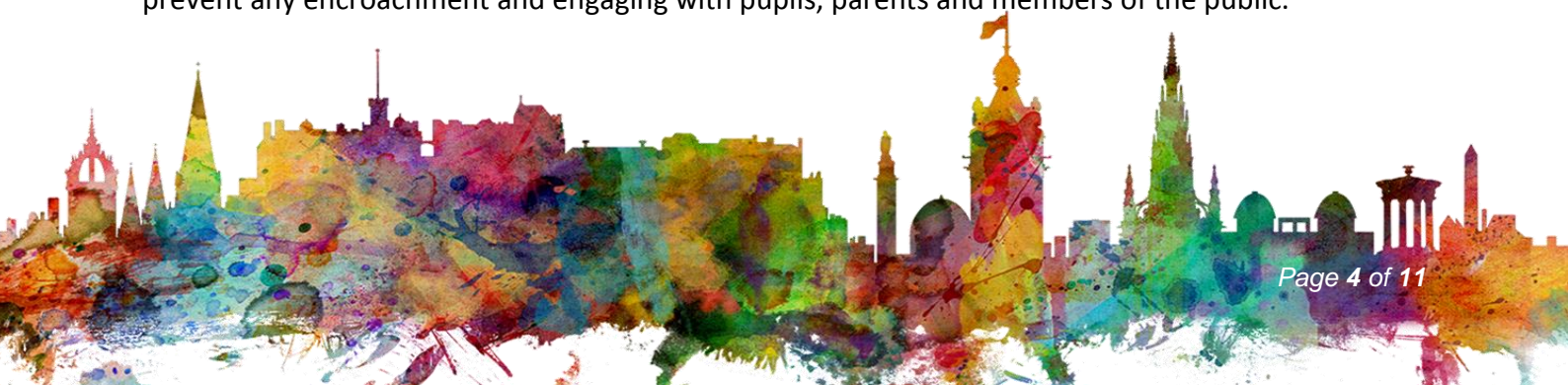
- Officers continue to work closely with our colleagues from the FAHST and City of Edinburgh Council in respect of the continued youth activity in Portobello High Street and Williamfield Square. (Please see 'Ongoing Operation' section below for full details).

- Officers attended the Coillesdene Friday Lunch club at the Residents Association premises to reassure residents after complaints of ASB in the area. Officers are working closely with colleagues from the FAHST and the City of Edinburgh Council's Family and Household Support Team. Joint visits were completed with each resident within the affected stairwell and the number of complaints has now dropped significantly as a result of the action taken.

### **Community Activity:**

- Officers attended the Craigmillar and Portobello Community Surgeries.

- Officers assisted Towerbank Primary School with their annual school run for Sport Relief at Portobello Promenade. Officers helped staff set up the route, conducted foot patrols throughout to prevent any encroachment and engaging with pupils, parents and members of the public.



- Officers assisted with Easter Community Fun Day in the Leith Ward, running a bicycle security marking stall in conjunction with our partner company Veloeye. The event was well attended and numerous bikes marked free of charge for members of the public. There will be increased activity across the North East area in the coming months to combat the rise in pedal cycle thefts.
- Officers assisted with the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) Alcohol Action Week, working with the PSYV at Fort Kinnaird and the Jewel distributing leaflets on misuse of alcohol and spray painting proxy buying stencils in the Fort Kinnaird area.

### **3. Leith – (PC Lauren Mitchell and PC Margo Darling)**

#### **CIP Tasking:**

- Officers continued to assist with Operation Contrition, targeting anti-social behaviour and crimes of violence in and around the NL27 beat area. Officers attended a meeting with the housing officer at Cables Wynd House to discuss the formation of a tenant association group. The officers also completed a survey of residents regarding their feeling of safety and conducted joint visits to residents with a Family and Household Support colleague. Funded officers were also involved in a drugs warrant execution in this area.
- Officers continue to attend the Prostitute Liaison Surgery at Links Place, working closely with partner agencies in their role as Prostitute Liaison Officers (PLO).

#### **Emerging Crime / ASB:**

- Officers conducted high visibility patrols along the Restalrig walkway following local complaints of youths using stolen motorcycles on the path.
- Officers conducted vertical patrols of the stairwells within Nisbet Court following reports of anti-social behaviour relating to youths
- Officers continue to provide additional attention to regular anti-social behaviour hotspots at Seafield Cemetery, Restalrig Road, Kirkgate, Leith Walk and Leith Links.

