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Keeping people safe

Northfield

Multi Member Ward Plan 2013

Update November 2013

Our focus. Your priorities.

This policing plan update highlights priorities that your community identified for us to focus on this year. It has been produced to update you on our progress.

Our focus has been on reducing crime and disorder, increasing public reassurance and keeping people safe in all of our communities.

We will continue to work closely with our partners and find effective long-term solutions to the issues you raised.

Local Priorities

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities and it includes our future plans. Your priorities for the Northfield area were:

1. Antisocial Behaviour

You told us about people, predominantly young people, behaving irresponsibly both in public spaces and houses and having a detrimental effect upon the quality of life of those who live and work in the Northfield area.

2. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

You told us your concerns regarding drug abuse and drug dealing within the Northfield area and the effect that has upon the community.

3. Car Crime

You told us that you are concerned about the impact upon the community regarding a number of young people living in the area committing crime, using stolen cars and motorcycles dangerously, endangering members of the community and causing antisocial behaviour.

4. Road Safety

You told us your concerns about drivers speeding and disregarding traffic directions and road signs throughout the area.

We have acted on your concerns and are sure you will have seen improvements in the Northfield area.

Our actions to date.

- We have continued to focus our resources on reports of antisocial behaviour working closely with the City Wardens in conducting high visibility patrols to prevent any problems. Local officers have conducted specific operations targeting these concerns supported by partner agencies to reduce occurrences and improve the quality of life of people living in and using the area.
 - We have identified locations where youths have been congregating and their behaviour becoming an issue. Here we have made effective use of the specialist officers and our Campaign Against Violence officers - officers based in offices who are deployed operationally at least once a month available to tackle violence and forms of antisocial behaviour.
 - We have seen the continued success of 'Project Fit', the result of partnership working through the Northfield Youth Action Group. Aimed at teenagers it provides opportunities to participate in sports, art and other diversionary activities in a safe environment over a number of evenings, providing a positive outlet. This work being recognised by the award for 'Integrated working' at the ACC Children and Young People's Services Awards 2013.
 - We have been regularly communicating with the public making use of printed, broadcast and social media and by attending local community meetings. While taking on board local complaints, we have been able to impress on the community the importance of reporting their concerns and encouraging early reporting, allowing us to intervene quickly before the problems evolve and behaviour becomes embedded.
 - We have actively supported Operations Trinity, Ruby and Whitebeam, which are designed to address the theft, misuse and dangerous use of vehicles across the city. This work allowing us to bring a local focus to these operations and addressing your concerns. Our operations will continue to bring this local focus.
 - Drugs and the misuse of drugs continue to have a significant impact on the lives of those in the area. We have been working to improve the information and intelligence received from the public about the supply and dealing networks in the area. This is assisting us and colleagues to take direct action through targeted patrols and the use of drug search warrants.
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In the coming months.

- We will be robust in our approach to dealing with individuals suspected of being in possession of controlled drugs, making it as difficult as possible for drug dealers to operate successfully in Northfield, while continuing to work with you to build an accurate picture as to who is responsible for supplying drugs in the community.
 - We will continue to target individuals responsible for crime by effective use of stop search powers.
 - We will make use of our expanded Road Policing department to supplement local staff in intelligence-led operations focusing on the issues you identify, with dangerous parking and inappropriate speed regular complaints.
 - Antisocial behaviour will continue to provide focus for our patrols in the coming months with activity already planned for the seasonal festivals. You can help us by reporting incidents of concern which will help build a picture of what is going on locally and where our resources should be targeted.
 - We will continue to disrupt auto criminals within Northfield, complementing Operation Ruby by working with our Road Policing and Detective colleagues to deter and detect offenders. This work will need the concerted efforts of Police Scotland colleagues and the vigilance of our local community to make the positive and lasting impact we are aiming for.
 - We will continue to work with the Northfield Youth Action Group to target those at risk of involvement in auto crime and the misuse of New Psychoactive Substances, often referred to as 'Legal Highs', raising the awareness of the dangers caused and educating our young people.
 - Leading up to the Christmas party season and beyond, we will be looking out for drink drivers with added determination. Please avoid a tragedy. Don't drink and drive.
 - We will be 'Tweeting' on our activities in the Northfield area via Twitter. Follow us @AberdeenNPolice
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