

# Police report fall in violent crime and increase in number of recovered knives

Police officers in the capital have taken a greater number of knives off the streets during the first quarter of 2020/21.

Chief Superintendent Sean Scott said: "DCC Fiona Taylor has made clear, the first quarter period of 2020/21 is extremely unprecedented, given the restrictions placed on the public's movements. As such, we must not be tempted to jump to hasty conclusions on crime trends at this time.



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"It is however, reassuring to observe a fall in violent crimes such as serious assault, as well as robbery and assault with intent to rob, coupled with a greater detection rate for weapon possession offences.

"We will continue to target all forms of criminality in Edinburgh in order to keep the city a safe place to live, work and visit, while at the same time building on the national success of improving public confidence in policing."