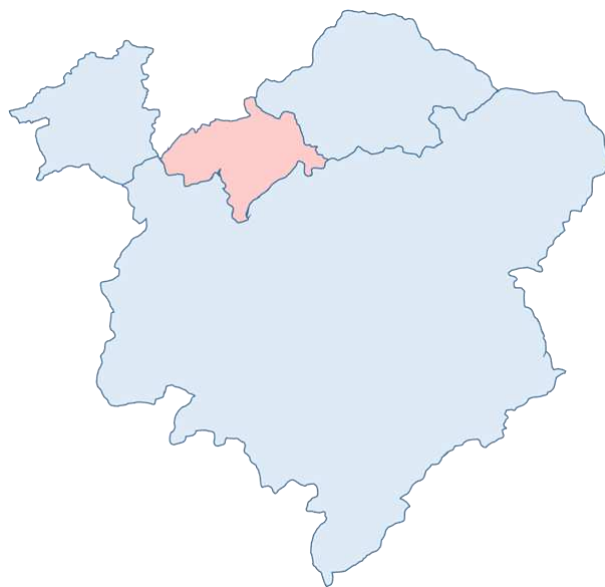


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Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 3 – 2023/2024

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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

Your local policing priorities across THE LOTHIANS AND SCOTTISH BORDERS

Our vision
Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland

Our values
Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights

Our purpose
Working in partnership for the safety and wellbeing of communities in the Lothians & Scottish Borders

Protecting the most vulnerable people

- Protect vulnerable people to prevent abuse, neglect & exploitation.
- Implement a delivery model supporting a Violence Against Women & Girls Prevention Strategy.
- Implement the National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland.
- Proactively target domestic abuse offenders.
- Develop partnership approaches to improve public confidence to report incidents of harm & abuse.

Reducing violence & anti-social behaviour

- Work collaboratively to identify and target violent offenders.
- Increase awareness of the impact of violence & antisocial behaviour.
- Work in partnerships to reduce alcohol related criminality.
- Collaborate to capture the under reporting of violence & explore preventative approaches (i.e. Navigator).
- Develop night time economy plans with licensed premises & promote participation in 'Best Bar None'.

Reducing acquisitive crime

- Focus on domestic housebreaking.
- Raise awareness of current crime trends & prevention tactics.
- Tackle emerging acquisitive crime patterns to identify & target prolific offenders.
- Work to prevent acquisitive crime.
- In partnership, maximise support for victims of acquisitive crime.
- Work with Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC).
- Use Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to deliver crime prevention information.

Improving road safety

- Collaborate on the engineering of the roads through our communities to improve road safety.
- Detect offenders who disregard road traffic laws & endanger others.
- Support partnership driver education programmes.
- Raise awareness of the consequences of speeding, not wearing a seat belt, drink or drug driving & using a mobile phone while driving.

Tackling serious & organised crime

- Work to divert people from becoming involved in serious & organised crime & using its products (drugs, counterfeit good etc).
- Use social media to raise awareness and educate about human trafficking.
- Work to prosecute those involved in serious organised crime, including online, 'cuckooing' & 'county lines'.
- Maximise the disruption of serious organised crime groups.
- Target the production, cultivation & supply of illegal drugs.

Police Scotland Strategic outcomes

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service
- The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery
- Public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
- Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public
- Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

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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 – Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc.
- Group 5 – Other (Pro-activity) Crimes
- Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles

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 2023 to December 2023 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 **92,460 in 2019** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2020).

Midlothian Performance Summary

Midlothian Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: Q3 April 22 – December 2022

Total Crime: (Group1-5) 2,638

Crime Decrease: -15.05%

Protecting the most vulnerable people

Domestic Crime
+3.2%



Q3 – 897
Incidents

Sexual Assault
Detections
+7.9%



52.1%

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

Anti-social
Behaviour
-18.1%



3552 (788 less)

Serious
Assault
-8.1%



31 (3 less)

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Crimes of
Dishonesty
-7.9%



1201 (111 less)

Housebreaking
Detections
+7.2%



34.1%

Improving Road Safety

Total Number
of Casualties
-25.3%



74 (25 less)

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Executive Summary

This Quarter 3 2023/24 Report, demonstrates the ongoing commitment that Midlothian Police has to keeping Midlothian Communities safe whilst addressing the increased demands this quarter presents due to Bonfire Night and the Festive Period.

Throughout the **Bonfire night weekend** Community policing and School Liaison Officers provided a number bonfire safety inputs, whilst Licensing Department officers completed joint visits with Midlothian Council counterparts to all Midlothian based licensed firework retailers. Reassurance patrols were also completed throughout Midlothian's communities by MCAT and Community Policing officers. Midlothian Police continued our policy of providing enhanced support to Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) on Bonfire Night itself, by allocating 2 officers to attend incidents alongside SFRS colleagues, mitigating potential anti-social behaviour.

A total of 13 firework or bonfire related reports were received by Midlothian police over this weekend period. 8 bonfires were reported which were extinguished by SFRS with zero crew attacks or crimes recorded. 5 firework incidents were reported and a 13 year old was charged with Culpable & Reckless Conduct after being identified targeting a domestic property with a firework, and 1 anti-social behaviour incident was also attended by MCAT officers in response to reports of youths throwing eggs.

Midlothian's Festive Initiative 2023 ran from 01/12/23 – 02/01/24. Acquisitive crime patrols were completed targeting areas of high footfall. Both plain clothed and hi-visibility patrols were completed to deter and detect shoplifters and general crime prevention advice was provided. This was supported via social media posts and regular patrols carried out at retail locations including Dalkeith town centre and Tesco Hardengreen & Penicuik. A number of shoplifters were detected and charged accordingly.

Multiple Road Safety checks were completed, entailing a mixture of community engagements and parking patrols around schools & anti-social behaviour hotspots. Road checks were carried out on multiple occasions at Penicuik, Bonnyrigg & Eskbank with advice and warnings provided where appropriate, and drivers charged where required.

