

Police will continue to provide robust response to disorder

Police Scotland will continue to provide a robust response to any potential disorder across the country.

A number of planned demonstrations are due to take place this weekend and Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins insists that any repeat of the 'violence and thuggery' seen in Glasgow will not be tolerated.

He also reminded the public that lockdown restrictions remain in place and people should only leave their homes for very limited purposes.



He said: "We are aware of a few planned demonstrations and protests which are due to take place across Scotland this weekend. We live in a democratic society and Police Scotland

is absolutely committed to respecting people's rights to freely and peacefully express their views.

"Recent disorder in George Square saw people hijacking a peaceful event with the intention of violence and thuggery.

"This remains completely and utterly unacceptable and we will not tolerate these scenes, including attacks both physical and verbal on the public and our officers.

"My message to those who have been involved in the disgraceful scenes witnessed over the last couple of weeks is that if you continue to behave like this then be prepared to be arrested.

"We have a comprehensive policing plan in place with access to additional resources that can be deployed very quickly to respond to incidents of disorder anywhere in Scotland.

"However, I would remind people that the lockdown restrictions remain in place and people should only leave their homes for very limited purposes. Anyone who wishes to protest should find another way of doing so that keeps everyone safe."