

# East Ayrshire

## Performance Summary Report - Q3 2023/24

Reporting Period: 01/04/2023 - 31/12/2023



**POLICE**  
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**Total Crime**



**3.3%**



**8,020 Crimes**

Incidents Recorded

Violence/Homicide

Drug Supply

Robbery

Domestic Abuse

Sexual Crime

**0.7%\***

**13.7%**

**-18.1%**

**2.6%**

**1.5\***

**29.9%**



26,291

1,101

56

24

714

240

ASB

Hate Crime

Acquisitive Crime

Drink/Drug Driving

Speeding

Serious Injury & Fatal Accidents<sup>^</sup>

**-8.7%\***

**22.2%\***

**-1.5%**

**9.5%**

**24.2%**

**15.6%/0%**



5,468

108

1,598

140

325

37/5

Note: All percentage figures are based on the 5-year average with all data based on Management Information which may be subject to change. \*5-yr Average is locally produced and not MI

<sup>^</sup> Change from 2022/23, 5 year average not available

## Introduction

This document has been compiled to look at the quarterly data available for East Ayrshire. The report is based on the areas of focus identified within the Local Policing Plan agreed with the Local Authority. The 'Plan on a Page' document is available on Page 3, this provides details of the areas Police Scotland have agreed to report on. The following list of contents provides an overview of the items included in this report:

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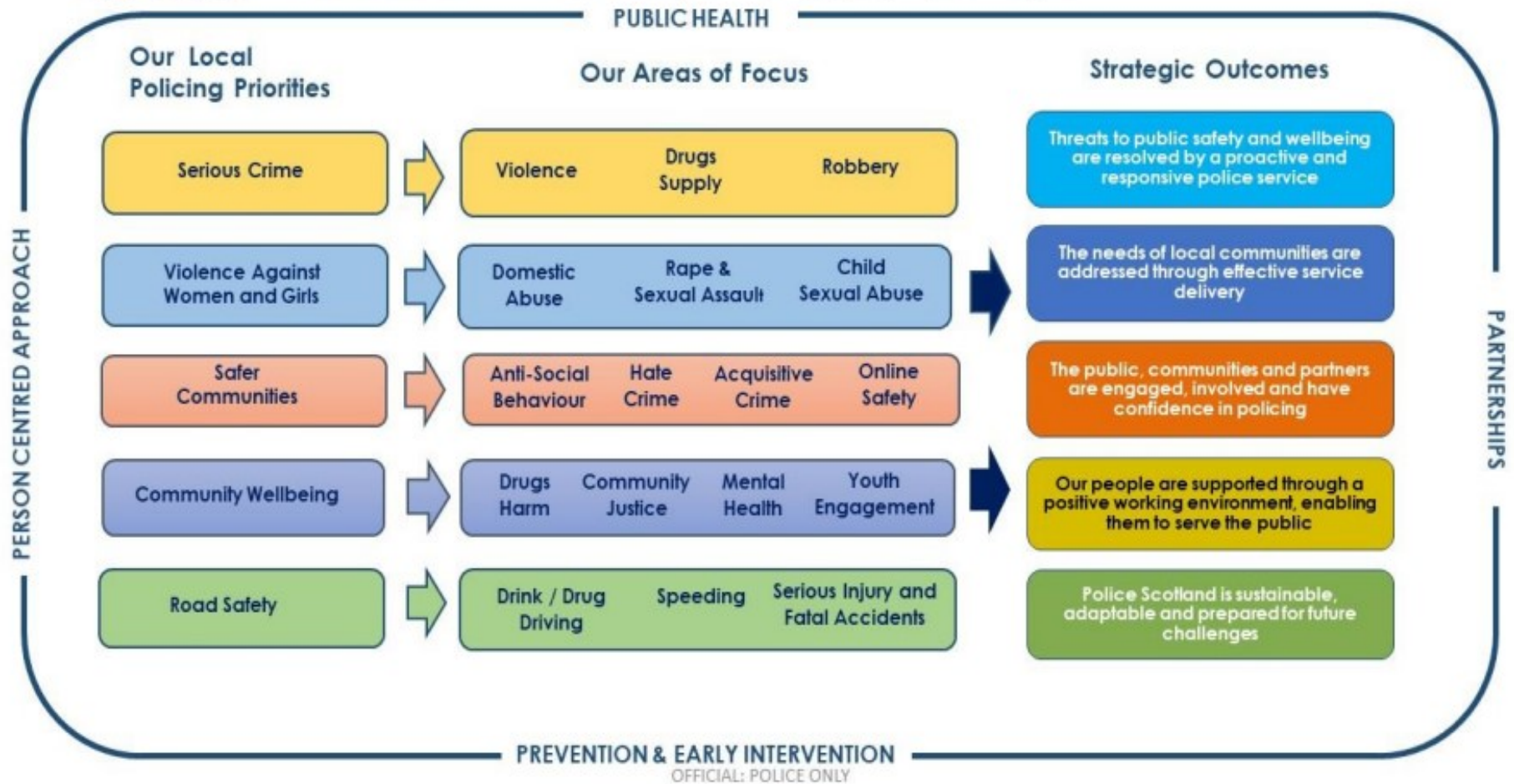
# Our Plan on a Page



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## Plan on a Page East Ayrshire

**Our vision** | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland  
**Our purpose** | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland  
**Our values** | Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights



