

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Venue: Council Chambers/Hybrid,
Midlothian House, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN

Date: Thursday, 08 May 2025

Time: 11:00

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1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

2 Order of Business

Including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

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No items for discussion

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 September 2025 at 11am.

Minute of Meeting

Police and Fire and Rescue Board
Thursday 8 May 2025
Item No 4.1



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 18 November 2024	11.00am	Council Chambers/Hybrid

Present:

Councillor McKenzie (Chair)
Councillor Alexander (virtual)
Councillor McEwan
Councillor Smaill (virtual)

In Attendance:

Midlothian Council	Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place
	Iina Jaara, Democratic Services Team Leader
	Nicola Thorburn, Democratic Services Officer
Police Scotland	Greg Banks, Superintendent
	Jim Robertson, Chief Inspector
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	David Girrity, Group Commander
	Marc Pincombe, Area Commander

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board, advising that the meeting was open to the public and would be webcast live.

Apologies were received from Councillor Curran, David Morrison, Fire Scotland and Mark Landels, Fire Scotland.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was as set out in the agenda previously circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated at this stage of the proceedings.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

4.1 The Minute of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting on the 26th of August 2024 was submitted for approval. The Chief Officer Place requested an amendment to the minute in section 4.5, paragraph 3, which should state that if the fixed penalty goes to court this would be in the public domain.

The Chair also noted an incorrect abbreviation within section 5.1 & 5.2 and asked for this to be updated to Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).

Democratic Services to amend the minute of 26 August 2024 accordingly.

Following these amendments, the minute was moved as the correct record by Councillor McEwan and seconded by Councillor Smail.

4.2 Action Log

Item 1 – The Chief Inspector, Police Scotland confirmed that the information was sent to Elected Members on 12 November 2024 and the item is therefore recommended for closure.

Item 2 – The Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service confirmed that the information was sent to Elected Members on 13 November 2024 and the item is therefore recommended for closure.

Item 3 – The Chief Officer Place confirmed that, as per the amendment to the previous minute noted above, if a person is in receipt of Fixed Penalty Notice this would not be in the public domain. It would only be in the public domain if it is contested in court and therefore it would appear on the court roll. The item was recommended for closure.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Police Scotland Q2 Performance Report 2024/25	Chief Inspector Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Chief Inspector Police Scotland presented the Quarter 2 Police Scotland Performance Report for 2024/2025 and highlighted the salient points within.		

The Chair thanked the Chief Inspector Police Scotland and opened the item for questions.

Following discussion regarding speed gun checks on rural roads, the Chief Inspector Police Scotland confirmed that there will be a continued focus on road safety in December 2024 which includes driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The Chief Inspector Police Scotland also confirmed that data on blue light incidents at school and attempted residential and non-residential break-ins can be included in future reports.

The Board asked Police Scotland to provide clarity on the law regarding the use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) in private properties. The Chief Inspector Police Scotland advised that area CCTV should be kept within a person's property boundary and noted that the Community Police Teams can assist in resolving disputes with neighbours.

The Board noted that parking continues to be an issue at Gladhouse Reservoir, which has continued since Covid. The Chief Inspector Police Scotland added that there has been good engagement with the local community recently and nothing had been highlighted, however Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT) resources are being deployed in this area so this can be monitored.

The Chair referred to the Sexual Crimes data on page 12 of the Police Scotland report and asked whether historical cases were recorded at the date it was reported. The Superintendent confirmed that historical cases are recorded in the current figures and that while this may skew the data, it is encouraging that people feel supported to come forward. The Board asked Police Scotland if Midlothian Council was engaging and providing the support needed. The Superintendent confirmed that there is good engagement with Midlothian Council, services and other external agencies, which they are grateful for.

Following on from the update advising the 'THAT GUY' campaign will now include a podcast series, the Chair offered support with promoting the campaign within Education, so this message can be reinforced in schools, and that this would also apply for the Project Fearless campaign in relation to Sextortion.

The Chair asked for an update on Bonfire Night. The Chief Inspector Police Scotland advised that a formal report would be presented at the next meeting, but noted that there were 14 incidents between 1-14 November, including one adult male charged for using fireworks while under the influence of alcohol. The Chief Inspector Police Scotland added that the Mayfield Fireworks annual event, organised by Robert Hogg and Mayfield & Easthouses Community Council, was a safe and successful event and thanked the organisers. The Superintendent added thanks to Elected Members for their support and guidance during the community engagement in the run up to Bonfire Night and that work has already started for 2025.

The Group Commander, Fire Scotland added that their formal report will be submitted as part of the Quarter 3 Performance Report but highlighted that there were 13 secondary fires between 31 of October and 8 of November. Operation

Moonbeam had been effective, and Midlothian was quiet. The Group Commander, Fire Scotland also reported that there were no incidents of physical or verbal abuse to fire crews this year. The Board noted the positive news, and the Chair expressed their thanks on behalf of Midlothian Council to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Police Scotland and the community groups.

The Chief Officer Place reported that the amnesty on furniture and large goods was well received in the community and bookings were full. The Board recognised that this is one of the most polluting nights of the year due to chemicals from fireworks and various items being burned in unauthorised bonfires.

The Board highlighted the effect of fireworks on animals and pets, and agreed it is a matter of respect and civility to inform neighbours if there are plans to set off fireworks in gardens. The Chief Officer Place added that animal welfare is a concern and hopes that the promotion of safe public events will reduce the number of private displays. The Chief Officer Place also noted the increase in events where fireworks are displayed, such as Hogmanay and Diwali although events where there is no prior warning that appear to have the greatest impact.

Decision

The Board noted the update.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Q2 Performance Report 2024/25	Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Area Commander explained that David Girrity as had taken over from Mark Landells as Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and would be presenting the report.</p> <p>The Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) introduced the report which provides information on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's prevention, protection and operational response activities within Midlothian for Quarter 2 of 2024-25 (1 July 2024 – 30 September 2024) and highlighted the salient points.</p> <p>The Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) provided an overview of the total number of incidents in Midlothian. Quarter 2 of 2024/25 saw an overall reduction of 11% in incidents in the Midlothian compared to last year's Quarter 2 total. The Group Commander also provided a brief update on each of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) as detailed in the report.</p> <p>The Board thanked the Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) for the report and welcomed them to the meeting. The Board asked for</p>		

details on the outcome of the water incidents that were reported as part of Action Log Item 2. The Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) confirmed that of the 7 water incidents reported, 4 resulted in casualties and there were 0 fatalities.

In responding to a question regarding a new contract with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Motorola, the Area Commander advised that these funds would be used for internal communications, equipping firefighters with handheld radios and improving the operation centres across Scotland.

In terms of high risk and vulnerable persons in Midlothian, the Chair asked the Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) if they were working with Midlothian Council and external agencies on referrals and lists. The Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) confirmed that there is a good working partnership between the services, but work is ongoing to improve this further.

The Board asked if a Scotland-wide podcast would be possible, including live examples on how to prevent further fires. The Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) advised that in a bid to enhance awareness, social media is being used to support direct engagement. Their webpage includes extensive information, and the Group Commander Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will take the podcast idea back to the Communication Team.

Decision

The Board noted the update.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Protective Services Quarter 2 2024/25 Report	Chief Officer Place
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Chief Officer Place introduced the Protective Services Quarter 2 report for 2024/25 and provided an update on the Protective Services functions, highlighting the main sections contained within the report.</p> <p>The Chief Officer Place advised that the report in relation to Bonfire Night will be brought to the next meeting but added that the work done in advance with retailers was well received and that there is no intelligence to suggest that illegal fireworks are being offered in Midlothian.</p> <p>The Board noted an update in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Section 50 Parked on Pavement and asked if communities are embracing this. The Board also added that pavement parking continues to be an issue in Pathhead due to some homeowners owning the pavement. The Chief Office Place confirmed that there are currently no exceptions and the ban on pavement parking covers all of Midlothian. The Chief Office Place added that a report may go to Council in the future to consider exemptions.</p>		

The Board asked if there had been a reduction in speeding convictions in Midlothian. The Chief Inspector Police Scotland replied that they will review the statistics and advise the Board after the meeting.

The Chair thanked Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chief Officer Place and colleagues in Communities Lifelong Learning and Employability for their efforts and teamwork to ensure a safe and successful November.

Decision

The Board noted the contents of the report.

6. Private Reports

No private items for discussion

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 14.00.

The meeting terminated at 12.31.



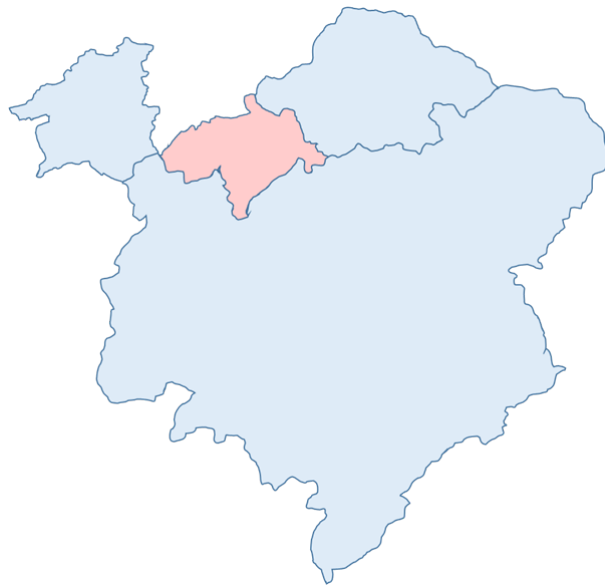
Police and Fire and Rescue Board Action Log

No	Date of Meeting	Item No and Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Comments
		No Open Items				



Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 3 – 2024/2025

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. This report has been generated to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.



Our Vision

Sustained excellence in service and protection.

Our Purpose

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

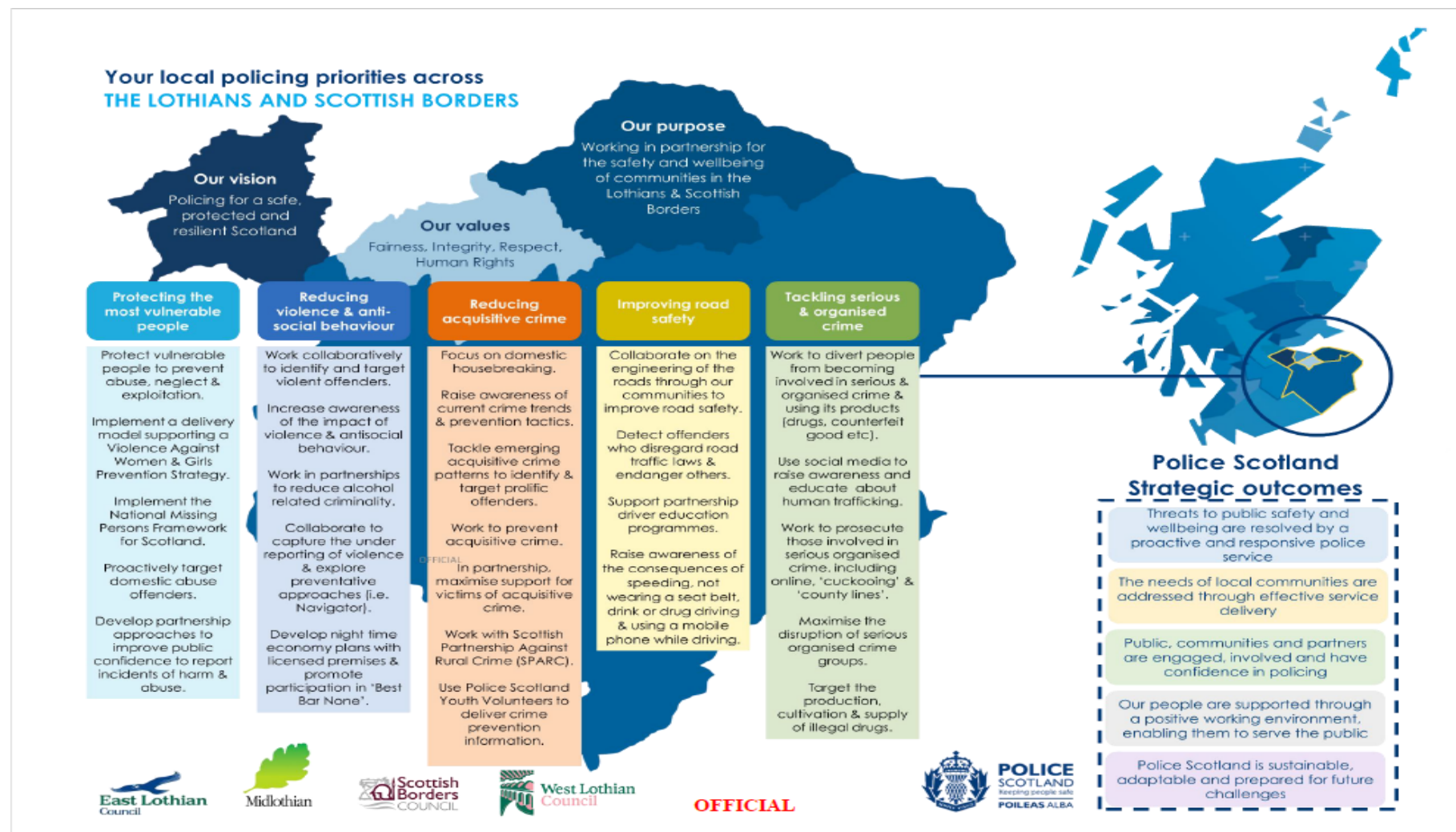
Our Values

Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

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Lothian and Scottish Borders Division Policing Priorities



Introduction

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories, as follows;

- Group 1 – Non Sexual Crimes of Violence
- Group 2 – Sexual Crimes
- Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
- Group 4 – Damage and Reckless Behaviour
- Group 5 – Crimes against Society
- Group 6 – Antisocial Offences
- Group 7 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 8 – Road Traffic offences

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland's commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all of these reports on the 'Our Performance' section of the Police Scotland website. The reports can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The Midlothian Policing Plan uses the following Police performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive Crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2024 to December 2024 and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on Midlothian's population of **94,680 in 2021** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2021).

Midlothian Performance Summary

Midlothian Performance Summary Report Reporting Period: Q3 April 24 – December 2024

Protecting the most vulnerable people

Sexual
Assault

-12.5%



49 (7 fewer than
5 year Average)

Domestic Violence
Bail detection

12.9%



54 offences

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

ASB
Incidents

-9.8 %



462 (50 less)

Robbery

0.8 %



14 (0.8 more)

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

All
Housebreaking

-1.6%



50 (0.8 less)

Business
Housebreaking

-47.5 %



19 (17.2 less)

Improving Road Safety

Road Casualties

-11.5%



9 fewer
incidents

Executive Summary

Missing Person

During Q3 2024/25 26 Adults, 0 Cared for Adults, 24 Children and 8 Care Experienced Young Persons were reported as missing.

Domestic Abuse

By the end of Q3 2024/25 there were 892 incidents reported, an increase of 2.6% on the 5 Year Average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (358 reports) is 2.5% more than the 5 year average of 349 reports. The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted is 40.1% reflecting the 5 year average.

Hate Crime

The 18 Hate Incidents recorded during Q3 2024/25 represent a 83% increase compared to the 5 year average. During same period there have been 79 Hate Crimes recorded representing a 33.8% increase on the 5 year average. The Detection Rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q3 2024/25 is 49%.

Sexual Crimes

During Q3 2024/25, reports of rape / attempted rape rose by 146% compared to the 5 year average. The Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate for Rape / Attempt Rape is 46.7%. Reports of Sexual Assault during Q3 2024/25 are - 12.5% below the 5 year average, and the detection rate is 59.2%. By the end of Q3 2024/25 reports of all other Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 36.3% to 202 reports against a 5 year average of 148.2 reports.

Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation

During Q3 2024/25 there were 24 Supply of Drugs offences recorded, with a detection rate of 100%. During Q3 2024/25 there were 155 Possession of Drugs offences recorded with a detection rate of 104%, representing a -28.6% reduction on the 5 year average.

Crimes Of Violence

During Q3 2024/25 there were 35 serious assaults within Midlothian, representing a 15% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 80%. There were 14 reported Robberies and the detection rate is 64.3%, There were 578 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian and a detection rate of 63.3%. There were 45 assaults on Emergency Workers.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

There were 462 ASB incidents reported to Police, reflecting a -9.8% reduction in this crime type within Midlothian compared to the five year average. A total of 409 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -9.1% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 28.6%. A total of 402 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -13.3% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 75.6%. A total of 42 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 24.3% increase compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 35.7%.

Dishonesty

A total of 1325 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 171.4 more or 14.9% increase compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 33.6%.

Housebreaking

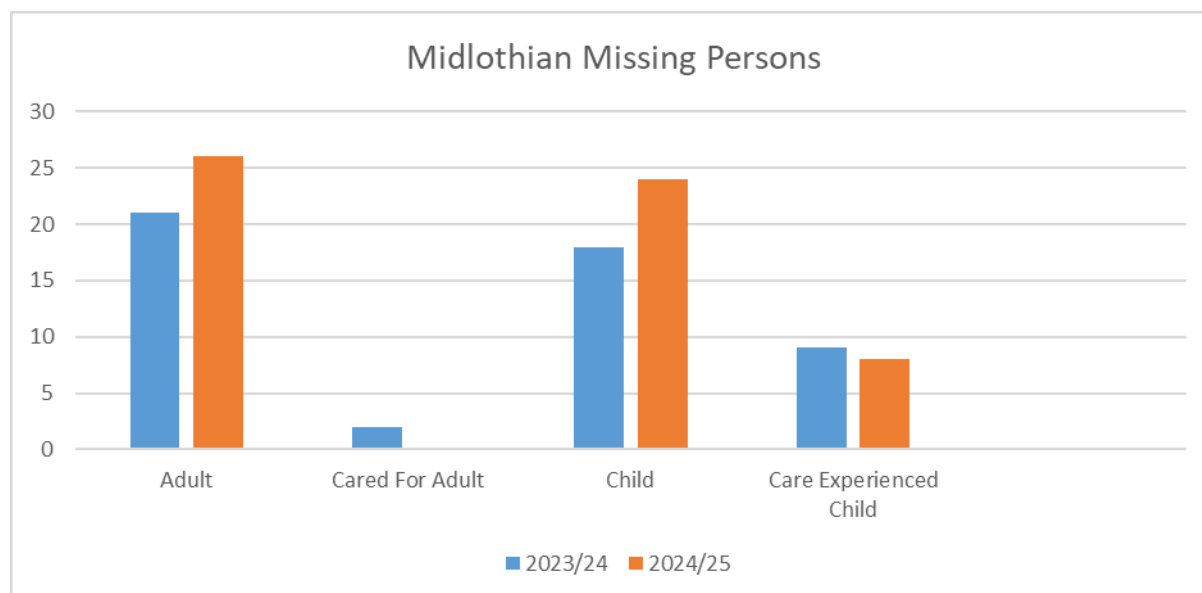
A total of 50 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded with a detection rate of 46%. A total of 376 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Non Dwellings (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded with a detection rate is 21.6%. A total of 19 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Businesses (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a significant -47.5% reduction on the 5 year average. The Midlothian detection rate is 68.4%.

Road Safety

There have been 9 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q3 2023/24 return, representing a -11.5% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads. There have been zero fatalities within Midlothian during the 2024/25 FY. There have been 21 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a -28% decrease (8 fewer incidents) on same period last year. The number of Children Seriously Injured was 3, representing a 50% increase (1 more) than the previous year.

Tackling Serious Organised Crime

Continued efforts to disrupt organised crime groups by targeting drugs supply offences, gathering intelligence and generating enforcement opportunities.



	Adult	Cared For Adult	Child	Care Experienced Child
Q3 2023/24	21	2	18	9
Q3 2024/25	26	0	24	8
Change	+5	-2	+6	-1

During Q3 2024/25 26 Adults, 0 Cared for Adults, 24 Children and 8 Care Experienced Young Persons were reported as missing. We continue to work with partners to support individuals where a risk is identified.

In total there were 58 reports made to police during Q3. As previously highlighted these types of enquiries often place significant resource and financial pressure on Local Policing resilience. I would stress that the number and type of police resources deployed to a locate a person reported as 'missing' varies on a report by report basis and according to any Threat, Risk or Harm posed.

Recognising the vulnerability associated with missing people, particularly those that are young or suffering from mental health challenges, Police Scotland has adopted a rigorous investigation structure and management approach to incidents involving missing people.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents
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	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	869.4	892	2.6%
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	349	358	2.5%
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	40.1	40.1	-
Total crimes and offences detection rate	67.7	62.7	-7.3%
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	47.8	54	12.9%

Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q3 2024/25 there were 892 incidents reported, an increase of 2.6% on the 5 Year Average.

The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (358 reports) is 2.5% more than the 5 year average of 349 reports.

The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted is 40.1% reflecting the 5 year average. This statistic reflects a confidence to contact Police at an early stage in disagreements which ultimately do not result in criminality, and seek support from both police and third-party services.

Midlothian Police remain committed to targeting violence against women and girls.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.

Hate Crime

Midlothian			
	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% change from 5 year average
Hate Incidents	9.8	18	83%
Hate Crimes	59	79	33.8%
Hate Crime Detection Rate	41.6	49	17.8%

Please note that in respect of recorded Hate Crimes, this section references;

- Criminal Law Consolidation 1995 S50a(1)(B)&(5)Cause Distress & Alarm
- Racially Aggravated Harassment (Criminal Law (Consolidation) (S) Act 1995 S50a(1)(A)) Racist Conduct
- Hate Crime and Public order (Scotland) Act 2021

Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types which have a Hate Crime aggravator added to the crime. The aggravators are Disability, Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation and Transgender Identity with further aggravators of Age and Variations in Sex Characteristics under the new legislation.

Due to the new Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 coming into effect on the 1st of April 2024, a new training package has been developed to include the new legislation. This training package has now been offered to all current third-party reporting centres.

- The 18 Hate Incidents recorded during Q3 2024/25 represent a 83% increase compared to the 5 year average.
- During same period there have been 79 Hate Crimes recorded representing a 33.8% increase on the 5 year average.

These increases can be attributed to the implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act that was introduced on the 1st April 2024.

- The Detection Rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q3 2024/25 is 49%, which represents a 17.8% improvement on the 5 Year Average.

Midlothian Police continue to work with partners to encourage the reporting of Hate Crimes. All crimes are reviewed by the Community Policing Inspector to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed.

Hate has no place in society and Midlothian police will actively pursue offenders and report criminality where evidence supports this.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Sexual Crimes (Group 2)																												
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<p>Tackling serious criminality is a top priority for Midlothian officers. We focus on rape and sexual crime to build public confidence in reporting</p> <p>During Q3 2024/25, reports of rape / attempted rape rose by 146% compared to the 5 year average. Due to the sensitive nature of these crimes, we do not comment on specific incidents. Many cases are linked to domestic abuse and as previously highlighted, the majority of reports in Midlothian are ‘historical’ in nature ranging back to 1994.</p> <p>This significant increase in historical reports reflects increased victim confidence in seeking support from police and third-party services. All investigations into rape and attempted rape are overseen by a Detective Inspector, ensuring thorough inquiries that are carefully scrutinised through peer review to maintain high standards of investigation. The Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate for Rape / Attempt Rape is 46.7%.</p> <p>Reports of Sexual Assault during Q3 2024/25 are -12.5% below the 5 year average, and the detection rate is 59.2%.</p> <p>By the end of Q3 2024/25 reports of all other Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 36.3% to 202 reports against a 5 year average of 148.2 reports.</p>																													

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Protecting the most vulnerable people.		Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation		
Drugs Supply	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 yr average	% Detection
Drugs Supply (including possession with intent)	26.4	24	-9.1	100
<p>Police continue to focus on those who bring harm to our communities, and particularly those who are involved in drugs supply, cultivation/production and the sale of Class A (such Heroin or Cocaine) and Class C (such Valium or Xanax) drugs, as it has been identified that these have led to an increase in drug related deaths.</p> <p>We recognise the national Drugs Deaths statistics in Scotland and are committed to targeting drug dealers, whilst working in partnership along with the Midlothian and East Lothian Drugs Partnership (MELDAP).</p> <p>During Q3 2024/25 there were 24 Supply of Drugs offences recorded, with a detection rate of 100%.</p> <p>During Q3 2024/25 there were 155 Possession of Drugs offences recorded with a detection rate of 104%, representing a -28.6% reduction on the 5 year average.</p> <p>Throughout Q3 2024/25, a number of successful house searches have been completed recovering drugs, cash and weapons. These enquiries rely on a continued flow of information from local Midlothian’s communities, as well as proactivity by the MCAT’s and wider policing teams.</p> <p>MCAT officers continue to utilise stop and search powers where appropriate to conduct searches on individuals regarding controlled substances, weapons, and stolen property. During Q3 MCAT enquiries resulted in significant seizures of Class A and B Controlled substances, including Cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy and Amphetamine. The overall value of drugs recovered during Q3 totalled £13,790;</p> <p>Class A: £8,900 Class B: £4,840</p> <p>A further £8,638 in cash was seized by officers as being linked to profits from Concern in the Supply of Controlled Substances offences.</p> <p>Police continue to develop drugs intelligence from the local community. Drugs enforcement requires information from sources to build a picture and fill in the pieces of the jigsaw. We rely upon community intelligence, and encourage reporting direct to police by phone, online, in person, via remote reporting sites and / or anonymously through Crimestoppers (0800 555111).</p>				

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Crimes of Violence (Group 1)			

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour			
Indicator	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average	Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	512.2	462	-9.8	
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	450	409	-9.1	28.6
Fire-raising	33.8	42	24.3	35.7
S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	463.8	402	-13.3	75.6

We continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in its various forms with our partners. Police, CLLE and voluntary partners, have continued high-visibility patrols in ASB hotspots to deter any youth disorder, whilst providing reassurance to local businesses.

Throughout Q3 2024/25, there were 462 ASB incidents reported to Police, reflecting a -9.8% reduction in this crime type within Midlothian compared to the five year average.

During Q3 2024/25 a total of 409 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -9.1% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 28.6%.

During Q3 2023/24 a total of 402 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -13.3% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 75.6%.

During Q3 2024/25 a total of 42 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 24.3% increase compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 35.7%, and remains considerably above the wider Divisional detection rate of 22.6%.

This Q3 period includes Bonfire Night statistics, which like previous years passed without issue within Midlothian . There were 4 bonfire or firework related incidents recorded in the days leading up to the 05/11/24, with an additional 4 bonfire related incidents reported on Bonfire Night itself. All incidents were attended in partnership with the Scottish Fire Rescue Service who extinguished these fires without further incident.

Similarly, during this period 1 adult was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal after being identified responsible for setting off fireworks whilst intoxicated. All other firework related reports made to police turned out to be false alarm with good intent, with no criminality being detected by officers.

As previously stated, Midlothian has a robust and well practiced Bonfire Night strategy, reflecting strong partnership collaboration between Police Scotland, Scottish Fire Rescue Services and Midlothian Council's Trading Standards. As Midlothian Local Area Commander I would seek to offer my thanks to these strategic partners ensuring another safe and successful Bonfire Night to communities throughout Midlothian.

In October Community Policing officers attended a partnership event at McDonalds, Dalkeith along with SFRS, Lothian Buses, Y2K and CAP. The purpose of the event was to engage, educate and divert local youths from ASB. During the event, the attending youths were made aware of a list of activities that our partners had planned. Similarly Police, SFRS and Lothian buses provided an educational input to divert youths away from ASB whilst highlighting pathways to local clubs and activities within the Community.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (group 3)			

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking
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Crime Type*	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average	Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	50.8	50	-1.6	46
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	52	37	-28.8	21.6
Other (Business) HB	36.2	19	-47.5	68.4

*All crime types include attempt thefts.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 50 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a continued reduction on the 5 year average.

Recognising the harm and concern Housebreaking generates within communities throughout Midlothian, Midlothian Police are committed to targeting those responsible for carrying out this crime. Throughout Q3 2024/25 I have maintained a dedicated Midlothian Housebreaking Investigation Team with a detection rate of 46%, which compares favourably to the wider Divisional detection rate of 37%.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 376 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Non Dwellings (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a -28.8% reduction on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 21.6% compared to the wider Divisional detection rate of 12.6%.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 19 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Businesses (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a significant -47.5% reduction on the 5 year average. The Midlothian detection rate is 68.4% compared to the wider Divisional detection rate of 29.5%.

MCAT officers continue to Prevent / Deter / Disrupt further Serious & Organised Crime activity with daily bail checks, tasked patrolling and dedicated operations at weekends and during hours of darkness.

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Improving road safety	Road Casualties
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	Q3 2023/24	Q3 2024/25	% Change
Fatal	3	0	-100%
Serious	29	21	-28%
Slight	45	47	4%
Total	77	68	11.69%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	3	50%

Road Traffic Offences	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average
Dangerous driving offences	38.6	48	24.4
Driving carelessly	86.4	81	-6.3
Speeding offences	33.6	56	66.7
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	345.2	395	14.4
Seat Belt offences	14.8	40	170.3
Mobile Phone offences	26.6	51	91.7
Driving under the influence	84.6	104	22.9

Throughout Q3 2024/25 there have been 9 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q3 2023/24 return, representing a -11.5% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

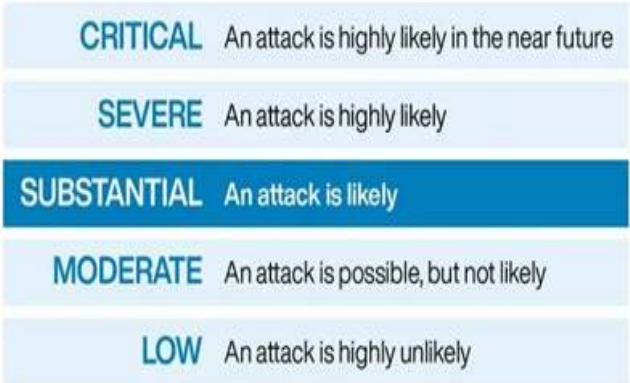
I am pleased to report that there have been zero fatalities within Midlothian during the 2024/25 FY, representing a 100% improvement on last year's Q2 report.

During Q3 2024/25, there have been 21 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a -28% decrease (8 fewer incidents) on same period last year.

During Q3 2024/25 the number of Children Seriously Injured was 3, representing a 50% increase (1 more) than the previous year.

