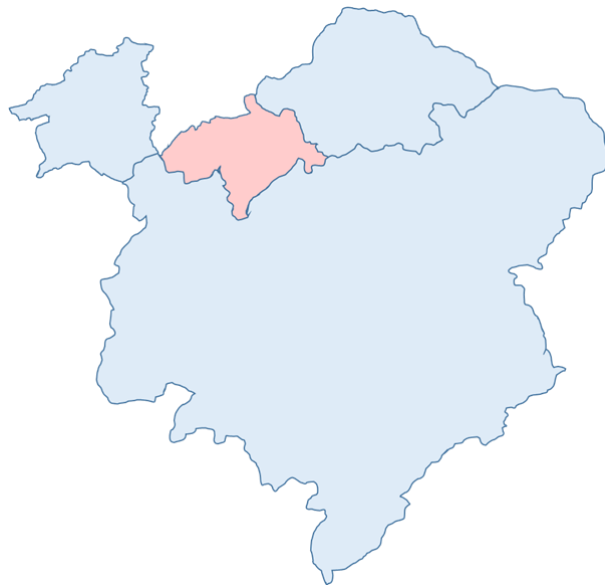




## Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 2 – 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



## 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 Sept 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



## Executive Summary

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Chief Constable Jo Farrell assumed command of Police Scotland and reinforced the values policing brings to our communities: keeping people safe from harm, protecting the vulnerable, bringing criminals to justice, solving problems, and reducing offending. Police Scotland stands up for and with our communities, which strengthens them, improves their wellbeing, and allows them to prosper.

Chief Constable Farrell confirmed her operational focus is on threat, harm, and risk, focusing on prevention, problem solving and proactivity, and looking after Police Scotland's hard-working officers and staff, ensuring our people can deliver our vital public service.

Quarter 2 2023/2024, recorded a noticeable increase in reported Housebreaking (Dwelling House) and Theft of a Motor Vehicle offences. 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. I am confident that throughout the forthcoming Quarter those responsible will be arrested and reported to Crown Office Procurator Fiscal.

Throughout Q2 2023/2024, Midlothian Police have continued to Detect and Disrupt Serious and Organised Crime within our Communities, notably when officers from the Lothian & Scottish Borders Pro-active Crime Team and Midlothian Community Action Team disrupted a sophisticated criminal enterprise in the Danderhall area of Midlothian, seizing equipment suspected of being involved in the production of diazepam, including a pill press and about £900,000 worth of tablets, along with a range of other substances currently undergoing forensic analysis. Two men have been charged with various offences and the estimated street value of the items recovered by police is in excess of £1 million.

### Missing Person

During Q2 2023/24 26 Adults, 7 Cared for Adults, 20 Children and 12 Looked After Children were reported as missing, but I am pleased to confirm all were traced safe and well by Midlothian Officers.

### Domestic Abuse

By the end of Q2 2023/24 there were 635 incidents reported, an increase of 7.37% on the 5 year average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (288 reports) is 4.70% lower than the 5 year average. The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted 38.74% represents a 0.63% increase on the five year average of 38.11%.

### Hate Crime

There has been an increase of 7 Hate Incidents reported during Q2 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 15% increase in reported incidents. There has however been a reduction of 7 Hate Crimes reported in Q2 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 17.8% reduction in recorded crimes. The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q2 2023/24 is 58.82% and represents a 27.57% increase on the Q1 return of 31.25%.

### Sexual Crimes

By the end of Q2 2023/2024 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 8.29% to 115 reports against a 5 year average of 106.2 reports. By the end of Q2 2023/2024 there had been 12 reports of Rape and Attempt Rape, this is down 43.31% on the 5 year average of 20.8 reports. The detection rate for Rape and Attempt Rape during Q2 is 41.67%. By end of Q2 2023/2024 there had been 33 reports of Indecent/Sexual Assault which represents a 19.12% reduction on the 5 year average of 40.8 reports. The detection rate for Indecent/Sexual Assault during Q2 remains at 44.29%.

### Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation

During Q2 2023/24 there were 85 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 89.41%. There were 16 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 75%, with outstanding enquiries awaiting forensic analysis of items recovered by police.

### Crimes Of Violence

During Q2 2023/2024 there were 23 serious assaults within Midlothian which reflects the 5 year average. The detection rate is 95.65% and remains well above the wider Divisional detection rate of 75.93%. There were 17 reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 117.95% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 88.24% and similarly remains considerably above the wider Divisional solvency rate of 66.67%. There were 494 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting a 15.10% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 64.57% which remains above the wider Divisional solvency rate of 61.14%.

### Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

Throughout Q2 2023/2024, there were 2449 ASB incidents were reported to Police, representing a 19.28% reduction compared to the five year average. A total of 323 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a 5.17% reduction compared to the 5 year average. Midlothian recorded a further 6.63% reduction in Threatening & Abusive Behaviour offences.

### Dishonesty

During Q2 2023/24, a total of 898 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 40.4 fewer crimes or a 4.31% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate of 26.17% still remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 24.23%.

### Housebreaking

During Q2 2023/24, a total of 65 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) were recorded. This figure represents a 62.5% increase on the 5 average. A similar recent increase of 53.3% has been observed across the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders Division area. Likewise during Q2 2023/24, a total of 57 reports of Theft of a Motor vehicle were recorded. This figure represents a 28.9% increase on the 5 average.

### Road Safety

Throughout Q2 2023/24 there have been 15 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q2 2022/ 23 return. This represents a 30.61% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

### 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



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 – JULY 2023**

Adult	11	47.83%
Cared for Adults	2	8.69%
Child	7	30.43%
Looked After Children	3	13.04%

**Missing Person Type – AUGUST 2023**

Adult	8	34.78%
Cared for Adults	2	8.69%
Child	7	30.43%
Looked After Child	6	26.01%

**Missing Person Type – SEPTEMBER 2023**

Adult	7	36.84%
Cared for Adults	3	15.78%
Child	6	31.57%
Looked After Child	3	15.78%

During Q2 2023/24 26 Adults, 7 Cared for Adults, 20 Children and 12 Looked After Children were reported as missing, but I am pleased to confirm all were traced safe and well by Midlothian Officers.

We continue to work with partners to support individuals where a risk is identified.

In total there were 8 fewer reports made to police during Q2 compared to Q1, and the 65 incidents reported during Q2 2023/24 included 44 Missing Person Reports from a home address, 6 from a Young Persons Unit, 4 from an Adult Care Home, 3 from a Foster Care address, 1 from a School and 7 from other locations.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents		
	5yr Average	Q2 2023/24	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	591.4	635	7.37
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	302.2	288	-4.70
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	38.11	38.74	0.63
Total crimes and offences detection rate	69.20	60.76	-12.20
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	32.8	27	-17.68
<p>Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q2 2023/24 there were 635 incidents reported, an increase of 7.37% on the 5 year average.</p> <p>This increase in reported domestic incident is not unexpected. The population of Midlothian has increased by 16% in the last census figures against a national rise of 2.7%. There has been extensive house building programme in the Midlothian area so more families will be affected by this year's increase in mortgage rates than other areas with financial pressures a recognised trigger for abuse. Similarly the number of reported incidents usually increases during the school holiday period as families spend more time in each other's company.</p> <p>The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (288 reports) is 4.70% lower than the 5 year average.</p> <p>The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted 38.74% represents a 0.63% increase on the five year average of 38.11%. This represents a continued confidence of the public to report incidents or contact the Police at an early stage in disagreements.</p> <p>Midlothian Police remain committed to targeting violence against women and girls, demonstrated by a dedicated Domestic Violence Investigation team. During Q2 2023/24 this team arrested and reported 30 individuals for Domestic Abuse related offences.</p>			