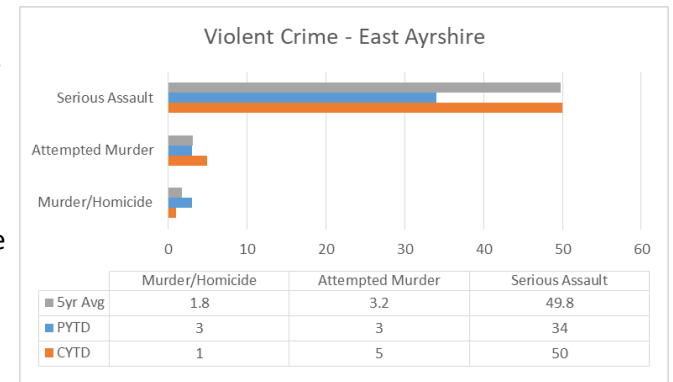
## SERIOUS CRIME—Violence/Homicide

### Analytical Context:

The Q3 period shows that overall violent crime has increased 7.5% from the previous year and by 13.7% on the 5-year average (968.6). This increase is due to the increase in Serious Assaults (up 47.1%) and an increase in all Minor Assaults (up 6.2%).

There are currently just over 4% of the Minor Assaults which are non-recent.

All 5 Attempt Murders and the Murder are now detected. It should be noted that last year 2 of the Murders were Culpable Homicides due to dangerous/careless driving.



### Local Action/Context:

Serious assaults continue to level against the significant spike which was noted in quarter one and is now in keeping with the 5 year average. There are 9 recorded over the quarter in East Ayrshire with the majority being within the Kilmarnock area, which is not unexpected in line with incident volume and population. This is slightly down on the previous quarter with 10 having been reported in the previous return. 66% of common assaults are already detected for this quarter with active lines of enquiry for the others.

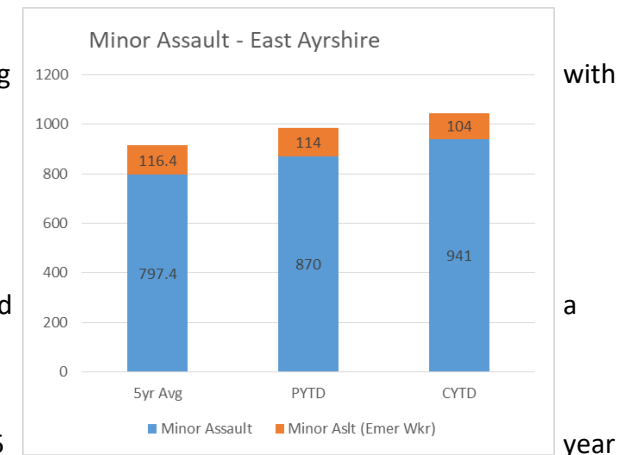
All crimes of violence are subject to close local scrutiny with Criminal Investigation Department taking sole responsibility for the investigation of the more serious crimes. In addition the Priority Policing Team have supported number of recent protracted enquiries which are now detected.

Common assault numbers continue to rise slightly which is in keeping with the wider Ayrshire area and nationally.

Pleasingly, common assaults on Emergency Workers has reduced this year both against the previous year and the 5 average.

This quarter featured the busy festive period and during this officers were specifically tasked with Licensed Premises visits. During this reporting period there have been 308 inspections compared to only 29 reported incidents.

The Community Wellbeing Unit (CWU) continue to work with identified offenders to deter them from future involvement in criminality.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

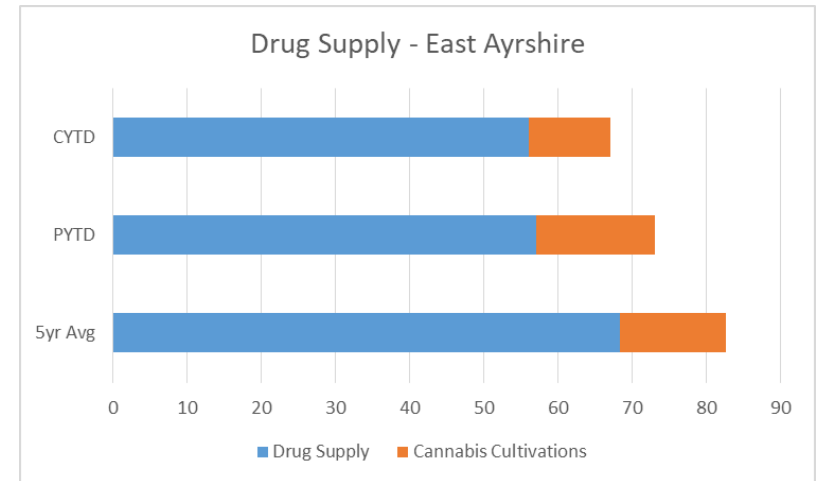
## SERIOUS CRIME—Drug Supply

### Analytical Context:

Drug supply charges in East Ayrshire have decreased 18.1% on the 5-year average and 1.8% from the previous year. Cannabis Cultivations identified in East Ayrshire have decreased 31.3% from the previous year and decreased 22.5% from the 5-year average.

Reports of drugs being brought into prison remained the same as the previous year (n=8) and decreased 38.5% from the 5-year average of 13.0.

Proactivity remains the main focus and means by which these charges are obtained. Identifying any real patterns to where these crimes are taking place requires the combined work of local officers and Divisional staff, building on the Community Intelligence provided by East Ayrshire residents, community groups or via Crimestoppers.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

### Local Action/Context:

Drug supply remains a focus for the Pro-Active crime team supported by Locality Policing and East Ayrshire's Priority Policing Team. Identifying and targeting those who supply high harm commodity within our communities remains a priority and we continue to proactively identify offenders alongside supporting those who struggle to exit that particular lifestyle through addiction.

