



Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report by:	Lorna Hinshelwood, Local Authority Liaison Officer Police Scotland

Subject:	Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Roads Safety Forum on forthcoming campaigns
- ◆ discuss ongoing national and local campaigns

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the information set out in relation to road safety campaigns be noted; and
- (2) that the verbal update regarding these road safety campaigns be noted.

3. Background

3.1. In terms of the remit of the South Lanarkshire Roads Safety Forum, it has been agreed that Police Scotland will provide routine updates on national and local issues and campaigns relating to keeping people living and working in South Lanarkshire safer on our roads.

4. Local and National issues

4.1. Across South Lanarkshire, Roads Policing and Community Policing officers have supported speeding complaints outside schools where officers have carried out speed checks. Pop Up police have been used to deter excessive speeds. Education and enforcement used where necessary. Road Safety inputs delivered. Social Media and local press aware.

During July, August and September 2023, (Q2) the increase in detections for drink and drug driving has continued. Patrols and road checks were increased to actively target those using the roads whilst intoxicated. This remains a key threat in terms of those using drink or drugs subsequently causing or being involved in serious or fatal road traffic collisions. This will remain a priority for the Roads Policing Unit (RPU).

Q2 performance for drug wipes across Lanarkshire was 187 positive samples, 81 negative which a positivity rate of 70% is. Drug driving is a continuing problem but stats show Lanarkshire RPU are targeting the correct drivers.

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The reduction of 43 posts in the National Road Policing picture has presented some issues in relation to providing the same level of service to road users across the West Command area. Posts have been lost in all areas and this presents a risk in relation to meeting the public expectation, demand and achieving performance increases and reducing the number of people killed/seriously injured (KSI) levels.

4.2. Synopsis of stats below:-

Driver/rider education and encouragement has proven to have a positive, preventative impact on road safety.

Road Safety South Lanarkshire			
	April 2023 – Sept 2023	April 2022 – Sept 2022	% change
Speeding	233	287	-18.8%
Disqualified driving	30	42	-28.6%
Driving Licence	122	124	-1.6%
Insurance	299	372	-19.6%
Seat Belts	29	19	+52.6%
Mobile Phone	57	44	+29.5%

- 4.3. Lanarkshire Division are committed to ensuring the road network is safe along with partners and the Road Safety Governance Board who have oversight of reviewing all road crashes and offending to provide a proportionate response to any concerns, trends or patterns identified.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental issues associated with this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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30 October 2023

Previous References

- ◆ Roads Safety Forum – 13 June 2023

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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