Throughout Q3 2024/25, MCAT officers have increased the number of static speed check deployments throughout Midlothian reflected by a 66% increase on the detection rate for Speeding offences compared with the 5 year average, as well as high visibility patrols targeting ASB involving off-road motorbikes resulting in a 14% increase in detection rate compared to the 5 year average. Where operational demand permitted pro-active vehicle stop type deployments resulted in a further:

- 3 arrests for Drink Driving offences
- 2 arrests for Drug Driving offences
- 6 vehicles seized for being driven without valid insurance
- 2 vehicle ASBOs were issued for antisocial and careless driving.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
<p>Representation.</p> <p>UK terror threat levels</p> <p>(as of February 9 2022)</p>  <p>PA graphic. Source: Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre</p>	<p>The UK National Threat Level is</p> <p>SUBSTANTIAL: an attack is likely.</p> <p>On Wednesday, 9 February 2022, the Home Secretary announced that the UK's Terrorist Threat Level has been lowered from Severe to Substantial.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams said: "At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, I would remind the people of Scotland that they should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland."</p>

Midlothian continue to work closely with partner agencies to actively target "County Lines" nominals that use Midlothian as a base to distribute drugs throughout our community.

Throughout Q3 2024/25, officers from the Divisional Prevention, Interventions & Partnerships Unit have delivered drug prevention inputs alongside Educational partners to Midlothian based S2 and S4 pupils.

During Q3 2024/25, Community Policing and MCAT officers targeted Serious & Organised Crime Groups responsible for volume shoplifting offences. As part of these deployments 5 individuals have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and issued bail conditions preventing them from entering Nike or Boots retail stores located within the UK.

During Q3 2024/25, as part of the Midlothian Partnership Against Rural Crime, officers supported national Rural Crime partners participating a Hare Coursing prevention initiative. Hare coursing is the deliberate hunting of hares with dogs. The principle legislation applied to Hhare Coursing crimes in Scotland is S1. The Hunting With Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023. Within Midlothian, the areas most targeted are the Whitburgh Estate, Falla, Peaston, Costerton, Oxenford, Prestonhall, Dodridge Farm, Southside farm, Ravensneuk and Crighton Mains. There have been 5 reported Hare Coursings reported in 2024, however figures are believed to be under reported due to the rural nature of these crimes. Future deployments are planned for throughout 2025 to Detect, Divert, Deter and Disrupt this crime type in Midlothian.

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Complaints	Executive Summary				
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Total Complaint Cases Received			Total Number of Allegations Received		
YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE
78	76	2.6	121	149	-18.8%

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Midlothian area command as at 31st December.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 2.6% increase in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

Area	Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
Midlothian Council		YTD	PYTD	% change from PYTD
	Allegation Category and Type			
	On Duty - TOTAL	78	80	-2.5%
	Assault	11	3	266.7%
	Discriminatory Behaviour	1	2	-50.0%
	Excessive Force	6	4	50.0%
	Incivility	13	17	-23.5%
	Irregularity in Procedure	33	50	-34.0%
	Neglect of Duty	5	0	x
	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	0	x
	Other - Criminal	3	1	200.0%
	Other - Non Criminal	1	1	0.0%
	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	1	2	-50.0%
	Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	3	0	x
	Quality Of Service - TOTAL	43	69	-37.7%
	Policy/Procedure	10	9	11.1%
	Service Delivery	13	23	-43.5%
	Service Outcome	20	37	-45.9%
	Grand Total	121	149	-18.8%

Midlothian CAT team – Q3 Update

Activities

- **High Visibility Patrolling:** *the provision of community support and reassurance by undertaking high visibility vehicle, foot and cycle patrols focusing on identified antisocial behaviour issues.*

During Q3 MCAT officers maintained a focus on high visibility proactive policing, conducting mobile and foot patrols throughout the county. Particular focus was given to areas identified as having a higher density of incidents, namely Dalkeith Town Centre and Straiton Retail park, with MCAT officers deployed on Operation Frankincense throughout the month of December in these areas. Numerous antisocial behaviour and acquisitive offences were identified and reported throughout this deployment.

Quad bike patrols were conducted in the Pentlands with a focus on rural and livestock crime awareness. Positive engagement was conducted with visitors and dog walkers in this area to provide crime deterrence and community reassurance.

MCAT continued to provide reassurance to minority communities within Midlothian, regularly visiting and completing high visibility patrols to local mosques and refugee accommodation.

Following a high-profile incident in Dalkeith, MCAT officers deployed for two weeks to provide high visibility reassurance to the local community. As part of this tasking MCAT officers completed patrols on foot, within marked police vehicles and on also utilising quad bikes.

- **Recidivist Offenders:** *intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention being given to persons subject to ASBOs and judicial bails (including curfews).*

During Q3 MCAT officers completed evidential search warrants at 8 addresses throughout the county. This resulted in seizure of Class A and B Controlled substances, including cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy and Amphetamine. In addition £8,638 in cash was seized as being linked to crime.

Proactive stop and search activities yielded 4 further positive drug recoveries of Class A and B substances.

The overall value of drugs recovered throughout Q3 totaled:

Class A: £8,900

Class B: £4,840

however the uncut nature of a portion of the Cocaine recovered indicates that the potential value once readied for distribution would be significantly higher.

MCAT officers retained their focus on individuals wanted on warrant, resulting in 37 arrests within Q3.

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A number of Midlothian based nominals remain on the 'G4's monitored electronic tag scheme'. MCAT officers routinely liaise with G4S in the monitoring of these individuals and submit reports in relation to any breaches identified.

Bail checks remained a focus for MCAT officers with a total of 80 compliant checks made and 27 failures resulting in the offenders being reported accordingly for breaching bail curfew.

Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT	80
Bail Curfew Check FAILED	27
Arrest on warrant	37
Search Person MDA Positive	2
Search Person MDA Negative	2
Search Property MDA Positive	8
Search Property MDA Negative	0
Search Weapons Positive	0
Search Weapons Negative	0
Search Stolen Property Positive	0
Search Stolen Property Negative	0

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Youth

Engagement: *actively engage with youths and foster a positive image of the police and their local communities. Act as primary first responders to youth calls, disrupt antisocial behaviour and enforce appropriate legislation firmly but fairly. Maximise alcohol seizures. Engage with partners and CBO colleagues to identify appropriate support and diversionary activities.*

During Q3, MCAT attended 61 youth incidents across Midlothian. This number is similar to that attended in Q2 and incorporated the Halloween, Bonfire Night and the Festive periods, which all traditionally result in a higher volume of reports to police and strategic partners.

Throughout October, MCAT attended an increased amount of youth related calls. This was expected due to the darker nights setting in and youths congregating in local hot spots. This also saw the beginning of Halloween/Bonfire/Fireworks events, which often bring an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour.

MCAT deployed in varying different ways, including plain clothes as a way of tackling specific problem areas and dispersal of youths from hot spots continues.

Bonfire night saw MCAT police the evening under a planned operation, which was deemed highly successful as Midlothian faced significantly less anti-social behaviour type calls compared to neighbouring local

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authority areas. Most calls continue to relate to the same groups of individuals, and because of the previous positive engagement MCAT are aware of the problem groups.

November saw the implementation of an MCAT “Warning Letter” strategy, whereby the parents of youths identified involved in ASB receive a letter informing them of their child’s behaviour. This is in its infancy with plans to evolve it and collaborate with strategic partners regarding correspondence to the addresses of those involved. The aim being to involve the parents of the repeat youth offenders, in the hope to encourage a change in patterns of behaviour.

MCAT also continue to liaise with school link officers to educate and assist with combating youth ASB.

Throughout the month of December, MCAT attended a total of 4 youth related calls. This is a major improvement on previous months, reflecting the success of the recent MCAT focus on youth ASB and the new “warning letter” system implemented in November. This new approach seems to have had the desired effect and will remain in place should the problem arise again.

MCAT continue to stop and engage with groups of youths and have a positive relationship with most they encounter. On the occasion where crime is identified VPD’s have been submitted as appropriate

Youth Calls Attended	61
Alcohol Seizures	0
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	6

- **Licensed Premises:** *monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behavior related incidents whenever possible.*

During early Q3 MCAT carried out an operation to combat football related ASB which included liaising with local pubs and off licenses. This forged good relations but also reaffirmed our stance on selling to minors and those not considered suitable.

Most checks took place at weekends, with licensees being spoken with and the ensuring of appropriate staffing and measures being taken to run without issue.

November also saw MCAT carry out an initiative called “It’ll Cost You” which saw MCAT officers attend every pub in Midlothian as well as most of its licensed premises to engage with and hand out flyers and posters around the selling of alcohol to underage youths. This initiative was supported by CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) who provided the appropriate material.

This was hugely successful and saw positive engagement from all involved.

As part of this initiative, MCAT also utilised social media which garnered lots of support online.

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All of Midlothian Licensed premises continue to be monitored by MCAT officers with random visits conducted regularly. Very few issues have been identified.

LP Visit Public House	34
LP Visit Off Sales	36

- **Support Partners & Colleagues:** *engage with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that are occurring in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.*

The value of the work completed by MCAT officers is at times difficult to measure given the pro-active nature of the work completed, often preventing incidents from developing into more significant or serious problems. Because MCAT officers know who/when/where problems are likely to occur, they are often placed perfectly when issues develop and stop them at source.

This approach alleviates pressure on frontline response officers, prevents calls to SFRS / SAS and Midlothian council call-out services to assist.

November saw MCAT deploy across the county for all Remembrance Day Parades, with officers involved in both policing the events and representing Midlothian Police. All events passed without issue.

November also saw Bonfire nights take place in most towns and MCAT spearheaded all police activity around this issue. All planned events were policed safely and without issue, with any unauthorised fires resolved swiftly in partnership with SFRS.

December saw Christmas festivities begin across the county in a number of different ways. These include licensed premises putting on entertainment, and organised events by Midlothian Council. MCAT policed all of these without issue, giving passing attention as events took place.

MCAT also carried out an initiative with LRT to tackle ASB on buses, providing support to our partner agencies and maintaining positive engagement with those encountered.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	0
Joint Activity Local Council	10
Joint Activity SFRS	7
Joint Activity Public Event	13

- **Road Safety:** *tackle antisocial vehicle use, giving specific attention to inconsiderate vehicle use on the Midlothian road network and the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. Maximise the appropriate use of ASBO warnings and vehicle seizures.*

Static road checks remain a core function of MCAT officers, who continue to deploy throughout Midlothian to maximise road safety.

MCAT officers continued to carry out high visibility patrols regarding anti-social behaviour involving off-road motorbikes.

In total throughout Q3, 3 individuals were arrested by MCAT officers for drink driving and 2 for drug driving. Reports were submitted in relation to these offences.

6 vehicles were seized by MCAT officers for driving without insurance and 2 vehicle ASBOs were issued for antisocial and careless driving.

Speed Safety initiatives were completed by MCAT officers in response to concerns raised by local communities and direct tasking from Elected Members resulting in a multitude of vehicles being stopped and drivers provided with corrective advice regarding their driving style.

MCAT continue to maintain a presence at Shawfair Park and Ride each weekend, engaging with and checking vehicles which congregate in a boy racer fashion. This has had the desired effect with the crowds dispersing and on some weekends no vehicles congregating at all.

All wards of Midlothian benefitted from MCAT carrying out static road checks in relation to the festive drink drive campaign. This was highly effective and saw positive engagement with motorists and member of the public. Warnings were also issued to numerous drivers about the state/safety of their vehicles moving towards worsening weather conditions and conditional offers issued for minor offences where appropriate.

Static Road Checks	16
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	4
Section 165 Seizures	6
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	15
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	3
S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)	1
S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)	2
ASBO Warnings	2

ASBO Seizures	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other Incidents and Arrests of Note<p>Operation Rac has been continued to tackle acquisitive crime. MCAT saw significant arrests made with recidivist offenders being charged with over 30 crimes of dishonesty.</p><p>MCAT officers always provide support to frontline policing across the county and have been involved in the search for and tracing of several high risk missing persons, relieving pressure on frontline whilst providing community reassurance. MCAT continues to assist in the search for high risk domestic offenders and have made multiple arrests throughout Q3.</p><p>MCAT investigated a concerning incident involving a group of youths targeting a young person in the Dalkeith area, resulting in one male committing a sexual assault. Following exhaustive MCAT investigation the male suspect was identified and a report was submitted to SCRA and further engagement completed with all other youths present and their families.</p>Planned Activity<p>Looking ahead to Q4, MCAT officers are planning an operation involving air support to tackle the use of off-road motorbikes across the entire county. This will see the deployment of new RPA / drone technology, dog handlers and uniformed/non-uniformed officers.</p><p>Further static road checks and speed gun checks are planned for the winter months to tackle issues raised in the local community. This will also form part of the winter drink drive campaign.</p><p>During January 2025 MCAT officers will be involved with Plain Clothes patrols, targeting anti-social behavior and drug misuse throughout Midlothian.</p><p>Following extensive positive feedback received from the community outreach initiative with local nurseries completed in Q1, MCAT officers are developing plans to repeat and expand this model into local primary schools in 2025. The intention is to carry out engagement visits utilising police quad bikes and deliver inputs to primaries 1-3 regarding the role of police and road safety, developing positive engagement with the county's youth at an early stage.</p><p>The "it'll cost you" initiative run in Q3 will be repeated in conjunction with our partners in late Q4/early Q1 with a view to continuing this as an ongoing initiative throughout the year.</p><p>Continuing on from MCAT's excellent results in Q3 an initiative is planned focusing specifically on apprehending those individuals who are wanted on warrant in the county with a view to reducing the number outstanding and securing the prosecution of recidivist offenders.</p>	

Appendix

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	Q3 2024/25	% Change against 5 year average	Detection Rates 2024/25
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	3913.4	4163	6.4	61.5
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1.8	2	11.1	100
Culpable homicide (at common law)			0.0	
Culpable Homicide (other)	2.6	9	246.2	100
Attempted Murder	13.2	10	-24.2	120
Serious Assault (of an emergency worker)		1	0.0	100
Serious Assault (Incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct – causing injury)	180.6	164	-9.2	76.2
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	298.2	291	-2.4	99
Common Assault	3,025.2	3,185	5.3	57.9
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	66.6	75	12.6	68
Domestic Abuse (of male)	3.2	7	118.8	42.9
Domestic Abuse (of female)	85.4	151	76.8	65.6
Stalking	65.8	69	4.9	72.5
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	46.2	58	25.5	100
Threats and extortion	94.0	107	13.8	7.5
Other group 1 crimes	30.6	34	11.1	32.4
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	826	945	14.4	55
Rape	150.2	217	44.5	43.8
Attempted Rape	6.2	18	190.3	16.7
Sexual assault	307.4	281	-8.6	61.2
Crimes associated with prostitution	1.2	1	-16.7	100
Indecent photos of children	42.4	76	79.2	90.8
Communicating indecently	76.2	65	-14.7	70.8
Causing to view sexual activity or images	121.2	139	14.7	48.9
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image	53.2	58	9.0	41.4
Other Group 2 crimes	68.0	90	32.4	46.7
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	5593.6	5975	6.8	30.3
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	247.2	224	-9.4	37.1
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	161.2	103	-36.1	12.6
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	183.4	173	-5.7	29.5
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	123.6	120	-2.9	22.5
Theft of a motor vehicle	284.6	309	8.6	37.2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	265.8	208	-21.7	18.3
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	22.2	35	57.7	20
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	88.2	92	4.3	13

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Common theft	1,575.2	1,314	-16.6	18.6
Theft by shoplifting	1,456.2	2,286	57.0	42.3
Fraud	813.0	823	1.2	16.4
Other Group 3 Crimes	373.0	288	-22.8	40.3
GROUP 4: DAMAGE AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR	2739.6	2540	-7.3	28.5
Fireraising	172.8	199	15.2	22.6
Vandalism (including reckless damage etc)	2,384.0	2,175	-8.8	26.5
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	3.0	1	-66.7	100
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	170.8	156	-8.7	63.5
Other Group 4 Crimes	9.0	9	0.0	22.2
GROUP 5: CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	2809.2	2793	-0.6	94.1
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	13.6	15	10.3	66.7
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	7.0	6	-14.3	83.3
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	4.6	29	530.4	106.9
Possession of a corrosive substance (not used in crime)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	199.2	159	-20.2	88.1
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	3.4	7	105.9	71.4
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	2.6	3	15.4	66.7
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	1.4	3	114.3	166.7
Possession of corrosive substance (used in criminal activity)	0.2		-100.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	167.0	266	59.3	66.9
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	36.6	26	-29.0	84.6
Supply of drugs (incl possession with intent)	122.8	148	20.5	91.9
Bringing drugs into prison	15.0	50	233.3	26
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	8.2	14	70.7	100
Possession of drugs	1,071.6	792	-26.1	105.7
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	3.6	11	205.6	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	643.2	667	3.7	96.7
Other crimes against public justice	498.8	576	15.5	96.5
Other crimes against society	10.4	21	101.9	85.7
GROUP 6: ANTISOCIAL OFFENCES	2738.4	2691	-1.7	74.1
Breach of the Peace	75.6	111	46.8	92.8
Threatening & abusive behaviour	2,443.0	2,368	-3.1	71.5
Hate aggravated conduct (incl stirring up hatred)	83.2	100	20.2	87
Drunk and incapable	20.6	15	-27.2	100

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Consume alcohol in designated place (local bye-laws)	20.4	23	12.7	100
Other alcohol related offences	24.4	25	2.5	100
Urinating	71.2	49	-31.2	93.9
GROUP 7: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	871.8	900	3.2	57.8
Wildlife offences	31.0	20	-35.5	35
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	85.8	71	-17.2	56.3
Community and public order offences	584.0	690	18.2	53.3
Environmental offences	22.6	17	-24.8	70.6
Licensing offences	86.2	59	-31.6	93.2
Other misc. offences	62.2	43	-30.9	88.4
GROUP 8: ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES	4987.2	5029	0.8	81.9
Dangerous driving offences	182.0	179	-1.6	77.1
Driving carelessly	448.0	419	-6.5	86.2
Driving under the influence	371.0	420	13.2	101.7
Speeding offences	343.0	130	-62.1	100
Seatbelt offences	92.4	99	7.1	100
Mobile phone offences	118.2	116	-1.9	99.1
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	1,879.4	1,663	-11.5	99.2
Vehicle defect offences	148.4	305	105.5	98.4
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	252.8	368	45.6	91
Road traffic offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	5.8	4	-31.0	75
Other Group 8 offences	1,146.2	1,326	15.7	42.5

Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

Midlothian	5 Year Average	Q3 2024/25	% change against 5 year average	Detection Rates 2024/25
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	689.8	746	8.1	65.7
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0.2		-100.0	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)			0.0	
Culpable Homicide (other)	0.2	1	400.0	
Attempted Murder	1.4	2	42.9	50
Serious Assault (of an emergency worker)			0.0	-
Serious Assault (Incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct – causing injury)	30.2	35	15.9	80
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	47.8	45	-5.9	100
Common Assault	534.6	578	8.1	63.3
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	13.2	14	6.1	64.3
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1.0	1	0.0	100
Domestic Abuse (of female)	13.4	29	116.4	75.9
Stalking	10.0	13	30.0	61.5
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	15.0	6	-60.0	83.3
Threats and extortion	17.2	16	-7.0	-
Other group 1 crimes	5.6	6	7.1	65.7
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	148.2	202	36.3	49.5
Rape	24.4	60	145.9	46.7
Attempted Rape	0.2	3	1400.0	-
Sexual assault	56.0	49	-12.5	59.2
Crimes associated with prostitution	0.2		-100.0	-
Indecent photos of children	9.2	15	63.0	86.7
Communicating indecently	16.2	12	-25.9	33.3
Causing to view sexual activity or images	20.2	29	43.6	41.4
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image	10.6	12	13.2	50
Other Group 2 crimes	11.2	22	96.4	36.4
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	1153.6	1325	14.9	33.6
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	50.8	50	-1.6	46
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	52.0	37	-28.8	21.6
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	36.2	19	-47.5	68.4
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	17.6	21	19.3	33.3
Theft of a motor vehicle	57.4	61	6.3	37.7
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	41.2	52	26.2	25
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	3.2	8	150.0	12.5
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	16.6	8	-51.8	37.5
Common theft	273.0	268	-1.8	21.3

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Theft by shoplifting	383.6	543	41.6	42.4
Fraud	147.0	175	19.0	19.4
Other Group 3 Crimes	75.0	83	10.7	39.8
GROUP 4: DAMAGE AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR	521.4	480	-7.9	31
Fireraising	33.8	42	24.3	35.7
Vandalism (including reckless damage etc)	450.0	409	-9.1	28.6
Reckless conduct (with firearms)			0.0	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	35.2	27	-23.3	63
Other Group 4 Crimes	2.4	2	-16.7	-
GROUP 5: CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	556.6	535	-3.9	95.1
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	0.2		-100.0	-
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	2.2	4	81.8	75
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	1.4	7	400.0	85.7
Possession of a corrosive substance (not used in crime)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	34.6	21	-39.3	90.5
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	0.2		-100.0	-
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	0.2	2	900.0	100
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	0.4		-100.0	-
Possession of corrosive substance (used in criminal activity)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	26.4	49	85.6	71.4
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	6.2	2	-67.7	50
Supply of drugs (incl possession with intent)	26.4	24	-9.1	100
Bringing drugs into prison			0.0	-
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0.4	6	1400.0	116.7
Possession of drugs	217.2	155	-28.6	104.5
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.8	4	400.0	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	143.2	144	0.6	97.2
Other crimes against public justice	96.4	109	13.1	90.8
Other crimes against society	0.4	8	1900.0	87.5
GROUP 6: ANTISOCIAL OFFENCES	512.2	462	-9.8	78.4
Breach of the Peace	14.8	18	21.6	94.4
Threatening & abusive behaviour	463.8	402	-13.3	75.6
Hate aggravated conduct (incl stirring up hatred)	9.0	14	55.6	92.9
Drunk and incapable	2.6	3	15.4	100
Consume alcohol in designated place (local bye-laws)	7.0	4	-42.9	100

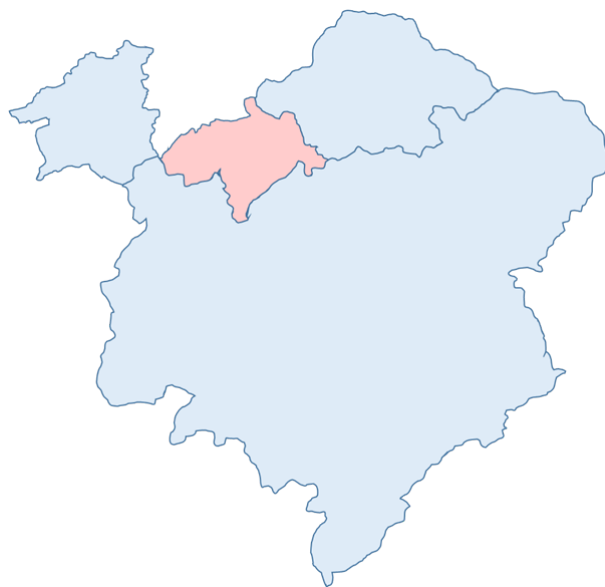
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Other alcohol related offences	6.2	10	61.3	100
Urinating	8.8	11	25.0	100
GROUP 7: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	162.4	158	-2.7	59.5
Wildlife offences	3.4	1	-70.6	-
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	15.6	15	-3.8	86.7
Community and public order offences	115.4	130	12.7	52.3
Environmental offences	7.4	1	-86.5	100
Licensing offences	19.0	8	-57.9	112.5
Other misc. offences	1.6	3	87.5	100
GROUP 8: ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES	955.8	1178	23.2	82.9
Dangerous driving offences	38.6	48	24.4	70.8
Driving carelessly	86.4	81	-6.3	84
Driving under the influence	84.6	104	22.9	104.8
Speeding offences	33.6	56	66.7	100
Seatbelt offences	14.8	40	170.3	100
Mobile phone offences	26.6	51	91.7	100
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	345.2	395	14.4	98.2
Vehicle defect offences	36.2	89	145.9	100
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	42.0	23	-45.2	95.7
Road traffic offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	1.0	1	0.0	100
Other Group 8 offences	246.8	290	17.5	40.7



Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 4 – 2024/2025

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. This report has been generated to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.



2030 Vision

Safer communities, less crime, supported victims and a thriving workforce.

Our Purpose

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Our Values

Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

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Lothian and Scottish Borders Division Policing Priorities

Your local policing priorities across THE LoTHIANS AND SCOTTISH BORDERS



Introduction

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories, as follows;

- Group 1 – Non-Sexual Crimes of Violence
- Group 2 – Sexual Crimes
- Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
- Group 4 – Damage and Reckless Behaviour
- Group 5 – Crimes against Society
- Group 6 – Antisocial Offences
- Group 7 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 8 – Road Traffic offences

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland's commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all these reports on the 'Our Performance' section of the Police Scotland website. The reports can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The Midlothian Policing Plan uses the following Police performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive Crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2024 to March 2025 and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on Midlothian's population of **94,680 in 2021** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2021).

Midlothian Performance Summary

Midlothian Performance Summary Report Reporting Period: Q4 January – March 2025

Protecting the most vulnerable people

Rape & Att.
Rape
Detection Rate
7.7%



Q4 54.4%

Missing
person
Incidents



29 fewer than
Q4 24/25

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

Vandalism
- 8 %



593 incidents
(52 fewer than
5YA)

Robbery
Detection
Rate
7.7 %



72% (7.7%
increase Q3)

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft
Shoplifting
57.7%



875 Incidents
(320 more than
5YA)

Theft
Housebreaking
(Dwelling House)
-12.4 %



72 (10 fewer
than 5YA)

Improving Road Safety

Road Traffic
Casualties
- 17.76 %



88 (19 fewer
than previous
year)

Executive Summary

My name is Kirsty McArthur-Kerr and have replaced Chief Inspector Jim Robertson as the new Temporary Local Area Commander for Midlothian. I have had the privilege of meeting some of you before.

I wanted to take the opportunity to give you a bit about my background. For the last couple of years, I have been the Community Inspector and Deputy Area Commander in North East Edinburgh. Prior to this for 18 months I was a response Inspector. I have lived and previously worked in Midlothian, so I have built up knowledge around the area. It is an area that is close to my heart from residing here previously and I still frequent many of the local businesses with my young son.

I have a background in community policing. I strongly believe that having close relationships with elected representatives is essential for my team and I to understand the issues affecting the community and to ensure we are providing the best service possible to the public. For me partnership working is fundamental to my role, and I aim to build on and continue the relationships Jim had within the Midlothian area.

During my previous roles I was able to work with various partners and introduce operations, change practices, and take multi-agency approaches to domestic abuse, drugs issues, hate crimes, road safety, acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour. Something I aim to continue in this role. I was previously a Detective Inspector in the public protection unit looking at child/adult protection, sexual offences, HBA and domestic abuse so I carry a broad spectrum of experience.

As I said I am keen to build upon the work of my predecessor and a large part of that, to me, means that I am accessible and able to assist with any queries you have. I am delighted to be here and look forward to working with you.

Missing Persons

During Q4 2024/25 18 Adults, 0 Cared for Adults, 13 Children and 3 Care Experienced Young Persons were reported as missing.

Domestic Abuse

By the end of Q4 2024/25 there were 1278 incidents reported, an increase of 12.2% on the 5 Year Average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (434 reports) is -4.9% less than the 5-year average of 456.4 reports. The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted is 34%, which represents a -6.1% reduction on the 5-year average of 40.1%. The Q4 detection rate for Domestic crimes is 17.3% above the 5-year average.

Hate Crime

The 15 Hate Incidents recorded during Q4 2024/25 represent a 4.2% increase compared to the 5-year average. During same period there have been 102 Hate Crimes recorded representing a 30.1% increase on the 5-year

average. The Detection Rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q4 2024/25 is 67%, which represents a 25.5% improvement on the 5 Year Average.

Sexual Crimes

During Q4 2024/25, reports of rape / attempted rape rose by 127% compared to the 5-year average. The Q4 2024/25 Detection Rate for Rape / Attempt Rape is 54.4%. Reports of Sexual Assault during Q4 2024/25 are 20% above the 5-year average, and the detection rate is 61.5%. By end of Q4 2024/25 reports of all other Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 41.3% to 303 reports against a 5-year average of 214.4 reports.

Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation

During Q4 2024/25 there were 33 Supply of Drugs offences recorded, with a detection rate of 100%. During 4 2024/25 there were 230 Possession of Drugs offences recorded with a detection rate of 102%, representing a -26.7% reduction on the 5-year average.

Crimes Of Violence

During Q4 2024/25 there were 45 serious assaults within Midlothian, representing a -1.3% reduction on the 5-year average. The detection rate is 82.2%. There were 25 reported Robberies, and the detection rate is 72%, There were 857 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian and a detection rate of 61.8%. There were 63 assaults on Emergency Workers.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

During Q4 2024/25, there were 682 ASB incidents reported to Police, reflecting a -6.2% reduction in this crime type within Midlothian compared to the five-year average. A total of 593 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -8 % reduction compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 26.5%. A total of 610 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -7.3% reduction compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 74.9%. A total of 55 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 34% increase compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 34%.

Dishonesty

A total of 2031 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 310 more or 18% increase compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 30.5%.

Housebreaking

A total of 72 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded with a detection rate of 38.9%. A total of 52 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Non-Dwellings (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded with a detection rate is 17.3%. A total of 32 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Businesses (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a significant -39.7% reduction on the 5-year average. The Midlothian detection rate is 50%.

Road Safety

There have been 19 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q4 2023/24 return, representing a -17.76% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

There were zero fatalities within Midlothian during the 2024/25 FY. There have been 28 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a -35% decrease (15 fewer incidents) on same period last year. The number of Children Seriously Injured was 5, representing a 25% increase (1 more) than the previous year.

Tackling Serious Organised Crime

Continued efforts to disrupt organised crime groups by targeting drugs supply offences, gathering intelligence and generating enforcement opportunities.



Protecting the most vulnerable people.

Missing Persons

Midlothian Missing Persons

Category	2023/24	2024/25
Adult	28	18
Cared For Adult	0	0
Child	26	13
Care Experienced Child	9	3

	Adult	Cared For Adult	Child	Care Experienced Child
Q4 2023/24	28	Nil	26	9
Q4 2024/25	18	Nil	13	3
Change	-10	Nil	-13	-6

During Q4 2024/25 18 Adults, 0 Cared for Adults, 13 Children and 3 Care Experienced Young Persons were reported as missing. We continue to work with partners to support individuals where a risk is identified.

In total there were 34 reports made to police during Q4. As previously highlighted these types of enquiries often place significant resource and financial pressure on Local Policing resilience. I would stress that the number and type of police resources deployed to a locate a person reported as ‘missing’ varies on a report-by-report basis and according to any Threat, Risk or Harm posed.