During the reporting period 34 Intelligence led warrants were executed in East Ayrshire with offences being detected in 23 of those properties and 11 individuals were charged with being concerned in supply of controlled drugs.

During the reporting period the following examples are highlighted:

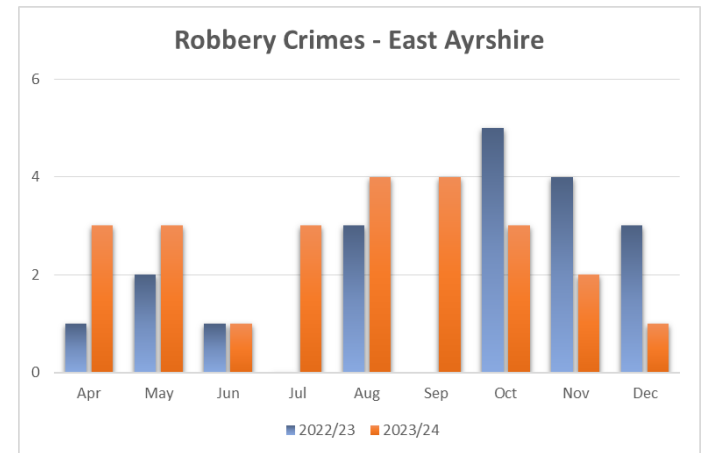
- From a property in Galston, Cocaine to the value of £3,000 was recovered.
- From a property in Kilmarnock, a Cannabis cultivation with a value of £65,000 was recovered. Charges under the Electricity Act 1989 were also labelled where we engaged with partner organisations to make safe the area.
- From a property in Stewarton, a Cannabis cultivation with a value of £188,000 was recovered. Again, charges under the Electricity Act 1989 were also labelled where we engaged with partner organisations to make safe the property.

## SERIOUS CRIME—Robbery

### Analytical Context:

The number of Robberies has increased from the previous year (n=20) to 24 this year and slightly increased on the 5-year average of 23.4. The current detection rate is 87.5% which is higher than the previous year at 80.0%.

Many of the robberies were in public space, 5 occurred in dwellings. There are currently no repeat locations in East Ayrshire but the majority took place in Kilmarnock with 9 of these in the northern area. Four crimes mentioned alcohol or drugs being involved and a slightly higher number of victims were male. Physical assault or a knife/bladed weapon is the most commonly used weapon. Purse/Wallet and Cash are the most commonly acquired item and the victim knew the offender, in some capacity, in 54% of these crimes.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

### Local Action/Context:

Robbery and Assault with Intent to Rob incidents are recorded as 6 for the current period. Numbers remain similar with 7 crimes in the previous quarter. 4 of these new incidents relate to completed robbery offences with property taken and have no similarity in terms of offender, character or circumstance. One incident took place at a Superstore in Kilmarnock whereby a male brandished a needle demanding money. An off-duty officer intervened, talked the offender into dropping the article and the male was arrested.

Only one Robbery for this quarter remains undetected with enquiries continuing to bring the offender to justice. As with the nature of these type of offences some are more complex and carry over into the following return period due to timescales with extended enquiry or awaited forensic results. Recorded numbers between the autumn quarter and the present return which includes the festive period remain similar in volume. There has been dedicated and strong investigate work both carried out and ongoing in relation to the listed offences. Detection rates remain high.

Town centre officers continue to proactively engage with retailers regarding preventative measures and raising awareness.

Preventative measures are continually refreshed which include identifying those known offenders who are subject to bail conditions to ensure compliance of conditions and all warrants for Robbery offenders are prioritised to ensure they are apprehended at the earliest opportunity.

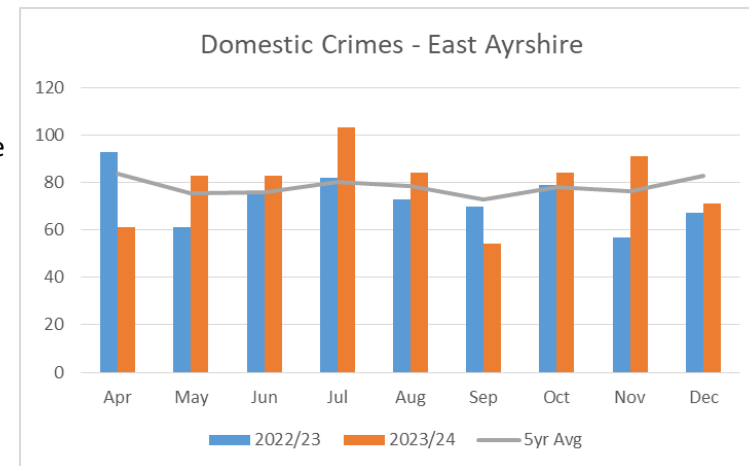
We remain committed to identifying the underlying factors that lead offenders to commit such crimes working closely with partners in this regard to decrease likelihood of offending / re-offending.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS—Domestic Abuse

### Analytical Context:

Domestic crimes have increased when compared to last year (n=657 last year, n=714 this year) and are 10.4% above the 5-year average of 703.6. The chart opposite clearly shows that most months with the exception of April and September showed an increase when compared with last year, most of these same months were also above the 5-year average.

It has been noted that just over 4% of the crimes reported during this period are non-recent.



Source: Taken from iVPD through Police Scotland Business Intelligence

### Local Action/Context

During October – December 2023 there has been a decrease in Domestic related incidents reported to Police within East Ayrshire. In total there were 411 incidents compared to 427 during the months July to September. However, this quarter’s figures are higher than the same period during 2022 when 375 incidents were reported to Police.