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Hate Crime																						
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<p>This section refers to Hate Crime and Hate Incidents. <b>Hate Crimes are offences under:</b></p> <p>-Section 50a (1) (A) and (B) and (5) Criminal law consolidation Act 1995 (racial harassment and abuse )</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Hate incidents are incidents where the facts do not identify as a recordable crime</b> but the victim, or any other person, perceives the incident to be hate related.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There has been an increase of 7 Hate Incidents reported during Q2 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 15% increase in reported incidents.</li><li>• There has however been a reduction of 7 Hate Crimes reported in Q2 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. This represents a 17.8% reduction in recorded crimes.</li><li>• The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q2 2023/24 is 58.82% and represents a 27.57% increase on the Q1 return of 31.25%.</li></ul> <p>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.</p> <p>The vast majority of victims of Hate Crime continue to be shop workers, Police officers and other emergency workers who are most often abused in the course of their daily duties.</p>																							

Protecting the most vulnerable people.		Sexual Crimes (Group 2)			
Crime Type	5 Year average	Q2 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2023/24 Detection Rate
Group 2	106.2	115	8.29%	12.44	46.96%
Rape & Attempt Rape	20.8	12	-42.31%	1.3	41.67%
Indecent/Sexual Assault	40.8	33	-19.12%	3.57	54.55%
Other Group 2	44.4	70	57.66%	7.57	44.29%

Reducing Rape and Sexual Crime remains an area of focus for officers in Midlothian. This focus 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 Q2 2023/2024 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 8.29% to 115 reports against a 5 year average of 106.2 reports.

By the end of Q2 2023/2024 there had been 12 reports of Rape and Attempt Rape, this is down 43.31% on the 5 year average of 20.8 reports. The detection rate for Rape and Attempt Rape during Q2 is 41.67%.

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With regards to detection rates highlighted above, often these crime types require time consuming forensic analysis of clothing and other items recovered by police. Therefore some current ongoing enquiries within Midlothian are awaiting the results of such examination before they can be solved, and it is anticipated these rates will improve during Q3.

During Q2 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 Q2 2023/2024, a 43% increase was observed against the 5 year average for Communicating Indecently with 18 crimes recorded. Within Midlothian we continue to see an increase in detection rates for this crime type including two offenders reported with 3 & 4 offences each. A 5% increase was recorded on the Q1 detection rate, with a Q2 2023/24 detection rate of 72.22%.

This detection rate remains 10.89% higher than the wider Divisional detection rate of 61.33%.

Similarly the detection rate for taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children during Q2 2023/24 was 85.71% reflecting an additional 2.4% improvement on the Q1 2023/2024 rate.

Both of these strong detection rates demonstrate our commitment to protecting vulnerable people in a physical and digital world.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation				
Drugs Supply	5 year average	Q2 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2023/24 Detection Rate
Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation	30.2	16	-47.02	1.73	75%

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).

Our divisional approach is now well established which introduces multi-agency engagement and recording of all Non-Fatal Overdoses. We send notification of any NFO to the local addiction services who ensure the individual is offered support. This programme is seeing an increased engagement with local drug support groups and is allowing for intelligence streams around developing drug trends and potentially harmful products.

During Q2 2023/24 there were 85 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 89.41%.

During Q2 2023/24 there were 16 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 75%, with outstanding enquiries awaiting forensic analysis of items recovered by police.

Examples of proactive enquiries within Midlothian during Q2 2023/2024 include:

- Notably in September, officers from the Lothian & Scottish Borders Pro-active Crime Team and Midlothian Community Action Team disrupted a sophisticated criminal enterprise in the Danderhall area of Midlothian, seizing equipment suspected of being involved in the production of diazepam, including a pill press and about £900,000 worth of tablets, along with a range of other substances currently undergoing forensic analysis.

Two men have been charged with various offences and the estimated street value of the items recovered by police is in excess of £1 million.