#### **Community Activity:**

- Officers attended Police Surgery at Leith Kirkgate Café and Nisbet Court. Attendees spoke with the funded officers about ASB issues, vehicle crime, domestic abuse and other general topics.
- Officers attended the Citadel Youth Centre and engaged with staff and 25 service users on various topics from alcohol misuse to crime prevention advice.
- Officers attended at Newhaven Primary School and spoke with P6/7 pupils about online safety.
- Officers attended the Leith Community Cinema view and discussion of youth films relating specifically to Sectarianism.





- PC Mitchell helped plan and thereafter attended the Dalmeny Street Community Day on the 31/03/2018. The event combined partnership working with numerous agencies including Scottish Fire Rescue Service, HM Coastguard, the City of Edinburgh Council, Destiny Angels, Phoenix First Aid Group, Scottish Ambulance Service, Police Scotland Events Planning and the Community Alcohol Partnership. The event was well attended with funded officers manning information stalls on alcohol misuse and pedal cycle crime prevention throughout.

#### **4. Leith Walk** – (PC Colin Spence and Callum Clark)

##### **CIP Tasking:**

- Following a recent increase in business housebreakings across Edinburgh, officers distributed crime prevention leaflets to a large majority of businesses in the Leith Walk area. Officers are also working closely with the CID to develop the intelligence picture on those involved.

##### **Emerging Crime / ASB:**

- Officers continue to provide regular attention to the areas of Springfield and Leith Walk to deter those who may be involved in anti-social behaviour and violent crime. Officers are also utilising plain clothes patrols.

- Officers also continue to conduct pro-active checks on the licensed premises across the Leith Walk area for anti-social behaviour associated with the over consumption of alcohol.

##### **Community Activity:**

- Officers attended the Leith Central Community Council and the Citadel Youth Club.

- The officers also hosted Police Community Surgeries at the Hub, Restalrig Road and at the McDonald Road Library.

- Officers assisted with the Dalmeny Street Community Day on the 31/03/2018.

#### **Family and Housing Support Team – Funded Officer Updates**

(PC Owen Hopkins, PC Laura Blamire, PC Niall Corrigan and PC Chris Johnstone)

##### **CIP Tasking:**

- FAHST officers attended the North East Youth TAC meeting held with the Council, Social Work Department, Community Renewal Project and the Police to discuss youth offending within the North East. Several offenders and priority locations were discussed with plans and actions put in place to prevent further offending.

- FAHST officers continue to prioritise their activity around individuals in the categories of anti-social behaviour, noisy music and vulnerable persons. The officers work very closely with their



colleagues from the City of Edinburgh Council Family and Household Support, health and housing associations to identify long term solutions for complex and often long running issues.

- FAHST officers held a joint meeting with Turning Point, the NHS and Social Work Services with regards to vulnerable persons within the North East area.
- FAHST officers attended a City of Edinburgh Council Social Work training day at the Leith Treatment Centre, Junction Place, to discuss the role of the FAHST both within the North East and across the city. Officers made several new contacts with a better understanding of roles by all partners present.

### **Emerging Crime / ASB:**

- FAHST continue to work closely with CEC and Dunedin Canmore to deal with antisocial behaviour at Nichollfield, Linksvie House, Cables Wynd House, Hawkhill Court and Nisbet Court areas. Joint visits conducted to identify offenders and provide re-assurance to those affected.
- FAHST officers have also been working with the CEC FHS resulting in a warning issued to a tenant following complaints of anti-social behaviour and excessive noise coming from the property.
- FAHST officers referred a family to VOCAL (carers support charity) following a domestic fire started by vulnerable resident at the address.
- FAHST officers continue to work with Turning Point Scotland to support a vulnerable drug user at risk of falling into prostitution.

### **Community Activity:**

- FAHST officers are now taking the lead on the youth issues in and around Williamfield Square to combat anti-social behaviour involving a group of youths. FAHST officers conducted plain-clothes patrols, noting details and speaking to youths to build a picture of the number and severity of offending within the area. These nominals were fed back to the Youth TAC. Officers arrested one male on warrant. FAHST officers attended a residents meeting at Williamfield Square. The meeting was attended by two local Councillors and management from the North East council team. FAHST officers also held a meeting with the Community Renewal Project held within the Bingham Community Centre to speak about their interactions with the local youths and to gain their assistance with engaging with the youths frequently hanging around Williamfield Square. Youth workers have since visited the area and spoken to the youths about after school activities and job seeking advice. A further community meeting is planned for April 2018 to determine the progress made.
- FAHST officers assisted with the execution of two drugs search warrants for linked addresses in the North East area. The two addresses were entered at the same time by the team with the assistance of public order officers and a drugs dog. Personal amounts of cannabis and cocaine were recovered and the occupants' details shared with council colleagues for any housing enforcement possibilities.



