



BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

2017 Annual Report – Summary

Bailiwick Law Enforcement has had another challenging and successful year. Its full report details the many areas officers and border agency staff have been involved in and how they are tirelessly working to keep the island a safe place to live and work.

The full report is available online to read, but here are some highlights of 2017

Crime Reports

After a fairly sustained period of falling crime figure, the overall trend has plateaued and in some cases there has been a modest rise. Compared to the UK, Guernsey remains an extremely safe place to live and work.

In total there were 1,580 recorded crimes – up from 1,389 in 2016. The overall trend in recent years has been downwards – in 2010 there were 2,572 recorded crimes. The detection rate remains consistent at 48%, which would be the envy of many police forces and is testament to the consistency of our investigatory service.

Public Protection Unit

PPU officers had a very busy year and were engaged in investigations ranging from 'sexting', indecent images and online child exploitation to contact offences including assaults on children, neglect/abandonment of children, child sexual abuse, rape, buggery and abduction. Significant cases last year involved the imprisonment for six and a half years of a male for indecent assaults toward children and another male received five years imprisonment for indecent assaults and gross indecency with a child.

Weapons Amnesty

A two-week weapons surrender held across the Bailiwick in November saw 371 weapons handed in. In total, 55 were live-firing firearms, 202 bladed articles, 114 other weapons and 3,000 rounds of assorted ammunition.

Economic Crime

A total of 17 serious financial investigations were carried out – three more than 2016. Domestic Investigation Production Orders increased by five to 23, International Investigation Production Orders decreased by two to 19, and Confiscation Orders went up by four to 13. At £66,966, the amount confiscated was nearly £46,000 lower than 2016. There were five restraint orders, with a total value of just over £3m. – far higher than the £75,200 during 2016. Civil Forfeiture stood at

more than £20m., well above the near £10,000 recorded in 2016. Online reports to Action Fraud UK more than tripled to 72, and Suspicious Activity Reports increased to 1,438.

Money

The Guernsey Border Agency collected £41.2m. in import and excise duties – 1% more than last 2016. This is the second largest income source for the States after income tax.

Personnel

Head count, including Police, Border Agency and civilians is 297. Of this, 146 are police officers, two more than 2016, 57 are from the Border Agency, an increase of 10, and the remainder are civilian support staff, an increase of nine.