

Fairer Scotland Fund National Outcome 9

We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

Local Context

Youth Offending

Over the past 3 fiscal years the number of youth offenders under 16 years old is virtually unchanged at 599. The number of incidents attended by police that involve offenders under 16 years has increased slightly although the total number of charges made against under 16s is virtually unchanged. However the proportion of female offenders has increased on the 3-year period by 6% to 162 offenders. Though the number of offenders of each age has remained fairly constant over the last 3 years however there has been an increase in the numbers of offenders 11-12 yrs. The number of persistent young offenders has remained the same, those offenders referred to Moray Youth Justice have reduced their offending after completing their programme.

ASB

The overall picture for Moray shows a place, which is safe from crime. Crime rates in Moray (680 per 10,000) are below the Scottish average (819 per 10,000). Though our crime rates are low and the clear-up rates are good, Moray has a high level of minor assaults and anti social behaviour. The most prevalent types of anti social behaviour are rowdy behaviour, which includes the breach of the peace, drunk and incapable offences and urinating, vandalism and noise complaints though all of these areas show a slight downward trend over the last 18 months. However graffiti, neighbour disputes, dog fouling and fly tipping has increased showing an increasing trend over the same period.

Whilst 97% of people surveyed in the Scottish Household survey felt that Moray was a fairly good or very good place to live a recent community safety survey established that 38% of respondents had a fear of being a victim of crime. The level of domestic house breaking incidents has increased by 56% over the past three years and currently stands at 34 incidents per 10,000 population. Levels of vandalism has dropped since 2005/06 but is still 9% greater than 2004/05 at 1,955 incidents. The number of persistent offenders in Grampian has remained relatively static over the past two years with 37 being identified during 2006/07.

	Local Outcomes	Local Indicators	Frequency of Collection/ type or source	Baseline	e.g Local Targets & Timescales
	Children will be protected from abuse and harm	Number of children on the child protection register Duration on register	NESCPC Annual Report 2006/07	90 on register 55 de-registered (Time on register: Under 6 mths = 3 6mths – 1yr = 20 1yr – 2yrs = 26 2yrs+ = 6)	The number of children on the child protection register will reduce
	The life chances of looked after children will improve	% of looked after children attaining Maths and English at SCQF level 3 or above	Scottish Government Statistics – Health and Care Series: Children Looked After Statistics 2006-07	Moray 46% (those looked after at home 50%, those looked after away from home 44%) (34% National, 39% Comparator Average)	The attainment of looked after children will increase
		% of young people leaving care in the More Choices, More Chances	Scottish Government Statistics – Destination of Leavers from Scottish Schools 2006/07	In Moray, there were 1,072 school leavers in 2006/07, of those 2% were unemployed and not seeking employment or training (1% national)	The percentage of young people leaving care and entering further education, employment or training will increase.
		Looked after children figures	Quarterly reported to committee Activity Analysis	Children receiving a service away from home 82.5% at home 17.5% away from home	The number of children being looked after at home will increase

	Required Action by Local Partners for these Outcomes	ACTION
	The number of children and young people who offend will reduce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review use of ABC & ASBO legislation (CPP) • Use/develop early intervention measures to address increasing number of youth offenders aged 11-12 • Development of a revised youth justice strategy for Moray(CPP) • Partnership to evaluate Funding for Youth justice Service / consider funding from FSF(CPP)
	People in Moray feel safer and incidences of crime will reduce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop joint working on accidental injury prevention, including the provision of robust local health data on injuries requiring health treatment, to allow measurement and targeting of effective interventions (CPP) • Develop a Domestic Abuse strategy(CPP)
	Scottish Government required Action to support delivery of local outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete review of national ASB strategy within reasonable timescale (Oct 2008) • Prioritise alcohol as key community safety priority, including tackling the culture of binge drinking/misuse of alcohol, providing sufficient resources for effective treatment/support and resources to tackle the impact of alcohol misuse – policing, transport marshals, cleansing, etc – including contributions by those benefiting from the sale of alcohol • Produce national Alcohol Strategy (due spring 2008) • Complete review of drugs strategy within reasonable timescales