In addition to youth & vehicle anti-social behaviour patrols, multiple patrols were carried out in relation to off-road bikes and stolen vehicles believed to be in the area. This pro-active activity resulted in a further 6 stolen vehicles being recovered throughout Q3.

Throughout the initiative MCAT officers attended various Partnership working & Community Engagement events including a Winter road check at Straiton Park and Ride, whilst Community Officers held community officer surgeries at major supermarkets and at community centres. This provided an opportunity for members of the public to speak with officers in relation to any ongoing concerns or issues, and for officers to provide crime prevention advice and literature. Community Officers held 2 partnership meetings at Scots Corner, engaging with partners and providing crime prevention advice in relation to keeping safe over the darker evenings and whilst partners deployed. Community Officers also attended at Dobbies and alongside the Red Cross, engaged with shoppers and provide advice in relation to crime prevention and concerns raised.

Your Police Survey 2023- 2024– A continuous conversation with Scotland's people

Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Our public engagement activities help us improve how we deliver our policing services in local communities, ensuring they are accessible for everyone. The current 'Your Police Survey' will be open until 31 March 2024, and I would encourage and welcome any feedback from Midlothian residents and Strategic Partners. To assist I have attached the following hyperlink [Your Police survey](#), alternatively this survey can be accessed via the Police Scotland Website.

Missing Person

During Q3 2023/24 21 Adults, 2 Cared for Adults, 14 Children and 8 Looked After Children were reported as missing.

Domestic Abuse

By the end of Q3 2023/24 there were 897 incidents reported, an increase of 3.2% on the 5 year average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (464 reports) is 3.3% higher than the 5 year average. The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted 40.5% represents a 1% increase on the five year average.

Hate Crime

There has been an increase of 16 Hate Incidents reported during Q3 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 25% increase in reported incidents. There has been an increase of 7 Hate Crimes reported in Q3 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 12% increase in recorded crimes. Of these Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes 5 involve Police victims (comments made during arrests), 4 remain as live ongoing enquiries and 14 have been solved. The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q3 2023/24 is 56.92% and represents a -2% decrease on the Q2 return of 58.82%.

Sexual Crimes

By the end of Q3 2023/2024 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 23.25% to 194 reports against a 5 year average of 157.4 reports. There had been 25 reports of Rape and Attempt Rape, this is down -10.7% on the 5 year average of 28 reports. The detection rate for Rape and Attempt Rape during Q3 is 40%, a reduction of -1% on the Q2 detection rate. There had been 71 reports of Indecent/Sexual Assault which represents a 13.1% increase on the 5 year average of 62.4 reports. The detection rate for Indecent/Sexual Assault during Q3 is 52.1%, which represents a 7.9% improvement on the Q2 detection rate.

Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation

During Q3 2023/24 there were 155 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 90.9%. During Q3 2023/24 there were 26 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 92.3%,

Crimes Of Violence

During Q3 2023/2024 there were 31 serious assaults recorded within Midlothian and a further 713 recorded Common Assaults. There were 55 Assaults on Emergency Workers during Q3 2023/24.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

Throughout Q3 2023/2024, there were 3552 ASB incidents were reported to Police, with 474 Vandalism type offences, 50 Fire-raising type offences and 505 Breach of Peace type offences recorded.

Dishonesty

During Q3 2023/24, a total of 1281 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. The detection rate is 30.7%.

Housebreaking

During Q3 2023/24, a total of 91 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) were recorded. This figure represents a 45% increase on the 5 average. A similar recent increase of 41% has been observed across the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders Division area during Q3.

Road Safety

Unfortunately during Q3 2023/2024, 2 fatalities were recorded reflected by a 50% increase on the previous year's Q3 2022/23 report. There have been 29 people Seriously Injured, and 2 Children Seriously Injured. There continues to be an encouragingly significant -40% decrease in the number of people Slightly Injured with 42 reports recorded during Q3.

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
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The Lothians & Scottish Borders (J) Division and the communities of Midlothian recognise that protecting people, particularly those considered vulnerable, is a policing priority. Within the remit of protecting people is the work and investigations carried out to trace people who are reported missing.

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.

Missing Person Type – OCTOBER 2023

Adult	7	46.66%
Cared for Adults	0	nil
Child	6	40%
Looked After Children	2	13.33%

Missing Person Type – NOVEMBER 2023

Adult	11	84.61%
Cared for Adults	0	nil
Child	2	15.38%
Looked After Child	0	nil

Missing Person Type – DECEMBER 2023

Adult	3	16.66%
Cared for Adults	2	11.11%
Child	6	33.33%
Looked After Child	6	33.33%

During Q3 2023/24 21 Adults, 2 Cared for Adults, 14 Children and 8 Looked After Children were reported as missing. We continue to work with partners to support individuals where a risk is identified.

11 reports were progressed as High Risk Missing Person Enquiries (*where the risk posed is immediate and there are substantial grounds for believing that the missing person is in danger through their own vulnerability or may have been the victim of a serious crime, or the risk posed is immediate and there are substantial grounds for believing that the public is in danger*),

27 reports were progressed as Medium Risk Missing Person Enquiries (*the risk posed is likely to place the missing person in danger or they are a threat to themselves or others*),

7 reports were progressed as Low Risk Missing Person Enquiries (*the apparent threat of danger to either the missing person or the public is low (a child should not be graded as low risk)*)

In total there were 20 fewer reports made to police during Q3 compared to Q2.

Whilst this reduction is encouraging, it should be highlighted that these types of enquiries often place significant resource and financial pressure on Local Policing resilience.

For example, during Q3 2023/24, a single Looked After Child was reported missing to police on 3 separate occasions and graded High Risk. In total this young person was missing for a total of 120 hours (across the 3 separate Missing Person reports), and extensive Local Policing and Specialist Policing resources were deployed nationally to locate her in each instance. When taking into consideration the number of police resources deployed, the financial implication of these 3 reports during Q3 was at a cost of £23,280.