- Multiple Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed by MCAT officers during Q2 2023/24, resulting in the following recoveries with the upper street value totalling:
  - Class A: £1,000,385
  - Class B: £ 167,498.25
  - 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).

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

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour		Reducing Antisocial Behaviour			
Indicator	5 Year Average	2023-24 Q2	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2023/24 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	3034	2449	-19.28		
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	340.6	323	-5.17%	34.93	21.98%
Fire-raising	22.2	29	30.63%	3.14	17.24%
Breach of the Peace and S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	392.4	357	-9.02%	38.61	71.43%

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

Throughout Q2 2023/2024, there were 2449 ASB incidents were reported to Police, representing a 19.28% reduction compared to the five year average.

During Q2 2023/24 a total of 323 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a 5.17% reduction compared to the 5 year average.

During Q2 2023/2024 Midlothian recorded a further 6.63% reduction in Threatening & Abusive Behaviour offences.

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

MCAT continually liaise and work in partnership with the local Community 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 and Q2.

Throughout Q2 2023/24 MCAT and Community Policing Officers have continued to target Anti-Social Behaviour involving off road motorcycles (Operation Jewel). This operation to date has resulted in 19 motorcycles being seized by police and 12 individuals being reported to Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service for various different motorbike related traffic offences.



In addition to the above pro-active policing, the Midlothian Community Policing team have continued to engage with and support communities throughout Midlothian, including delivering personal safety inputs to Dalkeith Library & Third sector staff, completing Architectural Liaison reviews for several new housing developments within the Mayfield, Pathhead and Gorebridge areas, helping design safer places to live.

During Q2 2023/2024, the Midlothian Local Authority Liaison Officer continued to foster closer working within Midlothian Council Housing department, introducing a Daily ASB report shared to highlight ASB incidents reported to police.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (group 3)													
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<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"><li>Dishonesty (covered in this section)</li><li>Housebreaking (covered in next section)</li></ul> <p>Dealing with Acquisitive Crime to protect people by reducing the impacts of theft on individuals and communities remains a priority</p> <p>During Q2 2023/24, a total of 898 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 40.4 fewer crimes or a 4.31% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate of 26.17% still remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 24.23%.</p>														

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking				
Crime Type	5 Year Average	Q2 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2023/24 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	40	65	62.50%	7.03	16.92%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	44.2	42	-4.98%	4.54	9.52%
Other (Business) HB	32.4	25	-22.84%	2.7	36.00%
All HB	116.6	132	13.21%	14.28	18.18%

During Q2 2023/24, a total of 65 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) were recorded. This figure represents a 62.5% increase on the 5 average. A similar recent increase of 53.3% has been observed across the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders Division area.

Likewise during Q2 2023/24, a total of 57 reports of Theft of a Motor vehicle were recorded. This figure represents a 28.9% increase on the 5 average.

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.

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.

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).

Improving road safety

Road Casualties

	Q2 2022/23	Q2 2023/24	Change
Fatal	1	1	0%
Serious	15	14	-7%
Slight	33	19	-42%
Total	49	34	-30.61%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	2	0%

	5 Year Average	Q2 2023/24	Change
Dangerous driving	29.6	20	-32.43%
Speeding	19.2	73	280.21%
Disqualified driving	17	5	-70.59%
Driving Licence	59.8	36	-39.80%
Insurance	144.4	109	-24.52%
Seat Belts	7.6	22	189.47%
Mobile Phone	16.4	27	64.63%
Drink/Drug Driving Detections	59.4	57	-4.04%

Throughout Q2 2023/24 there have been 15 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q2 2022/ 23 return.

This represents a 30.61% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

Unfortunately during Q2 2023/24, there has been 1 fatality, mirroring the previous year's Q1 2022/23 return.

During Q2 2023/24, there have been 14 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a 7% reduction (1 less incident) on same period last year.

During Q2 2023/2024 the number of Children Seriously Injured during the same period is 2, mirroring the previous year Q1 2022/23.

