

#StrongerNorth



North based calls to Police reduce by 56% since October 2014

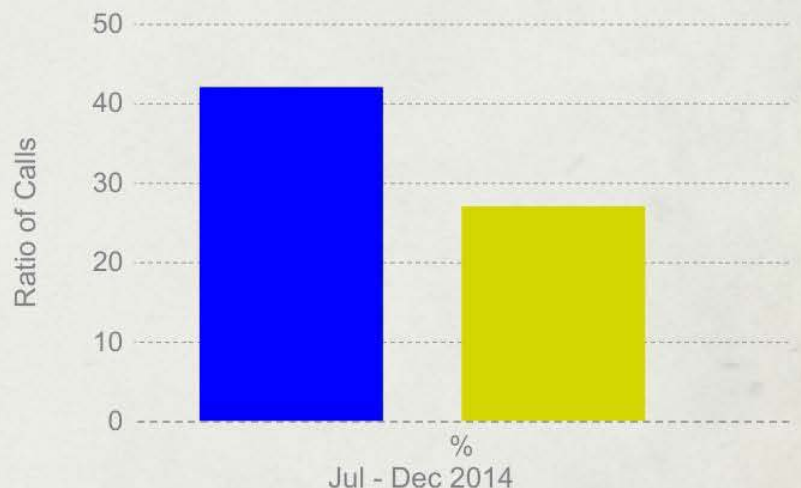


Calls to police using 101 and 999 reduced during the operational period October to December 2014.



In October 2014 just under half of all calls to the police across Edinburgh were from the North.

In December 2014, this had reduced to around a quarter of all calls.



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Tackling Youth Offending.



Since October 2014, a number of services have been working together to reduce youth offending and action has been taken against those raising serious concerns. This includes:

- 4 Young People subject to Movement Restriction Conditions;
- 4 Young People placed in secure accommodation in last 12 months (2 twice)
- 3 Young People involved with the adult system;
- 2 Young people involved with the Children's hearing;
- 2 Young People involved with the Court system;

Council officers and Police meet twice a week to share information and agree what action to take on reports of youth anti social behaviour. In the last 6 months, 7 young people were regarded as high tariff offenders. Thanks to interventions by the Council and Police, offending by these youths reduced by 60 charges compared with the first 6 months of the year.

Some of these high tariff young people have been supported in positive activity at the Towford Centre in the Scottish Borders where they are involved with helping to refurbish the facilities to make improvements for community groups to use the facility.

Improving the Environment

It is recognised that the wider environment plays a part in helping to both design out crime and improve the quality of life for residents of all ages.

Community clean ups have taken place at Ferry Road Drive, West Pilton Gardens and Granton Mill involving a range of services but importantly, local residents have been getting involved with over 70 to date helping make a difference.

We have also been supported by the Community Payback Team who have helped clear public areas.

More clean ups are being planned, watch out for details and get involved.



Community Engagement & Communication



Launched as part of #StrongerNorth and continues to grow with over 220 likes;



The @North-team Twitter stream continues to attract new followers with over 1,340 people keeping up to date.



#StrongerNorth display and weekly lunchtime Silver Command Officer visits to the Community Shop and Pilton Community Association flat.



Christmas marketplace event held on 5th December in the West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre involving over 50 residents.



3 Local community clean up's involving over 70 local residents

North Edinburgh News provided significant reporting of #StrongerNorth activity in the December 2014 issue. The next issue will also feature #StrongerNorth.

A residents perception survey will be taking place in early March 2015 and will involve focus groups. This will help all involved better understand if the approaches taken to date are making any positive impact and to learn where possible changes can be made to improve the quality of life for all.

Local Youth Engagement Activity

Each week, local youth providers engage with around 2,500 school aged young people. The vast majority of our local young people are engaged in positive activity.



Eight young people from Craigroyston High School are participating in the Cooldown Crew, supported by Scottish Fire & Rescue at the Crewe Toll station. Cooldown Crew allows young people to gain a better insight into the world of the firefighters and consequences of fire setting.



Different approaches are taken to encourage young people who may be involved in anti social behaviour, to engage in more positive activity.

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership / Total Craigroyston are soon to begin work on YouthTalk, a mass youth engagement activity aimed at improving local services and facilities.

2,500 Young People
aged 5-17 yrs
involved in
youth
activities each
week



Housing & Landlord Actions

- At the present time, we are undertaking targeted actions involving 34 Young People aged between 13 - 18 yrs.
- 28 tenancy enforcement actions involving private landlords, Housing Associations and Council, have been taken against parents of young people involved in anti social behaviour.
- 5 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts are being agreed with young people to improve their behaviour.
- Due to ongoing anti social behaviour, one family has been moved from the area.

3,318 Council properties in the Forth Neighbourhood

15,317 Households in the Forth Neighbourhood

Source: Scottish Census 2011 & CEC

Latest

West Pilton Walkabout	
Wednesday 25th March	2pm

Muirhouse Walkabout	
Wednesday 11th March	2pm

Walkabouts provide an opportunity for Community representatives, Police, Fire, Councillors and officials to identify local issues.

New CCTV Cameras	
Investment agreed	£36k



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