

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO THE IMPACT ON LOCAL POLICING RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014.

The Commonwealth Games 2014 placed unprecedented resource demands on Police Scotland and this impacted on every Local Policing Division and Department across the country. This required somewhere in the region of 111,000 deployments from across Scotland throughout the duration of the Games to multiple venues around Glasgow but also in Edinburgh and Dundee.

To ensure Police Scotland delivered a safe and secure Games all police officer annual leave was cancelled between 6 July and 5 August with summer leave having to be condensed into the period immediately before and after these dates.

Between 6 July and 5 August Forth Valley Division on any given day committed between 7 (1%) and 247 (40%) of our police officers to Commonwealth Games deployments. To ensure appropriate resource levels were maintained within the Division all officers worked 12 hour shifts on 8 days during this period. A number of police staff were also engaged on Commonwealth Games activity however there was no impact on their leave or days off.

Minimum police officer levels were maintained throughout the period of the Commonwealth Games to ensure the Division could react to the demands we faced policing our communities and additional regional/national resources were made available as and when required and deployed on several occasions into the Division and Falkirk in particular.

Proactive Policing was impacted however examination of crime, incident and wider demand data indicates that the Division was able to respond and deal with all the challenges faced during the period.

All Police Officers and Staff, whether deployed to the Games or retained within the Division worked exceptionally hard, demonstrated tremendous flexibility and regularly went that extra mile to ensure that the Games were a success and that the communities within the Division and Falkirk Area Command were policed as effectively as possible.

I would be happy to answer any questions from members in relation to this.

Davie Flynn
Chief Superintendent
Local Police Commander
Forth Valley Division