There continues to be an encouragingly significant 42% decrease in the number of people Slightly Injured (down to 34 from 49) during Q1 2023/24 compared to the previous year.

MCAT completed static road checks utilising Hand Held Laser Gun. These checks were carried out in areas identified as a concerns by local residents and Midlothian Council including Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg Road, Lasswade road, and Dundas Street in Bonnyrigg. A number of tickets were issued in relation to identified offences.

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. MCAT engaged with and provided advice to drivers, pedestrians and local businesses where appropriate and 36 tickets issued during the month of September.

This MCAT activity is in addition to the Safety Camera Unit who also deploy as per normal procedures nationally, covering accident and speeding hotspots along major arterial routes throughout Midlothian.

Looking ahead, the National Speeding Campaign runs from 16th to 29th October this year and this will be supported throughout Midlothian with specialist Road Policing and MCAT officers carrying out pop up Hand Held Laser/Speed Checks.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime										
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Complaints	Executive Summary
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April 2023 – September 2023				
	Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
Complaints received about the Police	40		30.10	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations Recorded	30		27	57

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Midlothian area command as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 19.7% decrease in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

*Table: Allegations received in the Midlothian Council area, by period (Apr – Sept) <sup>1</sup>*

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change
<b>On Duty - TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-31.8%</b>
Assault	9	3	-66.7%
Discriminatory Behaviour	0	1	x
Excessive Force	6	1	-83.3%
Incivility	11	6	-45.5%
Irregularity in Procedure	16	17	6.3%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	0	-100.0%
Other - Criminal	0	1	x
Other - Non Criminal	1	0	-100.0%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence	0	1	x

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<b><i>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</i></b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-30.8%</b>
Policy/Procedure	3	5	66.7%
Service Delivery	17	8	-52.9%
Service Outcome	19	14	-26.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-31.3%</b>



## Midlothian CAT team – Q2 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 Q2 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 36 Tickets being issued In September.

Mobile, Foot and Quad bike patrols were conducted in the town centers and hot spots for youth disorder and anti-social behavior (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 2023/2024 and this work will continue moving forward.

In relation to the continued impact of anti-social behaviour caused by off-road bikes in the Midlothian area, Operation Jewel has continued throughout Q2 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 as hotspots of this activity and targeted areas chosen being around Penicuik, Easthouses and Mayfield. This culminated in the use of SelectDNA on Easthouses Road, where two riders of off-road bikes have been sprayed and the investigation is ongoing into identifying the culprits. Further work has been undertaken with the Community Policing Team and to date, has resulted in 19 motorcycles being seized by police and 12 individuals being reported to Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service for various different motorbike related traffic offences.

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.

- **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 96 Bail Curfew checks were carried out with a compliance rate of 83%, demonstrating how the continued use of this tactic curtails criminal behavior.

12 individuals were arrested on warrant by MCAT over this quarter, efforts continue to trace individuals to curtail criminal behavior. This is a decrease of 19 from Q1 and a result of the continued effort from Q1 to reduce the number of outstanding arrest warrants.

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 in the monthly reports. These searches do rely on a steady flow of intelligence from the community, as well as proactivity by the team.

Multiple Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed by MCAT officers during Q2 2023/24, resulting in the following recoveries with the upper street value totaling:

Class A: £1,000,385

Class B: £ 167,498.25

Class C: £0.00

A Misuse of Drugs warrant was executed in Bonnyrigg. This resulted in the recovery of a very large scale cannabis cultivation which has made a significant impact on organised crime in the area and further resulted in the recovery of numerous stolen vehicles.

In the month of August, MCAT carried out an initiative into a targeted MDA search warrant initiative in response to a spike in drugs related health problems in Midlothian. 7 Misuse of Drugs act search warrants within a period of just 6 weeks have been executed. This drive in enforcement activity has so far lead to the recovery of around 20000 'street valium' as well as various different personal quantities of class A drugs, this has made a significant disruption of Organised crime in the area.

