



Isle of Man
Government

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Department of Home Affairs

POLICING PLAN 2020-2021

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Foreword by Minister for Home Affairs



In accordance with the Police Act 1993, it is the role of my Department, after consultation with the Chief Constable, to determine the policies, objectives and priorities of the police force in the Isle of Man. This plan is then laid before Tynwald.

In a small Island such as ours, the visible presence of uniformed Police Officers plays a vital role in the community. The key to the quality of life we enjoy on the island is embedded in the relationships between its communities and its policing. The response to the recent pandemic highlighted the ability of the police to respond to our Island's needs and continue to keep us all safe.

This plan builds on the strong theme of supporting neighbourhood policing, improved outcomes for the vulnerable and diverting people from a life of crime. This means broader relationship building as the police and other agencies support each other in dealing with wide spectrum of issues; from mental health and drugs, to cyber-crime, to the policing of our borders.

However, I also recognise the frustration faced with increasing social and health related issues not being addressed early enough until they spill over to become criminal justice issues. It is long recognised that prevention and treatment/support would have better outcomes for the individual and other agencies involved, and the island as a whole. I will continue to work with other Departmental Ministers to address this.

I am confident in the leadership and commitment of our police that they will meet the challenges, and continue their work to keep us all safe and the Isle of Man will continue to be one of the safest places to live in the British Isles. To every officer, and support worker, I extend my sincere thanks for their part in this.

Hon. Graham Cregeen, MHK
Minister for Home Affairs
July 2020

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Policing Plan 2020 - 2021**

Overall aim in the Programme for Government: **We live our lives safe from crime and danger**

Departmental purpose – Keeping people safe.

OBJECTIVE	BACKGROUND	ACTIVITY REQUIRED	MEASURES
<p>Reduce the opportunity for serious and organised crime to exploit the common travel area for criminal purposes</p>	<p>There is strong evidence to show that organised criminal groups are exploiting gaps in the security of the Isle of Man's border to commit serious crime, notably drug trafficking and money laundering.</p> <p>The number of drug seizures in 2011-12 was 314. The figure for 2019-20 was 704.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to create a plan to combat abuse of the border • Focus on the importation of Class A drugs • Increase the investigation of money laundering connected with local drugs supply • Paper to go to Council of Ministers describing outline proposals by March 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement of Class drug seizures • Number of money laundering cases • Number of prosecutions undertaken • Cash seizures • Number of confiscation orders
<p>Reduce the instances of and the harm caused by Violence</p>	<p>Violent crime has increased for three consecutive years. Some of the increase has been due to continuing improvements in recording practices and some has been due to a greater awareness of domestic abuse, however much of the increase is linked to the supply of controlled drugs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to create a comprehensive violence reduction plan • Improve the targeting of the most violent offenders • Create a new strategy by March 2021 • Produce an implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall level of recorded violent crime.

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<p>Reduce the harm caused by Domestic Abuse</p>	<p>During the state of emergency during the Covid-19 pandemic, reports of domestic abuse increased by 71%.</p> <p>Early research on the impact of adverse childhood experiences shows a strong link between domestic abuse and poor life outcomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to revise and reinvigorate a Domestic Abuse Strategy • Implement to its fullest potential the Domestic Abuse Act 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the level of positive outcomes for victims of domestic abuse.
<p>Protect the Island from Economic Crime</p>	<p>The importance of combating financial crime and meeting international standards cannot be overstated.</p> <p>The Constabulary must do all that it can to help fight organised crime, protect victims and contribute to the global fight against financial and economic crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out the activities required by the Isle of Man Financial Crime Strategy • Ensure that the Economic Crime Unit meets established and emerging international standards • Work with partners, including the financial services sector, to reduce the number of victims of fraud, including that committed online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reports on activity • Reports of fraud where victims live in the Isle of Man.
<p>Reduce levels of youth offending</p>	<p>There is continued concern about poor outcomes for young people who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Agency Youth Offending Reduction Plan to be created by the end of December 2020 • Develop new approach to early intervention work with young people • Restorative and similar approaches to be taken to reduce offending and reoffending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced levels of offending and reoffending by children and young people.

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Keep communities safe	<p>The programme to reintroduce neighbourhood policing was temporarily paused because of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Steps are needed to ensure that it is re-established at the earliest opportunity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood policing model to be re-established • Detailed neighbourhood policing programme to be created and published • Programme to be published by March 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement of satisfaction levels amongst partner agencies, including local authorities • Measurement of satisfaction levels and feelings of safety of victims and witnesses; similar measurement amongst community
Protect vulnerable people	<p>Complex vulnerability amongst the community is a considerable driver of police demand.</p> <p>Steps are to be taken to identify and support the most vulnerable in society and work is to be undertaken with partner agencies to do so.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further embed mental health professionals in the Constabulary • Focus on victims and repeat victims to protect them and help them access support • Work with partners to support those at risk because of misuse of substances • Work with the DHSC and other agencies to conclude a forensic medical project and to develop a sexual assault referral centre • Create an appropriate data set of activities and outcomes to drive operational need • Meet the activities set out in the substance misuse strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Reporting on work of mental health professionals in IOM Constabulary • Measurement of satisfaction levels and performance • Reduction in the number of repeat victims

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Increase road safety	<p>In the 2018 Public Health Outcomes Framework, the Isle of Man figure for the number of people killed or seriously injured on the Island's roads per 100,000 of the population was 80.2.</p> <p>This is almost double the figure in England of 40.6.</p> <p>The Road Safety Strategy is to be reviewed and, if necessary, revised to ensure that it's safer systems approach delivers sustainable reductions in casualties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy review to ensure that the approach has political support • An uplift in enforcement activity • Review to be concluded by the end of December 2020 • The creation of a community speed watch programme scheme to be in place by March 2021 • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement data: prosecutions; fixed penalty notices; cautions; vehicle defect rectification scheme usage; • KSI data
Reduce the threat from cyber crime	<p>OCSIA transferred from the Cabinet Office to the Constabulary towards the end of the 2019-20 year. During the year steps are to be taken to complete the transfer and to meet the ambitious programme of work set out in the National Cyber Security Strategy 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and increase Government, business and public awareness of the IOM cyber environment so that people and business are able to protect themselves and respond effectively • Support the Islands business community and critical national infrastructure and create information sharing communities to boost resilience • Work across government and develop action plans for Information Assurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual cyber awareness survey • Numbers of cyber issues reported through the reporting point • Quarterly reports on activity relating to communications campaign and advisory notices. • Appraisal and implementation of legislation, policies and standards



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