Recognising the vulnerability associated with missing people, particularly those that are young or suffering from mental health challenges, Police Scotland has adopted a rigorous investigation structure and management approach to incidents involving missing people.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents
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	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	1139.2	1278	12.2%
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	456.4	434	-4.9%
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	40.1%	34%	-6.1%
Total crimes and offences detection rate	410.8	482	17.3%
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	63	52	-26.8%

Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q4 2024/25 there were 1278 incidents reported, an increase of 12.2% on the 5 Year Average.

The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (434 reports) is -4.9% less than the 5-year average of 456.4 reports.

The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted is 34%, which represents a -6.1% reduction on the 5-year average of 40.1%. This statistic reflects a confidence to contact Police at an early stage in disagreements which ultimately do not result in criminality and seek support from both police and third-party services.

The Q4 detection rate for Domestic crimes is 17.3% above the 5-year average.

Midlothian Police remain committed to targeting violence against women and girls.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.

Hate Crime

Midlothian			
	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% change from 5-year average
Hate Incidents	14.4	15	4.2%
Hate Crimes	78.4	102	30.1%
Hate Crime Detection Rate	53.4%	67%	25.5%

Please note that in respect of recorded Hate Crimes, this section references;

- Criminal Law Consolidation 1995 S50a(1)(B)&(5)Cause Distress & Alarm
- Racially Aggravated Harassment (Criminal Law (Consolidation) (S) Act 1995 S50a(1)(A)) Racist Conduct
- Hate Crime and Public order (Scotland) Act 2021

Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types which have a Hate Crime aggravator added to the crime. The aggravators are Disability, Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation and Transgender Identity with further aggravators of Age and Variations in Sex Characteristics under the new legislation.

- The 15 Hate Incidents recorded during Q4 2024/25 represent a 4.2% increase compared to the 5-year average.
- During same period there have been 102 Hate Crimes recorded representing a 30.1% increase on the 5-year average.

These increases are anticipated and can be attributed to the implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act that was introduced on the 1st of April 2024.

- The Detection Rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q4 2024/25 is 67%, which represents a 25.5% improvement on the 5 Year Average.

Midlothian Police continue to work with partners to encourage the reporting of Hate Crimes. All crimes are reviewed by the Community Policing Inspector to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed.

Hate has no place in society and Midlothian police will actively pursue offenders and report criminality where evidence supports this.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Sexual Crimes (Group 2)				
	Crime Type	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5 yr average	% Detection
	Group 2	214.4	303	41.3	56.8
	Rape	34.8	79	127	54.4
	Attempt rape	0.4	4	900	50.0
	Sexual Assault	80	96	20	61.5
	Other Group 2 crimes	16.4	30	82.9	46.7
<p>Tackling serious criminality is a top priority for Midlothian officers. We focus on rape and sexual crime to build public confidence in reporting</p> <p>During Q4 2024/25, reports of rape / attempted rape rose by 127% compared to the 5-year average. Due to the sensitive nature of these crimes, we do not comment on specific incidents. Many cases are linked to domestic abuse and as previously highlighted, most reports in Midlothian are ‘historical’ in nature ranging back to 1994.</p> <p>This significant increase in historical reports reflects increased victim confidence in seeking support from police and third-party services. All investigations into rape and attempted rape are overseen by a Detective Inspector, ensuring thorough inquiries that are carefully scrutinised through peer review to maintain high standards of investigation. The Q4 2024/25 Detection Rate for Rape / Attempt Rape is 54.4%, reflecting a 7.7% increase on the Q3 detection rate.</p> <p>Reports of Sexual Assault during Q4 2024/25 are 16 incidents above the 5-year average, and the detection rate is 61.5%, reflecting a 2.3% increase on the Q3 detection rate.</p> <p>By end of Q4 2024/25 reports of all other Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 41.3% to 303 reports against a 5-year average of 214.4 reports.</p>					
Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation				

Drugs Supply	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5 yr average	% Detection
Drugs Supply (including possession with intent)	38.4	35	-8.9	100.0
<p>Police continue to focus on those who bring harm to our communities, and particularly those who are involved in drugs supply, cultivation/production and the sale of Class A (such Heroin or Cocaine) and Class C (such Valium or Xanax) drugs, as it has been identified that these have led to an increase in drug related deaths.</p> <p>We recognise the national Drugs Deaths statistics in Scotland and are committed to targeting drug dealers, whilst working in partnership along with the Midlothian and East Lothian Drugs Partnership (MELDAP).</p> <p>During Q4 2024/25 there were 35 Supply of Drugs offences recorded, with a detection rate of 100%.</p> <p>During Q4 2024/25 there were 230 Possession of Drugs offences recorded with a detection rate of 102%, representing a -26.7% reduction on the 5-year average.</p> <p>Throughout Q4 2024/25, several successful house searches have been completed recovering drugs, cash and weapons. These enquiries rely on a continued flow of information from local Midlothian's communities, as well as proactivity by the MCAT's and wider policing teams.</p> <p>During Q4 MDA and GE search warrants were executed at 10 addresses throughout the county.</p> <p>This resulted in seizure of Class A and B Controlled substances, including cannabis, Cocaine, and Amphetamine. In addition, over £9,000 in cash was seized as being linked to crime. These warrant executions resulted in supply and possession charges libelled and disruption of drugs supply in the area.</p> <p>Q4 saw MCAT officers continuing to develop and progress intelligence, both through analysis of incoming intelligence and proactive gathering of information. This intelligence analysis and progression remains a key focus of MCATs activities with a view to craving and executing warrants to combat criminal activity in the county.</p> <p>Police continue to develop drugs intelligence from the local community. Drugs enforcement requires information from sources to build a picture and fill in the pieces of the jigsaw. We rely upon community intelligence, and encourage reporting direct to police by phone, online, in person, via remote reporting sites and / or anonymously through Crimestoppers (0800 555111).</p>				

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Crimes of Violence (Group 1)
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Crime Type	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5 yr average	Q4 2024/25 Detection Rate
Group 1	1019.8	1115	9.3	63.9
Serious Assault	45.6	45	-1.3	82.2
Robbery	18.8	25	33	72.0
Common Assault	784.4	857	9.3	61.8

Please note that with the introduction of Changes to Recorded Crime Groups, Common Assault is now included within Group 1, where previously this was not, resulting in anticipated increase in YTD data compared to LYTD.

Reducing violence and its impact on our local communities is a priority for The Police Service of Scotland and within Midlothian we work with partners to reduce the circumstances that can lead to violence while endeavouring to identify and arrest perpetrators as swiftly as possible.

All Serious Assaults and Robberies are investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department and detection rates for these offences remain high throughout Midlothian.

By end of Q4 2024/25 there were 45 serious assaults within Midlothian, representing a -1.3% reduction on the 5-year average. The detection rate is 82.2%, which remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 77%.

By end of Q4 2024/25 there were 25 reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 6.5% increase on the 5-year average. The detection rate is 72%, which is a 7.7% increase on the Q3 detection rate.

By end of Q4 2024/25 there were 857 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting an 9.3% increase on the 5 Year average (72.6 more). The detection rate is 61.8% and remains well above the wider Divisional detection rate of 56.9%.

There were 63 assaults on Emergency Workers during the 2024/25 FYE, reflecting a -14.9% decrease on the 5-year average. Whilst this is positive progress, I remind that any assault on an Emergency Worker is simply unacceptable. Aggressive or threatening behaviour or verbal abuse against Police Scotland or other Emergency Services personnel is not part of their duties and will be investigated robustly.

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour			
Indicator	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5-year average	Q4 2024/25 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	726.8	682	-6.2	
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	644.6	593	-8.0	26.5
Fire-raising	45.8	53	15.7	34.0
S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	657.8	610	-7.3	74.9

We continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in its various forms with our partners. Police, CLLE and voluntary partners, have continued high-visibility patrols in ASB hotspots to deter any youth disorder, whilst providing reassurance to local businesses.

Throughout Q4 2024/25, there were 682 ASB incidents reported to Police, reflecting a -6.2% reduction in this crime type within Midlothian compared to the five-year average.

During Q4 2024/25 a total of 593 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -8.0% reduction compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 26.5%.

During Q4 2024/25 a total of 610 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -7.3% reduction compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 74.9%.

During Q4 2024/25 a total of 55 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 15.7% increase compared to the 5-year average. The detection rate is 34.0% and remains considerably above the wider Divisional detection rate of 23.0%.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (group 3)													
<table><tr><th>Crime Type</th><th>5-year average</th><th>Q4 2024/25</th><th>% Change from 5-year average</th><th>Q4 2024/25 Detection Rate</th></tr><tr><td>Total Group 3</td><td>1721.8</td><td>2031</td><td>18.0</td><td>34.0</td></tr></table>					Crime Type	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5-year average	Q4 2024/25 Detection Rate	Total Group 3	1721.8	2031	18.0	34.0
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Total Group 3	1721.8	2031	18.0	34.0										
<p>Given the wide range of 'Acquisitive Crimes' this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dishonesty (covered in this section)Housebreaking (covered in next section) <p>Dealing with Acquisitive Crime to protect people by reducing the impacts of theft on individuals and communities remains a priority.</p> <p>During Q4 2024/25, a total of 2031 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 310 more or 18.0% increase compared to the 5-year average.</p> <p>During Q4 2024/25 the detection rate was 34.0% and remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 30.5%.</p> <p>Common Thefts are 2.9% down on the five-year average and the detection rate is 17.5%. Theft by Shoplifting we are 875 which is an 57.7% increase. On the five years average the solvency sits at 47.2%. The divisional solvency for Theft by Shoplifting is 44.0%.</p>														

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking																							
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Improving road safety	Road Casualties
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	Q4 2023/24	Q4 2024/25	% Change
Fatal	3	0	-100%
Serious	43	28	-35%
Slight	61	60	-2%
Total	107	88	-17.76%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	4	5	25%

Road Traffic Offences	5-year average	Q4 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average
Dangerous driving offences	57.6	69	19.8
Driving carelessly	136	131	-3.7
Speeding offences	45	78	73.3
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	512.2	617	20.5
Seat Belt offences	22.8	46	101.8
Mobile Phone offences	37.6	85	126.1
Driving under the influence	125.8	152	20.8

Throughout Q4 2024/25 there have been 19 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q4 2023/24 return, representing a -17.76% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

I am pleased to report that there have been zero fatalities within Midlothian during the 2024/25 FY.

During Q4 2024/25, there have been 28 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a -35% decrease (15 fewer incidents) on same period last year.

During Q4 2024/25 the number of Children Seriously Injured was 5, representing a 25% increase (1 more) than the previous year.

Throughout Q4 2024/25, Midlothian officers have increased the number of static speed check deployments throughout Midlothian reflected by a 73.3% increase on the detection rate for Speeding offences compared with the 5-year average, as well as high visibility patrols targeting ASB involving off-road motorbikes resulting in a 14% increase in detection rate compared to the 5-year average. Where operational demand permitted pro-active vehicle stop type deployments resulted in a further:

- 2 arrests for Drink Driving offences
- 2 vehicles seized for being driven without valid insurance

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Midlothian continue to work closely with partner agencies to actively target "County Lines" nominals that use Midlothian as a base to distribute drugs throughout our community.

Our Counter Terrorism officers recently circulated Staying safe during a weapons of firearms attack on Stay Safe – Weapons and firearms attack | ProtectUK which is sent regularly via Mult Agency and WLC Contest Groups.

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Area	Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change																			
Midlothian Council	On Duty - TOTAL	106	115	+8.5																			
	Assault	5	11	+120																			
	Discriminatory Behaviour	2	2	x																			
	Excessive Force	8	8	x																			
	Incivility	23	20	-13.0																			
	Irregularity in Procedure	64	57	-10.9																			
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	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	0	1	x																			
	Other – Criminal	1	3	+200.0%																			
	Other - Non Criminal	1	1	x																			
	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	2	1	-50.0%																			
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	Quality Of Service - TOTAL	87	46	-47.1%																			
	Policy/Procedure	15	11	-26.7%																			
	Service Delivery	33	14	-57.6%																			
	Service Outcome	39	21	-46.2%																			

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Activities

- **High Visibility Patrolling: *the provision of community support and reassurance by undertaking high visibility vehicle, foot and cycle patrols focusing on identified antisocial behaviour issues.***

During Q4 MCAT officers maintained their focus on high visibility proactive policing, conducting mobile and foot patrols throughout the county. Focus was given to areas identified as having a higher density of incidents, namely Dalkeith Town Centre and Straiton Retail Park. Numerous antisocial behaviour and acquisitive offences were identified and reported throughout this deployment.

Quad bike patrols were conducted in the Pentlands and divisional farms with a focus on rural and livestock crime awareness. Positive engagement was conducted with farmers, visitors and dog walkers in these areas to provide crime prevention advice and community reassurance.

MCAT continue to provide reassurance to our minority groups in the area also, regularly visiting and conducting hi vis patrols of local mosques and refugee accommodation.

- **Recidivist Offenders: *intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention being given to persons subject to ASBOs and judicial bails (including curfews).***

During Q4 MDA and GE search warrants were executed at 10 addresses throughout the county.

This resulted in seizure of Class A and B Controlled substances, including cannabis, Cocaine, and Amphetamine.

In addition, over £9,000 in cash was seized as being linked to crime.

These warrant executions resulted in supply and possession charges libelled and disruption of drugs supply in the area.

Q4 saw MCAT officers continuing to develop and progress intelligence, both through analysis of incoming intelligence and proactive gathering of information. This intelligence analysis and progression remains a key focus of MCATs activities with a view to craving and executing warrants to combat criminal activity in the county.

MCAT retains their focus on those individuals wanted on warrant with forty-one total warrant arrests enforced throughout Q4.

Several nominals remain on G4s monitored electronic tag. MCAT consults with G4S in the monitoring of these individuals and submits reports in relation to any breaches identified.

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Bail checks continued with a total of 128 compliant checks made and twenty-nine occasions when breaches of bail were detected, resulting in the offenders being reported accordingly for breaching bail curfews.

Bail Curfew Check - Complaint	128
Bail Curfew Check – Bail Breached	29
Arrest on warrant	41
Search Person MDA Positive	3
Search Person MDA Negative	0
Search Property MDA Positive	10
Search Property MDA Negative	1
Search Weapons Positive	0
Search Weapons Negative	0
Search Stolen Property Positive	0
Search Stolen Property Negative	0

- **Youth Engagement: actively engage with youths and foster a positive image of the police and their local communities. Function as primary first responders to youth calls, disrupt antisocial behaviour and enforce appropriate legislation firmly but fairly. Maximise alcohol seizures. Engage with partners and CBO colleagues to identify appropriate support and diversionary activities.**

During Q4, MCAT attended thirty-six youth incidents across Midlothian. This number is a significant drop from Q3 however this is expected due to time of year/season.

MCAT deployed in varying diverse ways throughout Q4, including plain clothes as a way of tackling specific problem areas and dispersal of youths from hot spots.

Most calls continue to relate to the same groups of individuals, and because of the previous positive engagement MCAT are aware of the problem groups.

MCAT also continues to consult with school link officers to educate and assist with combatting youth ASB.

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The new “warning letter” system implemented in Q2/3 is deemed to be successful with the innovative approach having the desired effect on calls received and will remain in place should the problem arise again.

MCAT continues to stop and engage with groups of youths and have a positive relationship with most they encounter. On the occasion where crime is identified VPD’s have been submitted as appropriate

Youth Calls Attended	36
Alcohol Seizures	0
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	4

- **Licensed Premises: monitor *licensed premises activity and function as first responders to antisocial behavior related incidents whenever possible.***

Most licensed premise checks took place at weekends in Q4, with licensees being spoken to and the ensuring of appropriate staffing and measures being taken to run without issue.

MCAT continues to work closely with CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) and are again looking to implement future initiatives with them to tackle underage drinking and licensing offences.

All Midlothian Licensed premises continue to be monitored by MCAT officers with random visits conducted regularly. Very few issues have been identified.

LP Visit Public House	16
LP Visit Off Sales	8

- **Support Partners & Colleagues: engage *with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that occur in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.***

The clever work conducted by MCAT is at times difficult to measure given the pro-active approach taken by officers. Often stopping incidents before they happen or preventing them from developing into something worse. Because MCAT officers know who/when/where problems occur, they are often placed perfectly when issues develop and stop them at source.

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This approach alleviates pressure on frontline response officers, prevents calls to SFRS / SAS and Midlothian council call-out services.

MCAT deploys for any local events, including football matches, and in Q4 no issues were identified because of their attendance.

MCAT continues to support LRT to tackle ASB on buses and provide support to our partner agencies and maintain positive engagement with those encountered.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	0
Joint Activity Local Council	8
Joint Activity SFRS	0
Joint Activity Public Event	9

- **Road Safety: tackle *antisocial vehicle use, giving specific attention to inconsiderate vehicle use on the Midlothian road network and the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. Maximise the appropriate use of ASBO warnings and vehicle seizures.***

Static road checks are a staple in MCATs diary - we continue to run these as often as is practical and will continue to do so as we enter the summer months. All wards of Midlothian benefit from this action.

During Q4 12 static road checks were conducted with corrective advice given and several vehicles seized through driving with no insurance.

MCAT officers continued to conduct high visibility patrols regarding off-road motorbikes under Op Julep, as well as carrying out proactive vehicle stops on a regular basis.

In total throughout Q4 3 individuals were arrested by MCAT officers for drink driving and two for drug driving. Reports were submitted in relation to these offences.

Due to complaints from locals and direct requests from council officials, Speed Gun Checks were conducted in several wards. A multitude of vehicles were stopped and provided with corrective advice regarding their driving with further checks planned.

MCAT continues to maintain a presence at various locations across the county known to attract boy racers each weekend. This provides an opportunity for positive engagement and the checking of vehicles to ensure legality and road worthiness.

Static Road Checks	12
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	3

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Section 165 Seizures	2
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	9
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	2
S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)	1
S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)	0
ASBO Warnings	0
ASBO Seizures	0

- **Other Incidents and Arrests of Note**

Operation RAC has been continued to tackle acquisitive crime. MCAT saw significant arrests made with recidivist offenders being charged with over 27 crimes of dishonesty.

MCAT officers always provide support to frontline policing across the county and have been involved in the search for and tracing of several high-risk missing persons, relieving pressure on frontline and reducing community impact. MCAT also continues to assist in the search for high-risk domestic offenders and have made multiple arrests and reports as a result.

MCAT also investigated several incidents of intercepted packages containing Class B drugs being imported into the UK which were due for delivery to Midlothian. Search warrants for these addresses have been executed and the offenders reported to the procurator fiscal.

MCAT investigated an incident investigated an allegation of sexual assault from an older male against a young female. The suspect was identified and charged with the offence and through the utilisation of special legislation, the suspect was charged with x2 similar other offences against other young victims.

MCAT also investigated an incident involving drugs and stolen property being circulated around Midlothian. This resulted in extensive enquiries being carried out across the whole country and through their perseverance, the suspect was identified, traced and given a prison sentence for his involvement in criminality.

- **Planned Activity**

MCAT are planning an operation involving air support to tackle the use of off-road motorbikes across the entire county. This will see the deployment of Drones, dog handlers and uniformed/non-uniformed officers.

Further static road checks and speed gun checks are planned for the summer months to tackle issues raised in the local community. This will also form part of the winter drink drive campaign.

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During January 2025 MCAT officers will continue to operate in a Plain Clothes capacity, targeting anti-social behavior and drug misuse throughout Midlothian.

Following the success of Q1 2024s community outreach initiative with local nurseries MCAT is developing plans to repeat and expand this by contacting local primary schools. The intention is to conduct engagement visits again utilising the police quad bikes and deliver inputs to primaries 1-3 in each location about the police and road safety to positively engage with the county's youth at an early stage. Meetings will be arranged with each potential site to discuss requirements and planning with a view to conducting the initiative in Q1 2025.

The "it'll cost you" initiative run in Q3 will be repeated in conjunction with our partners in late early Q1 with a view to continuing this as an ongoing initiative throughout the year.

Q4 also saw MCAT deliver "Make Your House Safe" information to all new homeowners buying new builds in Midlothian. This saw MCAT collaborate with builders/sellers and have them issue the information at point of sale.

Continuing from MCAT's excellent results in Q3 an initiative is planned to focus specifically on apprehending those individuals who are wanted on warrant, reducing the number outstanding and securing the prosecution of recidivist offenders.

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	Q4 2024/25	% Change against 5-year average	Detection Rates 2024/25
GROUP 1: NON-SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	5,732.4	6,080	6.1%	60.4%
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	3.0	5	66.7%	100.0%
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0.6	1	66.7%	100.0%
Culpable Homicide (other)	4.2	10	138.1%	100.0%
Attempted Murder	18.6	18	-3.2%	100.0%
Serious Assault (of an emergency worker)	-	1	-	100.0%
Serious Assault (Incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct – causing injury)	261.6	235	-10.2%	77.0%
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	430.0	430	-	99.1%
Common Assault	4,433.6	4,621	4.2%	56.9%
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	98.6	116	17.6%	65.5%
Domestic Abuse (of male)	4.4	14	218.2%	64.3%
Domestic Abuse (of female)	133.0	225	69.2%	64.0%
Stalking	93.4	106	13.5%	72.6%
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	66.4	78	17.5%	92.3%
Threats and extortion	144.4	175	21.2%	5.1%
Other group 1 crimes	40.6	45	10.8%	37.8%
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	1,193.2	1,376	15.3%	54.1%
Rape	209.8	309	47.3%	45.6%
Attempted Rape	8.4	31	269.0%	19.4%
Sexual assault	437.4	443	1.3%	55.3%
Crimes associated with prostitution	1.2	1	-16.7%	100.0%
Indecent photos of children	64.8	97	49.7%	88.7%
Communicating indecently	111.4	83	-25.5%	72.3%
Causing to view sexual activity or images	172.0	199	15.7%	53.3%
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image	83.6	90	7.7%	43.3%
Other Group 2 crimes	104.6	123	17.6%	49.6%
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	8,268.8	8,867	7.2%	30.5%
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	386.6	350	-9.5%	30.0%
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	250.2	162	-35.3%	10.5%
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	283.4	232	-18.1%	28.0%
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	173.0	160	-7.5%	18.1%
Theft of a motor vehicle	431.2	465	7.8%	35.7%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	375.4	270	-28.1%	18.5%
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	34.2	55	60.8%	23.6%
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	138.8	152	9.5%	16.4%
Common theft	2,298.4	1,903	-17.2%	17.7%
Theft by shoplifting	2,138.6	3,477	62.6%	44.4%
Fraud	1,2440.0	1,228	-1.3%	15.0%

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Other Group 3 Crimes	516.0	413	-20.0%	42.4%
GROUP 4: DAMAGE AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR	3,972.8	3,635	-8.5%	27.4%
Fire-raising	243.0	274	12.8%	23.0%
Vandalism (including reckless damage etc)	3,447.2	3,128	-9.3%	25.4%
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	4.2	2	-52.4%	100.0%
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	261.6	211	-19.3%	64.9%
Other Group 4 Crimes	16.8	20	19.0%	10.0%
GROUP 5: CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	4,124.6	4,336	5.1%	93.0%
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	24.0	17	-29.2%	82.4%
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	11.4	11	-3.5%	90.9%
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	7.6	39	413.2%	110.3%
Possession of a corrosive substance (not used in crime)	-	-	-	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	277.2	260	-6.2%	87.3%
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	5.2	15	188.5%	73.3%
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	3.8	7	84.2%	85.7%
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	3.8	6	57.9%	100.0%
Possession of corrosive substance (used in criminal activity)	0.4	-	-	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	241.2	401	66.3%	65.3%
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	51.8	34	-34.4%	102.9%
Supply of drugs (incl possession with intent)	178.0	236	32.6%	95.3%
Bringing drugs into prison	21.0	59	181.0%	33.9%
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	10.0	20	100.0%	80.0%
Possession of drugs	1,562.4	1,234	-21.0%	100.3%
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	4.0	17	325.0%	82.4%
Bail offences (other than absconding)	957.2	1,065	11.3%	96.5%
Other crimes against public justice	750.2	891	18.8%	96.2%
Other crimes against society	15.4	24	55.8%	87.5%
GROUP 6: ANTISOCIAL OFFENCES	3,892.8	3,732	-4.1%	74.1%
Breach of the Peace	102.2	133	30.1%	92.5%
Threatening & abusive behaviour	3,485.6	3,345	-4.0%	72.1%
Hate aggravated conduct (incl stirring up hatred)	118.0	141	19.5%	86.5%
Drunk and incapable	29.8	16	-46.3%	100.0%
Consume alcohol in designated place (local byelaws)	24.8	23	-7.3%	100.0%
Other alcohol related offences	34.2	27	-21.1%	100.0%
Urinating	98.2	47	-52.1%	91.5%
GROUP 7: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	1,296.8	1,394	7.5%	56.7%

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Wildlife offences	41.4	28	-32.4%	28.6%
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	119.4	118	-1.2%	55.9%
Community and public order offences	897.8	1,070	19.2%	52.7%
Environmental offences	31.0	23	-25.8%	82.6%
Licensing offences	116.2	85	-26.9%	85.9%
Other misc. offences	91.0	70	-23.1%	87.1%
GROUP 8: ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES	7,409.0	7,326	-1.1%	81.5%
Dangerous driving offences	255.2	268	5.0%	76.1%
Driving carelessly	659.6	643	-2.5%	85.5%
Driving under the influence	554.8	598	7.8%	102.5%
Speeding offences	433.2	187	-56.8%	100.0%
Seatbelt offences	128.4	114	-11.2%	100.0%
Mobile phone offences	157.2	184	17.0%	98.9%
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	2,787.2	2,545	-8.7%	99.3%
Vehicle defect offences	224.4	372	67.3%	99.5%
Driver's neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	447.4	374	-16.4%	90.9%
Road traffic offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	9.0	4	-55.6%	75.0%
Other Group 8 offences	1,754.6	2,037	16.1%	43.3%

Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

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Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0.6	-	-100.0	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)			0.0	
Culpable Homicide (other)	0.4	1	150.0%	100.0%
Attempted Murder	2.4	5	108.3%	40.0%
Serious Assault (Incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct – causing injury)	45.6	45	-1.3%	82.2%
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	74.0	63	-14.9%	100.0%
Common Assault	784.4	857	9.3%	61.8%
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	18.8	25	33.0%	72.0%
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1.0	3	200.0%	66.7%
Domestic Abuse (of female)	23.0	48	108.7%	68.8%
Stalking	14.2	22	54.9%	63.6%
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	22.2	13	-41.4%	69.2%
Threats and extortion	25.4	28	10.2%	-
Other group 1 crimes	7.8	5	-35.9%	80.0%
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	214.4	303	41.3%	56.8%
Rape	34.8	79	127.0%	54.4%
Attempted Rape	0.4	4	900.0%	50.0%
Sexual assault	80.0	96	20.0%	61.5%
Crimes associated with prostitution	0.2		-100.0%	-
Indecent photos of children	11.8	18	52.5%	83.3%
Communicating indecently	23.6	17	-28.0%	41.2%
Causing to view sexual activity or images	30.0	36	20.0%	58.3%
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image	17.2	23	33.7%	47.8%
Other Group 2 crimes	16.4	30	82.9%	46.7%
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	1721.8	2031	18%	34%
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	82.2	72	-12.4%	38.9%
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	86.2	52	-39.7%	17.3%
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	50.8	32	-37.0%	50.0%
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	29.6	35	18.2%	22.9%
Theft of a motor vehicle	92.6	101	9.1%	33.7%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	61.0	61	0.0	27.9%
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	6.2	11	77.4%	27.3%
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	28.0	20	-28.6%	25.0%
Common theft	400.6	389	-2.9%	17.5%
Theft by shoplifting	555.0	875	57.7%	47.2%
Fraud	221.0	266	20.4%	17.3%
Other Group 3 Crimes	108.6	117	7.7%	37.6%

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GROUP 4: DAMAGE AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR	757	688	-9.1%	29.1%
Fire-raising	45.8	53	15.7%	34.0%
Vandalism (including reckless damage etc)	644.6	593	-8.0%	26.5%
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0.4	1	150.0%	100.0%
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	61.2	36	-41.2%	66.7%
Other Group 4 Crimes	5.0	5	0.0	-
GROUP 5: CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	827.8	816	-1.4%	93.1%
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	0.2		-100.0	-
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	3.6	5	38.9%	80.0%
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	2.0	9	350.0%	88.9%
Possession of a corrosive substance (not used in crime)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	49.4	39	-21.1%	76.9%
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	0.2		-100.0	-
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	0.4	3	650.0%	100.0%
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	0.6		-100.0	-
Possession of corrosive substance (used in criminal activity)	0.2		-100.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	39.6	77	94.4%	64.9%
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	9.6	4	-58.3%	50.0%
Supply of drugs (incl possession with intent)	38.4	35	-8.9%	100.0%
Bringing drugs into prison			0.0	-
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	1.2	7	483.3%	100.0%
Possession of drugs	313.6	230	-26.7%	102.6%
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.8	4	400.0%	100.0%
Bail offences (other than absconding)	217.4	226	4.0%	95.6%
Other crimes against public justice	149.8	171	14.2%	93.6%
Other crimes against society	0.8	6	650.0%	83.3%
GROUP 6: ANTISOCIAL OFFENCES	726.8	682	-6.2%	76.5%
Breach of the Peace	19.8	28	41.4%	96.4%
Threatening & abusive behaviour	657.8	610	-7.3%	74.9%
Hate aggravated conduct (incl stirring up hatred)	14.4	20	38.9%	80.0%
Drunk and incapable	4.4	3	-31.8%	100.0%
Consume alcohol in designated place (local byelaws)	8.0	3	-62.5%	100.0%
Other alcohol related offences	9.0	8	-11.1%	100.0%
Urinating	13.4	10	-25.4%	80.0%
GROUP 7: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	242.8	262	7.9%	54.2%
Wildlife offences	4.6	1	-78.3%	-

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Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	23.2	23	-0.9%	65.2%
Community and public order offences	178.8	222	24.2%	50.0%
Environmental offences	9.4	2	-78.7%	100.0%
Licensing offences	25.0	11	-56.0%	100.0%
Other misc. offences	1.8	3	66.7%	100.0%
GROUP 8: ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES	1427.6	1764	23.6%	82.9%
Dangerous driving offences	57.6	69	19.8%	66.7%
Driving carelessly	136.0	131	-3.7%	82.4%
Driving under the influence	125.8	152	20.8%	103.3%
Speeding offences	45.0	78	73.3%	100.0%
Seatbelt offences	22.8	46	101.8%	100.0%
Mobile phone offences	37.6	85	126.1%	98.8%
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	512.2	617	20.5%	98.5%
Vehicle defect offences	56.2	121	115.3%	99.2%
Driver's neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	60.2	34	-43.5%	97.1%
Road traffic offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	1.4	1	-28.6%	100.0%
Other Group 8 offences	372.8	430	15.3%	42.3%