MCAT officers assisted in a Misuse of Drugs search warrant in the Danderhall area where equipment found at that address has been used in the production of controlled drugs. The equipment was capable of producing a industrial scale amount of controlled drugs along with 900,000 tablets. It is anticipated that the recovery has a street value over £1 million. The recovery demonstrates a significant commitment to disrupting serious and organised crime.

Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT	93
Bail Curfew Check FAILED	16
Arrest on warrant	12
Search Person MDA Positive	8
Search Person MDA Negative	5
Search Property MDA Positive	10
Search Property MDA Negative	7
Search Weapons Positive	4

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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 35 youth incidents throughout Midlothian wards, this represents a decrease in youth related incidents on the last quarter.

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

MCAT have completed plain clothes initiative around schools at break and lunch time after complaints raised about pupils smoking Cannabis in the nearby areas and causing antisocial behaviour issues. This resulted in 6 pupils stopped and searched with a negative result.

MCAT continually liaise and work in partnership with the local Community 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 and Q2.

Youth Calls Attended	35
Alcohol Seizures	0
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	2

- Licensed Premises:** *monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behavior 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	10
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.*

MCAT have been working closely with LRT to tackle youth offending and ASB on buses across both Q1 and Q2. This has resulted in a strong partnership relationship and has resulted in numerous plain and uniform patrols on the buses. This has also resulted in the deployment of the decoy bus.

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.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	0
Joint Activity Local Council	0
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 Q2 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 which has resulted in a number of recoveries.

MCAT completed static road checks utilising Hand Held Radar Gun. These checks were carried out in areas identified as a concerns by local residents and Midlothian Council including Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg Road, Lasswade road, and Dundas Street in Bonnyrigg. A number of tickets were issued in relation to identified offences.

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.

MCAT engaged with and provided advice to drivers, pedestrians and local businesses where appropriate and 36 tickets issued during the month of September.

Looking ahead, the National Speeding Campaign runs from 16th to 29th October this year and this will be supported throughout Midlothian with specialist Road Policing and MCAT officers carrying out pop up Hand Held Laser/Speed Checks.

Static Road Checks	4
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	38
Section 165 Seizures	0
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	3
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	2
S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)	0
S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)	0
ASBO Seizures	0

#### **Other Incidents and Arrests of Note**

During Q2 2023/ 2024 officers from MCAT have been working alongside the Proactive Crime Team dealing with an inquiry following on from a previous warrant execution in Penicuik. This involved organising over one hundred productions, identifying stolen motorbikes and the craving of further stolen property warrants for two addresses. The inquiry was eventually linked to Operation Jetty which is an overarching pre-existing inquiry dealing with a high volume of vehicle thefts and housebreaking crimes which has affected many areas across the length and breadth of Scotland. This enquiry has resulted in a number of outstanding crimes being resolved in the Midlothian area.

MCAT officers deployed on quadbikes proved to be invaluable in searching large amounts of rural areas in relation to high risk Missing Person inquiries. MCAT continue to provide an integral role supporting the preservation of life of vulnerable persons in Midlothian.

MCAT Officers assisted in the progression of ongoing enquiries in relation to high risk domestic abuse investigation packages. In addition, MCAT officers provided assistance to the Public Protection Unit helping to arrest those suspected of committing serious offences against vulnerable people in Midlothian.

An MCAT officer was on mobile patrol late in the evening and came across a vehicle fire on the A7. The vehicle was checked with no person's within. SFRS attended and the fire was deemed suspicious. Ongoing enquiries to identify those responsible.

MCAT officers attended at Loanhead Youth Football Club and engaged with coaches on site. Identified key times when off-road bikes are acting in anti-social manner. Also initiating arrangements for Midlothian Council Mobile CCTV to set up and for MCAT officers to re-attend.

