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Scottish Conservative analysis of Police Scotland crime statistics shows that anti-social behaviour rose by 5 per cent over the last year.

The figures show that there have been 343,570 anti-social behaviour incidents in Scotland during 2017-18, a rise of 17,794.

In addition, the figures demonstrate that there have been almost 1,000 anti-social behaviour incidents per day across Scotland.

Aberdeen City Council reported the highest increase at 41 per cent, followed by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar at 35 per cent and Aberdeenshire at 34 per cent.

The highest number of incidents took place in Glasgow at 56,337 incidents, representing a staggering 154 incidents per day.

Commenting on these figures, Liam Kerr, Scottish Conservative shadow justice secretary said:

“Anti-social behaviour has an extremely negative impact on our communities and can severely affect people’s quality of life, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

“These rising levels of anti-social behaviour clearly indicate that the SNP’s soft touch approach to crime is failing communities.

“It is no coincidence that under the SNP police numbers are falling, police morale is at an all-time low and that police officers are increasingly filling in paperwork rather than patrolling our streets

“There must be no question of abandoning victims of anti-social behaviour or implicitly signalling to the perpetrators that they will be tolerated.

“The SNP must ensure we have enough police officers on our streets to detect and deter anyone undertaking anti-social behaviour, and reassure the public that they will be protected.”