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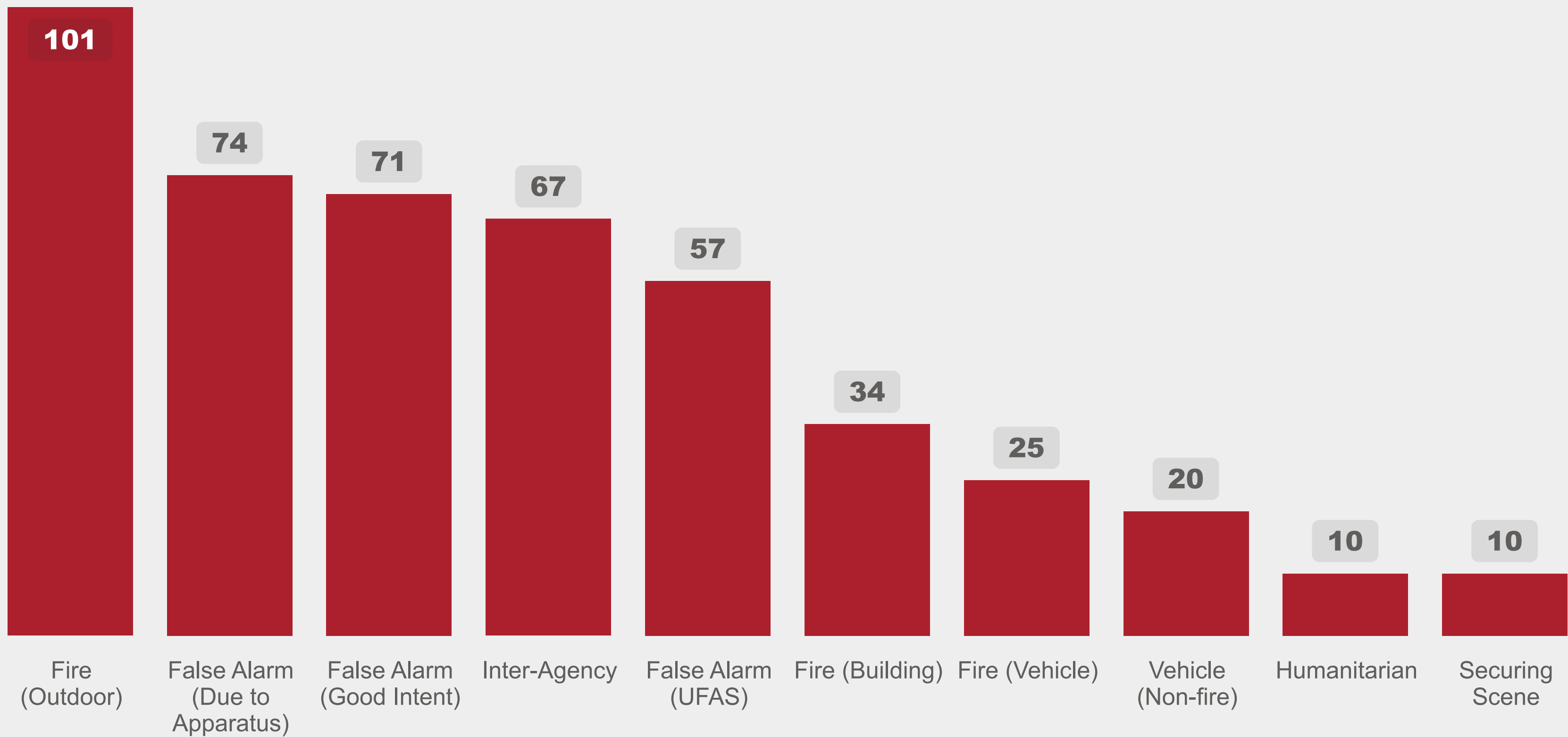
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 488 Total Incidents (Incl. Incompletes)	 160 Fires	 119 Non-Fire Incidents	 206 False Alarms	 57 UFAS
 16 People Rescued by Firefighters	 3 People Receiving First Aid or Hospital Treatment (Fires)	 0 Fire Fatalities	 18 People Receiving First Aid or Hospital Treatment (Non-Fire)	 3 Non-Fire Fatalities
 142 Home Fire Safety Visits	 70 Fire Safety Audits			

Top 10 Incident Types

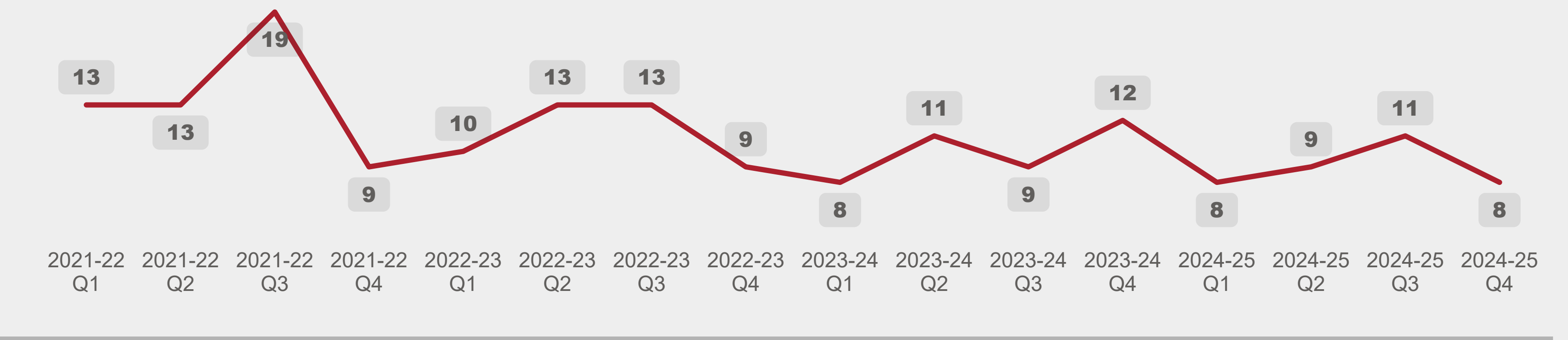


As can be seen within page 3 of the report, the data highlights that over the 2 quarters, SFRS attended 488 incidents within the Midlothian boundary area, this can be broken down as 160 fires, 206 false alarms & 119 non-fire incidents, as the bar chart above indicates, the most common incident type is outdoor fires, this can be broken down further into quarters, with 50 occurrences in Q3 (46 deliberate) and 51 in Q4 (34 deliberate). We continue to utilise data mapping to identify areas and times that these incidents commonly occur, and our community action team continue to work alongside operational crews and partner agencies to attempt to mitigate these instances of deliberate fire setting. We also continue to attend a large proportion of false alarms, 57 of which are unwanted, and our Fire Safety enforcement teams continue to liaise with Duty Holders to inform and educate them through Fire Safety audits of relevant Premises.

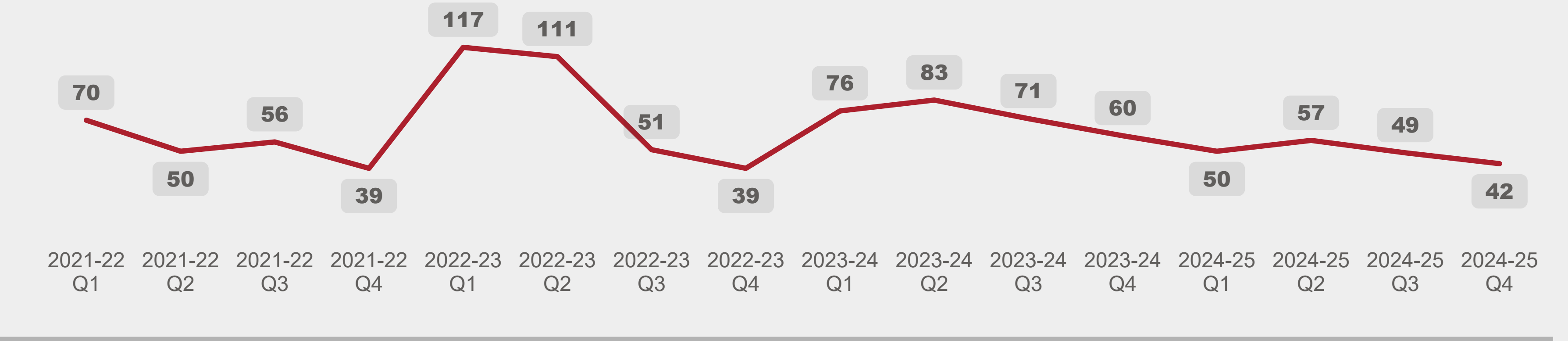
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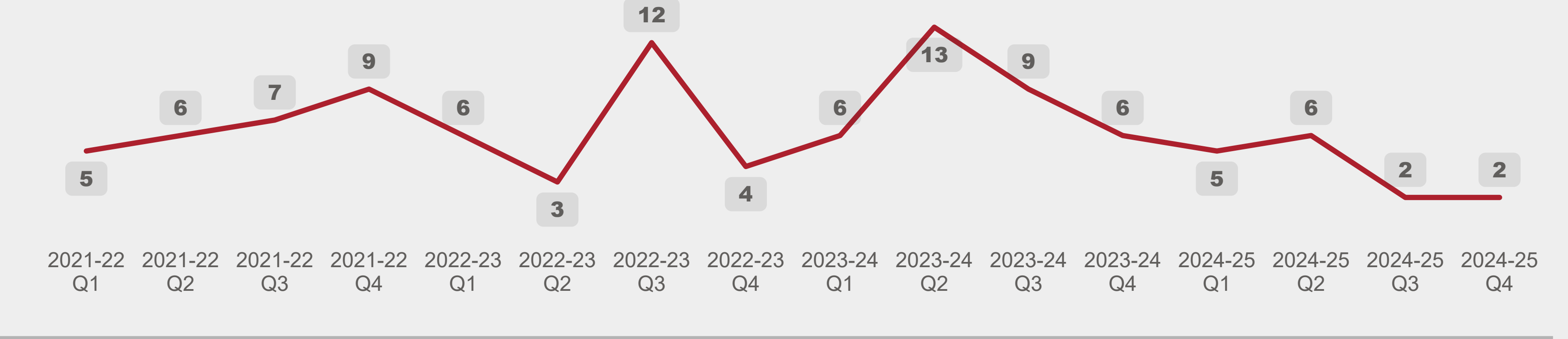
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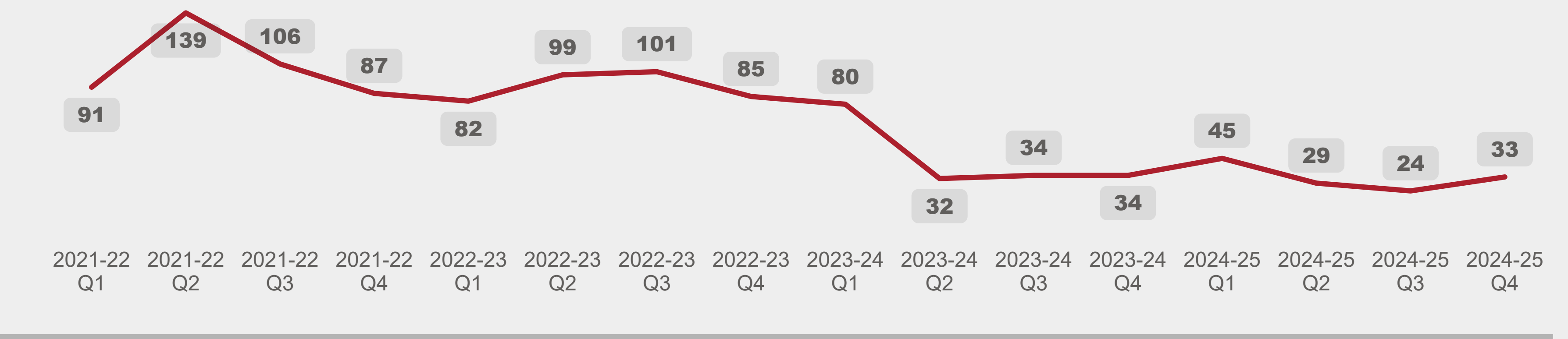
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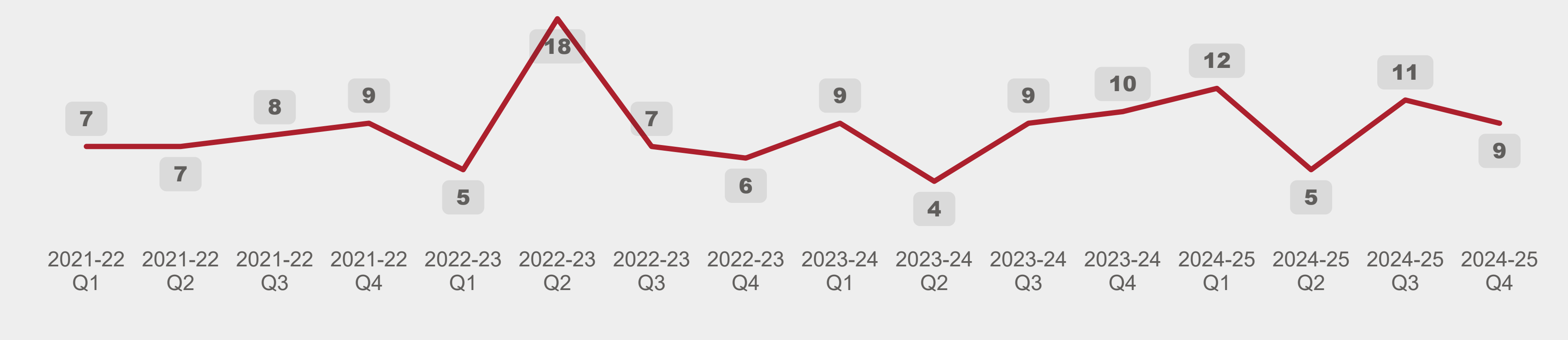
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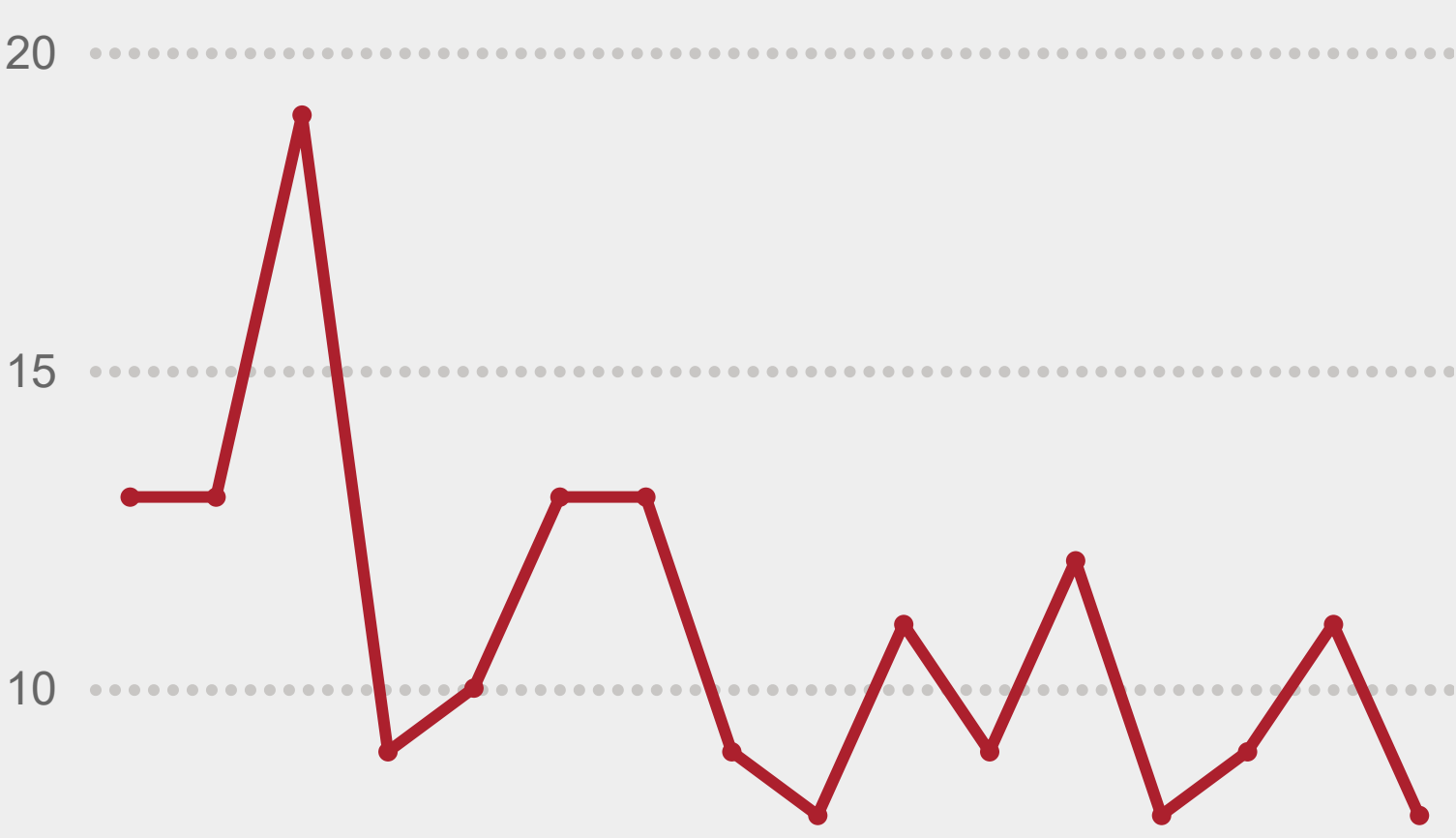
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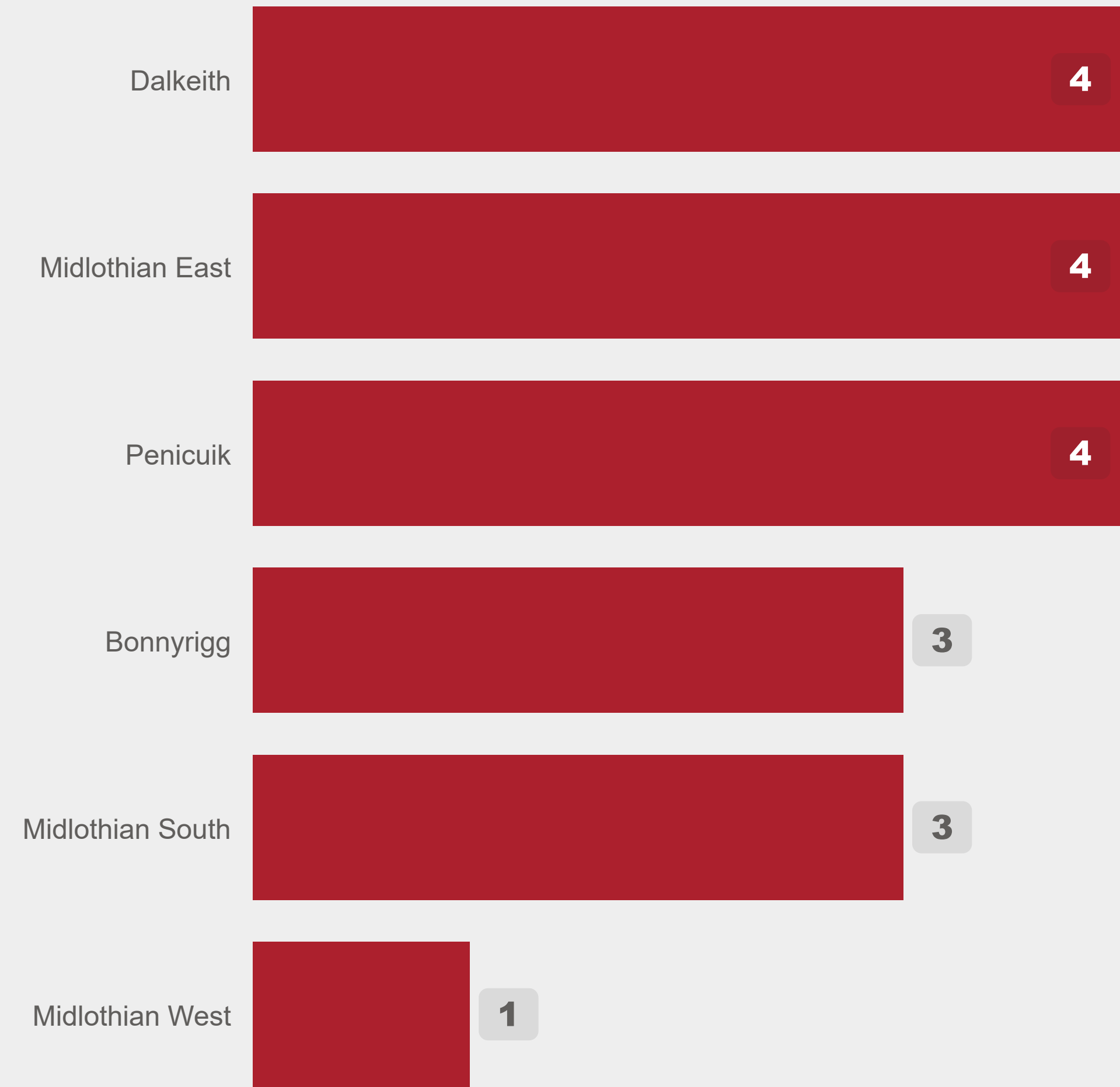
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Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Extent of Damage	Incidents
Limited to item 1st ignited	9
Not applicable	6
Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	2
Limited to room of origin	2

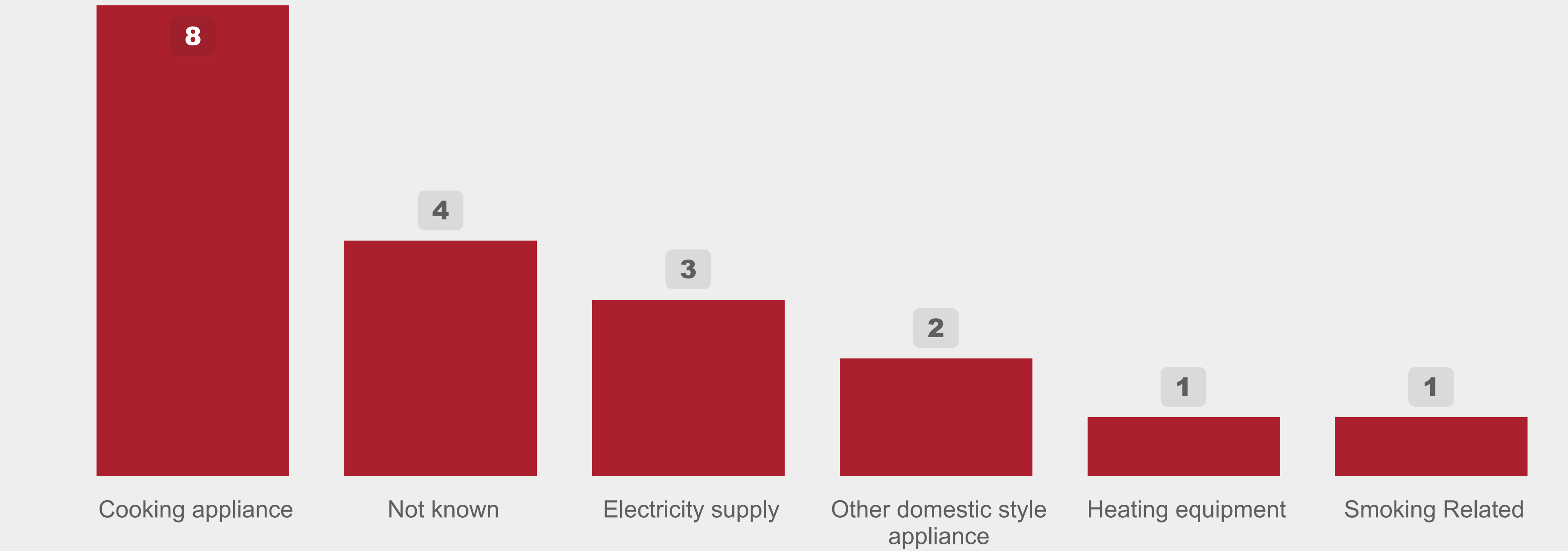
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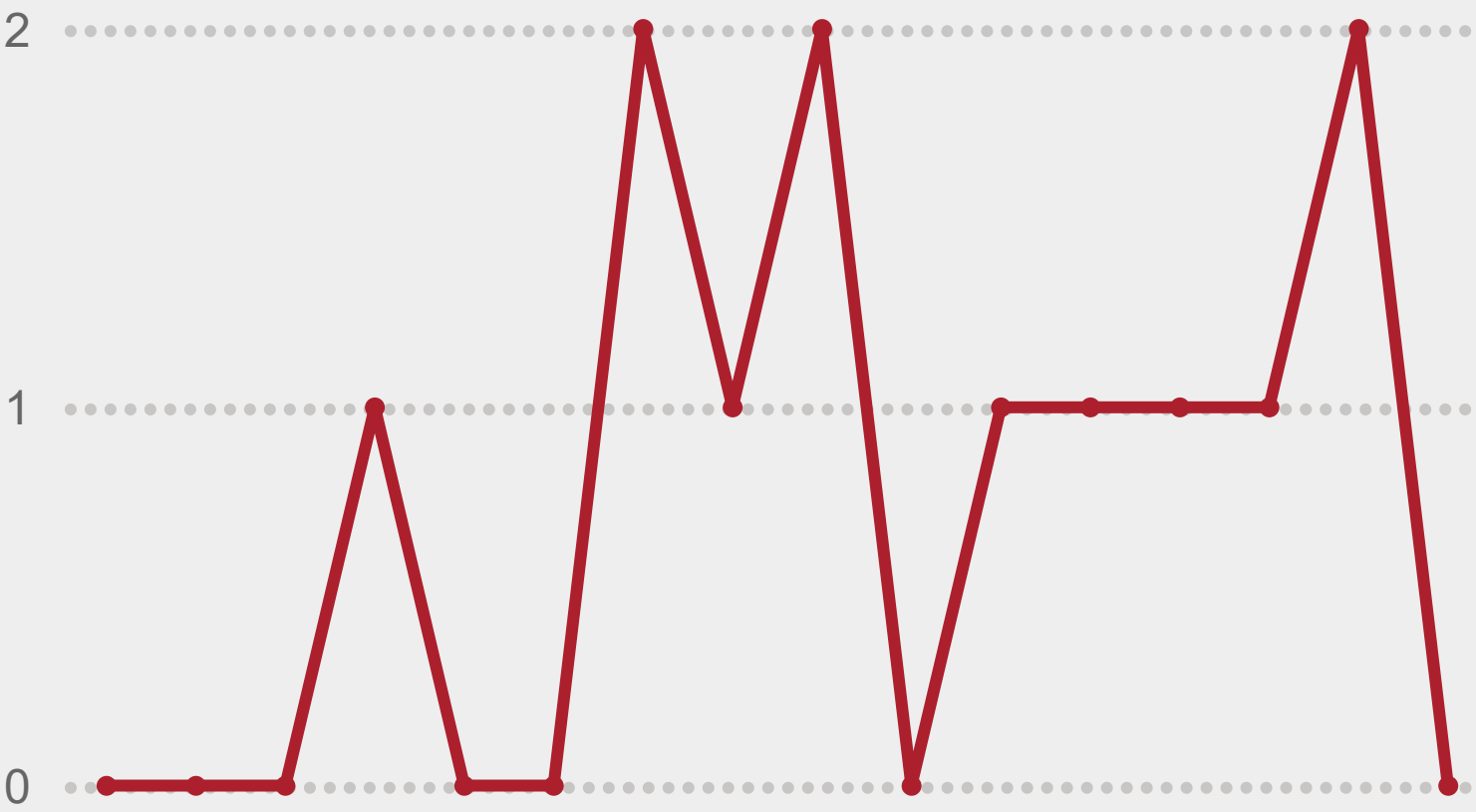
Accidental Dwelling Fires
in this period

Source of Ignition (Top 10)



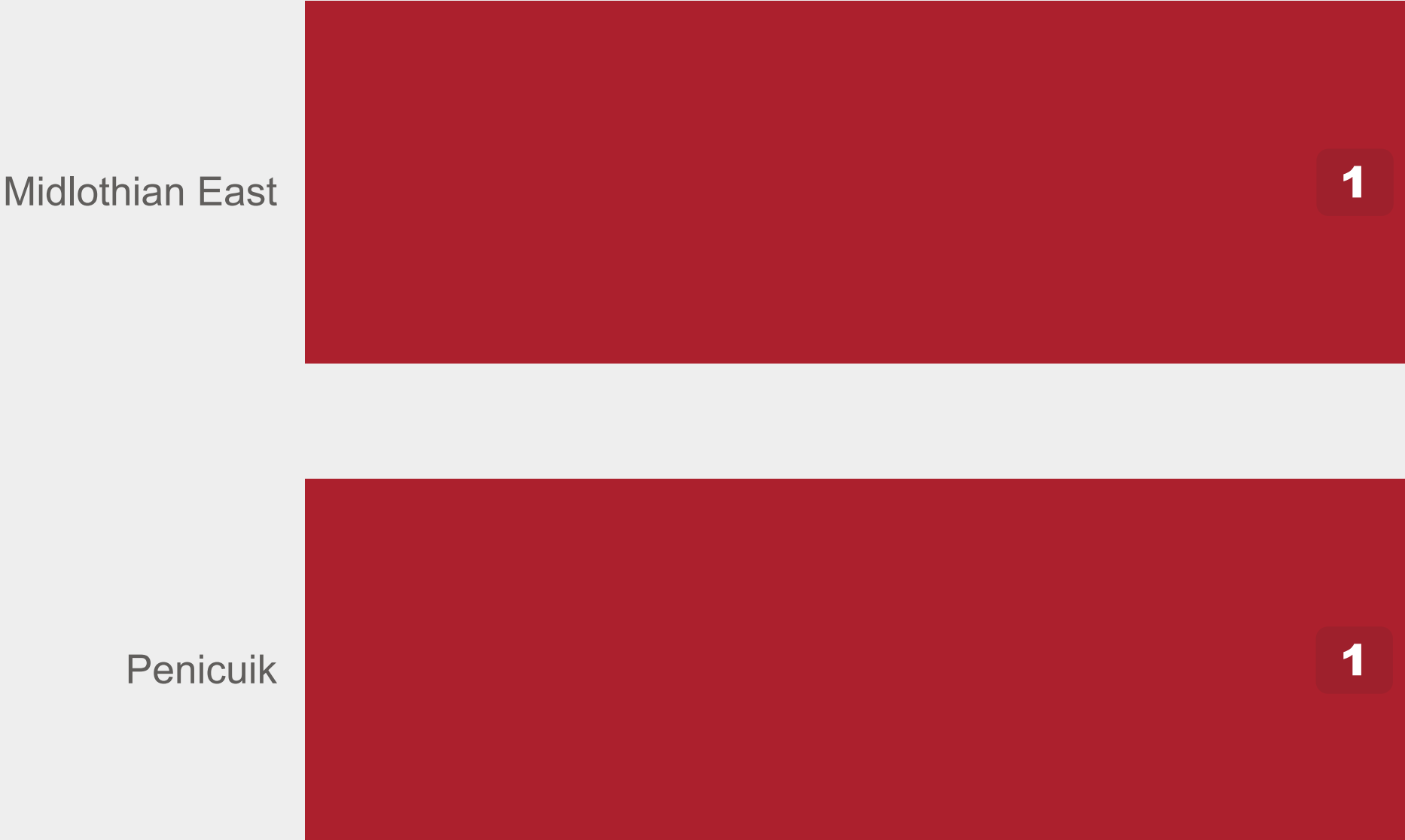
As indicated within section 2 of the report, there are no discernible trends within the area, however Q4 has saw a small decrease in accidental dwelling fires from Q3, while we have also seen a small reduction in overall deliberate fires. Our incidents in non domestic premises are also at a 4 year low. UFAS incidents have seen a small rise, however this is still considerably lower than our incidents attended prior to the implementation of the new UFAS procedure as can be seen within the chart pre Q2 23/24. SFRS attendance at RTCS's has also saw a rise from Q2, as the data suggests over a 4 year period, Quarters 3 & 4 tend to see an increase in RTC's due to weather and road conditions.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Nature of Injury/Cause of Death	Casualties
Burns - slight	1
Overcome by gas, smoke or toxic fumes; asphyxiation	1