DSDAS referrals have also decreased from the last quarter with 21 referrals submitted during the period, in comparison to 29 during the last quarter. This is also a decrease from the previous year whereby 26 applications were made to the scheme. We remain committed to raising awareness of DSDAS .

Domestic Abuse remains a high priority within the East Ayrshire Local Police Plan and the DAIU continue to work closely with partner agencies to identify high risk victims of Domestic Abuse and develop safety plans around them. During this reporting period, 42 victims were referred to MARAC and risk-focused safety plans were implemented. The number of MARAC cases during this period has significantly increased from the previous year (32) however this can be explained by a greater awareness around this process.

Investigations undertaken by the DAIU between October and December identified 1 high tariff offender of Domestic Abuse as a Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) target and investigations are currently ongoing.

All officers in East Ayrshire remain committed to providing a professional, sensitive and consistent service to all victims of Domestic Abuse. We also continue to work with partners to improve awareness of Domestic Abuse and our victim centred approach.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS—Rape & Sexual Assault

### Analytical Context:

Examination of the Rape crimes reported in Q3 shows the same numbers for both this year and last year and significantly higher than the 5-year average. It is notable that a total of 12 of these are non-recent crimes. There were 9 crimes reported by one individual against the same male and 2 crimes reported by one individual against another male. At least twelve crimes were Domestic related.

Sexual Assaults have noted an increase when compared to both last year and the 5-year average. Of the 72 reported crimes, 22 are non-recent and at least 23 are domestic related. It should be noted that there were a number of multiple crimes reported by individuals against the same males. In one case one individual reported 5 crimes against the same male. This is impacting on the overall figures.

### Local Action/Context:

Targeting sexual crime remains a priority for Police Scotland. Every reported incident of a sexual nature is robustly investigated. The Divisional Rape Investigation Unit, led by a dedicated Detective Inspector comprises officers with a wealth of experience and specialist skills.

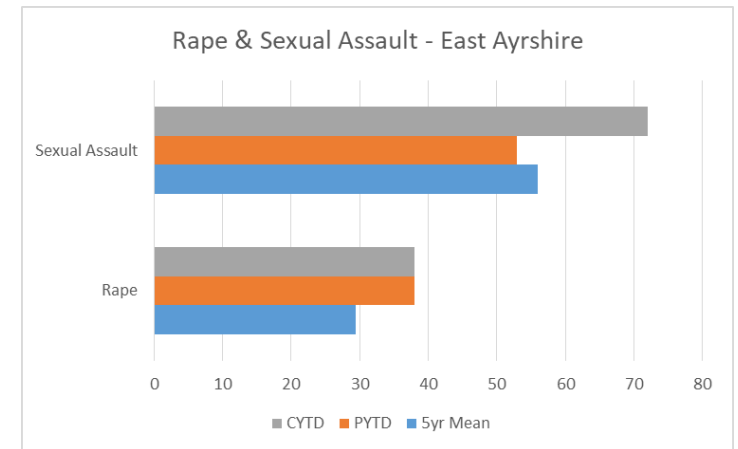
The majority of Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLO) have now received training in video recorded interview (VRI) practices which afford a more effective victim centred approach to capturing victim evidence. Officers are being further trained with information about the impact of trauma and how this can impact on a person's ability to participate in an interview to provide a fair and consistent approach under VRI. The introduction of the dedicated sexual health service at The Willows in Prestwick has proved vital in our effective and efficient response as SOLO officers, ensuring that victim welfare is at the core of our response.

Increases in sexual crime reporting may in part be attributable to increased support and confidence throughout the entire process—of which Police Scotland are a key component but by no means the only component.

East Ayrshire campus officers continue to work proactively with young people to highlight reporting mechanisms and perpetrator warning signs. There is ongoing work to utilise campus officers in the delivery of a new educational resource, accompanied by officers from DRIU and DAIU, in schools across Ayrshire. This presents opportunity for specialist officers to share their investigative experiences with our young communities in response to VAWG, domestic abuse and sexual crime.

Prevention is critical in sexual crime. During the 16 days of Activism in 2023 we worked closely with partners and highlighted national sexual crime campaigns such as 'That Guy'. Throughout the 16 days a variety of events were held including the Pan Ayrshire Conference in Kilmarnock which had a focus on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. In keeping with previous years, the 'Reclaim the Night' walk on the 5th December 2023 was very well attended and successful in raising awareness and pledge signings were plentiful across East Ayrshire.

There remains valuable engagement between the DRIU and COPFS including recent discussions around the topic of diversion from prosecution. Early discussions between SIO and the high court sexual offences team have proven vital in recent investigations and reaching positive conclusions for victims of sexual crime.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal



## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS—Child Sexual Abuse

### **Analytical Context:**

Examination of the Sexual crimes reported in Q3 show an increase in the numbers of crimes involving female victims under 16 years at the time of the offence. This year there were 75 crimes involving female child victims (31.3%) whereas last year there were 48 (26.2%). Of note is that 12.5% of this year's crimes were non recent whereas last year this figure was 14.2% .

The crimes for both years often involved Sexual Assaults as well as Lewd & Libidinous practices, Rape, Communicating indecently, Cause/coerce to look at sex image, etc. The victim knew the offender in 84.0% of crimes with the relationship often being a relative such as step father, uncle, grandfather, neighbour, etc; last year this figure was 75.0%.

### **Local Action/Context:**

In relation to reports of sexual crimes involving children there is an increase in reporting as highlighted above. It is the belief of specialist officers and partners that children are feeling more confident to report to Police as they feel supported at every level. Despite the increase in volume it is pleasing that child victims feel confident in police and partner agencies to support them through what can only be an extremely difficult process due to the nature of the crimes involved.

