

## Response from Police Scotland

I have reviewed the data received from our Analysis and Performance Unit in order to form a fair and informed opinion on areas of Overprovision within the East Dunbartonshire Council area.

Before providing my opinion, it would be prudent to explain the data provided by the analysts. The data covers two full years; 2017 and 2022. The reason for this is that 2017 data was used the last time Overprovision was considered and 2022 covers the current period, so it provides a comparison of data used during the last review against the current position. The data provided can be split into 4 separate categories; Alcohol Crimes, Group 1 Crimes, Licensing Crimes and Incidents of Disorder.

<b>Alcohol Crimes –</b>	crimes involving alcohol and/or intoxication through alcohol
<b>Group 1 Crimes –</b>	non-sexual crimes of violence (murder, attempted murder, serious assault, robbery, abduction etc)
<b>Licensing Crimes –</b>	crimes involving licensing offences (selling alcohol to underage persons, failing to quit licensed premises etc)
<b>Incidents of Disorder –</b>	reported incidents of disorder (antisocial behaviour etc)

It is important to provide a brief overview of each category, as provided by the analysts, before considering current and proposed Overprovision areas.

### Alcohol Crimes

*In total there were 333 fewer alcohol related crimes in East Dunbartonshire in 2022 than in 2017. Kirkintilloch West had the highest number of alcohol related crimes in 2017 (126) and the second highest number in 2022 (59). Kirkintilloch West showed the largest decrease in alcohol related crimes with 67 fewer such crimes in 2022 than in 2017.*

*Bishopbriggs West and Cadder became the highest intermediate datazone for alcohol related crimes in East Dunbartonshire in 2022 with 60 such crimes. It also showed the largest increase in such crimes between the two years (33).*

*Hillhead remained a prominent datazone for alcohol related crime. It was second highest in 2017 (100 crimes) and third highest in 2022 (41 crimes). It also demonstrated a large decrease in the number of alcohol related crimes (59).*

*Keystone and Dougalston also demonstrated a very significant drop in the number of alcohol related crimes, decreasing by 61 from 81 in 2017 to 20 in 2022.*

### Group 1 Crimes

*In total there was an increase of 14 Group1 (violent) crimes in East Dunbartonshire between 2017 and 2022.*

*Kirkintilloch West had the largest number of Group 1 crimes in 2017 (21 crimes) but showed the largest decrease (of 11) and had only 10 Group 1 crimes in 2022.*

*Auchinairn showed the largest increase between 2017 and 2022 (an increase of 5). Auchinairn had the joint second highest number of Group 1 crimes in 2022 along with Kirkintilloch West.*

*Bishopbriggs West and Cadder had the highest number of Group 1 crimes in 2022 (12 crimes). This was 2 more crimes in that datazone than in 2017 (10 crimes). Hillhead had the third highest number of Group 1 violent crimes in East Dunbartonshire in 2022 (7 crimes). This was 1 fewer than in 2017.*

## **Licensing Crimes**

*There was only 1 licensing crime in East Dunbartonshire in 2022 and it was in Kirkintilloch West.*

## **Incidents of Disorder**

*In total there were 1658 fewer incidents of disorder in East Dunbartonshire in 2022 than in 2017.*

*Kirkintilloch West had the highest number of incidents of disorder in East Dunbartonshire in both 2017 and in 2022. However incidents of disorder did fall in this datazone by 130 incidents from 456 in 2017 to 326 in 2022.*

*Hillhead had 314 incidents of disorder in 2017 and 199 in 2022, a decrease of 115. The largest decrease was in Bishopbriggs West and Cadder which had 347 in 2017 and 179 in 2022, a decrease of 168.*

*No datazone in East Dunbartonshire had more incidents of disorder in 2022 than it did in 2017.*

## **Current and Proposed Areas of Overprovision**

The current Overprovision areas in East Dunbartonshire are Kirkintilloch West and Hillhead. Of the 27 datazones, both areas remain in the top 4 for all categories, with Kirkintilloch West having the highest number of incidents of disorder by far. However, they have both shown significant decreases in alcohol crimes and incidents of disorder compared to 2017. Taking cognisance of the police data, I would suggest that there have been clear improvements in the areas since 2017, however they remain prevalent areas for alcohol crimes and incidents of disorder when compared to other areas in East Dunbartonshire and remain “place areas” in terms of being areas of deprivation. Therefore, I’d suggest that the two current areas remain as areas of Overprovision in the new Licensing Policy, subject to further data from HSCP etc supporting this view.

It is noted that HSCP have proposed that East Clobber & Mains Estate, Harestanes and Kirkintilloch South are added as areas of Overprovision. From the available data, all of these areas have seen a reduction in alcohol crimes and incidents of disorder compared to 2017. Harestanes and Kirkintilloch South have also seen reductions in Group 1 crimes since 2017 with East Clobber and Mains having a small increase. Taking cognisance of this, I do not believe that this justifies their inclusion as areas of Overprovision when the police data is viewed in isolation but I understand that the Board may take a different view when it is considered alongside data from HSCP and other partners.

**I have attached the data to this email but ask that it is only used to inform the Licensing Board on the matter of Overprovision and not for any other purpose. It should not be released to the wider public at this time.**

I hope that this overview and opinion on Overprovision within East Dunbartonshire is helpful to the Board when considering their options.

Many thanks,

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