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, however the example provided does help demonstrate the financial implication of these type of enquiry.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents
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	5yr Average	Q3 2023/24	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	868.8	897	3.25
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	449	464	3.34
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	39.57	40.58	1.01
Total crimes and offences detection rate	69.51	61.64	-11.33
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	43.4	55	26.73

Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q3 2023/24 there were 897 incidents reported, an increase of 3.2% on the 5 year average.

The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (464 reports) is 3.3% higher than the 5 year average.

The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted 40.5% represents a 1% increase on the five year average. This represents a continued confidence of the public to report incidents or contact the Police at an early stage in disagreements.

Midlothian Police remain committed to targeting violence against women and girls, demonstrated by a dedicated Domestic Violence Investigation team. During Q3 2023/24 this team arrested and reported 34 individuals for Domestic Abuse related offences.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Hate Crime
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Midlothian			
	5 year average	Q3 2023/24	Q3 Per 10,000
Hate Incidents	62.8	79	8.54
Hate Crimes *	57.8	65	7.03
Hate Crime Detection Rate	74.74	56.92	

This section refers to Hate Crime and Hate Incidents. Hate Crimes are offences under:

-Section 50a (1) (A) and (B) and (5) Criminal law consolidation Act 1995 (racial harassment and abuse)

And any other crimes which include a Hate Crime aggravator- i.e. where a crime has been committed and is aggravated by hate. These aggravators are disability, race, religion, sexual orientation and transgender identity.

Hate incidents are incidents where the facts do not identify as a recordable crime but the victim, or any other person, perceives the incident to be hate related.

- There has been an increase of 16 Hate Incidents reported during Q3 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 25% increase in reported incidents.
- There has been an increase of 7 Hate Crimes reported in Q3 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 12% increase in recorded crimes.

Of these Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes 5 involve Police victims (comments made during arrests), 4 remain as live ongoing enquiries and 14 have been solved.

- The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q3 2023/24 is 56.92% and represents a -2% decrease on the Q2 return of 58.82%.

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.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Sexual Crimes (Group 2)
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Crime Type	5 Year average	Q3 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2023/24 Detection Rate
Group 2	157.4	194	23.25%	20.98	43.81%
Rape & Attempt Rape	28	25	-10.71%	2.7	40.00%
Indecent/Sexual Assault	62.4	71	13.78%	7.68	52.11%
Other Group 2	66.8	98	46.71%	10.6	38.78%

Reducing Rape and Sexual Crime is a core focus for officers in Midlothian. This includes working with partner agencies to provide confidence to report offences, undertaking professional investigations, providing victim support, pursuing perpetrators and managing offenders. The investigation of sexual crimes and the management of offenders, in particular, is achieved through close collaborative working with partner agencies and local communities.

By the end of Q3 2023/2024 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 23.25% to 194 reports against a 5 year average of 157.4 reports.

By the end of Q3 2023/2024 there had been 25 reports of Rape and Attempt Rape, this is down -10.7% on the 5 year average of 28 reports. The detection rate for Rape and Attempt Rape during Q3 is 40%, a reduction of -1% on the Q2 detection rate.

By end of Q3 2023/2024 there had been 71 reports of Indecent/Sexual Assault which represents a 13.1% increase on the 5 year average of 62.4 reports. The detection rate for Indecent/Sexual Assault during Q3 is 52.1%, which represents a 7.9% improvement on the Q2 detection rate.

During Q3 2023/2024, police continued to utilise social media to elevate awareness of “sextortion” scams where fraudsters befriend individuals online, entice them into performing sexual acts/send explicit photographs and thereafter blackmail them into sending money. Despite raising awareness, we continue to see more and more social media users falling for this type of scam. We continue to support victims and direct them to appropriate third party agencies.

During Q3 2023/2024, a -30% reduction in was observed against the 5 year average for Taking, Distributing, Possession of Indecent photos of Children with 7 offences recorded. The detection rate is 71.4%

During Q3 2023/2024, a 75% increase was observed against the 5 year average for Communicating Indecently with 26 crimes recorded. During Q3 the detection rate was 57.6%, which continued to remain above the wider Divisional detection rate of 55.6%.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation
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Drugs Supply	5 year average	Q3 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2023/24 Detection Rate
Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation	45.2	26	-42.48%	2.81	92.31%

We 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.

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).

During Q3 2023/24 there were 155 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 90.9%.

During Q3 2023/24 there were 26 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 92.3%, with outstanding enquiries awaiting forensic analysis of items recovered by police.

House searches under warrant have continued and have been successful in recovering drugs, cash and weapons. A number of reports have been submitted and details are contained within the circulated monthly reports. These searches do rely on a steady flow of intelligence from the community, as well as proactivity by the MCAT's and wider policing teams.

Multiple Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed by MCAT officers during Q3 2023/24, resulting in the following recoveries with the upper street value totalling:

- Class A: £8,430.50
- Class B: £7,994.33
- Class C: £0.00

We continue to developed 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).

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Crimes of Violence (Group 1)
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Crime Type	5 year average	Q3 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2023/24 Detection Rate
Group 1	93.6	173	84.83%	18.71	69.94%
Serious Assault	33.8	31	-8.28%	3.35	96.77%
Robbery	12.6	23	82.54%	2.49	82.61%
Common Assault	639.6	713	11.48%	77.11	72.37%

*Common assaults are not recorded as group 1 crimes.

Reducing violence and the impact on our 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 solvency for these offences remains high within Midlothian.

During Q3 2023/2024 there were 31 serious assaults within Midlothian which is -8.1% less than the 5 year average. The detection rate is 96.7% and remains well above the wider Divisional detection rate of 79.1%.