MCAT also making arrangements for Mobile CCTV to be set up at Dalkeith Campus for off-road bikes being driven on the pitches in an effort to identify offenders.

#### **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 behavior 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 in the lead up to Halloween and fireworks night through Operation Torsion.

Throughout Q3 2023/24, MCAT officers will continue to work alongside Police Scotland's 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 Q3 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 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2 2023/24	Detection Rates 2023/24
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>11.62</b>	<b>52.68</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1.4	1	0.02	100.00
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	0	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	1.8	2	0.04	100.00
Attempted murder	11	8	0.16	87.50
Serious assault	136.4	162	3.25	75.93
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	43.2	72	1.45	66.67
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	83	1.67	77.11
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	2	0.04	50.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	N/A	85	1.71	76.47
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	36.4	37	0.74	91.89
Threats and extortion	38.6	181	3.63	2.21
Other group 1 crimes	20.6	31	0.62	67.74
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>562.6</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>13.41</b>	<b>53.74</b>
Rape	103	98	1.97	58.16
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	5.2	3	0.06	33.33
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>57.43</b>
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	5.8	0	0	-
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	161.4	189	3.79	52.91
Lewd & libidinous practices*	48.8	28	0.56	57.14
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	<b>216</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>54.84</b>
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	28.2	39	0.78	87.18
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	48.4	75	1.51	61.33
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	10	17	0.34	35.29
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	19.6	32	0.64	56.25
Public indecency (common law)	6.2	2	0.04	100.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	81.2	124	2.49	41.94
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	8.2	11	0.22	63.64
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	36.2	50	1	34.00
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	0	-
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	<b>238</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>7.03</b>	<b>52.00</b>
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>4247</b>	<b>4535</b>	<b>91.04</b>	<b>24.23</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	174.8	268	5.38	22.39
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	141.4	123	2.47	13.82
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	167.8	98	1.97	30.61
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	<b>484</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>9.82</b>	<b>21.88</b>

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Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	98.8	102	2.05	6.86
Theft of a motor vehicle	214.2	215	4.32	30.70
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	251.4	162	3.25	16.05
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	17.2	25	0.5	12.00
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	<b>581.6</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>20.24</b>
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	62.6	58	1.16	5.17
Common theft	1194.4	1141	22.9	16.30
Theft by shoplifting	1097.6	1366	27.42	38.43
Fraud	513.6	721	14.47	11.79
Other Group 3 Crimes	313.2	256	5.14	35.55
<b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>2122</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>27.33</b>
Fireraising	125.8	158	3.17	15.19
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	1797.8	1807	36.27	27.23
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	2.6	2	0.04	50.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	108.4	135	2.71	45.19
Other Group 4 Crimes	5.4	20	0.4	10.00
<b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>	<b>2177.4</b>	<b>2201</b>	<b>44.18</b>	<b>94.64</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	90.4	88	1.77	82.95
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	83.8	87	1.75	97.70
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	70.6	142	2.85	74.65
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	40.2	74	1.49	77.03
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	<b>285</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>7.85</b>	<b>82.10</b>
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	31.6	29	0.58	75.86
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	106.6	88	1.77	87.50
Bringing drugs into prison	10.8	0	0	-
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	<b>149</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>84.62</b>
Possession of drugs	913.8	607	12.18	100.82
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	8.6	2	0.04	150.00
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	<b>1071.4</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>14.57</b>	<b>98.35</b>
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	1.2	12	0.24	100.00
Bail offences (other than absconding)	434.6	656	13.17	95.27
Other Group 5 crimes	385.2	416	8.35	98.80
<b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	<b>5181.4</b>	<b>5681</b>	<b>114.04</b>	<b>66.04</b>
Common Assault	2154.2	2656	53.32	61.14
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	217	229	4.6	99.13
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	<b>2371.2</b>	<b>2885</b>	<b>57.91</b>	<b>64.16</b>
Breach of the Peace	71.2	45	0.9	86.67
Threatening & abusive behaviour	1876.6	1862	37.38	71.05
Stalking	50	53	1.06	69.81
<i>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	<b>1997.8</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>39.34</b>	<b>71.38</b>
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	65.6	56	1.12	92.86
Drunk and incapable	21.6	12	0.24	100.00
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	21	19	0.38	105.26
Other alcohol related offences*	18.4	22	0.44	100.00