Of late Campus Officers have been the first point of contact for reports of sexual crime for a number of victims. The SCIM model for interviewing children ensures that the best interview/disclosures are obtained from the victim. To date there has only been one police-only interview in the last quarter which shows that Ayrshire are striving for the gold standard.

New legislation in relation to distress evidence is assisting in an increase in detections which provides increased reassurance and confidence to victims and to the public generally.

## SAFER COMMUNITIES—Antisocial Behaviour

### Analytical Context:

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in general has shown a reduction this year when compared to both the 5-year average (down 8.7%) and to a lesser extent on last year (down 3.4%). The Summer months of July and August tend to show increases in incidents as schools finish and the weather improves. June saw improved weather but this is not reflected in the number of incidents this year.

ASB incidents involving youths accounted for just over 17%.

The ASB Fixed Penalty Notices data for the Q3 period is currently not available.

### Local Action/Context:

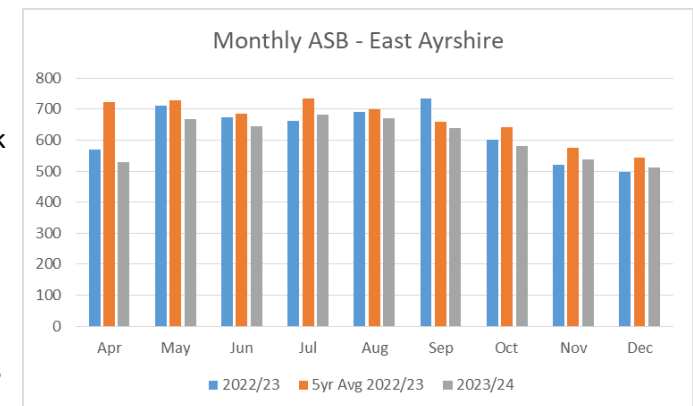
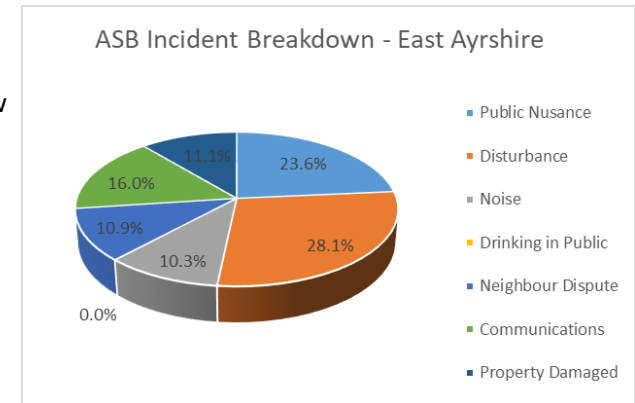
Our dedicated Anti-social Behaviour Officers and Local Authority Liaison Officer remain invested in working in partnership across East Ayrshire to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB). Daily scrutiny and appropriate information sharing continues to be a success and an early flag is made where ASB is increasing or emerging.

Over the weekend 24-26 November 2023 significant large scale disorder took place in the towns of Auchinleck and Cumnock. This originated in a “Take back our town” protest which gathered momentum via social media and culminated in widespread violence and disorder taking place over 3 nights. A number of adults and juveniles have been charged with a variety of offences, the most prominent being mobbing and rioting. A hearing date at court has still to be determined.

Incidents involving ASB attributed to children and young people is lower than in previous quarters — accounting for just over 17% of ASB incidents this quarter. We remain committed to town centre action plans across the East Ayrshire area, to initiatives such as the ‘Pitchin In’ programme at Kilmarnock FC and to partnership meetings including Whole Systems Approach which seek to tackle issues with young people at an early stage and divert from offending behaviour.

Night Time Economy Plans were considerably bolstered for the busy festive period and again included local partnership engagement. No increased levels of violence were noted around licenses premises. Weekend plans continue to be in place and are adjusted dependent upon events which are taking place locally to ensure that we have a high visibility presence and flexible deployment of resources, both local and national, to counteract disorder which is often correlated to alcohol consumption.

We continue to work with the APARC rural crime partnership to combat many aspects of rural crime, including the illegal use of off road bikes and fly tipping. Recently in the Kilmarnock area we detected a male for fly tipping and working in partnership he was reported by EAC to the Procurator Fiscal. In the Cumnock area we have seen a number of detections for individuals who drive or ride off road illegally. In Cronberry we detected a male on RSPB land who had been problematic for a prolonged period.



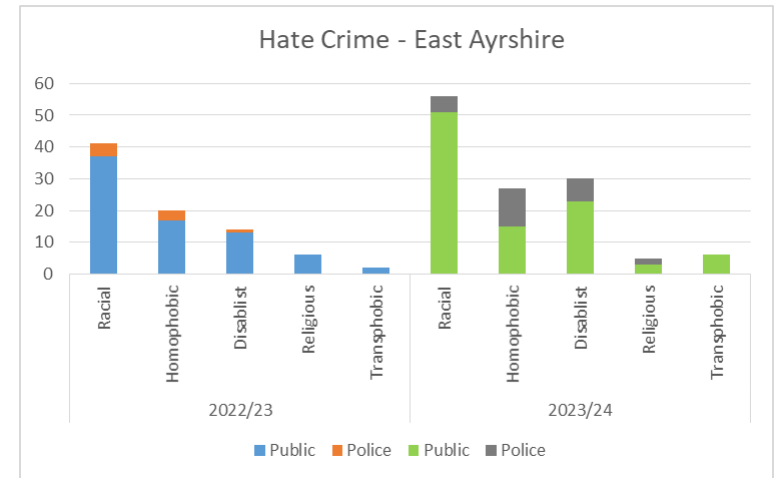
Source: Taken from STORM data extracted from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

## SAFER COMMUNITIES—Hate Crime

### Analytical Context:

Hate crime across East Ayrshire is currently showing an increase when compared to the same period in 2022/23 (n=78 last year, n= 108 this year) and the 5-year average (88.4). The chart opposite highlights the fact that Racial, Homophobic and Disablist crimes have increased. The majority involve members of the public however hate related abuse towards Police officers has increased significantly this year when compared with last year (n=8 last year, n=26 crimes this year).