Casualties by Ward



2

Non-Fatal Casualties

0

Fatal Casualties

0

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)

2

First Aid Given at Scene

0

Hospital Slight Injuries

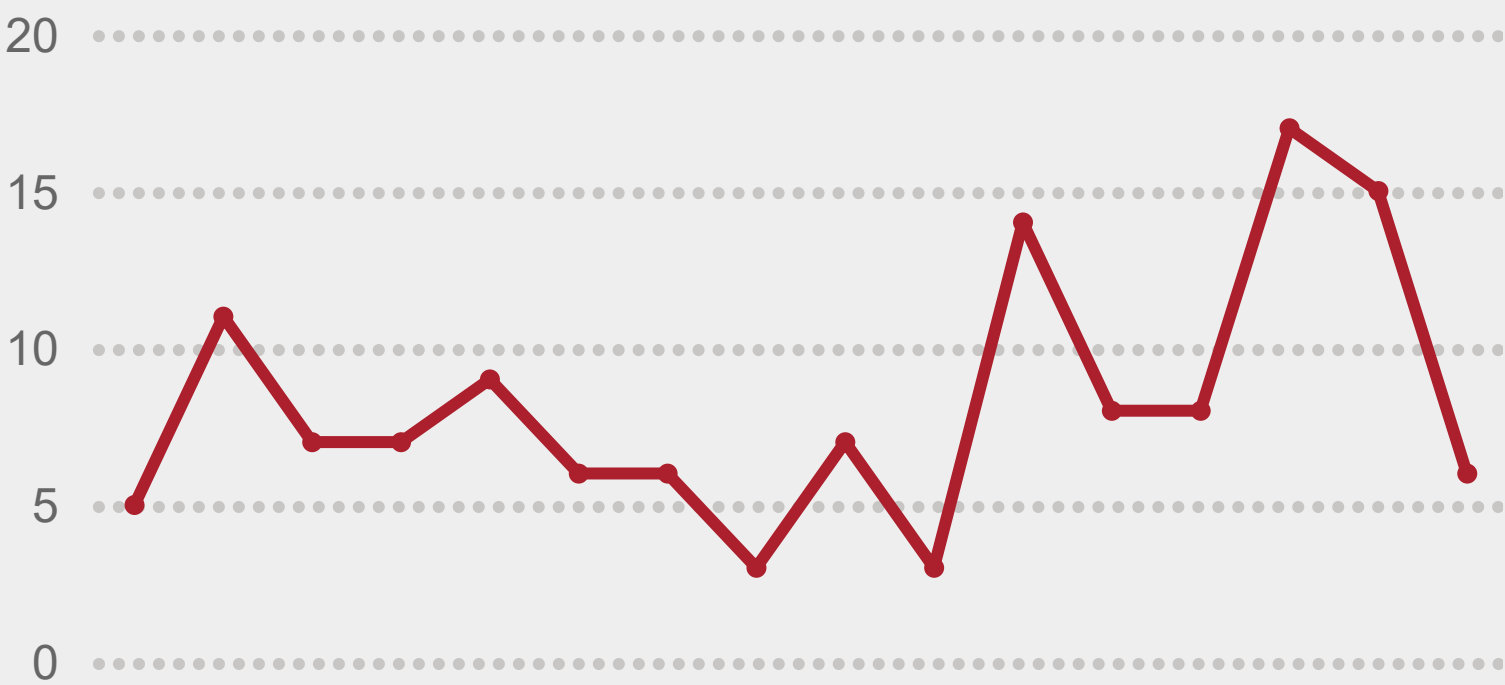
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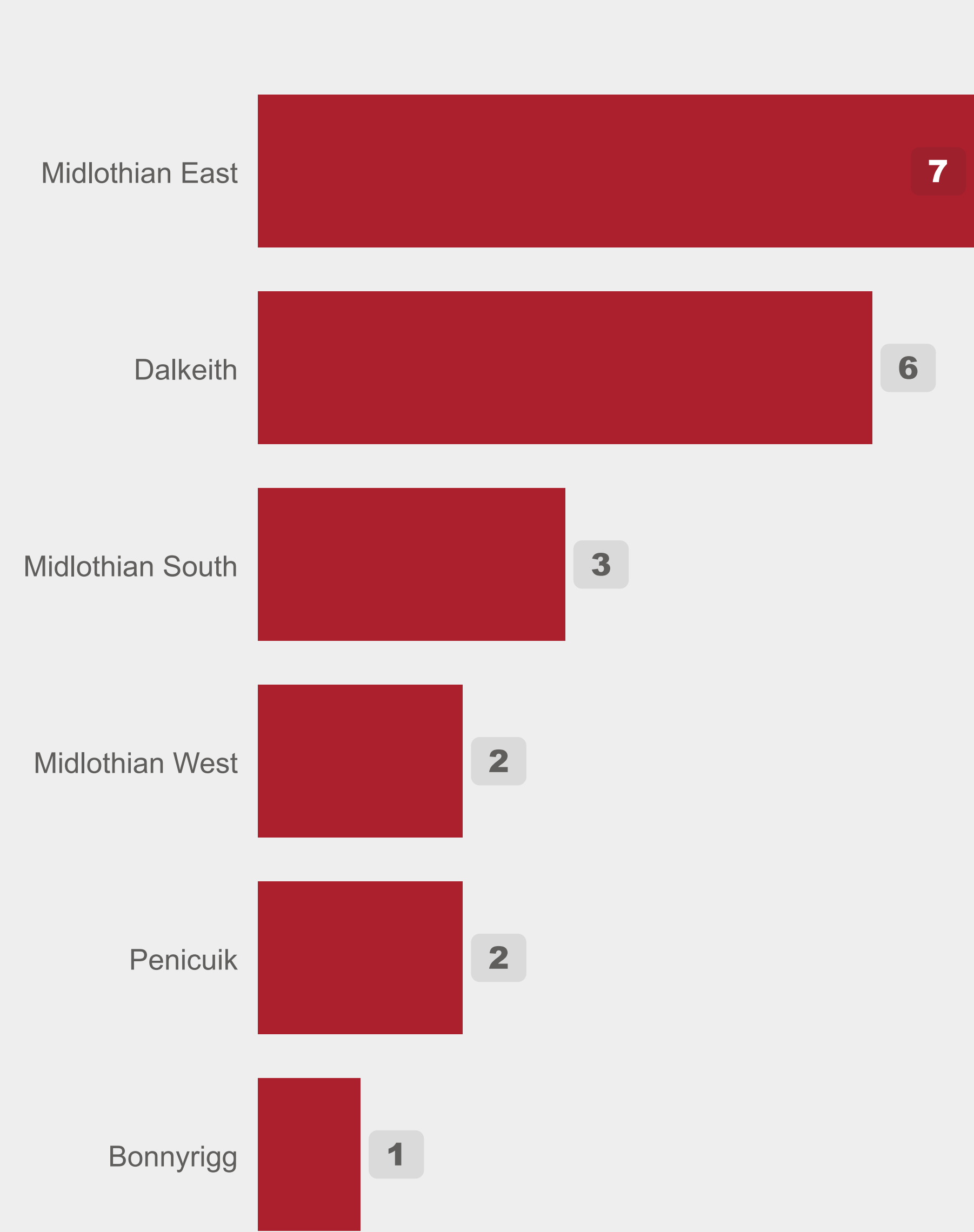
Over Quarters 3 & 4, SFRS attended 19 dwelling fires, 11 in Q3 & 8 in Q4, while on 9 occasions this was contained to the first item ignited, on 6 occasion this has resulted in property loss to the householders.

Again, as highlighted within the bar chart, the most common cause of Accidental dwelling fires is cooking appliances and we continue to inform and educate the community on fire safety matters around this through our post domestic Incident response and HFSV programme.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Casualties by Ward



18

Non-Fatal Casualties

3

Fatal Casualties

15

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)



1

First Aid Given at Scene



8

Hospital Slight Injuries



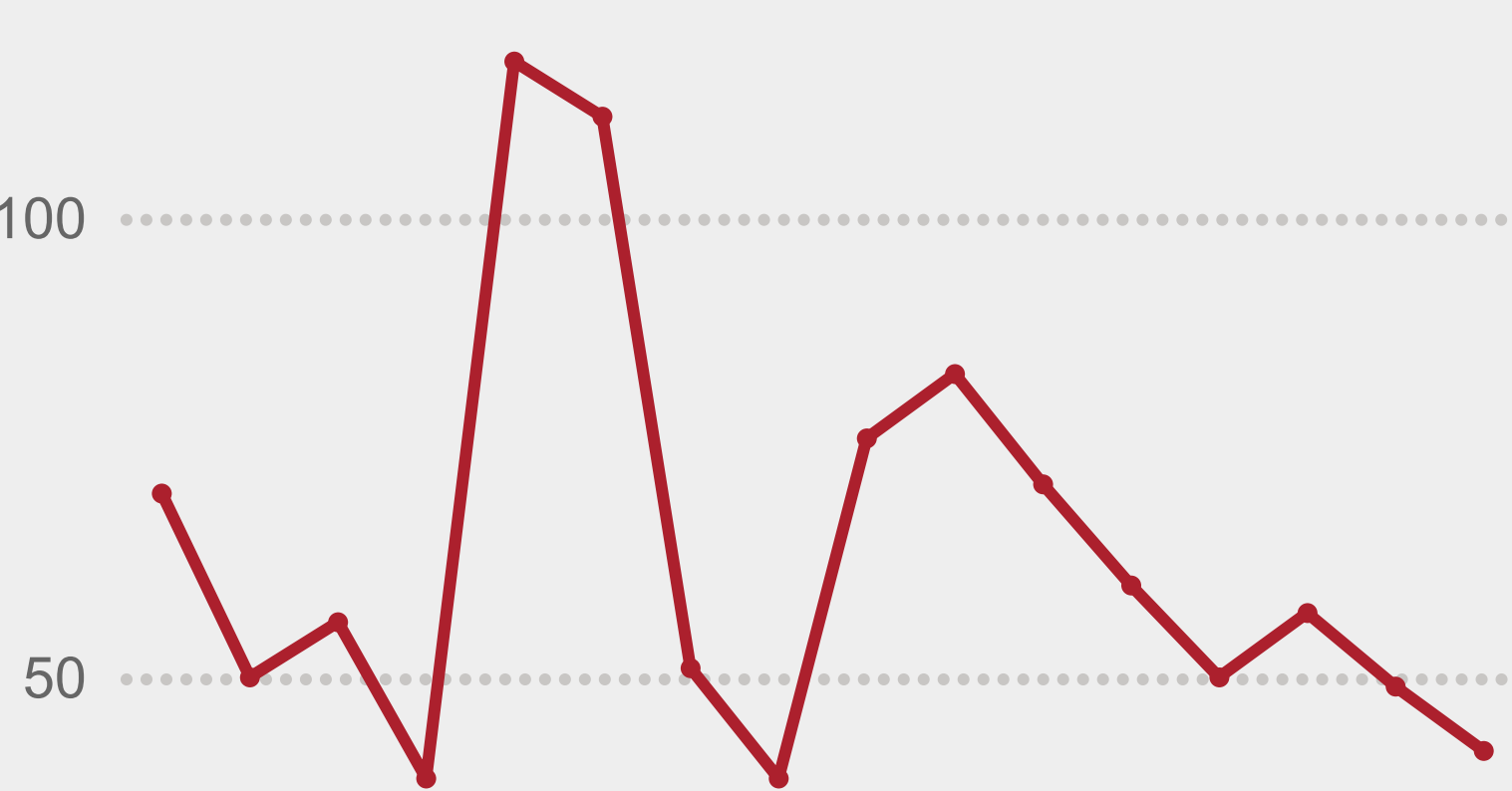
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Over the 2 Quarters SFRS attended incidents alongside partner agencies to assist with 21 casualties, with 15 incidents in Q3 and 6 in Q4.

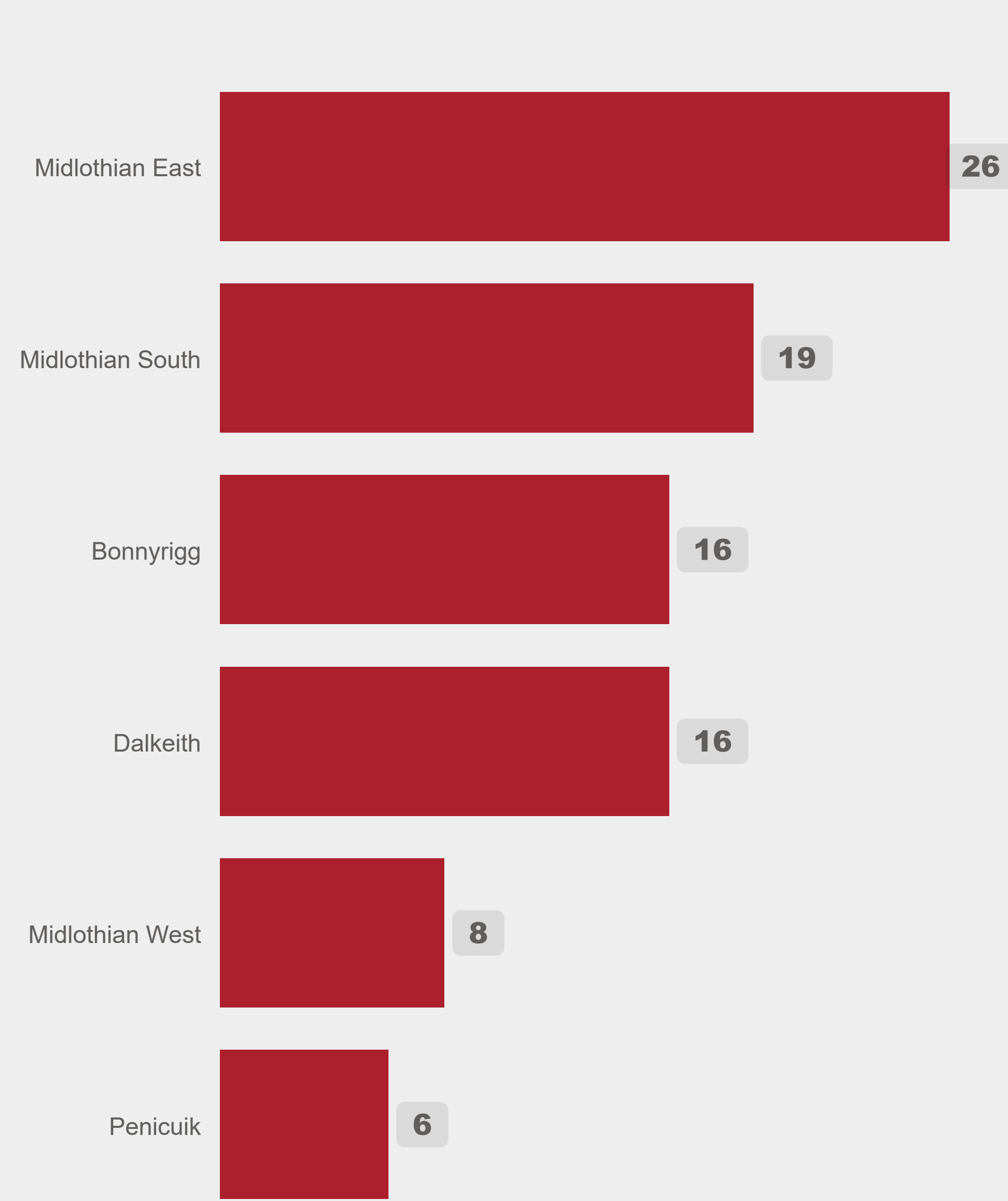
These incidents were attended by operational crews responding to road traffic collisions, specialist rescue or at the request of other agencies, this sadly included 3 fatalities. The detailed chart highlights the nature of injury across the range of incidents.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Property Type	Incident
Grassland, woodland and crops	34
Refuse	30
Other outdoors (including land)	12
Road Vehicle	6
Non Residential	3
Outdoor structures	3
Dwelling	2
Outdoor equipment and machinery	1

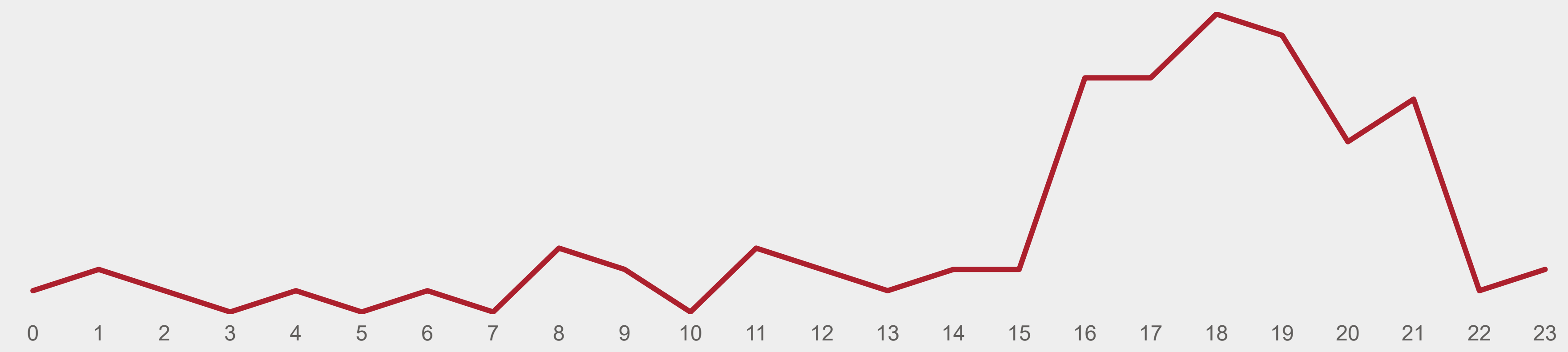
Incidents by Ward



91

Deliberate Fires
in this period

Hour of Day



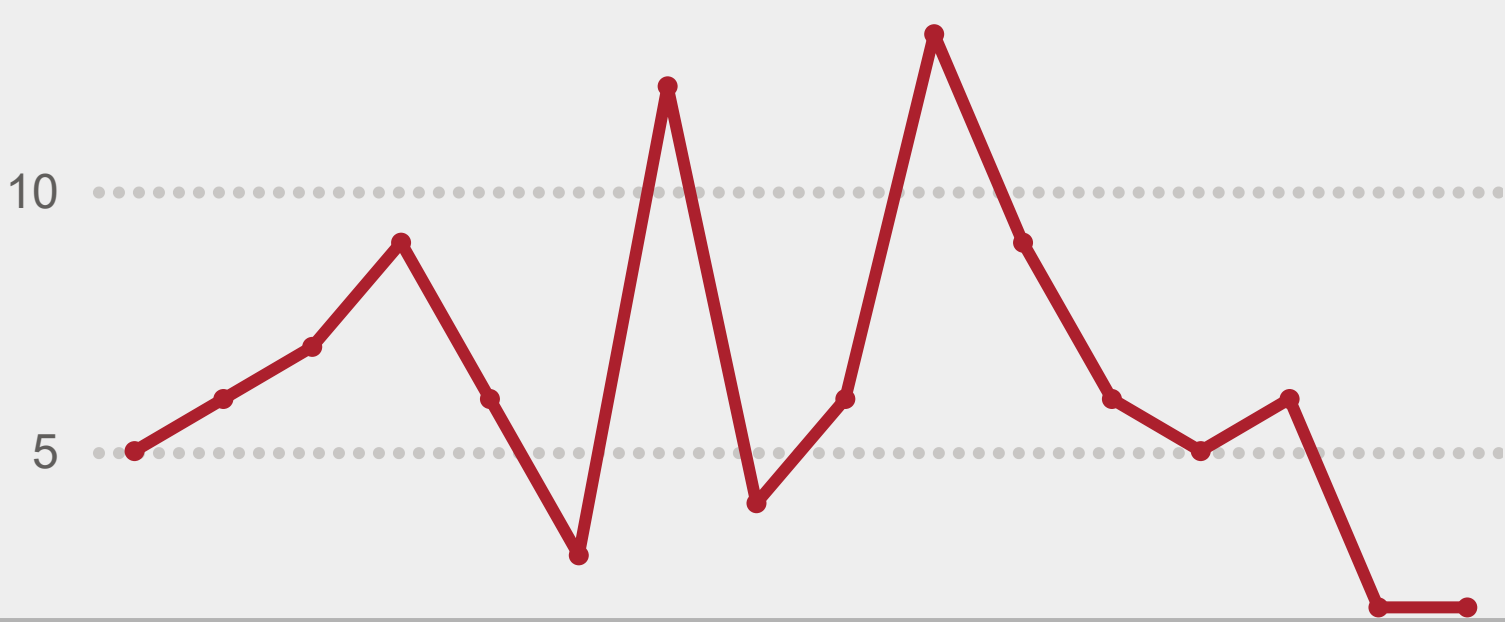
This section highlights a downward trend in deliberate fires since Q2, within Q3 SFRS attended 49 incidents and 42 within Q4. The incident type indicates the vast majority of these incidents are either involving grassland or refuse occurring predominantly in the early evening.

We are once again using this data to inform our targeted approach and are working with partner agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour across the area.

7. Non-Domestic Fires

2024-25 Q3 & Q4

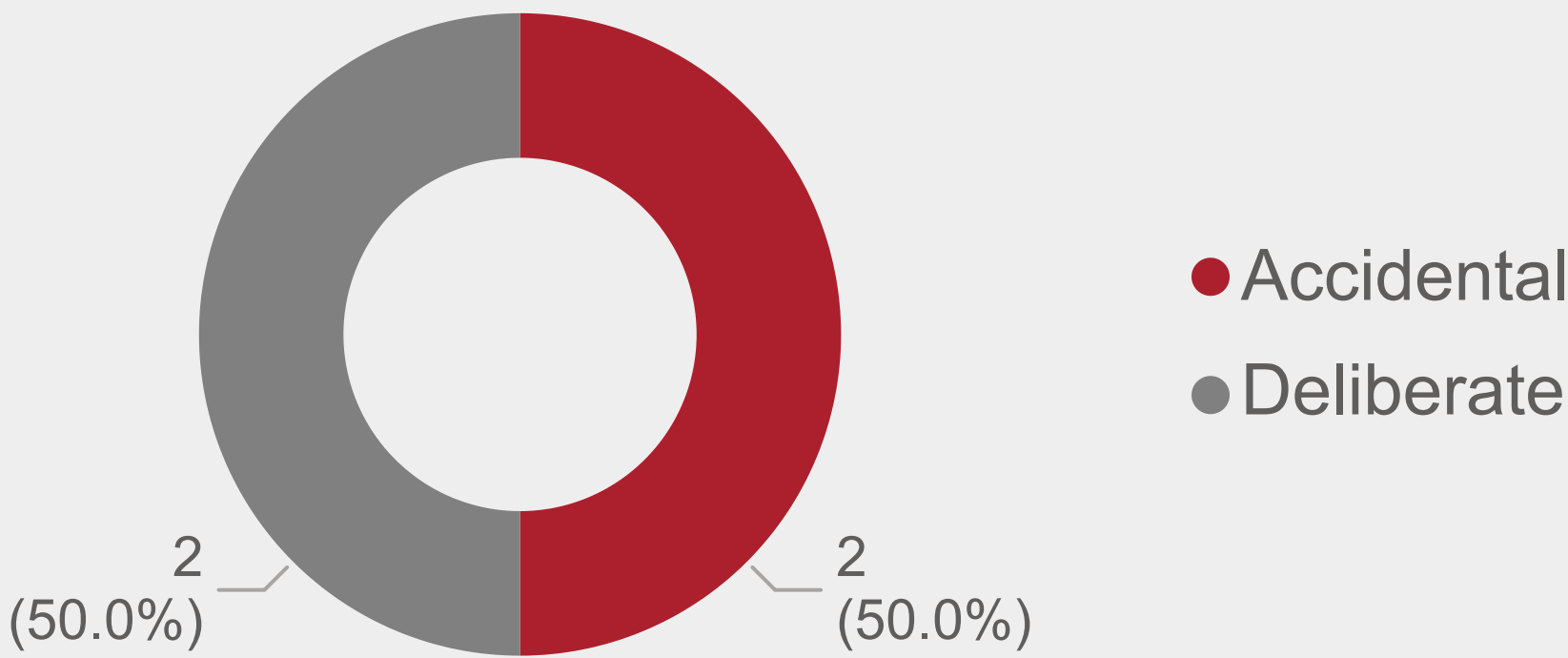
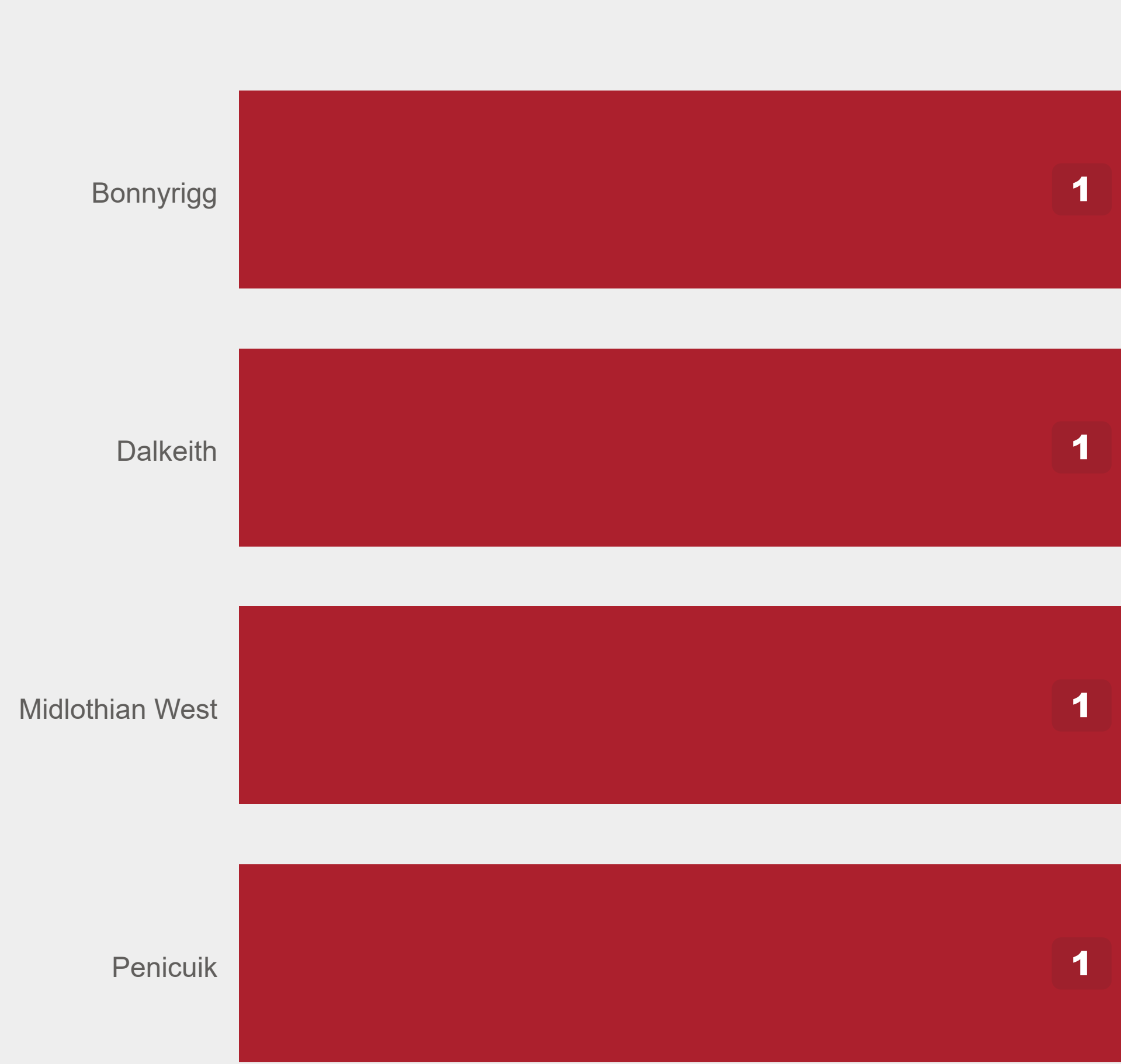
Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Top 15 Property Types

Property Type	Incidents
Food and Drink	2
Offices and call centres	1
Residential Home	1

