

Police detect additional 90 crimes per week compared to last year



Police Scotland detected the equivalent of an extra 90 crimes every week compared to last year, new figures show.

Officers detected 4,817 more offences in 2018-19 than in 2017-18, with detection rates also increasing year on year.

The figures are contained within Police Scotland's Quarter 4 Management Information report, which covers the period from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

A total of 2,463,827 calls were made to Police Scotland in the year, leading to 1,715,284 incidents being recorded.

While recorded crime increased year-on-year, it remained below the five-year mean. Detection rates for Group 1-5 crimes rose from 49.9 per cent to 51 per cent year-on-year.

Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr said, "Our officers are working hard every day and the increase in detections is

testament to their commitment to keeping people safe. Reports of sexual crime continue to increase, which is to be welcomed, but we are aware that sexual crime remains under-reported.

“Any violent crime is unacceptable and these offences have a significant impact on victims, families and communities. We are working closely with our partners to better understand and prevent violent crime. We have also seen positive results from stop and search, indicating a growing confidence in officers’ use of the tactic, which removes more than 600 weapons from the streets every year.”