There is currently three repeat victims identified in East Ayrshire; one victim was subject to 3 disablist crimes during Q3, one victim to 3 Racial crimes and another victim to two Racial crimes. There are currently eleven repeat locations identified, these include Queens Drive, Armour Street, Portland Street in Kilmarnock; Crosshouse Hospital; Kilmarnock Police Office; John Morton Cres in Darvel; Auld Avenue in Mauchline; Auchinleck Road in Cumnock; Campbell Street in Newmilns; Doonbank Cresc in Patna and HMP Bowhouse.



Source: Taken from the iVPD database through Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

### Local Action/Context:

Addressing the increase in hate crime is a priority in East Ayrshire with support and a single point of contact provided to all hate crime victims.

Every report of a hate crime attracts additional scrutiny and governance from the Local Area Commander and team to identify patterns of behaviour, repeat victims, locations and to ensure the relentless pursuit of offenders.

During the reporting period there have been three repeat victims. Repeat victims are offered a face to face meeting at a location of their choice to enable full understanding of the impact and to ensure all protective measures are in place to dissuade offenders from repeating this particularly harmful behaviour.

Campus officers continue to provide inputs around hate crime to all pupils within secondary schools.

We continue to promote and support national campaigns in both the media and social media to highlight the impact of this crime type and in an effort to deter offenders.

The Community Wellbeing Unit alongside the Preventions and Interventions Officer continue to engage with victims on an ongoing basis to provide support and to identify any patterns at the earliest possible stage.

## SAFER COMMUNITIES—Acquisitive Crime

### Analytical Context:

From the table opposite it is evident that the acquisitive type crime of Fraud, Common Theft, Shoplifting and Housebreaking are currently showing increases when compared with last year; Vehicle crime and other thefts have decreased. Fraud and Shoplifting are also currently higher than the 5-year average.

Fraud type crimes have been on the increase for a number of years, and this was exacerbated with the start of the pandemic in 2020 as more people moved their shopping habits online making them more vulnerable to potential scams and fake sites. Around 35% of Fraud crimes this year in East Ayrshire can be classed as having a cyber element, whether that is due to goods purchased and not received, monies not received for goods sent or WhatsApp type scams, there is some part of the Fraud which has involved the use of the internet.

Housebreaking crimes to domestic properties and commercial properties have both decreased on the previous year and on the 5 year average.

### Local Action/Context:

#### Fraud

A particular Fraud type affecting vulnerable individuals has impacted on East Ayrshire and beyond. The modus operandi for this type involves victim being contacted by an individual claiming to be from their bank and alleges attempted purchases. Suspect then advises there is an ongoing bank enquiry where staff at the local branch are corrupt. The victim is convinced to attend a local branch and withdraw money which will be later collected. Protracted and dedicated enquiries identified a suspect for incidents within East Ayrshire—the suspect having a banking and fraud team background which will provide him with the ability to pose effectively as a legitimate bank employee. Suspect was arrested in December 2023 however this enquiry is both complicated and protracted and involves national collaboration to conclude.

We continue to raise awareness of the various fraud types impacting our communities through engagement with local communities and the use of media / social media.

#### Shoplifting

Theft by shoplifting has increased substantially on the previous year and 5 year average. This is largely due to organised crime targeting retail premises. A new pan-Ayrshire group has been established to better share intelligence, disrupt and swiftly detect offenders. Detection rates remain high in East Ayrshire at 79.6% with further enquiry being carried out to identify offenders for a number of offences meaning the detection rate is likely to rise further.

#### Housebreaking

The detection rate for Housebreaking offences in East Ayrshire is currently 50% - this is by far the highest rate seen in recent times with the 5 years average being 30%. Domestic Housebreaking continues to fall and again is at the lowest seen over the 5 years (63 ytd versus 5 year average of 91.8). Non dwelling Housebreaking has seen a rise on previous year (27 versus 10) however this is still below the 5 year average of 29.

	CYTD	PYTD	5yr Mean
All Housebreaking	117	116	175.8
All Vehicle Crime	117	153	205.2
Fraud	236	205	157.2
Common Theft	384	371	446.4
Shoplifting	670	450	519.4
Other Thefts	74	102	119

*Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal*

## SAFER COMMUNITIES—Online Safety

### Local Action/Context:

- We continue to raise awareness of online frauds through our many local collaborations and nationally with Cyber Scotland Partnership and the financial industry. Locally, our Preventions and Interventions Officer delivers inputs to community groups to raise awareness and offer crime prevention advice. This consciously involves an age group span ranging from Young Persons Carer groups to Seniors Clubs and many different groups in between in an effort to target as many members of the community as possible.
- We continue to work with partners to deliver online support to vulnerable individuals who may be at risk of suicide. Police Scotland are committed to being an active participant alongside our partners in delivering a strong online suicide prevention presence which spans different age ranges.
- Police Scotland Cybercrime Harm Prevention team work closely with local officers with a remit to provide resources and preventative guidance for a range of cyber dependent and cyber enabled threats.
- We continue to work closely with the National Crime Agency to deliver Cyber Choices alongside Campus Officers which helps young people make informed choices and use cyber skills in a legal way.
- We are aware that there is a demand for more resources to tackle intimate image sharing, cyber bullying and harmful content in schools. Police Scotland have developed a resource which is delivered by our local Campus Officers to address harmful online behaviour. We continue to work with academic research to expand upon resources addressing harmful content.
- Local and national threats, trends and required resources are regularly reviewed with the most appropriate resource tasked with investigation and/or awareness raising. Of particular relevance, close working relationships are established between National Children and Young People team and our local Campus Officers and also with Specialist Crime Division Cyber Investigations and the UK Cyber Protect, Prevent and Prepare networks to respond to intelligence led threats.
- We continue to work with our partners in local authorities to deliver child criminal and online sexual exploitation awareness training to staff at children's residential units and also regularly provide professional and personal online safety sessions to local authorities.

## COMMUNITY WELLBEING

### **Local Action/Context:**

The Community Wellbeing Unit (CWU) continues to gain momentum in East Ayrshire with collaborative work at its core to reduce demand for the organisation through the connections and relationships with third sector and partner agencies, groups and communities.

### **Drugs Harm**

The East Ayrshire Community Wellbeing Unit continues to work closely with Recovery Enterprises Service, a service the CWU regularly use to refer vulnerable community members at risk through drug harm/alcohol misuse, mental health issues, poverty or housing matters to a weekly multi-agency group. These meetings also give the CWU an opportunity to engage with vulnerable people who attend at slots during these meetings who may otherwise not have positive interactions with police in other settings.

The CWU continually engage with people with addictions and at times can feed into the intelligence system in an effort to tackle the harm drugs are having on the community.

### **Community Justice**

The CWU have also struck a relationship with Venture Trust successfully referring two young people who were regularly coming to the attention of the police. Venture Trust support adults and young people through community and outdoor based personal development programmes, employability courses and outdoor therapy service. Some of programmes are aimed at people on Criminal Justice Orders or even people going through challenging life circumstances making it an essential partnership with the CWU.

### **Mental Health**

The CWU are an integral part of weekly professional's meetings discussing individuals with mental illness, on occasions overlapping with addiction who may be placing disproportionate demand on statutory and third sector services or who may be a risk to themselves or others. A total of 132 joint visits have been carried out, with partners providing expert support, whilst positive relationships have been built between police, partner agencies and vulnerable members of the community. All CWU officers are now trained in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and First Aid for Mental Health, with work continuing to have more officers receive the training facilitated by EAC.

### **Youth Engagement**

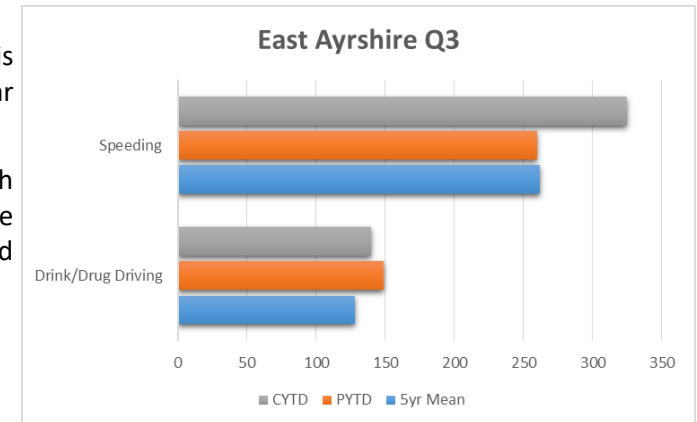
CWU officers continue to build strong relationships with care establishments improving links with vulnerable young people whilst reducing the likelihood of absconding. Through engagement with third sector organisations, CWU seek to compliment services by creating pathways out of anti-social behaviour, providing positive role modelling to young people who generally have negative experiences with policing. Notably two care experienced young persons in East Ayrshire were referred to the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, they are both now active members. Under the leadership of the CWU, there is now such demand around membership of the PSYV, that a second group has been created covering East Ayrshire, a first for a local authority in Ayrshire.

## ROAD SAFETY

### Analytical Context:

There has been an increase in Speeding offences when compared to both last year (n=260 last year, n=325 this year) and the 5-year average figures (261.6). Drink/Drug Offences during Q3 have decreased from last year (n=149 last year, n=140 this year) but increased from the 5-year average (127.8).

In terms of Serious and Fatal Road Accidents there have been five Fatal Accidents so far this year (two of which were children) compared with five last year. There have been 37 people seriously injured which is an increase of 5 since last year when 32 individuals were seriously injured; five of the 37 serious injury accidents involved children. During the same period last year there were 4 serious injury accidents involved children.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Business Intelligence Portal

### Local Action/Context:

Police in East Ayrshire remain committed towards Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 targets, through a strong collaboration with elected members, communities and partners.

East Ayrshire Police supported by specialist officers from Ayrshire's Road Policing Unit, continue the proactive targeting of those motorists that choose to speed and drive under the influence, which ultimately places them and other road users in danger.

Dedicated static road checks continue to be utilised at key strategic routes, which provide a visible deterrent and reassurance to local communities, and places officers in the right location and the right time where offenders are known to frequent.

The continued high visibility patrols of the road network cannot be underestimated in terms of positively influencing road user behaviour, and providing further reassurance to communities that officers are pro-actively patrolling areas where collisions are known to frequent.

A strong collaboration exists in East Ayrshire between local officers, intelligence and analytical colleagues. This close partnership ensures up to date intelligence packages and analytical products supplement daily tasking's to ensure officers are aware of emerging threats/trends and can deploy effectively.