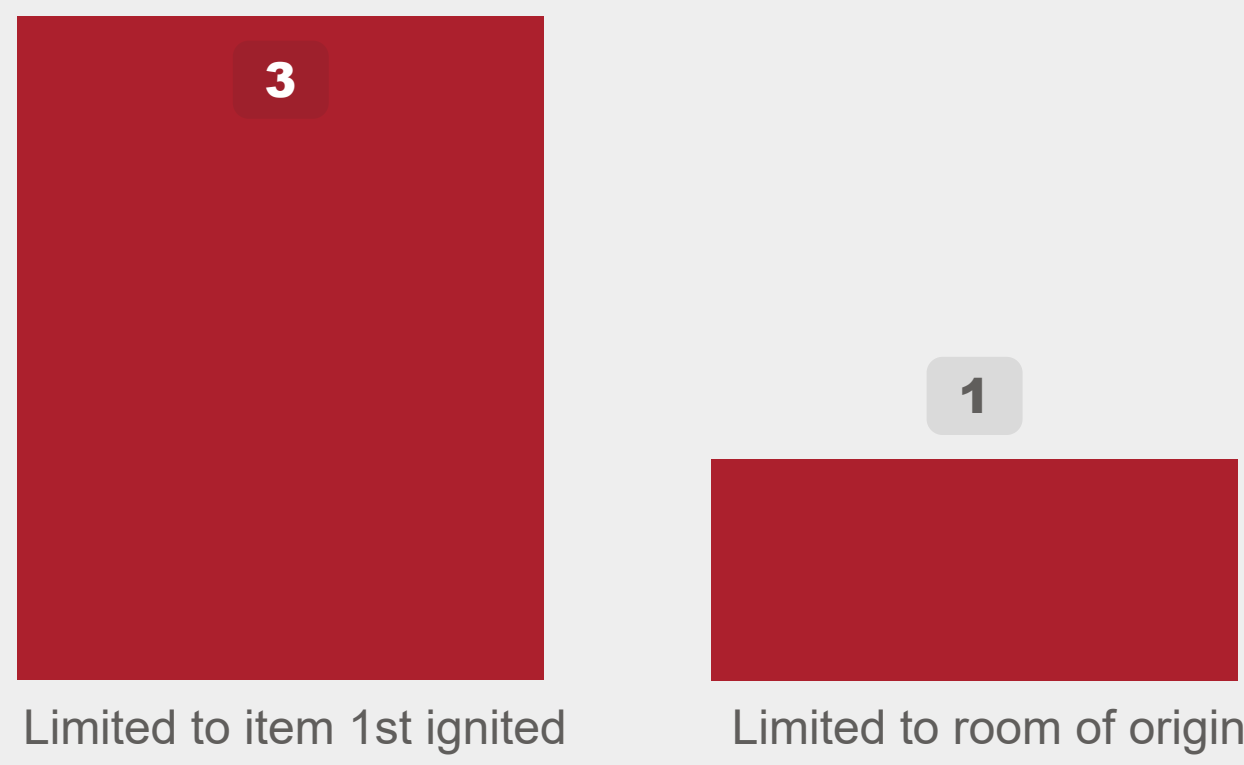
Incidents by Ward



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Non-Domestic
Fires in this
period

Extent of Damage



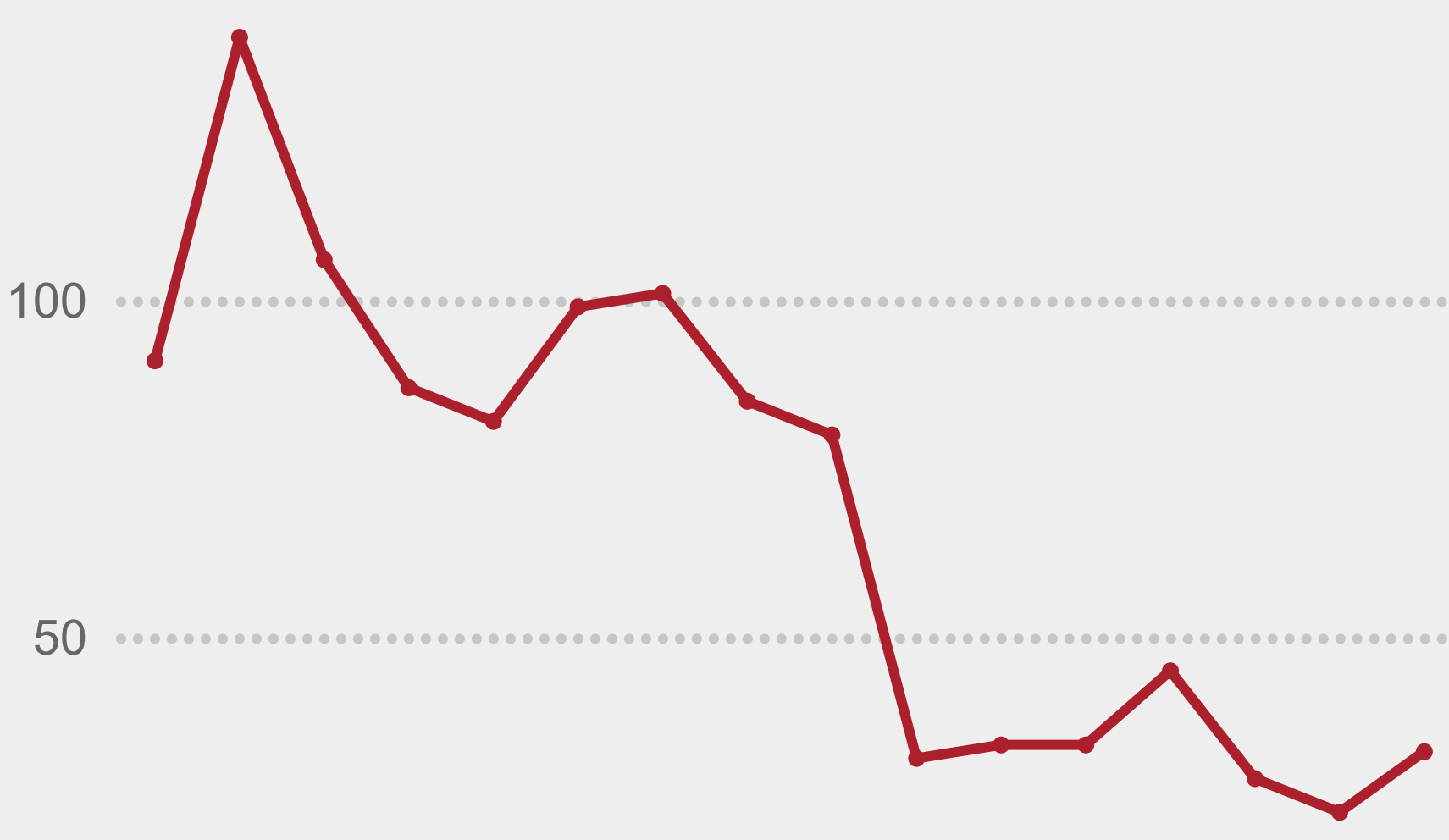
Section 7 of the Report illustrates that SFRS attended 4 incidents within non-domestic premises over the reporting period, this can be broken down as 2 incidents within Q's 3 & 4 respectively.

As the data suggests, 3 of these incidents were limited to the initial item ignited and one was contained to the room of origin, this was a deliberate fire at a premises classed as a food and drink establishment within the Midlothian West Ward.

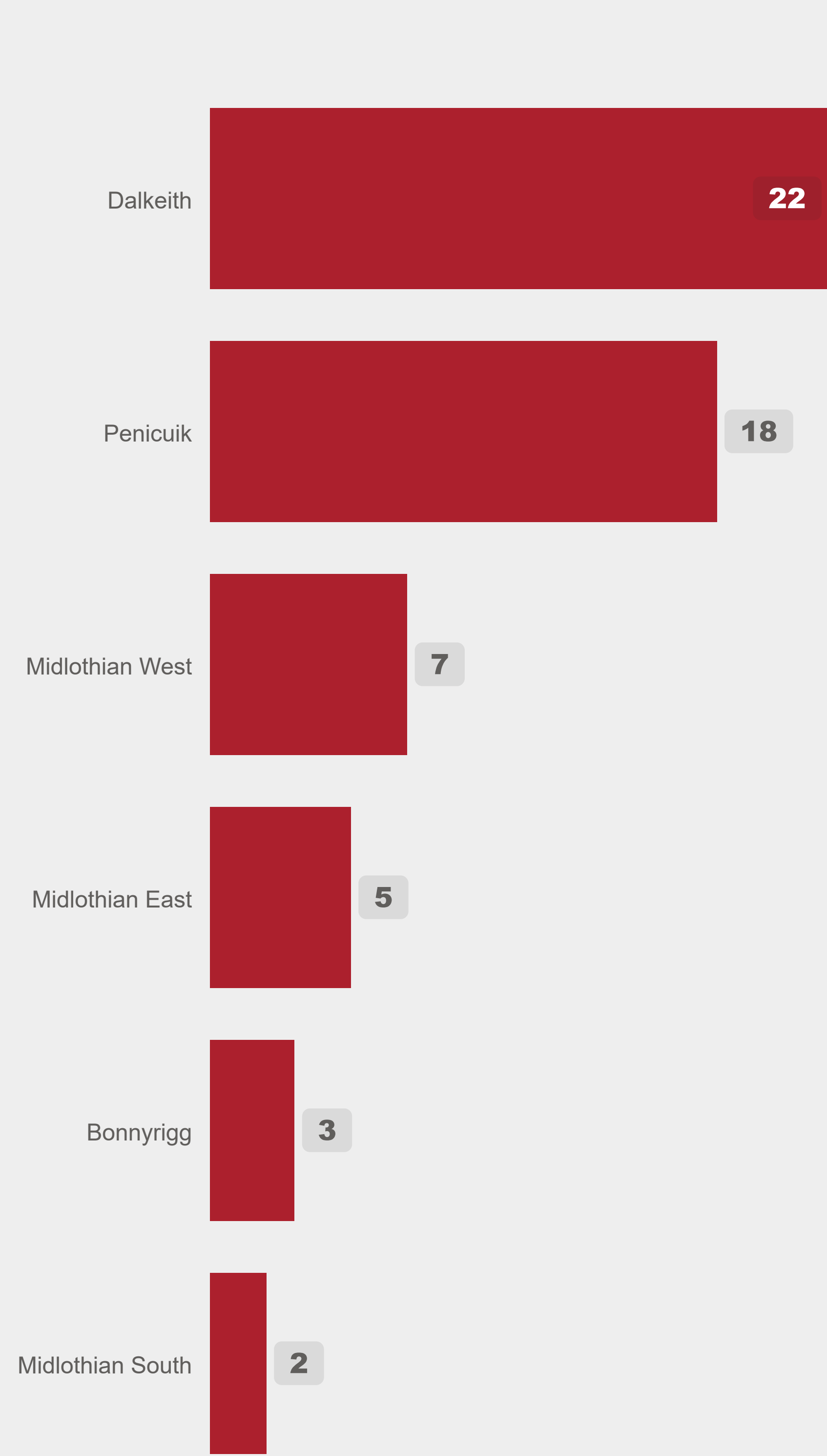
8. Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

2024-25 Q3 & Q4

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Incidents by Ward



Top 15 Property Types

Property Type	Incidents
Hostel (e.g. for homeless people)	13
Sheltered Housing - not self contained	11
Hospitals and medical care	8
Hotel/motel	7
Residential Home	7
Youth hostel	4
Boarding House/B&B for homeless/asylum seekers	3
Education	1
Entertainment and culture	1
Industrial Processing	1
Other holiday residence (cottage, flat, chalet)	1

57

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals in this period

UFAS occurrences attended by SFRS accounted for 57 incidents within Midlothian over the reportable period, this is broken down as follows: Q3 24 & Q4 33.

We will continue to work with duty holders to reduce this figure further to prevent unnecessary blue light drives and ensure crews remain available for operational response and training.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



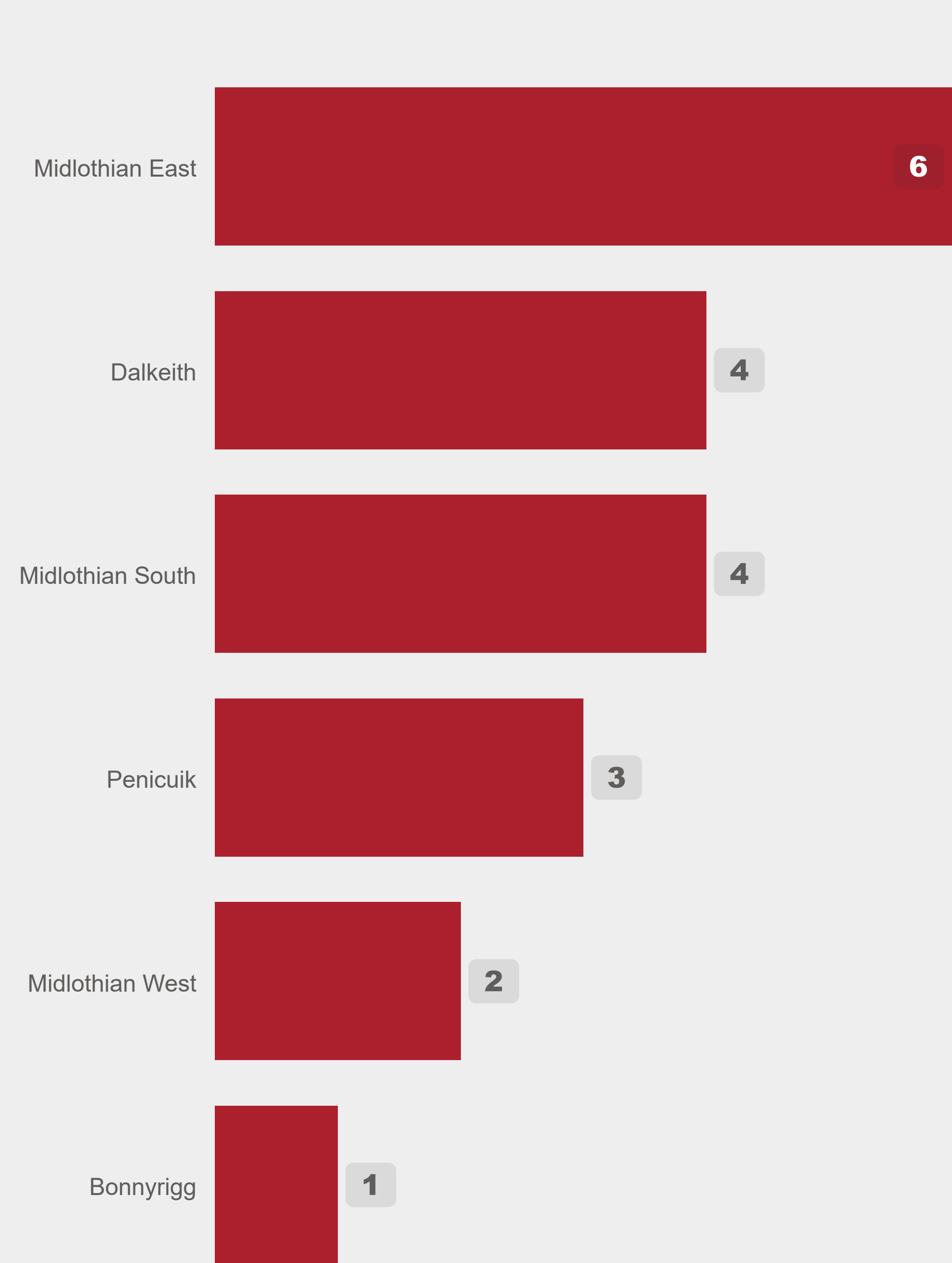
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Road Traffic Collisions in this period

Property Type	Incidents
Car	13
Multiple Vehicles	3
Bus/coach	2
Motorcycle	1
Van	1

Incident Type	Incidents
Vehicle (Non-fire)	20

Incidents by Ward



10

Non-Fatal Casualties

0

Fatal Casualties

3

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)

0

First Aid Given at Scene

6

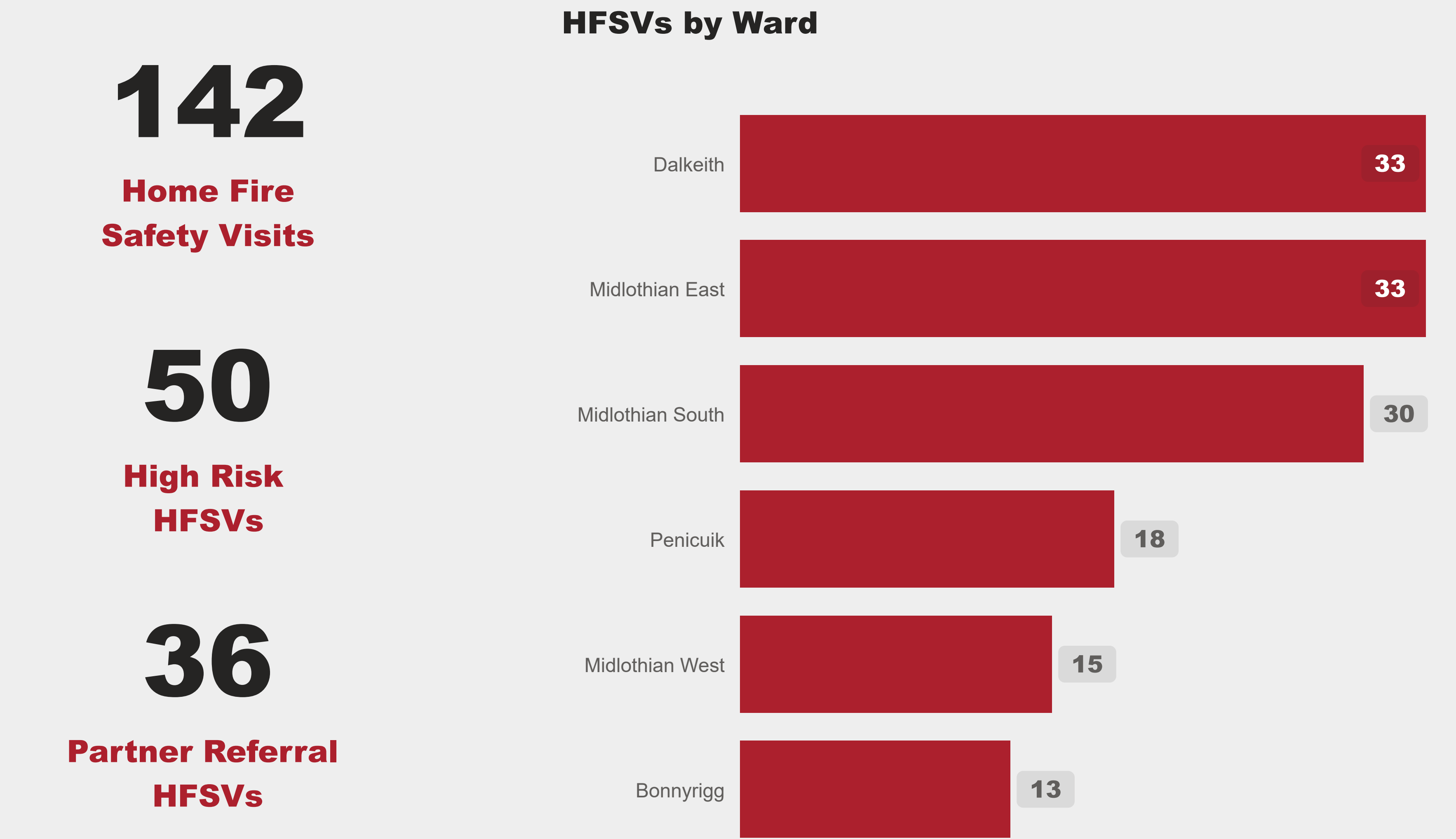
Hospital Slight Injuries

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Hospital Serious Injuries

SFRS attended 20 RTC's across the reporting period, 11 in Q3 and 9 in Q4 Respectively, as can be seen from the data, the vast majority of incidents attended were in cars. This resulted in 10 non-fire casualties and 3 people rescued by firefighters from within their vehicles.

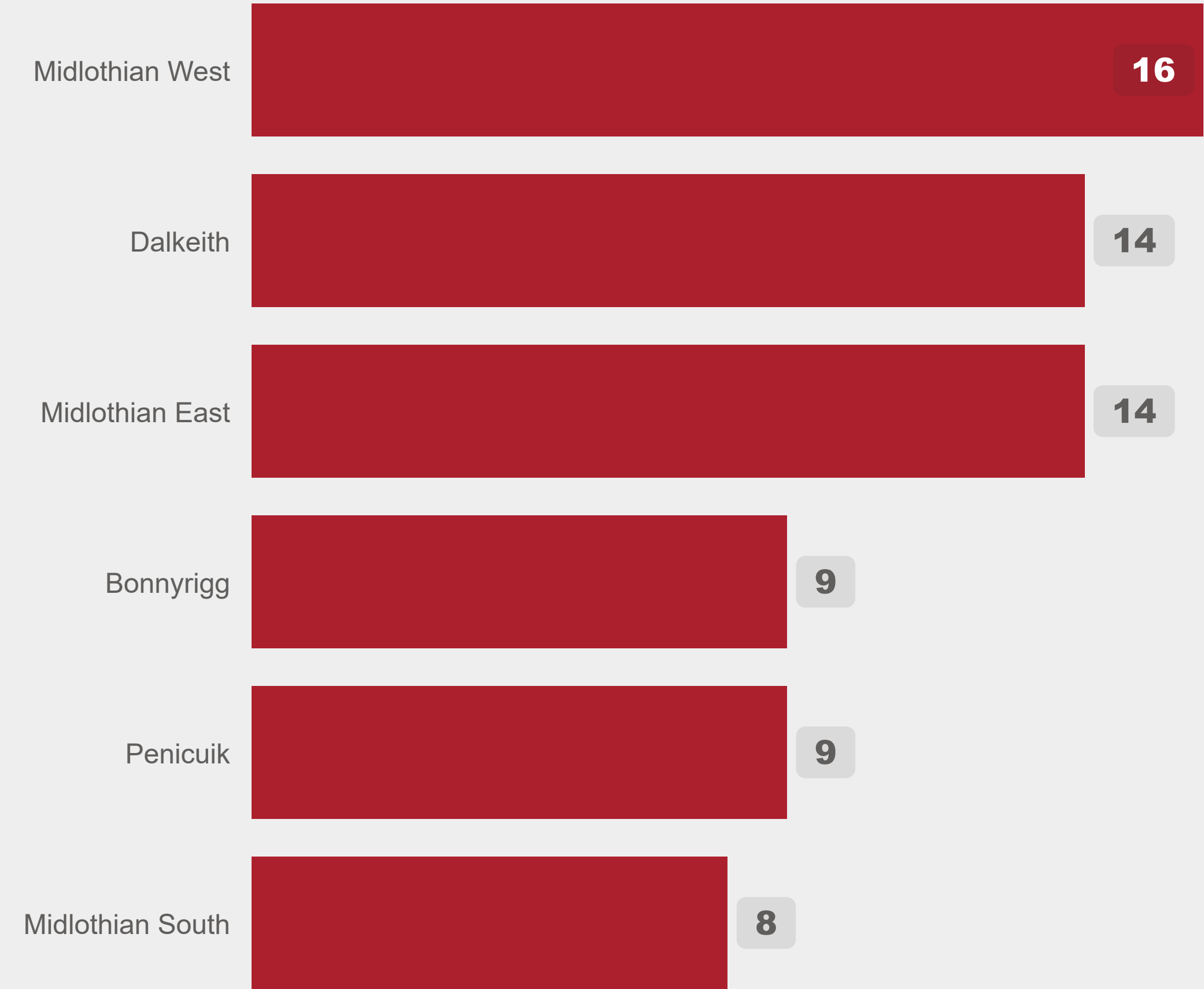
Again, we continue to work with our colleagues in Police Scotland and other agencies through our community action teams, who have engaged with various age demographics to raise awareness of driving safely.



11. Fire Safety Enforcement

Job Type	Count
Audit	70
Specific Visit	8
Consultation	2

Audits by Ward



During the reporting period SFRS completed 142 Home fire safety visits within Midlothian, including 50 to high-risk households, during Q4 SFRS also amended their HFSV policy, whereas previously both Low & Medium risk households would also be offered a HFSV, we will now only offer this service to those deemed high risk through our selected criteria based on historical data.

All householders that enquire through our website or freephone number will be considered, based on their answers they will either receive a personalised safety booklet with fire safety guidance or will receive a HFSV.

Also highlighted within section is the audit figures for Quarters 3 & 4, this can be broken down further into 47 within Q3 & 33 in Q4, these figures include core audit work as set out within our Local enforcement delivery plan 2024-25.

Over the two reporting periods our community action team and operational watches completed the following community safety engagement work:

Quarter 3

Focus: Reduce bonfire related ASB activity & Road Safety

Delivered a Road Safety event at Glencorse Barracks vehicle extrication demonstration with Dalkeith Red Watch, engaging with around 180 young soldiers.

Coordinated a Road Safety Event at Edinburgh College in partnership with Edinburgh College, Police Scotland and RoSPA carrying out Drive to Arrive presentations with a vehicle extrication demonstration by Dalkeith Blue Watch to around 200 mechanical and engineering students at the College.

Attended and was part of the Midlothian Bonfire Diversionary Project tackling ASB and deliberate fire setting over the Bonfire/Firework period 2024.

Attended an Older Drivers Road Safety event at Tesco, Dalkeith in partnership with Police Scotland, Lothian Buses and City of Edinburgh CAT engaging with over 50 members of the public.

Community Action Team (CAT) and Dalkeith operational watches carried out Bonfire patrols in the lead up to the Bonfire/Firework period in partnership with Midlothian Council.

CAT also delivered 1 mini Fireskills session to 6 youths from Y2K Youth club holiday group along with Dalkeith White Watch focusing on Bonfire/Firework Safety & ASB.

CAT delivered 1 visit for 5 youths from Y2K Youth club holiday group to the Museum of Fire & MacDonald Road Fire Station.

CAT delivered 2 separate mini Fireskills sessions to 10 youths from Croft Street Hub (CLL) along with Dalkeith White Watch & Green Watch focusing on Bonfire/Firework Safety & ASB.

Quarter 4

Focus: Water Safety & Lithium Ion

Across the quarter, CAT delivered a Water Safety presentations to 600 S1/2/3 pupils at Lasswade High School, 80 S3 pupils at Penicuik High school & 120 pupils at Newbattle High school in partnership with Police Scotland & Scottish Water Gladhouse Rangers.

CAT along with Dalkeith and Penicuik crews are delivering a Lithium-Ion Battery safety campaign liaising with all Primary & High Schools in Midlothian, Supermarkets, Shops, Local Business and advertising through the Midlothian CLLE Padlet as well as social media.

CAT met with East Ayrshire Council to discuss a potential Battery Disposal campaign for Midlothian to reduce fires in Recycling Centre’s and Vehicles through improper disposal.

CAT continues to liaise with Y2K to establish a plan for the year ahead through monthly “Drop ins” from Dalkeith operational personnel, 2-day Fireskills session and various other school holiday engagement opportunities.

CAT continues to liaise with Croft Street Hub (CLLE) to establish a plan for the year ahead through “Mini Fireskills” station visits, a 2-day Fireskills session and various other safety presentations to young people attending the setting.

14. Glossary of Terms

Term - What it means

ADF

Accidental Dwelling Fire.

HFSV

Home Fire Safety Visit.

PDIR

Post Domestic Incident Response, a term used to indicate actions taken following attendance at a fire or other incident in the home. PDIRs include amongst things the offer of a free follow up home fire safety visit.

RTC

Road Traffic Collision.

Special Service

Calls to incidents which are not fires or false alarms such as RTCs, rescues, flooding, incidents involving hazardous materials or the provision of assistance to other agencies.

UFAS

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals. When an automatic fire detection and alarm system is activated as a result of anything other than an actual fire the activation is classed as a false alarm. If an attendance is made to such an event by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, then the event is recorded as an UFAS incident.

UFAS Policy Change

In response to COVID, on the 6th May 2020, the SFRS decided to send 1 pump to UFAS premises that did not have their own Predetermined attendance (PDA).

As of 1st July 2023, the COVID interim 1 pump response was ended and a new UFAS policy was implemented.

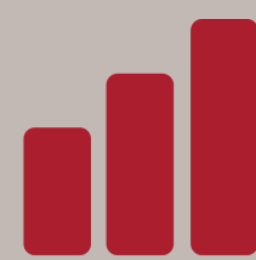
The new policy is to call challenge all UFAS incidents with the intention of non-attendance. Hospitals, care homes, and sleeping risk premises are all exempt and receive either 2 pumps or their premise specific PDA.



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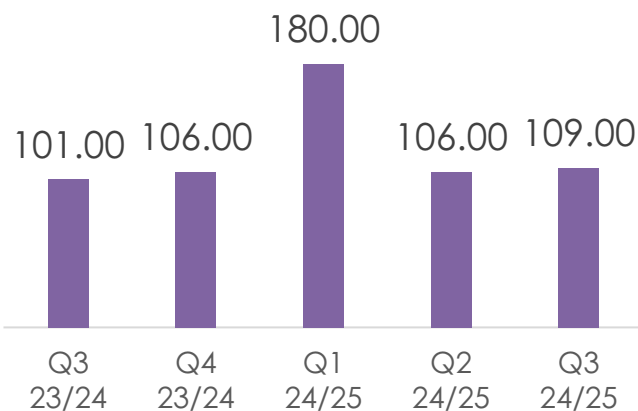


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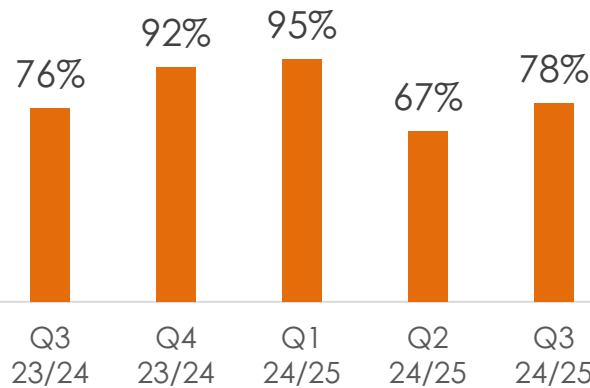
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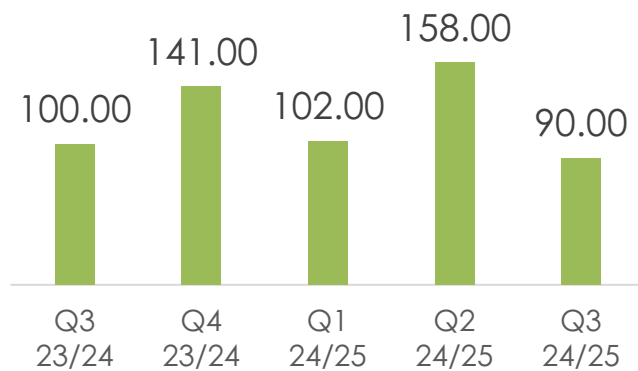


Percentage of Civic Governm



100% of liquor licence applications were determined this quarter.

