

Overall crime down but incidents reported to police up



Management information relating to policing activity, including recorded crime, the number of incidents reported to the police and user satisfaction, between April and September 2016 has been published today.

The provisional management data gives an indicative picture of crimes and incidents across the country at a point in time over a six month period. The information helps to inform operational decision making on a daily basis throughout the organisation. It helps maintain our focus on keeping people safe by managing resources in the most effective way to police communities.

Management information is also published at a divisional level and for each local authority area across Scotland.

Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone said: “This latest snapshot indicates that compared to the previous six month period, overall crime between Groups 1 and 5 reduced and the number of incidents reported to the police increased.

“Recorded crime tells an important part of the story about policing; however, the significant level of calls for service for non-crime related incidents creates a more complete picture about the demand on the organisation.

“We continue to see significant rises in incidents which relates to missing people, domestic abuse, traffic and motoring issues and anti-social behaviour.

“It is of course welcome that overall crime has fallen during

the six months between April and September. The information also shows that crimes of violence and sexual crime have increased, with crimes of dishonesty reducing.

“We maintain a rigorous approach to preventing and detecting all crime. Crimes of violence and sexual crime, including rape, a priority for policing. Detection rates are constantly monitored and reviewed to ensure we take every appropriate and proportionate step to ensure offenders are traced and put before the courts.

The information published today is classified as Management Information. Official statistics are published by the Scottish Government