In terms of the reporting period, there has been an increase in speeding offences compared to the same period last year. With speed being a factor in 80% of all fatal and serious road traffic collisions, this increase is testament to the continued pro activity of Ayrshire's Road Policing Unit supported by local colleagues, who strive to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on East Ayrshire's roads (continued on following page)

## ROAD SAFETY

### Local Action/Context Contd.

Drink and Drug driving offences have slightly reduced compared to the same period last year, however officers within East Ayrshire continue to act upon intelligence and deploy to key locations identified by analytical products where known offenders are likely to frequent. Officers take every opportunity to highlight significant detections via social media to ensure East Ayrshire communities are aware of the continual proactive approach towards road safety.

The A76, A70, A71, A77 and B7036 continue as priority routes in East Ayrshire whereby officers from Ayrshires Road Policing Unit have carried out a number of joint action days with road policing officers from Dumfries and Galloway, to extend cross border patrols of the A76, ensuring a consistent road safety message is delivered to those utilising this busy trunk road.

Ayrshires Road Policing Unit support the National Calendar of Road Safety Activity, which identifies specific periods throughout the year to target road safety priorities. The following campaigns were supported in East Ayrshire during the reporting period:

- National Speed Campaign
- Get Ready For Winter
- Operation Drive Insured
- Brake Road Safety Week
- Festive Drink Drug Driving Campaign

In addition to the above, officers from East Ayrshire have supported Ayrshires Road Policing Unit with a number of localised action plans. An example of this being on the 11<sup>th</sup> October when officers carried out a multi-agency day of action on the A71. This day of action resulted in 79 vehicles being stopped, with over 30 offences detected and 4 vehicles seized for having no valid policy of insurance.

In respect of fatal and serious road traffic collisions, there has been a decrease with two fatal collisions compared to three last year. Serious collision have increased from twenty to twenty five when compared with last year. However, it should be noted that an overnight stay in hospital (even where no serious injury is detected) is considered to be a serious collision in terms of recording purposes.



## PUBLIC CONFIDENCE—Survey Information

### User Experience - Current Position

The information on the table below is from data gathered between April 2023 to December 2023 for East Ayrshire. It should also be noted that the ‘Feeling adequately informed’ question has changed in 2022/23 and only applies to those who stated they expected to be kept informed.

Questions	YTD	Force YTD	Female	Male	Blank/ Other
<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>11,650</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>91</b>
Ease of Contact? (% Easy and Very Easy)	<b>75%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>74%</b>
Being provided with the appropriate response? (% Yes)	<b>59%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>54%</b>
Feeling adequately informed about progress made with your report	<b>50%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>52%</b>
Overall Satisfaction? (% Satisfied or Very Satisfied)	<b>67%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>57%</b>

### Your Survey

The following information is based on data from April to November 2023. NOTE—December data is not yet available.

How safe do you feel in your local area?				Total Respondents
	Very Safe	Fairly Safe	Total	
East	11.46%	62.85%	74.31%	253

Concern about Crime				Total Respondents
	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	Total	
East	30.43%	28.46%	58.89%	253

### Local Action/Context:

The Your Police Survey remains open for all police and members of the public to provide their views on Policing in the Local Community.

Local officers continue to promote engagement with Your Police Survey at all events and community engagements with regular broadcasts on media and social media channels.

## PUBLIC CONFIDENCE—Complaints Against the Police

The information within the tables below is from data gathered between April 2023 to December 2023 for East Ayrshire

### Complaints about the Police

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RE-		
	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE
<b>U DIVISION TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
East Ayrshire	103	83	24.1%	131	142	-7.7%

### Breakdown of Case Categories

	FLR (Early Resolution)	FLR PSD (NCARU)	FLR (Spec or PSD)	Criminal Complaint	Non Criminal (not FLR)	Abandoned	Withdrawn	Ongoing (NCARU)	Not Relevant Complaint
<b>U DIVISION</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
East Ayrshire Council	0	48	5	4	23	18	5	0	0

### Breakdown of On Duty Allegations

Breakdown of Allegations	Assault	Corrupt Practice	Discriminatory Behaviour	Excess Force	Incivility	Irregularity in Procedure	Neglect of Duty	Oppressive Conduct/ Harassment	Other - Criminal	Non-Criminal	Traffic Irregularity/ Offence	Unlawful Unnecessary Arrest or Detention
<b>U DIVISION</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
East Ayrshire	5	0	0	3	16	52	1	1	0	1	3	2

### Breakdown of Quality of Service Allegation

Quality of Service	Policy/ Procedure	Service Delivery	Service Outcome
<b>U DIVISION TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>75</b>
East Ayrshire	10	13	24

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acronym	Details
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
ASBIT	Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team
CWU	Community Wellbeing Unit
CYTD	Current Year to Date
DAIU	Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit
DRIU	Divisional Rape Investigation Unit
DAST	Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Team
DRD	Drug Related Deaths
DSDAS	Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland
EAC	East Ayrshire Council
FLR	Front Line Resolution
GIRFEC	Getting It Right For Every Child
HMP	Her Majesty's Prison
LPP	Local Policing Plan
LPT	Local Policing Team
LYTD	Last Year to Date
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
NCARU	National Complaints and Resolution Unit
Non-Rec	Non Recent (over one year from incident occurring)
PACT	Pro-Active Crime Team
PSOS	Police Service of Scotland
PYTD	Previous Year to Date
QoS	Quality of Service (relates to complaints)
RADAR	Rapid Access to Drug and Alcohol Recovery
SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
ScOMIS	Scottish Operational and Management Information System
SFRS	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
SWD	Social Work Department
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
YTD	Year to Date