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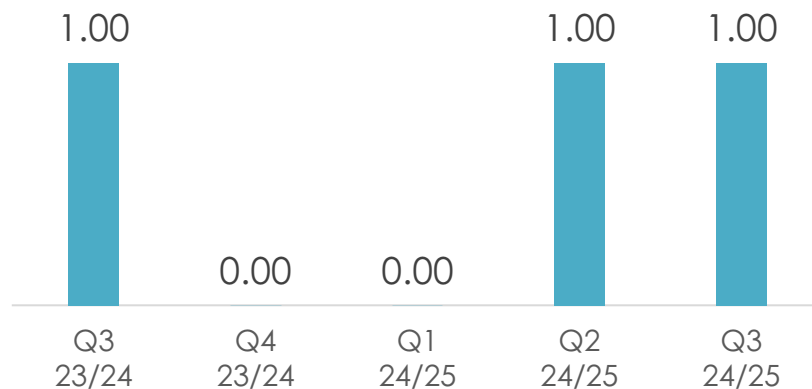
There were no Civic Government Act applications referred to the General Purposes Committee in Q3

Other civic licences applied for during Q3:

- Late Hours Catering Licence - 1 granted
- Public Charitable Collections - 3 granted
- Public Processions - 13 granted
- Second Hand Car Dealer Licences - 3 granted
- Street Trader (Roving) - 1 granted
- Street Trader (Static) - 4 granted
- Tattoo - 1 granted
- Window Cleaner - 1 granted
- Public Entertainment - 1 granted
- Temporary Public Entertainment - 1 granted
- Taxi - 8 granted
- Taxi Driver - 8 granted
- Private Hire Car - 38 granted
- Private Hire Car Driver - 30 granted
- Liquor Licences - 109 granted

Workplace Health and Safety

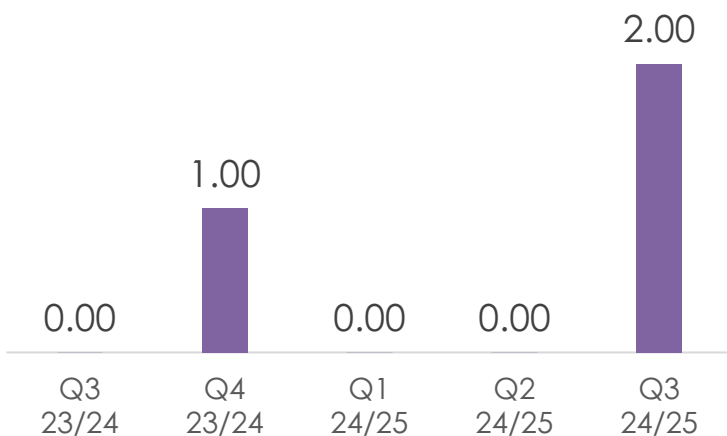
Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety



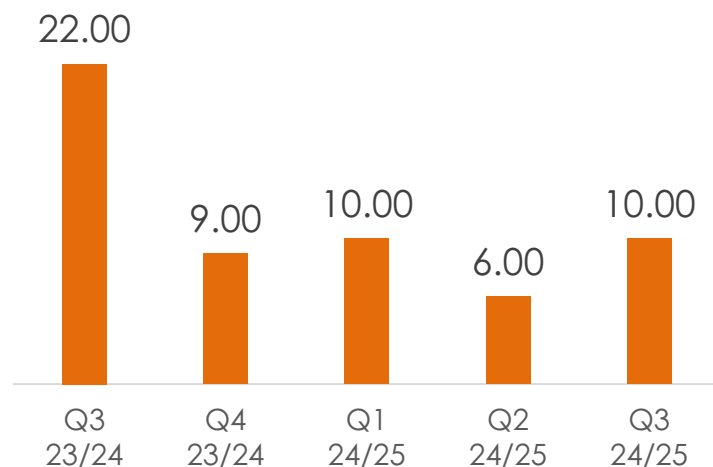
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There were no business workplace health and safety proactive inspections this quarter.

Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety

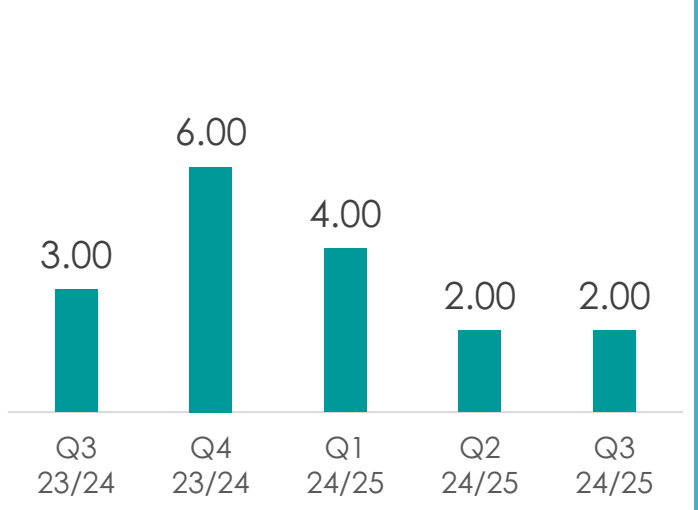


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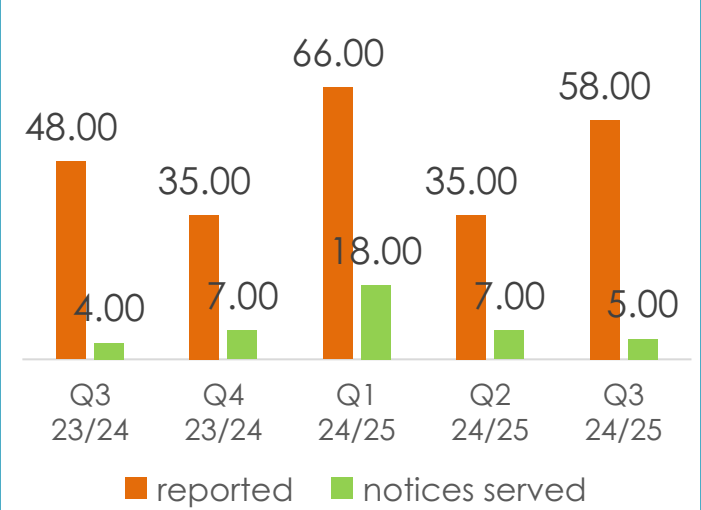


Public Health

Number of Abandoned Vehicles



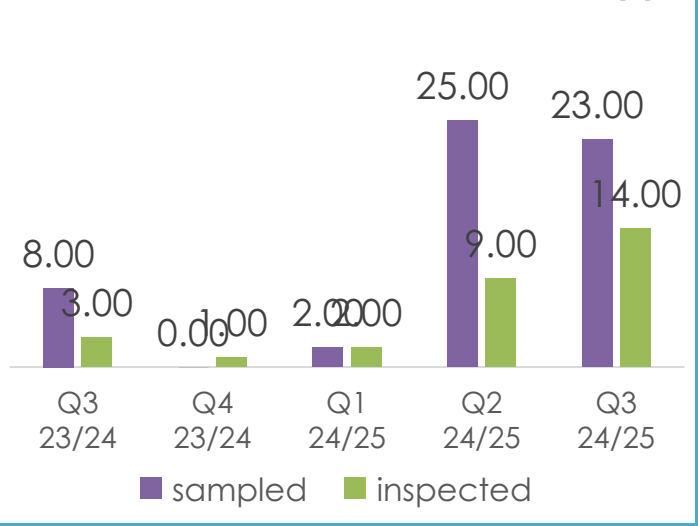
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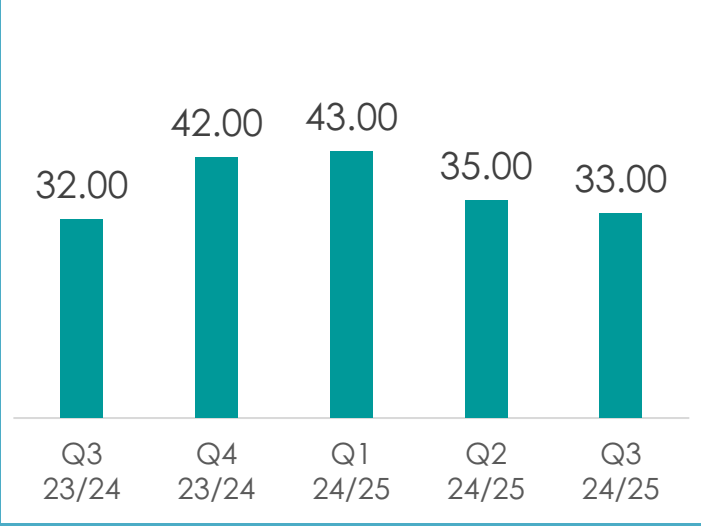
313 Public Health Service requests were received from Midlothian residents and businesses this quarter.

98% of Public Health complaints received a first response within timescales this quarter.

Number of Private water supply



Number of Planning Application



83 Public Health Service requests were received from internal sources this quarter.

5 Environmental Protection Abatement 1990 Notice was served this quarter.

6 short term let Applications received this

7 short term let Licences issued this quarter.

Civil Contingencies and events

Note: The service review for the Health, Safety and Resilience Team Service, which includes Contingency Planning, has not yet concluded. This means ongoing challenges continue, preventing notable progress.

Plans and Procedures:

Plans and Procedures updated this quarter:

- Midlothian Council Severe Weather Plan
- Emergency Contacts Directory (reflecting staff changes)
- Support to the Executive PA Place with the Festive Period Service Arrangements document.

Plan updates/procedures in progress:

- Midlothian Council Emergency Plan (generic). This document outlines internal emergency management arrangements and multi-agency partnership relationships.
- Operation UNICORN (and associated arrangements). Scottish Government have advised that national planning arrangements are underway and where relevant to Midlothian, will be incorporated in the Midlothian Council guidance document.
- Corporate Business Continuity (BC) Plan. A draft has been completed and feedback has been requested. (rt of the Prevent SPOC.)

Multi-agency Exercises, Training, Presentations and Work streams:

- Participated in a Cyber Security training exercise organised by Digital Services in liaison with an external partner. This is a further example of collaborative working with Digital Services in order to improve Business Continuity Planning across the organisation.
- Supporting School Business Managers in the development of their School Incident Plans, in collaboration with Police Scotland colleagues.

Team Members undertook/facilitated:

- Ongoing monitoring and circulation of information and liaison with services regarding the Public Switched Telephone Network switch-off (in conjunction with Digital Services).
- Ongoing monitoring and circulation of information on Martyn's Law (Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill).
- Collaborated with Business Services (Operational Support) to have updated Prevent and Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) modules available on our e-learning platform. These are both national products. Next steps will be discussed at the forthcoming Midlothian CONTEST meeting in January 2025.
- Liaised with contacts at Torness Nuclear Power Station and colleagues in Protective Services to submit nominations for a visit to the facility.
- Liaised with Scottish Government to secure places for five colleagues on Crisis Management courses. Unfortunately, one course was cancelled and four colleagues had to withdraw from the last scheduled course for 2024 due to budget discussions.

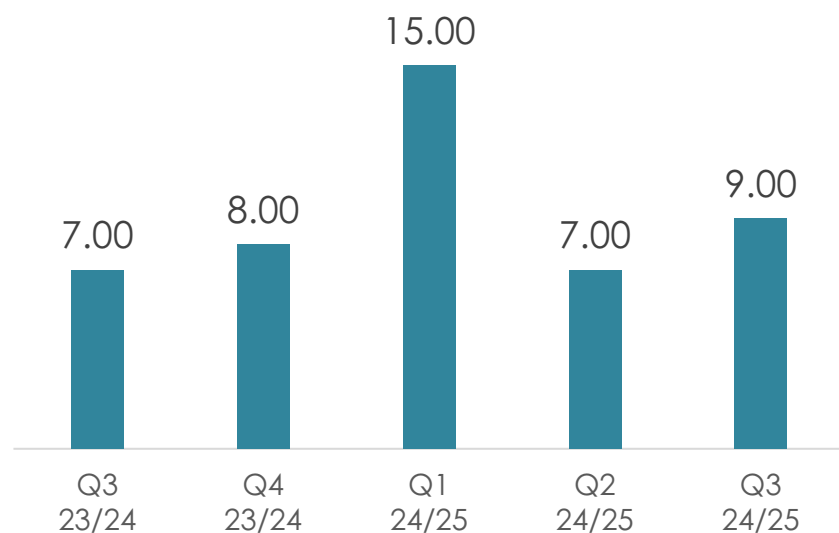
Ongoing, routine representation at/participation in:

- Local Resilience Partnership meetings
- Lothian and Borders CONTEST group meetings representing the Midlothian CONTEST and Prevent SPOC.
- Internal meetings requiring a Contingency Planning input, including Care for People, Estates Safety and Management Groups, internal CONTEST Group (and providing on-going support to the Midlothian SPOC), support to services for Business Continuity activities as required
- Torness Emergency Planning Consultative Group meetings
- Local Authority Resilience Group Scotland (LARGS) - networking meetings of resilience practitioners
- General resilience support to colleagues as required.

To note: Following attendance at meetings, seminars, presentations, training sessions, a summary of all pertinent information is forwarded to senior manager(s) and other colleagues as appropriate. Invitations are also forwarded where the subject might be of direct interest to other services/partners.

Public events

Number of organisations engaged with the

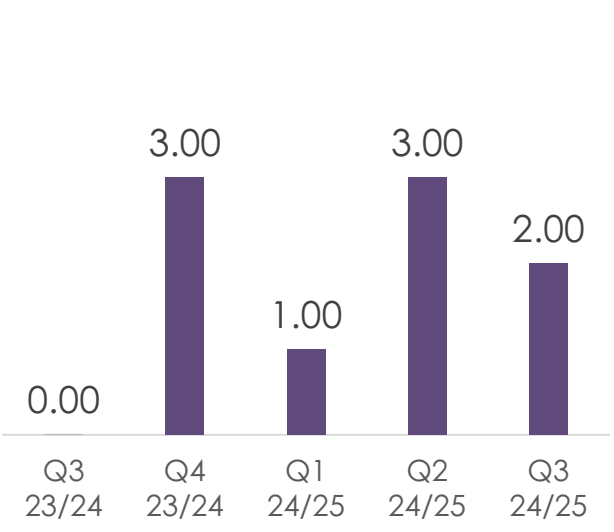


9 event organisers attended SAG meetings during Q3. Those related to 4 Remembrance events with an altered route, 4 larger Christmas Lights Switch-On events, and a new Festive Charity "Tractor Run".

Work has commenced to engage the 2025 event organisers, with a view to establishing a review of Licences and set the calendar of SAG attendance for spring and early summer.

Food Hygiene and Standards

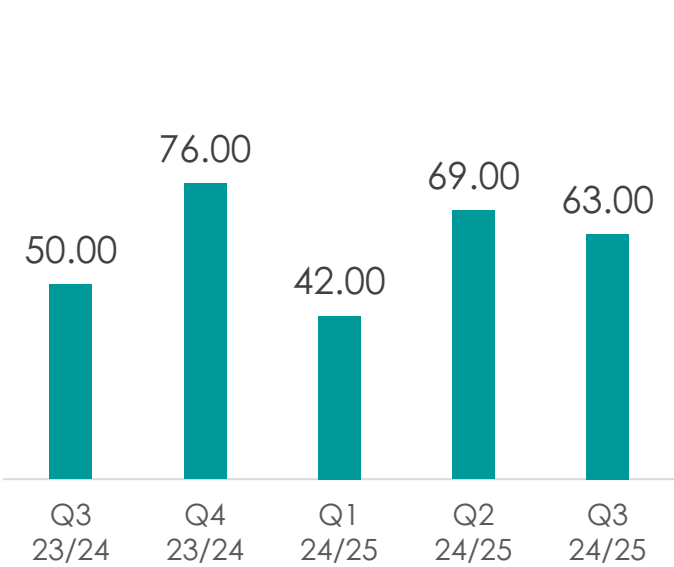
Number of Food Law Remediations



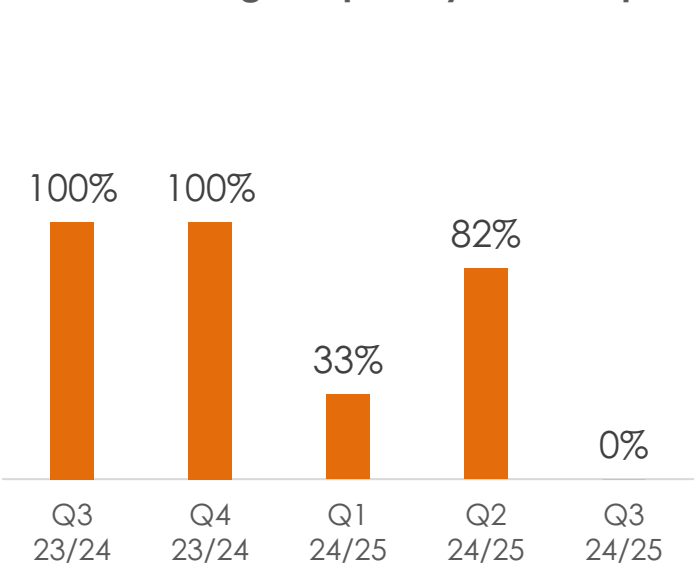
35 Food law service requests were received from Midlothian residents and businesses this quarter. (Includes food safety and food standards).

94% of food related service requests from Midlothian residents and businesses were responded to within the target response time of 10 working days this quarter (Includes food safety and food standards).

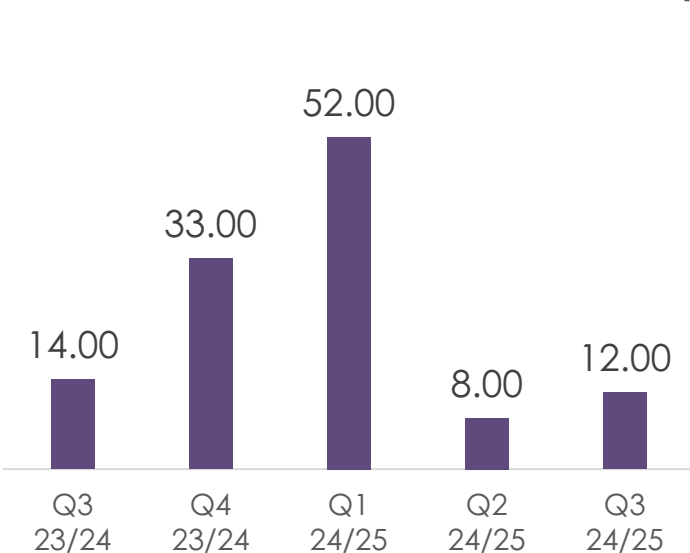
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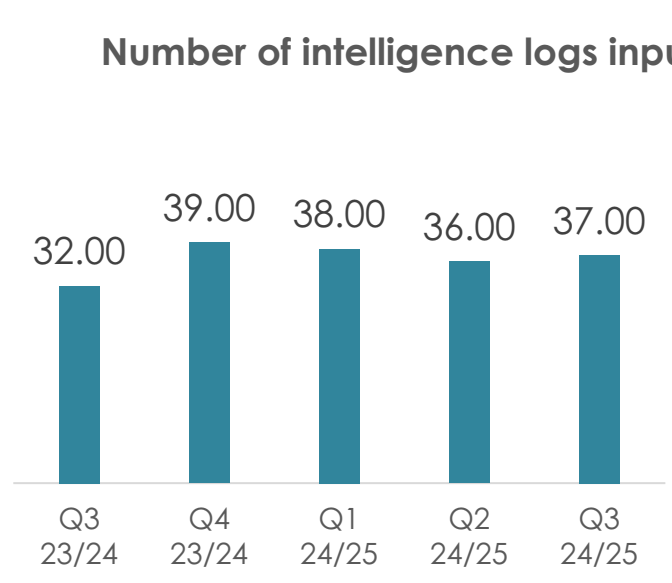
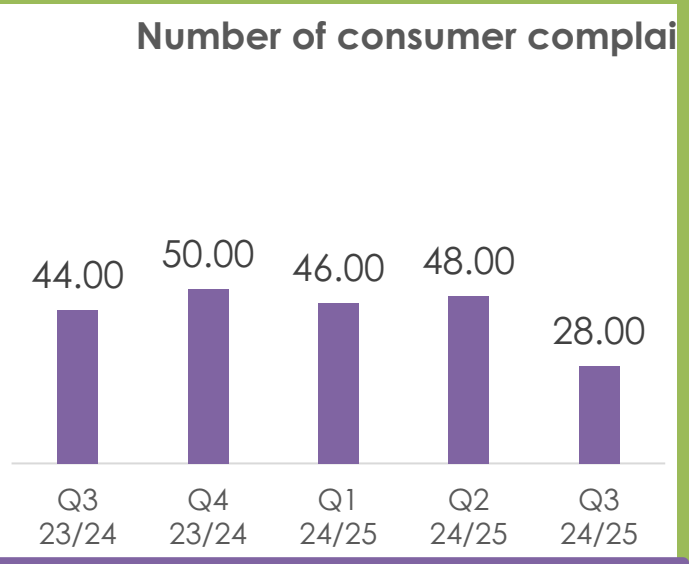
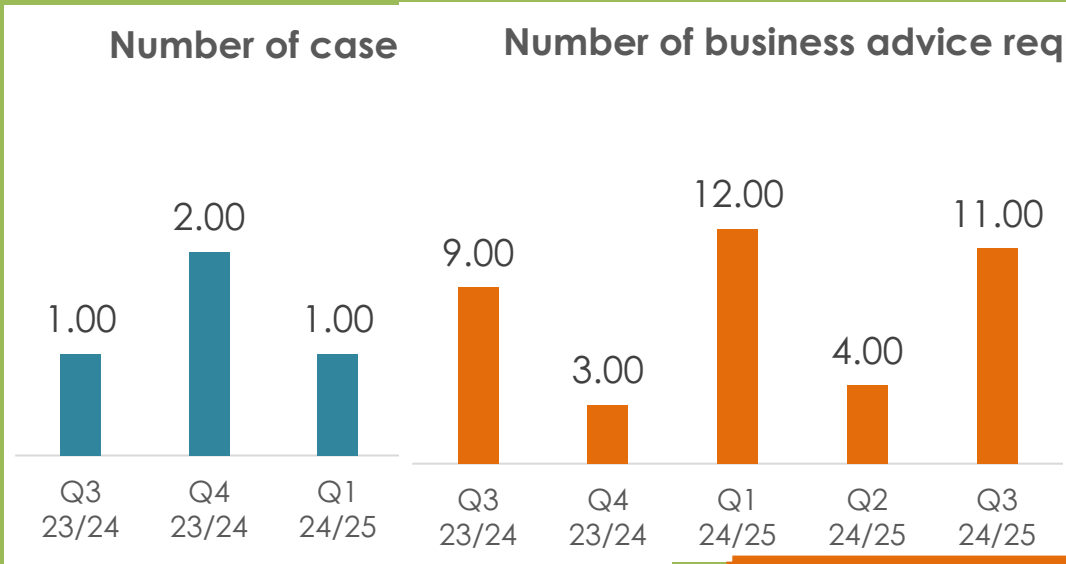
Percentage of priority 1 and 2 premises



Number of Food/non-food samples



Trading Standards



100% of Business advice requests were responded to within 5 working days this quarter.

89% of Business advice requests were completed within 14 days this quarter.

100% of Consumer complaints were responded to within 5 working days this quarter.

96% of Consumer complaints were completed within 14 days this quarter.

Develop and implement a Trusted Trader Scheme:

The scheme has been approved.

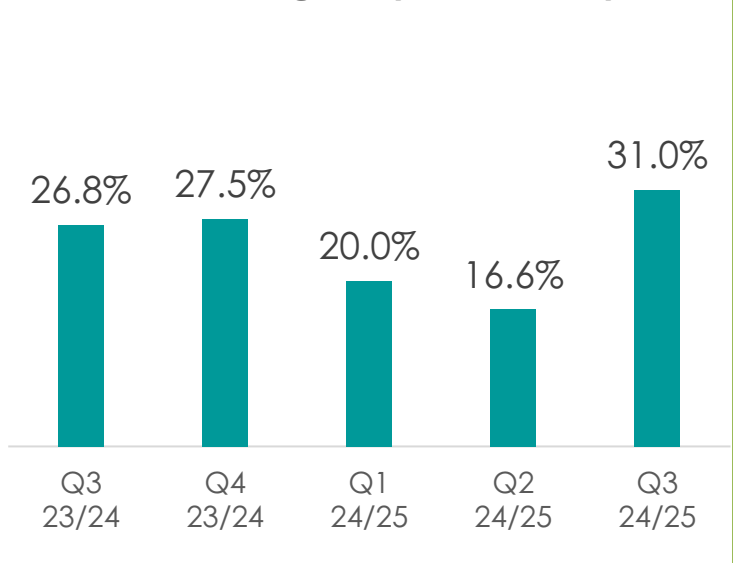
There is no resource within the team at present to implement the scheme within year 24/25.

Trading Standards Campaigns/Joint working/Initiative details:

On 1st October, Trading Standards joined Police Scotland to conduct an Integrity Testing exercise. An adult volunteer under the age of 25, provided by a charity, Community Alcohol Partnerships, was sent into small shops alone to check if they were asked to provide proof of age when buying vapes and/or alcohol. 33 shops were visited and 20 sold either or both products without asking for proof of age. On 6 November, 9 visits were made to supermarkets this time without Police Scotland and using a member of staff; 2 sold vapes. Return visits were made to each of the 22 traders reminding them of their responsibility to verify age if customers appear under 25.

Trading Standards

Percentage of planned inspection

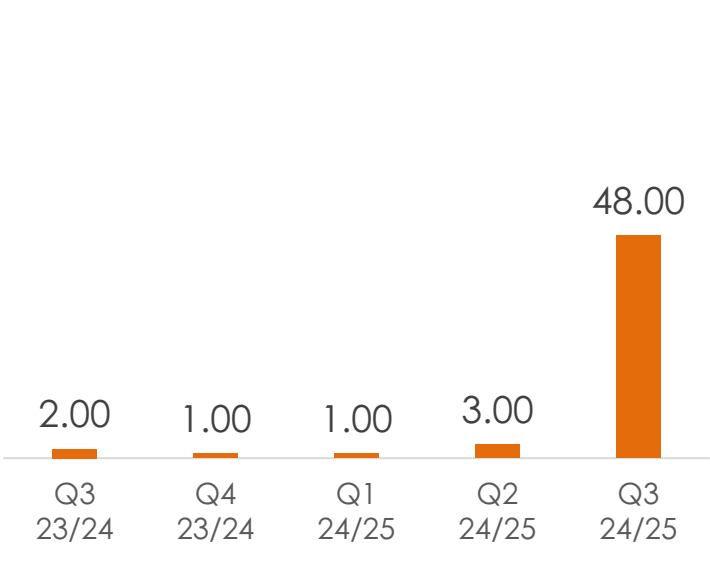


51 Trading Standards Primary Inspections were carried out this quarter.

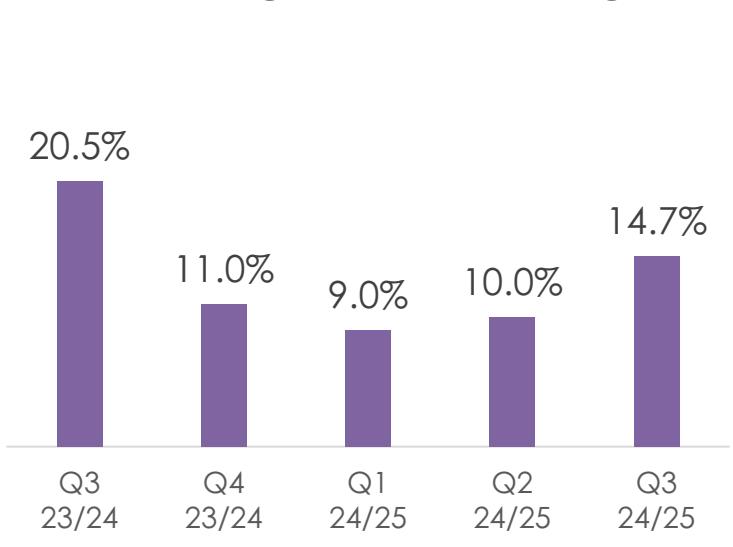
Of the 145 premises to inspect this year, which includes 8 farms, 8 have ceased trading leaving 137 to inspect.

98 of these have been inspected.

Number of interventions carried out



Percentage of businesses registered



A total of **136** premises are believed to be registered and selling tobacco and/or vapes at 01/04/24.

20 were visited this quarter.