## Significant Crimes / Ongoing Operations

### Operation Contrition

#### Introduction

An analysis of call data has revealed that there were 130 recorded police incidents between the 1st June – 7th December 2017 in the NL27 beat area. Included amongst these were numerous crimes of violence and incidents involving drugs:

- 2 serious assaults involving stabbings
- 3 drugs overdose sudden deaths
- 1 male found in possession of a Taser and knife in a public place
- Air rifle recovered during execution of a search warrant
- 8 assaults
- 25 ASB calls (4 youth related)
- 7 domestic disturbances
- 4 MDA complaints
- 19 “Concern for” type incidents.

In response to these identified issues, Operation Contrition was implemented. The operation consisted of pro-active police and partnership activity in the NL 27 beat area.

The strategy involved a forward-looking response designed:

- To work with partners to ensure public safety
- To prevent crimes of violence / ASB and associated criminality
- To detect MDA offences
- To increase our effectiveness when criminality does occur
- To enhance public confidence and wellbeing through positive police and partners engagement.

This was achieved by utilising the ‘4Ds’ approach: Deter, Divert, Disrupt and Detect.

- Excellent inter-departmental co-operation and team work was vital to the success of this operation (DIU / CPT / FAHST / LAVRU/ CID / Response).
- 510 hours of Over Time funding provided by City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) essential to the positive outcome achieved during the operation. O/T funding enabled core CPT and FAHST functions to continue unhindered during the duration of the operation.





- Partnership work is ongoing and will see some significant outcomes, but this will be more long term.
- This operation provides a blue print that can be rolled out in other problematic areas, both within the North East locality and across the division as a whole.

Utilising the 4D approach, plain clothes officers and uniformed officers conducted patrols, focusing on violent hotspots in the Cables Wynd House area. Officers have provided reassurance to the local community through high visibility patrols. During the course of the operation there have been some excellent results including:

- More than £73,440 worth of street drugs seized
- More than £30,505 cash seized
- 70 arrest warrants completed (for 42 nominals)
- 26 nominals reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to a variety of offences (including drugs supply, assault, driving offences)
- 8 named suspect packs completed (1 of which domestic).
- 45 licensed premises visits
- 38 bail curfew checks
- 30 SID logs submitted
- 28 STORM incidents attended
- 61 ASB hotspots patrols
- 13 stop/searched completed (5 positive)
- 1 alcohol seizure
- 5 VPDs submitted
- 2 FPNs issued (1 Roads Policing, 1 ASB).

The North East CPT / FAHST worked closely with CEC North East locality team including FHST / Transport and Environment / Housing departments. Cables Wynd House agreed as a target area via Edinburgh North East LIP and CIP processes as it has been identified as a small area of concern in relation to health / poverty / education / crime by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

An Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) was completed jointly by an officer from the Preventions Intervention and Partnerships (PIP) department and CEC Housing team. An EVA report was completed and shared with CEC and highlighted at the CIP.



CEC Housing will seek to create a Residents and Tenants Organisation at Cables Wynd House and have completed a joint consultation survey with the North East CPT to gauge resident interest and seek their views on how to improve the locality.

Following successful MDA warrant executions, the NE FAHST have made the relevant Housing Association aware of the criminal activity of three separate tenants, resulting in two tenants being issued with "Notice to Quit" warning letters in the results of a guilty verdict following court proceedings.

The North East CPT worked closely with a number of 3rd sector agencies (Bethany / Citadel Youth / Destiny Angels) to support diversionary activities.

Joint visits with HMRC to Licensed premises completed on 23/02/18 with following results:

- 9.1 litres of spirits (Glens Vodka) – Approximate Duty Evaded £98.08
- 8 KG's Tobacco - Approximate Duty Evaded = £1,773.86
- 6640 cigarettes - Approximate Duty Evaded = £1,811.08.

Further joint visits will be conducted with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to problematic Licensed Premises.

Overall Operation Contrition has had a positive impact in terms of providing a visible police presence, focusing on violent hotspot, targeting known offenders and proactively seeking intelligence to disrupt the local drugs supply market.

There has been positive feedback from partners, community groups and the wider public in relation to the police activity and outcomes.

### **Operation Eagle**

As part of Operation Eagle, Edinburgh Division's response to the supply of controlled drugs, the North East initiative team executed seven search warrants during the months of February and March 2018. During the searches the officers recovered:

- Cash to the value of £8690
- Drugs to the value of £9760.

Officers recovered a variety of drugs including heroin, herbal cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy. The most common recovery continues to be herbal cannabis. The officers also recovered a stun device and BB gun from one address. So far eight nominals have been charged with drugs offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal following these searches.

This continues the excellent work by the Initiative Team, comprised of just four officers, and adds to the total of more than £450,000 worth of drugs and £32,800 cash recovered in the North East in the last 18 months.