During Q3 2023/2024 there were 23 reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is an 82.5% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 82.6% and similarly remains considerably above the wider Divisional detection rate of 66%

During Q3 2023/2024 there were 713 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting an 11.4% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 72.3%, representing a 7.8% improvement on the Q2 detection rate of 64.5%, and remains well above the wider Divisional detection rate of 66%.

There were 55 assaults on Emergency Workers during Q3 2023/24 reflecting a -12.5% reduction on the 5 year average. However any assault on an Emergency Worker is unacceptable, it is clear that aggressive or threatening behaviour or verbal abuse against Police Scotland or other Emergency Services personnel is simply not part of their duties.

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
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Indicator	5 Year Average	2023-24 Q3	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2023/24 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	4340.4	3552	-18.16		
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	529.2	474	-10.43%	51.27	22.78%
Fire-raising	36.4	50	37.36%	5.41	20.00%
Breach of the Peace and S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	559.6	505	-9.76%	54.62	72.48%

Midlothian Police continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in its various forms with our partners.

Throughout Q3 2023/2024, there were 3552 ASB incidents were reported to Police, maintaining an -18.1% reduction in this crime type with Midlothian compared to the five year average.

During Q3 2023/24 a total of 474 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -10.4% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 22.7%.

During Q3 2023/2024 a total of 50 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 37.3% increase compared to the 5 year average. This increase is primarily due to Bonfire Night occurring during Q3, which historically produces a spike in reports of this crime type. The detection rate is 20%, and remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 16.8%

During Q3 2023/24 a total of 505 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -9.76% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 72.4%,

Following an increase in youth antisocial behaviour in the Midlothian area, a strategy was devised to positively engage with youths during identified times at specific hot spot areas. Throughout the last quarter the following activity has been completed by MCAT and Community Policing Officers to address and minimise youth based antisocial behaviour.

Police hosted 3 youth events alongside partner agencies. The purpose of these events were to educate and generate activities in which local youths could partake in. thus, steering them away from antisocial behaviour, which could thereafter be progressed by partner agencies with minimal police involvement.

Recognising that there was a lack of information and signposting to local youths in the Dalkeith area, the first phase of this strategy was to organise an event at McDonalds, Hardengreen on a Friday evening, which was the time and location where the issues were most prolific.

Police arranged the venue and free hot chocolates from McDonalds as well as refreshments and snacks from Tesco free of cost.

The Midlothian Community Policing Team worked with key partners including youth workers and Community and Lifelong Learning and Employability (CLLE) workers and Y2K. We also worked with a variety of local youth groups including Dalkeith Rugby, Dalkeith Thistle FC, Just Judo, Dalkeith Tennis, Newtongrange Star FC, arranging their attendance to engage with youths and signpost their services. The event ran smoothly with positive engagement with youths in the area. This opened up discussions with sporting groups and youth workers in preparation for a practical event which is explained below.

The practical event consisted of a "come try" taster session at the Dalkeith festival where youths were afforded the opportunity to try their hand at different activities coached by local groups.

Recognising that not all youths are attracted by recreational sports, phase three consisted of hosting a gaming event at One Dalkeith with the assistance of local youth workers. Contact was again made with a local business who provided snacks and refreshments for the event.

I would stress that not all anti-social behaviour is youth based, and would similarly seek to highlight the excellent partnership working completed during Q3 to address an issue of repeated vandalism to the Newbattle High School Campus, where over the period of several weeks a number of windows were damaged. MCAT and Community Officers worked alongside Midlothian Council and Educational partners to enhance security around the campus, resulting in a 33 year old male being identified as responsible and reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (group 3)
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5 Year Average	Q3 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2023/24 Detection Rate
1392.2	1281	-7.99%	138.55	30.76%

Given the wide range of 'Acquisitive Crimes' this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report:

- Dishonesty (covered in this section)
- Housebreaking (covered in next section)

Dealing with Acquisitive Crime to protect people by reducing the impacts of theft on individuals and communities remains a priority

During Q3 2023/24, a total of 1281 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 111 fewer crimes or a -7.9 % reduction compared to the 5 year average. During Q3 the detection rate was 30.7%, this represents an increase of 4.5% on the previous Q2 detection rate, and remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 26.7%.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking
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Crime Type	5 Year Average	Q3 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2023/24 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	62.6	91	45.37%	9.84	24.18%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	67.2	58	-13.69%	6.27	13.79%
Other (Business) HB	44.6	46	3.14%	4.98	47.83%
All HB	174.4	195	11.81%	21.09	26.67%

During Q3 2023/24, a total of 91 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) were recorded. This figure represents a 45% increase on the 5 average. A similar recent increase of 41% has been observed across the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders Division area during Q3.

Likewise during Q3 2023/24, a total of 75 reports of Theft of a Motor vehicle were recorded. This figure represents a 9.9% increase on the 5 year average.

As outlined within my Q2 update, in response to the increase in these crimes, a J Division Taskforce has been instigated. This taskforce has dedicated police resources, SIO led investigation, specialist roles, analytical and forensic services support. A significant number of items have been fast tracked for forensic examination and planned enforcement activity is at an advanced stage. During Q3 this Taskforce resulted in 6 significant arrests for over 30 housebreakings and associated crimes within the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division. Numerous other crimes detected in other divisions too. Within Midlothian this activity is reflected by increases in all detection rates.

During Q3 2023/24 the detection rate for Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) offences increased 7.2% on the Q2 detection rate, to 24.1%. This is 1.6% below the wider Divisional detection rate of 25.7%.

During Q3 2023/24 the detection rate for Theft Housebreaking Non Dwelling (including sheds) offences increased 4.2% on the Q2 detection rate, to 13.7%. This is 4.5% below the wider Divisional detection rate of 18.2%.

During Q3 2023/24 the detection rate for Theft Housebreaking to Business offences increased 11% on the Q2 detection rate, to 47.8%. This is 10.8% above the wider Divisional detection rate of 37%.