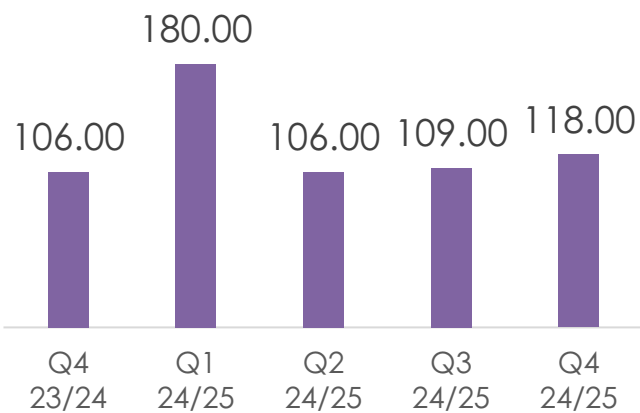
Parking – Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served

Parking – Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served	Q3 23/24	Q4 23/24	Q1 24/25	Q2 24/25	Q3 24/25
01 - Parked in a restricted street during the prescribed hours	236	193	165	162	121
01CO - Parked in a restricted street during the prescribed hours	31	32	23	30	24
02 - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force	131	117	105	103	101
02o - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force	0	0	0	1	0
02q - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force	0	0	0	24	0
07 - Parked with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time	2	3	2	0	0
100 - Section 50 Parked on a pavement	0	0	238	286	143
101 - Section 56 Parked adjacent to a dropped kerb at a known crossing point	0	0	17	59	51
102 - Section 54 Parked where no part of the vehicle is within 50 centimetres of the carriageway edge	0	0	2	3	3
11 - Parked without payment of the parking charge	0	0	0	1	0
14 - Parked in an electric vehicles charging place during restricted hours without charging	3	24	23	31	24
23 - Parked in a parking place not designated for that class of vehicle	12	1	0	7	2
23f - Parked in a parking place not designated for that class of vehicle	0	0	0	1	0
24 - Not parked correctly within the markings of the parking bay or place	46	50	56	48	45
24p - Not parked correctly within the markings of the parking bay or place	0	0	0	0	0
25 - Parked in a loading place during restricted hours without loading	109	96	87	85	76
25CO - Parked in a loading place during restricted hours without loading	3	4	6	8	6
30 - Parked for longer than permitted	248	253	209	212	170
40 - Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge	125	196	147	193	138
45 - Parked on a taxi rank	5	8	4	6	3
46 - Stopped where prohibited (on a red route or clearway)	2	0	0	0	0
47 - Stopped on a restricted bus stop or stand	38	47	38	53	39
48 - Parked in a restricted area outside a School	0	0	0	0	0
71 - Parked in an electric vehicle charging place during restricted hours without charging	0	36	46	8	29
81 - Parked in a restricted area in a car park					1
82 - Parked after the expiry of paid for time	78	99	95	80	48
83 - Parked in a car park without clearly displaying a valid pay and display ticket or voucher or parking clock	319	225	251	176	173
86 - Not parked correctly within the markings of the parking bay or place	27	20	25	17	15
87 - Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge	0	1	10	0	19

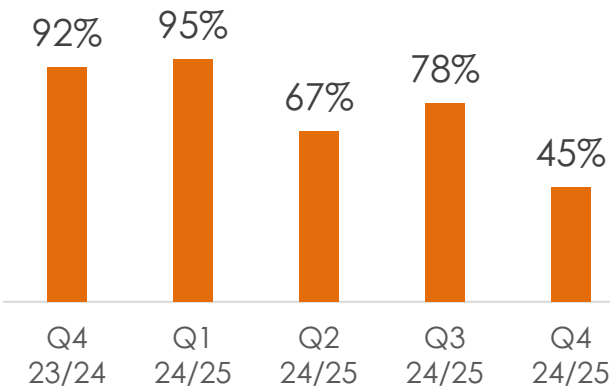
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Licensing

Number of Liquor Licence app



Percentage of Civic Governm

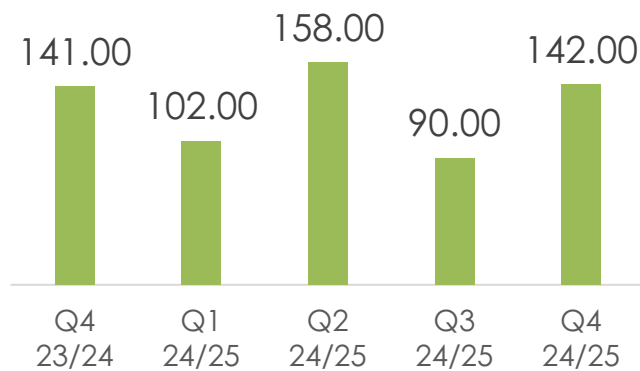


96% of liquor licence applications were determined this year.

Other civic licences applied for during Q4:

- Liquor Licensing Applications - 105 granted
- Knife Dealer - 1 granted
- Metal Dealer - 1 granted
- Public Charitable Collections - 1 granted
- Public Processions - 2 granted
- Second Hand Dealer – 1 granted
- Street Trader – Roving -1 granted
- Street Trader – Static – 1 granted
- Street Trader – Wheelie Bin - 1 granted
- Window Cleaner - 1 granted
- Temporary Public Entertainment Licence - 1 granted
- Taxi Licence - 2 granted
- Taxi Driver's Licence - 4 granted
- Private Hire Car - 22 granted
- Private Hire Car Driver - 26 granted

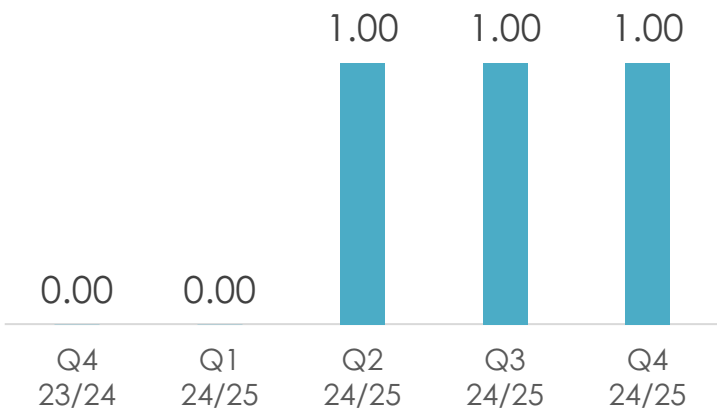
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There were no Civic Government Act applications referred to the General Purposes Committee this year

Workplace Health and Safety

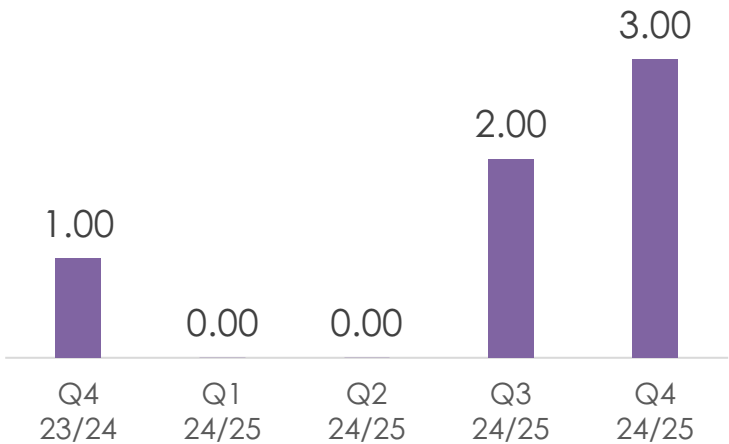
Number of Business Workplace Health



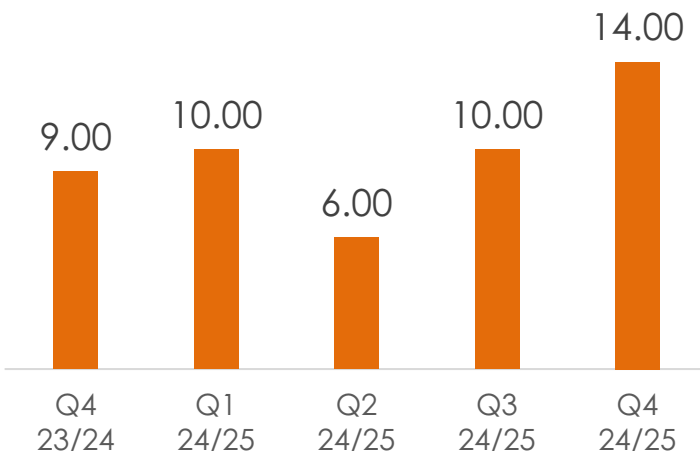
2 RIDDOR related visit took place to investigate business workplace health and safety incidents this year.

There were no business workplace health and safety proactive inspections this year.

Number of Business Workplace Health

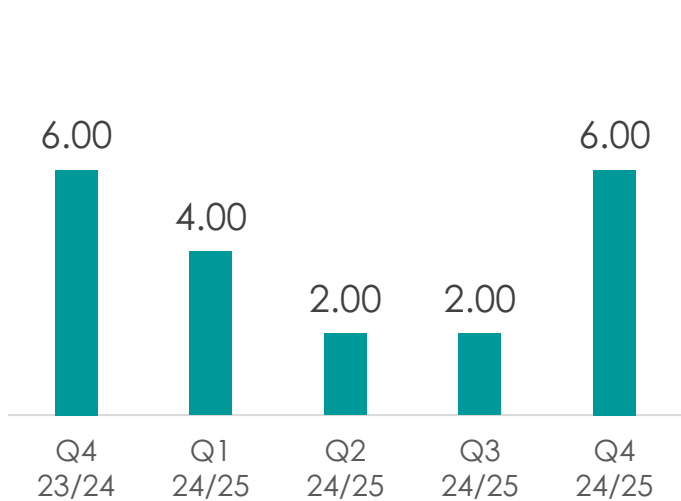


Number of workplace safety RIDDOR

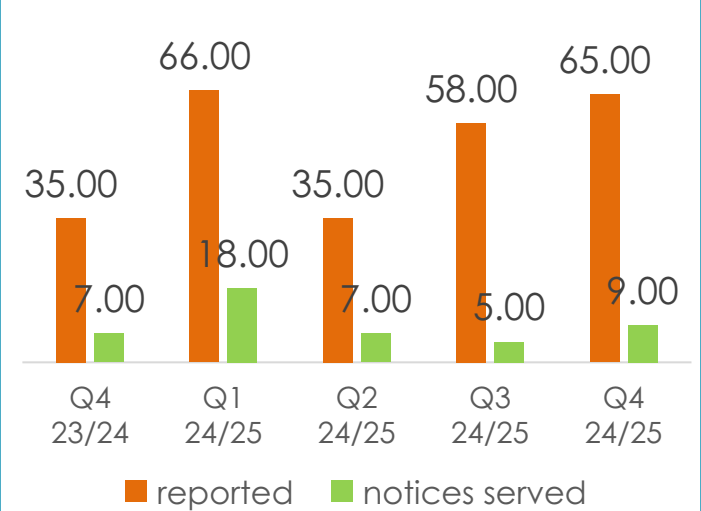


Public Health

Number of Abandoned Vehicles



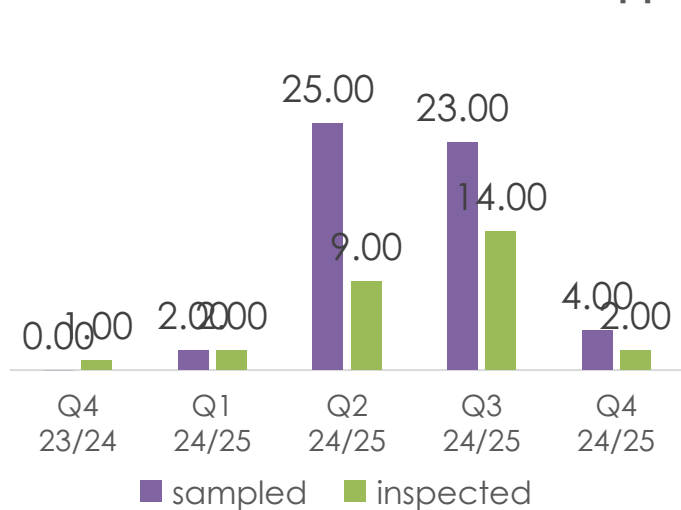
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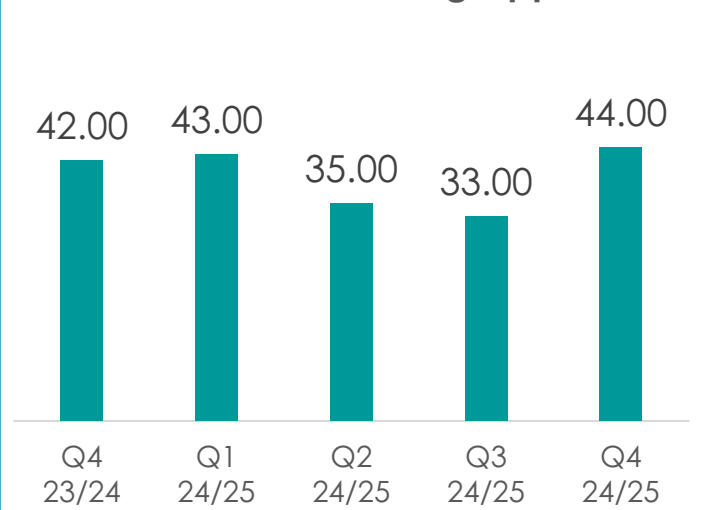
1,252 Public Health Service requests were received from Midlothian residents and businesses this year.

97% of Public Health complaints received a first response within timescales this year.

Number of Private water supply



Number of Planning Application



381 Public Health Service requests were received from internal sources this year.

20 Environmental Protection Abatement 1990 Notice was served this year.

42 short term let Applications received this year

69 short term let Licences issued this year.

Civil Contingencies and events

Plans and Procedures:

Plans and Procedures updated this quarter:

- Emergency Contacts Directory (reflecting staff changes)

Business Continuity Planning:

The Internal Audit Team conducted an audit of Business Continuity (BC) across the organisation. There were specific recommendations for the Health, Safety and Resilience Team. Some of these actions were already in progress prior to the Audit, following a series of activities raising awareness of Business Continuity in 2024. In summary, these are to:

Revise the Corporate BC Policy
Revise the word BC template for completion by services
Explore the viability of rolling out a BC software system. The main factors for consideration are:
The current system now has a limited lifespan so an alternative would need to be sourced
Resourcing of a system – cost and staffing resource
Provide training for nominated BC leads (nominations to be done by services). This is to include an e-learning module
Establish a forum for BC leads to share good practice and ensure consistency of approach
Establish a system to monitor service compliance with BC requirements.

There are target dates associated with the Audit recommendations. The report does note that in order to meet the recommendations, additional resource may be required - as identified by the service review. As at the end of this Q4 24/25 reporting period, the outcome of the service review is still awaited. Furthermore, one of the team members will be reducing hours by 20% during Q1 of 25/26.

Other Plans/Procedures:

As well as the need to focus on the outcome of the BC Audit, generic “emergency planning” activities require to be undertaken as resources permit, including reviewing and updating existing procedures. Work is also ongoing regarding learning from Storm Éowyn. As well as considering our own procedures, liaison is taking place with neighbouring local authorities and Scottish Power Energy Networks to better understand their responsibilities towards customers and to improve communications across the piece. The results of these discussions will be reflected in documentation in due course.

CONTEST/Prevent:

Support is offered to the CONTEST and Prevent SPOC on an ongoing basis. This includes attending relevant briefing sessions, multi-agency CONTEST Groups (internal and external) and training events as applicable.
Assistance has also been given this quarter in the preparation of Midlothian Council's submission to the Prevent Assurance process carried out by the Home Office.
Ongoing monitoring and circulation of information on Martyn's Law (Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill).
Collaborated with Business Services (Operational Support) to have updated Prevent and Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) modules available on our e-learning platform. These are both national products. Next steps were discussed at the January CONTEST meeting and are to be introduced in Q1 of 25/26.

Undertook/facilitated:

Ongoing monitoring and circulation of information and liaison with services regarding the Public Switched Telephone Network switch-off (in conjunction with Digital Services) and assistance in securing a local briefing session for the public in Loanhead (in conjunction with the Customer Engagement Manager).
Acted in a liaison and support role during Storm Éowyn.

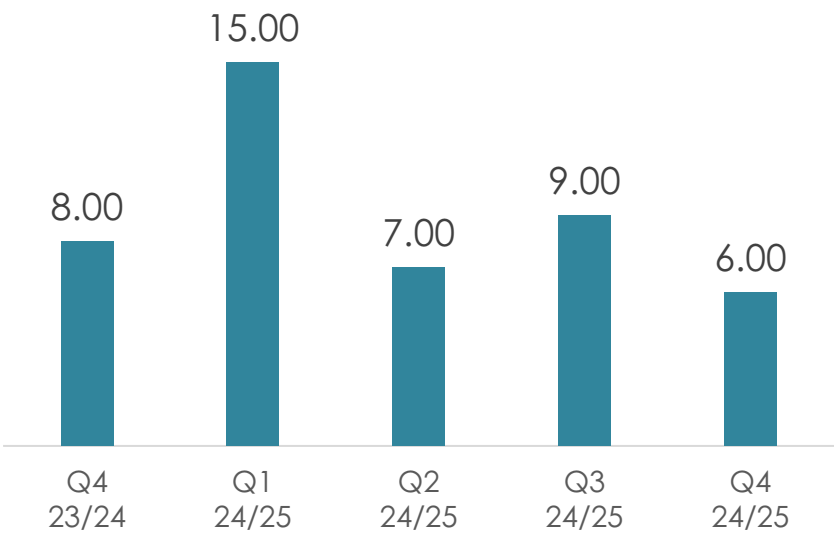
Ongoing, routine representation at/participation in:

- Local Resilience Partnership meetings
- Internal meetings requiring a Contingency Planning input, including Care for People, Estates Safety and Management Groups
- Support to services for Business Continuity activities as required
- Torness Emergency Planning Consultative Group meetings and the Annual Meeting of the Torness Local Liaison Committee
- Local Authority Resilience Group Scotland (LARGS) - networking meetings of resilience practitioners
- General resilience support to colleagues as required.

To note: Following attendance at meetings, seminars, presentations, training sessions, a summary of all pertinent information is forwarded to senior manager(s) and other colleagues as appropriate. Invitations are also forwarded where the subject might be of direct interest to other services/partners.

Public events

Number of organisations engaged with t

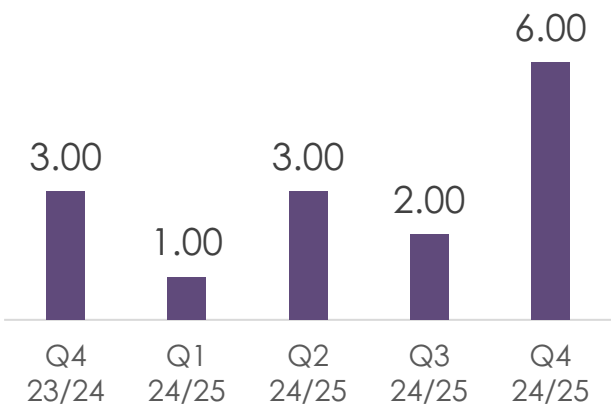


Planning for events through Spring and Summer 2025 continues. The team continue to work with event organisers and in Q4 saw 6 events at structured SAG meetings.

There were 106 Public Events in Midlothian during 2024/25, including several with additional activity days/elements. The team continue to take a proportionate, risk-based approach to attendance at formal SAG meetings.

Food Hygiene and Standards

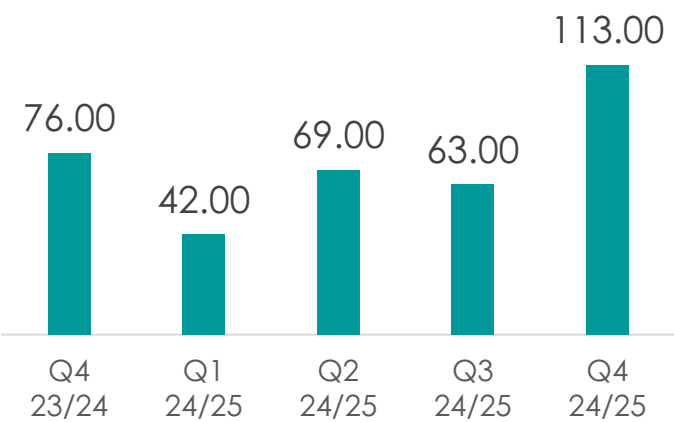
Number of Food Law Remedies



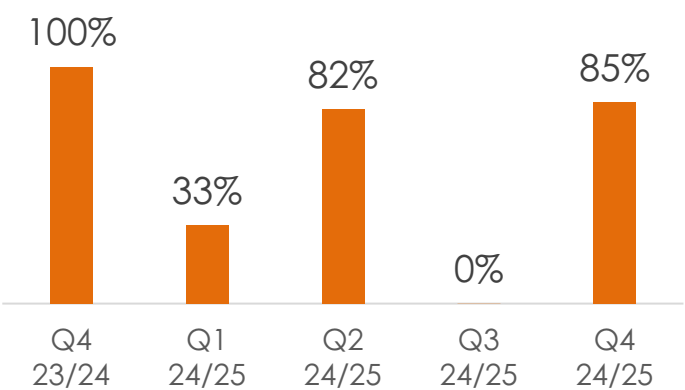
208 Food law service requests were received from Midlothian residents and businesses this year. (Includes food safety and food standards).

90% of food related service requests from Midlothian residents and businesses were responded to within the target response time of 10 working days this year. (Includes food safety and food standards).

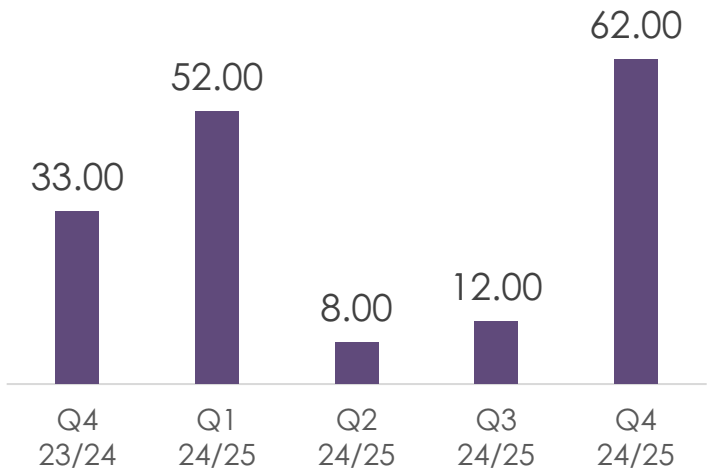
Number of Food Law interventions



Percentage of priority 1 and 2 pre-repairs

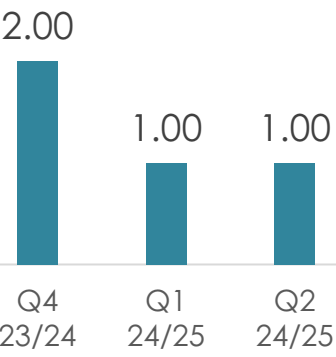


Number of Food/non-food samples

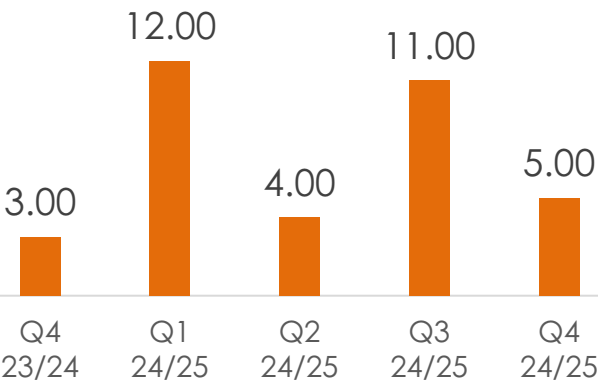


Trading Standards

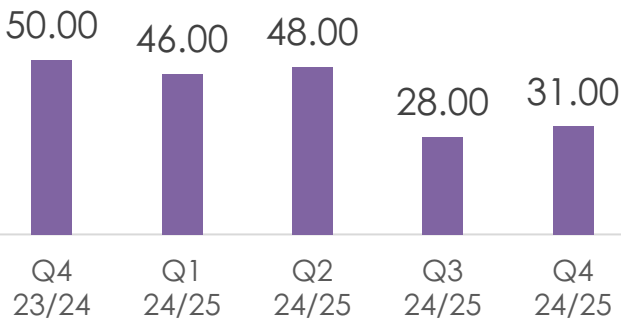
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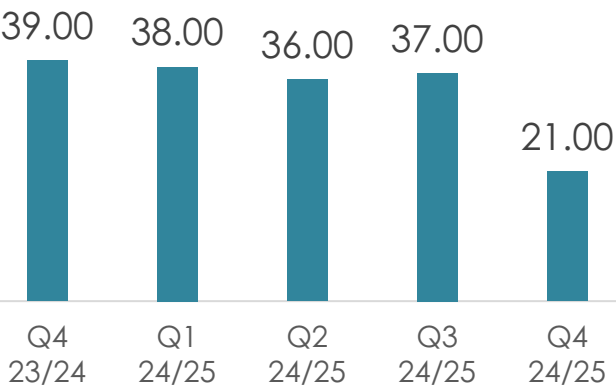
Number of business advice req



Number of consumer complai



Number of intelligence logs inp



100% of Business advice requests were responded to within 5 working days this quarter.

100% of Business advice requests were completed within 14 days this quarter.

100% of Consumer complaints were responded to within 5 working days this quarter.

88.5% of Consumer complaints were completed within 14 days this quarter.

Develop and implement a Trusted Trader Scheme:

Plans to implement this scheme are on hold due to resourcing. It is anticipated the scheme will be implemented next year.

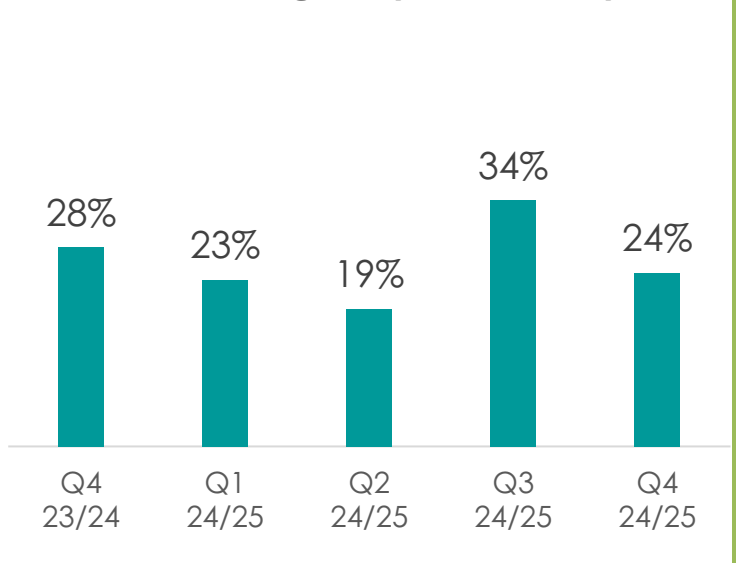
Trading Standards Campaigns/Joint working/Initiative details:

Police accompanied Trading Standards when seizing 9,580 cigarettes and 19 tobacco pouches, found by a detector dog, on two visits to a shop in Dalkeith. On both occasions, the premises was served with a Sanctions Notice on behalf of HMRC.

We have worked with Police in "integrity tests" where an adult volunteer under the age of 25 went into 33 shops to buy vapes and alcohol. 20 sold either or both products without asking for proof of age.

Trading Standards

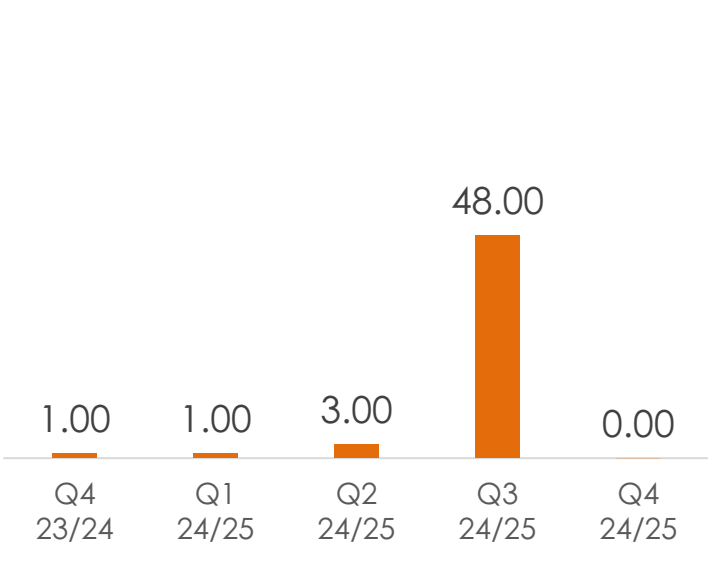
Percentage of planned inspection



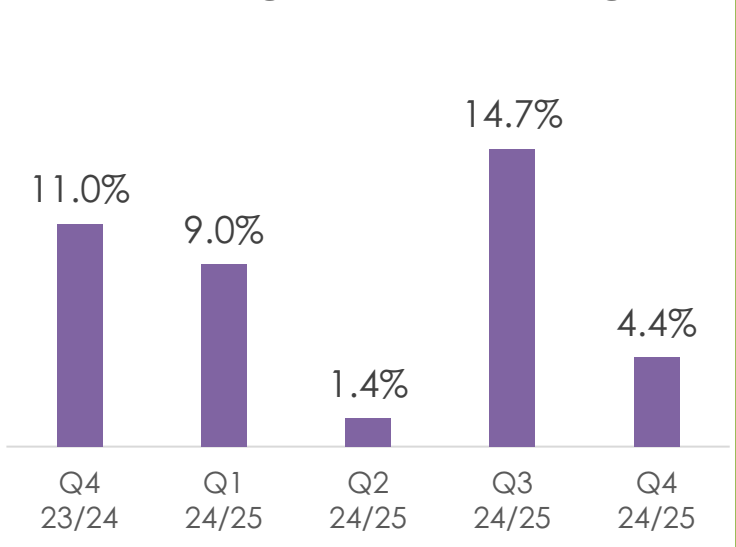
154 Trading Standards
Primary Inspections were carried out this year.

Of the 145 premises to inspect this year, including 8 farms, 15 had ceased trading leaving 130 for the year. These were all inspected and in addition another 26 premises, mostly weighbridge sites.

Number of interventions carried out



Percentage of businesses registered



A total of **136** premises are believed to be registered and selling tobacco and/or vapes at 01/04/24.

40 were visited this year.

Parking – Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served

Parking – Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served	Q4 23/24	Q1 24/25	Q2 24/25	Q3 24/25	Q4 24/25
01 - Parked in a restricted street during the prescribed hours	193	165	162	121	139
01CO - Parked in a restricted street during the prescribed hours	32	23	30	24	22
02 - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force	117	105	103	101	88
02o - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force	0	0	1	0	0
02q - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force	0	0	24	0	0
07 - Parked with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time	3	2	0	0	1
100 - Section 50 Parked on a pavement	0	238	286	143	165
101 - Section 56 Parked adjacent to a dropped kerb at a known crossing point	0	17	59	51	38
102 - Section 54 Parked where no part of the vehicle is within 50 centimetres of the carriageway edge	0	2	3	3	7
11 - Parked without payment of the parking charge	0	0	1	0	0
14 - Parked in an electric vehicles charging place during restricted hours without charging	24	23	31	24	0
23 - Parked in a parking place not designated for that class of vehicle	1	0	7	2	2
23f - Parked in a parking place not designated for that class of vehicle	0	0	1	0	0
24 - Not parked correctly within the markings of the parking bay or place	50	56	48	45	36
24p - Not parked correctly within the markings of the parking bay or place	0	0	0	0	0
25 - Parked in a loading place during restricted hours without loading	96	87	85	76	62
25CO - Parked in a loading place during restricted hours without loading	4	6	8	6	8
30 - Parked for longer than permitted	253	209	212	170	133
40 - Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge	196	147	193	138	119
45 - Parked on a taxi rank	8	4	6	3	2
46 - Stopped where prohibited (on a red route or clearway)	0	0	0	0	0
47 - Stopped on a restricted bus stop or stand	47	38	53	39	22
48 - Parked in a restricted area outside a School	0	0	0	0	0
71 - Parked in an electric vehicle charging place during restricted hours without charging	36	46	8	29	43
81 - Parked in a restricted area in a car park				1	1
82 - Parked after the expiry of paid for time	99	95	80	48	57
83 - Parked in a car park without clearly displaying a valid pay and display ticket or voucher or parking clock	225	251	176	173	158
86 - Not parked correctly within the markings of the parking bay or place	20	25	17	15	16
87 - Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge	4	10	0	19	7

