

Police Scotland (MAKI) – Covid-19 Update

COVID impacts on us daily but not to the same extent possibly in MAKI as in other areas. We do receive a relatively low number of calls from members of the public daily highlighting any Covid concerns around properties or persons they believe to be involved in Covid breaches and each one is looked at separately. This tends to increase at weekends when people seem more likely to be tempted to socialise.

When dealing with these we obviously have to consider any circumstances that would be exempt from the legislation or guidance such as essential maintenance or extended households for example but there are certain individuals in our community who continue to allow others to come into their houses and socialise which is a concern. Strategically it has been outlined that the police response will follow the four-step escalation principles of engagement, explanation, encouragement and finally enforcement but there are instances where officers are justified in moving straight to enforcement with the issue of fixed penalty