MCAT officers continue to Prevent / Deter / Disrupt further Serious & Organised Crime activity with daily bail checks, tasked patrolling and dedicated operations at weekends. Similarly social media messaging is frequently published to raise awareness and highlight simple crime prevention advice, for example ensuring vehicle keys are stored securely and not left on open display next to insecure front doors.

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We continue to developed information regarding those responsible for committing this crime within our local communities. 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).

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Improving road safety	Road Casualties
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	Q3 2022/23	Q3 2023/24	Change
Fatal	2	3	50%
Serious	27	29	7%
Slight	70	42	-40%
Total	99	74	-25.3%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	2	0%

	5 Year Average	Q3 2023/24	Change
Dangerous driving	42.2	30	-28.91%
Speeding	26	129	396.15%
Disqualified driving	23.4	13	-44.44%
Driving Licence	80.8	67	-17.08%
Insurance	206.2	205	-0.58%
Seat Belts	10.8	29	168.52%
Mobile Phone	23.2	52	124.14%
Drink/Drug Driving Detections	92.8	93	0.22%

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Throughout Q3 2023/24 there have been 25 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q3 2022/ 23 return. This represents a -25.3% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

Unfortunately during Q3 2023/2024, 2 fatalities were recorded reflected by a 50% increase on the previous year's Q3 2022/23 report.

During Q3 2023/2024, there have been 29 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a 7% increase (2 more incidents) on same period last year.

During Q3 2023/2024 the number of Children Seriously Injured during the same period is 2, mirroring the previous year Q3 2022/23.

There continues to be an encouragingly significant -40% decrease in the number of people Slightly Injured (down to 42 from 70) during Q2 2023/24 compared to the previous year.

As part of the Midlothian festive policing initiative, MCAT officers in partnership with specialist Road Policing and DVSA resources completed Winter Road checks near Straiton Park and Ride. Approximately 200 vehicles were stopped and checked (lighting, tyres, windscreen wash etc) and confirmed ready for winter weather conditions. During these checks a range of offences were detected and reported such as vehicles with no insurance, drivers with no licence, and various vehicle defects.

During Q3, Officers provided Road Safety inputs to 400 soldiers based at Glencourse Barracks prior to standing down for Christmas leave. Feedback received was positive and we are exploring further refresher inputs later this year.

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Road checks were completed at Sheriffhall Park and Ride on a number of evenings. These checks were completed in response to reports of car enthusiasts driving in an anti-social manner which impacted nearby residents.

MCAT completed extra patrols at Croft Street, Dalkeith and other areas with school restrictions. These patrols were completed at school drop off and pick up times in relation to parking on restricted roads at these times. Offices engaged with and provided advice to drivers, pedestrians and local businesses where appropriate.

<p>UK terror threat levels (as of February 9 2022)</p> <p>CRITICAL An attack is highly likely in the near future</p> <p>SEVERE An attack is highly likely</p> <p>SUBSTANTIAL An attack is likely</p> <p>MODERATE An attack is possible, but not likely</p> <p>LOW An attack is highly unlikely</p> <p><small>PA graphic. Source: Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre</small></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>
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The UK threat level remains at Substantial as it has done since February 2022.

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.

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Complaints	Executive Summary
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The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 2.8% increase in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
<i>On Duty - TOTAL</i>	57	59	3.5%
Assault	9	3	-66.7%
Discriminatory Behaviour	1	1	0.0%
Excessive Force	6	4	-33.3%
Incivility	15	15	0.0%
Irregularity in Procedure	22	32	45.5%
Neglect of Duty	1	0	-100.0%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	0	-100.0%
Other - Criminal	0	1	x
Other - Non Criminal	2	1	-50.0%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence	0	2	x
<i>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</i>	49	50	2.0%
Policy/Procedure	5	8	60.0%
Service Delivery	18	18	0.0%
Service Outcome	26	24	-7.7%
Grand Total	106	109	2.8%

Midlothian CAT team – Q3 Update

Activities

- 1. 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.*

MCAT officers continued to conduct high visibility patrols across the Midlothian area throughout Q3 2023/2024. This included high visibility static road checks outside local Primary schools promoting road safety and also ensuring the safety of children and guardians during school opening and closing hours. In addition, a number of static road checks employing the radar Speed gun were carried out at different locations across the county. Extra attention was given to Croft Street, Dalkeith, Lasswade Primary School and Strathesk Primary school at school drop off and pick up times in relation to the restricted roads at these times, resulting in 34 fixed penalty notices being issued in Q3.

Mobile, Foot and Quad bike patrols were conducted in the town centres and hot spots for youth disorder and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Dalkeith, Loanhead, Bonnyrigg, Penicuik and Mayfield to deter and engage with groups of youths. Initiatives and joint working were executed focusing on Lothian Bus routes specifically those between Tesco, Hardengreen, Dalkeith, Gorebridge terminus, and Rosewell working in conjunction with Lothian Buses similar to Q1 & Q2 2023/2024 and this work will continue moving forward to ensure continued success.

In relation to the continued impact of anti-social behaviour caused by off-road bikes in the Midlothian area, Operation Jewel has continued throughout Q3 2023/2024. Officers were deployed on Quadbikes to target specific areas known to be used by those responsible. These officers have been able to target and disrupt those involved. Specific areas have been identified for this activity and targeted areas chosen being around Penicuik, Easthouses and Mayfield.

Regular patrolling of and visits to all licensed premises in Midlothian continued. These patrols and visits are completed to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for those using hospitality venues and enjoying the weekend night life. These unannounced visits further play a role in ensuring premises are complying with the requirements of their operating licenses and where issues are identified allow follow up by designated Licensing Officers. Such an incident occurred during Q3 which allowed a joint licensing visit by police and MLC.

- 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).*

All opportunities are taken to challenge recidivist offenders, often historically responsible for a large number of offences.

