10.3 Cuckooing

Project Aim	Start Date	Testing End Date	Progress Scale
Increase the number of individuals who are involved in cuckooing incidents who undertake effective	July 2019	May 2020	7– Initial
interventions or who are referred to relevant support services in priority localities by 2021.			Indications of
Project Manager: George Nixon, Police Scotland Project Charter approved 1 July 19			Improvement

Changes Being Tested (Specify location/test group)

The following changes are being tested City Wide:

- Mechanisms for raising awareness with public/local communities (eg leaflet drops, SHMU radio/newsletters)
- 'Lead professional' approach for individuals involved
- Regular 'operational' cuckooing meetings involving partners (Cuckooing Initiative Operational Group) to review incidents

Are our changes resulting in improvement?

As partner relationships have become established and knowledge has been increased, the number of incidents reported has increased. Similarly, the number of visits completed has also increased during this time. A similar steady increase has been seen in relation to the numbers undertaking interventions. The number referred to support services does not reflect this, however victims are often already involved with services and do not require a new referral. Across the city, 48% of those identified as being cuckooing victims are currently undertaking an intervention.

Improvement Data







