



Community Safety



Media Monitor

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Covid 19

Police able to break up house parties of more than 15 people

Health officials have warned such gatherings could present "high-risk super-spreader environments". First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the move was necessary in anticipation of a rise in indoor gatherings as winter approached.— <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-53935543>

Early Intervention

Nearly 500,000 'vulnerable' Scots removed from database

The records of nearly 500,000 people have been deleted from a Police Scotland database designed to protect vulnerable people, new figures show. The list allows officers attending incidents to add people who they consider to be at risk of future harm.

But three years ago the force fell foul of the Information Commissioner who said there needed to be a policy for removing people from the database. - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-53989027>

Hate Crime

Kick It Out reveals 'shocking' rise in reports of racism in football

Kick It Out has revealed it received "shocking" increases in reports of racist and homophobic abuse in professional football last season – despite hundreds of matches being played behind closed doors or postponed because of the pandemic.

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2020/sep/03/kick-it-out-reveals-shocking-rise-in-reports-of-racism-in-football>

Homelessness

Homelessness faced by 30,000 Scottish Households

Official figures show 31,333 households in Scotland were homeless or threatened by homelessness last year. The release from the chief statistician for 2019-20 indicates a 4% rise in households affected. By the end of March 2020, almost 12,000 households were in temporary accommodation. - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-53930937>

West Dunbartonshire homelessness service support 500 people during lockdown

More than 500 vulnerable residents have been supported by **West Dunbartonshire Council's** homelessness and housing options team so far during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The team, which continued to operate a 24/7 service throughout lockdown, increased the provision of accommodation by 40% to meet demand.

Since March, 444 people have presented as homeless, with 370 households offered accommodation. This has included 105 residents who were homeless as a result of domestic abuse and 142 young people. - <https://www.scottishhousingnews.com/article/west-dunbartonshire-homelessness-service-supports-500-vulnerable-people-throughout-lockdown>

Road Safety

Drink-drive plan for 'alcolocks' in cars after crashes increase

The government is planning to introduce "alcolocks" in cars and more accurate roadside breathalysers after a rise in drink-driving crashes. A set of new measures could be implemented by ministers as soon as next year because of concerns over the stubbornly high number of injuries and deaths linked to drink-driving. Figures published by the Department for Transport show that there were 5,890 crashes recorded in 2018 in which at least one driver was over the limit, a rise of 3 per cent in 12 months. - <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/government-looks-to-alcolocks-to-curb-drink-driving8lk95gqtf>

Domestic Violence

Shetland teen's project to end Gender Based Violence receives police backing

A teenager's mission to tackle gender-based violence in her hometown has picked up support from local authorities. Rhea - a 16-year-old from Shetland - used a social media app to ask young people to anonymously share their experiences with sexual harassment in the Isles.

A post on Shetland Rape Crisis's Facebook page shared 66 stories of abuse from all genders across Shetland - although the vast majority of accounts in the #WisToo project detailed incidents against young women and girls as young as eight years old. - <https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/18692423.shetland-teens-project-end-gender-based-violence-receives-police-backing/>

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