In total 120 Bail Curfew checks were carried out with a compliance rate of 62%, demonstrating how the continued use of this tactic curtails criminal behaviour. 11 individuals were arrested on warrant a number of these for multiple warrants by MCAT over this quarter, efforts continue to trace individuals to curtail criminal behaviour. This is a comparable figure from Q2 and a result of the continued effort this year to reduce the number of outstanding arrest warrants in Midlothian.

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Where there is a legislated reason, MCAT officers search individuals for controlled substances, stolen property, and weapons, progressing these to house searches if the circumstances allow.

House searches under warrant have continued and have been successful in recovering drugs, cash and weapons. A number of reports have been submitted and details are contained within the circulated monthly reports. These searches do rely on a steady flow of intelligence from the community, as well as proactivity by the MCAT's and wider policing teams.

Multiple Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed by MCAT officers during Q3 2023/24, resulting in the following recoveries with the upper street value totalling:

Class A: £8,430.50

Class B: £7,994.33

Class C: £0.00

Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT	120
Bail Curfew Check FAILED	46
Arrest on warrant	11
Search Person MDA Positive	7
Search Person MDA Negative	4
Search Property MDA Positive	14
Search Property MDA Negative	0
Search Weapons Positive	3
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. 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.*

Throughout Q2 2023/24, MCAT attended 58 youth incidents across Midlothian wards, this represents an increase in youth related incidents on the last quarter linked this can be linked to the festive season with school holidays.

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Proactive patrols have continued at hot spot areas including Tesco/McDonalds Hardengreen, Gorebridge terminus, and Rosewell. MCAT ensure these are monitored and patrolled daily.

MCAT worked with the school link and community offices in relation to concerns raised regarding a youth selling vapes to fellow students at school. MCAT attended at the youths home address carrying out a search of the property, a quantity of cash was recovered along with vapes and also a large quantity of empty boxes. The youth was spoken to in front of his parents and will be reported by means of the youth justice officer. School link officers have been made aware in order to build an intelligence picture of any similar activity.

MCAT continually liaise and work in partnership with the local Community policing team and School Link officers in order to engage with youths, identify patterns, prevent incident before they arise and identify offenders-

Operation Juke was instigated specifically to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour involving youths travelling along local bus routes. MCAT have been working closely with LRT to tackle youth offending and ASB on these buses. This has resulted in a strong partnership relationship and has resulted in numerous plain and uniform patrols, supported by LRT and the deployment of a decoy bus to identify those youths responsible for this behaviour. These deployments have had a positive impact reducing similar incidents across both Q1, Q2 and Q3.

Youth Calls Attended	58
Alcohol Seizures	0
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	0

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

All Midlothian Licensed premises continued to be monitored and visited by MCAT officers. There continues to be a gradual drop in incidents within licensed premises.

LP Visit Public House	2
LP Visit Off Sales	0

- 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.*

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MCAT continue to liaise with the Scottish Fire and Rescue service identifying areas where fires have been set but not reported to the Police, this allows MCAT to focus their patrols in these areas. The Scottish

Fire and Rescue Service now provide a weekly report to MCAT to assist with both prevention and detection. This displays a sign of partnership working to achieve a common goal.

MCAT assisted Trading standards in executing a warrant in the Dalkeith area, during this a quantity of what is believed to be counterfeit goods have been identified along with a quantity of cash seized, Trading Standards will be progressing the enquiry.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	0
Joint Activity Local Council	1
Joint Activity SFRS	0
Joint Activity Public Event	0

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.

MCATS officers supported by the Community Policing Team continue to deal effectively with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) with a particular focus during Q3 on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) involving off road motorbikes. As part of Operation Jewel, high visibility and unmarked patrols continued in relation to theft of motor vehicles and anti-social use of off road bikes throughout Midlothian. During Q3 police in Midlothian have only received 1 report in relation to ASB off road motorcycle activity.

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At the start of December both MCAT teams carried out a Winter road check at Straiton Park and Ride, this involved Roads Policing, Motorbike Unit and DVSA. Approximately 200 vehicles were stopped and checked (lighting, tires, windscreen wash etc) and confirmed ready for winter weather conditions.

As a result of this 5 drivers have been identified for driving without insurance, 2 for no license, one for drug driving and 4 for vehicle defects. With the assistance of the DVSA 5 prohibition orders were issued to drivers for a range of dangerous vehicle defects. To coincide with this officers attended at Halfords Straiton and carried out bike marking and provided security advice.

Static Road Checks	8
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	34
Section 165 Seizures	3
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	3
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	2
S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)	1
S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)	3
ASBO Seizures	0

Other Incidents and Arrests of Note

During Q3 2023/ 2024 officers from MCAT have been working alongside the Proactive Crime Team, Whilst carrying out street to street searches multiple stolen vehicles were identified, with all forensically recovered and enquiries are ongoing in relation to their theft. This activity greatly assists in identifying those responsible and bringing them to justice.

In October MCAT coordinate a multi-agency initiative in Newtongrange, involving Police, DVSA, Trading Standards and DWP. The aim of the operation was to disrupt serious and organised crime activity including the activity of bogus workers who target the most vulnerable in our communities. As a result of this partnership working DWP referred 6 cases of fraudulent benefit claims and stopped a further 10 claims with immediate effect due to inaccurate information being provided. Further to this police and DVSA issued the following; 10 Vehicle Rectification Scheme notices, 2 arrest for failing the roadside drug wipes, 2 vehicles seized for no insurance, 1 MOT conditional offer, 3 LGV found to be exceeding their weight limit and will be reported, 7 Prohibition notices issued for dangerous vehicles, 1 Recorded Police Warning for possession of a controlled substance and several conditional notices issued for miscellaneous offences.

MCAT responded to an incident regarding a male attacking another male with a bladed weapon, MCAT identified and secured the locus of the crime, carrying out enquiries to identify a secondary injured party, during this time linking in with response policing and CID.

MCAT worked with the school link and community policing officers in relation to concerns raised regarding a youth selling vapes to fellow students at school. MCAT attended at the youths home address carrying out a search of the property, a quantity of cash was recovered along with vapes and also a large quantity of empty boxes. The youth was spoken to in front of his parents and will be reported by means of the youth justice officer. School link officers have been made aware in order to speak to schools to identify any further trends of youths supplying vapes in schools.

MCAT Officers assisted in the progression of ongoing enquiries in relation to high risk domestic abuse investigation packages; Throughout the quarter MCAT have assisted in ensuring those responsible for violence against women have been brought to justice swiftly and without delay.

During the festive period, MCAT officers attended at Straiton retail park to carry out uniformed and plain clothes patrols identifying a number of theft shopliftings during this time. During this officers engaged with shop managers to identify any issues, offer relevant crime prevention advice and foster good working relations with retail staff.

At the beginning of December MCAT carried out was a winter safety check at Straiton park and ride linking in with DVSA, this identified a number offences from drug driving to vehicle defects, DVSA also issued prohibition orders on a number of cars, during this time around 200 cars were stopped and drivers engaged with.

Planned Activity

MCAT officers have a number of search warrants in hand to execute in the coming month and, as always, intelligence related to high tariff offenders in Midlothian is continuously being developed and will be actioned upon both proactively and reactively.

In addition, MCAT will continue focused patrols, speed checks and Operation Jewel initiatives planned to target any specific issues that are brought to the attention of the MCAT by residents, partners, and colleagues or indeed discovered during usual proactive patrol and engagement with our communities. MCAT officers are gaining intelligence on a continued basis creating a picture of off-road bike issues and particularly where problem hot spots appear to be forming.

A detailed rural patrol plan is being compiled to provide reassurance and Police presence to our vulnerable rural areas of Midlothian.

MCAT Officers are working in partnership with Midlothian Council, Amberstone Security (Tesco Security), Tesco and Lothian Buses as part of Operation Juke to address increased youth anti-social behaviour occurring around the bus terminus outside Tesco at Hardengreen. MCAT will carry out focused patrols and engagement with local businesses, partners and the community in the area.

Throughout Q4 2023/24, MCAT officers will continue to work alongside the Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Special Constable Inquiry Team (SIT) to enhance police resources in Midlothian addressing ASB and Speeding offences.

Pedestrian and cycle zone exclusion enforcement – MCAT and CPT officers will be out ensuring the restrictions are adhered to. This is a priority issue for Midlothian residents and will be frequently patrolled with FPN issued where appropriate.

During Q4 2023/2024, MCAT are looking to deploy with multiple agencies under the banner of Operation Janaca in an effort to tackle Bogus Workmen. The operation will be undertaken with the assistance of Trading Standards, DVSA, DWP and Police. The multi strand operation will allow each organisation to utilise their expertise and legislative powers to detect and deter crime along with providing confidence to the public in Midlothian.

Appendix

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	2023/24 Q3	Per 10,000 Q3 2023/24	Detection Rates 2023/24
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	502	814	16.34	56.39
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	2	1	0.02	100.00
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	0	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	3	2	0.04	100.00
Attempted murder	16.8	8	0.16	100.00
Serious assault	198.8	211	4.24	79.15
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	67	103	2.07	66.02
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	133	2.67	71.43
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	8	0.16	50.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	N/A	141	2.83	70.21
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	46.6	67	1.34	116.42
Threats and extortion	64.4	238	4.78	3.78
Other group 1 crimes	31.2	43	0.86	62.79
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	852.6	1066	21.4	50.56
Rape	160.2	160	3.21	51.88
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	6.6	4	0.08	50.00
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	166.8	164	3.29	51.83
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	9.4	5	0.1	80.00
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	245.2	313	6.28	49.20
Lewd & libidinous practices*	70.8	56	1.12	57.14
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	325.4	374	7.51	50.80
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	0.8	2	0.04	0.00
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	42	52	1.04	78.85
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	75	106	2.13	55.66
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	15	25	0.5	32.00
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	27	40	0.8	67.50
Public indecency (common law)	7.4	6	0.12	83.33
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	128.6	203	4.07	40.39
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	12.2	20	0.4	70.00
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	52.4	74	1.49	37.84
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	0	-
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	359.6	526	10.56	50.19
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	6386.4	6553	131.54	26.77
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	276	389	7.81	25.71
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	212.4	170	3.41	18.24
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	253.8	151	3.03	37.09
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	742.2	710	14.25	26.34

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Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	143.6	143	2.87	6.99
Theft of a motor vehicle	328.2	321	6.44	32.40
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	358.4	228	4.58	15.35
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	24.8	34	0.68	17.65
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	855	726	14.57	21.35
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	99.6	100	2.01	11.00
Common theft	1806.4	1611	32.34	18.31
Theft by shoplifting	1647.4	1969	39.53	42.71
Fraud	794	1097	22.02	12.31
Other Group 3 Crimes	441.8	340	6.83	38.24
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	3082.4	3065	61.53	27.08
Fireraising	180.4	226	4.54	16.81
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	2716.2	2621	52.61	26.59
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	3.4	2	0.04	50.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	174.6	201	4.03	46.27
Other Group 4 Crimes	7.8	15	0.3	6.67
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	3181.4	3225	64.74	95.22
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	121.2	131	2.63	86.26
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	121.4	123	2.47	95.93
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	101.4	203	4.07	73.89
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	57.4	109	2.19	74.31
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	401.4	566	11.36	81.63
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	46	42	0.84	83.33
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	159.6	128	2.57	96.88
Bringing drugs into prison	15.8	10	0.2	20.00
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	221.4	180	3.61	89.44
Possession of drugs	1335.6	910	18.27	99.45
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	10.8	2	0.04	200.00
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	1567.8	1092	21.92	97.99
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	1.2	13	0.26	92.31
Bail offences (other than absconding)	643.6	921	18.49	99.89
Other Group 5 crimes	567.4	633	12.71	95.89
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	7603.2	8210	164.81	67.52
Common Assault	3229.4	3805	76.38	62.92
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	317.6	367	7.37	99.46
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	3547	4172	83.75	66.13
Breach of the Peace	97	84	1.69	96.43
Threatening & abusive behaviour	2691.2	2687	53.94	72.05
Stalking	72.8	71	1.43	76.06
<i>BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	2861	2842	57.05	72.87
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	93.6	83	1.67	85.54
Drunk and incapable	30.6	18	0.36	100.00
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	25	20	0.4	105.00
Other alcohol related offences*	26.2	26	0.52	107.69

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<i>Drunkness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	81.8	64	1.28	104.69
Wildlife offences*	28	35	0.7	45.71
Other Group 6 offences	991.8	1014	20.35	55.13
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	5377.8	6185	124.16	83.93
Dangerous driving offences	191.6	178	3.57	79.78
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	416.2	414	8.31	101.45
Speeding offences	403.6	503	10.1	99.40
Driving while disqualified	82	58	1.16	100.00
Driving without a licence	412.2	318	6.38	100.63
Failure to insure against third party risks	1057.8	913	18.33	100.11
Seat belt offences	95.6	121	2.43	99.17
Mobile phone offences	132.2	123	2.47	95.12
Driving Carelessly	475.6	522	10.48	88.89
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	140	860	17.26	97.91
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	538.4	485	9.74	100.41
Other Group 7 offences	1432.6	1690	33.92	47.75

Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

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Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0.2	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	0.4	0	-	-
Attempted murder	1.8	4	0.43	125
Serious assault	33.8	31	3.35	96.77
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	12.6	23	2.49	82.61
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	24	2.6	79.17
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	1	0.11	100
Domestic Abuse (Total)	N/A	25	2.7	80
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	17.2	23	2.49	156.52
Threats and extortion	10	53	5.73	3.77
Other group 1 crimes	5.2	14	1.51	64.29
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	157.4	194	20.98	43.81
Rape	27.2	25	2.7	40
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	0.8	0	-	-
Rape and attempted rape - Total	28	25	2.7	40
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	2.4	1	0.11	0
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	45.4	60	6.49	45
Lewd & libidinous practices*	14.6	10	1.08	100
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	62.4	71	7.68	52.11
Prostitution related crime - Total*	0.2	0	-	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	10	7	0.76	71.43
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	14.8	26	2.81	57.69
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	2	2	0.22	50
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	6.8	4	0.43	25
Public indecency (common law)	1.4	0	-	-
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	20	44	4.76	20.45
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	1.6	2	0.22	150
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	10.2	13	1.41	30.77
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	-	-
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	66.8	98	10.6	38.78
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	1392.2	1281	138.55	30.76
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	62.6	91	9.84	24.18
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	67.2	58	6.27	13.79
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	44.6	46	4.98	47.83
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	174.4	195	21.09	26.67
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	22.6	18	1.95	16.67
Theft of a motor vehicle	68.2	75	8.11	29.33

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Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	61.2	41	4.43	12.2
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	4	4	0.43	25
Motor vehicle crime - Total	156	138	14.93	22.46
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	17.2	22	2.38	0
Common theft	331.2	274	29.63	25.18
Theft by shoplifting	467.6	396	42.83	46.72
Fraud	147	187	20.22	13.37
Other Group 3 Crimes	98.8	69	7.46	46.38
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	604.2	577	62.41	24.61
Fireraising	36.4	50	5.41	20
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	529.2	474	51.27	22.78
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0.2	0	-	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	35.8	49	5.3	46.94
Other Group 4 Crimes	2.6	4	0.43	25
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	665	601	65	93.51
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	22.8	23	2.49	78.26
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	21.6	17	1.84	105.88
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	14.8	34	3.68	88.24
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	8	17	1.84	70.59
Total offensive/bladed weapons	67.2	91	9.84	85.71
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	8.8	5	0.54	80
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	36.4	21	2.27	95.24
Bringing drugs into prison	0	0	-	-
Supply of drugs - Total	45.2	26	2.81	92.31
Possession of drugs	296.8	155	16.76	90.97
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0.6	0	-	-
Total drugs crimes	342.6	181	19.58	91.16
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.2	3	0.32	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	147.2	199	21.52	98.99
Other Group 5 crimes	107.8	127	13.74	93.7
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	1424.4	1429	154.55	71.1
Common Assault	582.4	663	71.71	69.23
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	57.2	50	5.41	114
Common Assault - Total	639.6	713	77.11	72.37
Breach of the Peace	17	11	1.19	90.91
Threatening & abusive behaviour	530	485	52.46	71.34
Stalking	12.6	9	0.97	111.11
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	559.6	505	54.62	72.48
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	14.4	9	0.97	111.11
Drunk and incapable	5.8	2	0.22	100
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	9.4	9	0.97	100
Other alcohol related offences*	8	4	0.43	100
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	23.2	15	1.62	100
Wildlife offences*	3.4	1	0.11	100

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Other Group 6 offences	184.2	186	20.12	58.06
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	1003.8	1303	140.93	84.11
Dangerous driving offences	42.2	30	3.24	76.67
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	92.8	93	10.06	108.6
Speeding offences	26	129	13.95	99.22
Driving while disqualified	23.4	13	1.41	100
Driving without a licence	80.8	67	7.25	101.49
Failure to insure against third party risks	206.2	205	22.17	101.46
Seat belt offences	10.8	29	3.14	100
Mobile phone offences	23.2	52	5.62	100
Driving Carelessly	84.6	115	12.44	86.96
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	22.8	115	12.44	98.26
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	69.2	104	11.25	100
Other Group 7 offences	321.8	351	37.96	44.73