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<i>Drunkness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>101.89</b>
Wildlife offences*	<b>20.8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>53.33</b>
Other Group 6 offences	<b>665</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>54.52</b>
<b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>3701</b>	<b>3895</b>	<b>78.19</b>	<b>82.26</b>
Dangerous driving offences	<b>135</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>78.91</b>
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	<b>279.6</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>101.84</b>
Speeding offences	<b>314.2</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>6.76</b>	<b>99.11</b>
Driving while disqualified	<b>58.4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>97.37</b>
Driving without a licence	<b>295.2</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>98.99</b>
Failure to insure against third party risks	<b>727.6</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>11.38</b>	<b>99.12</b>
Seat belt offences	<b>73.4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>98.94</b>
Mobile phone offences	<b>94.4</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>92.77</b>
Driving Carelessly	<b>319</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>6.89</b>	<b>85.71</b>
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	<b>93.4</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>8.75</b>	<b>95.87</b>
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	<b>366.8</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>6.52</b>	<b>100.62</b>
Other Group 7 offences	<b>944</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>21.56</b>	<b>45.44</b>

## Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

Midlothian	5 Year Average	2023/24 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2 2023/24	Detection Rates 2023/24
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>12.55</b>	<b>57.76</b>
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	0.6	3	0.32	133.33
Serious assault	22.8	23	2.49	95.65
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	7.8	17	1.84	88.24
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	15	1.62	80
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	1	0.11	0
<b>Domestic Abuse (Total)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>75</b>
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	13.4	9	0.97	88.89
Threats and extortion	5.6	38	4.11	0
Other group 1 crimes	2.8	10	1.08	60
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>12.44</b>	<b>46.96</b>
Rape	20.4	12	1.3	41.67
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	0.4	0	-	-
<b>Rape and attempted rape - Total</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>41.67</b>
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	1.4	0	-	-
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	30.2	28	3.03	46.43
Lewd & libidinous practices*	9.2	5	0.54	100
<b>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>54.55</b>
<b>Prostitution related crime - Total*</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	6.4	7	0.76	85.71
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	8.2	18	1.95	72.22
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	1.8	3	0.32	33.33
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	5.4	4	0.43	25
Public indecency (common law)	1.4	0	-	-
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	12.8	28	3.03	17.86
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	1	1	0.11	100
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	7.4	9	0.97	44.44
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	-	-
<b>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7.57</b>	<b>44.29</b>
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>938.4</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>97.12</b>	<b>26.17</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	40	65	7.03	16.92
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	44.2	42	4.54	9.52
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	32.4	25	2.7	36
<b>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>14.28</b>	<b>18.18</b>
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	14.6	12	1.3	16.67
Theft of a motor vehicle	44.2	57	6.16	22.81

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Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	42.8	19	2.05	10.53
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	2	1	0.11	0
<b>Motor vehicle crime - Total</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9.63</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	10.8	17	1.84	0
Common theft	221.4	201	21.74	25.37
Theft by shoplifting	319.8	279	30.18	41.22
Fraud	98.2	132	14.28	12.12
Other Group 3 Crimes	68	48	5.19	25
<b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>41.96</b>	<b>22.68</b>
Fireraising	22.2	29	3.14	17.24
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	340.6	323	34.93	21.98
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0	0	-	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	22.2	32	3.46	37.5
Other Group 4 Crimes	2	4	0.43	0
<b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>	<b>446.6</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>41.32</b>	<b>93.46</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	16.6	15	1.62	73.33
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	15.6	11	1.19	109.09
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	10.4	22	2.38	109.09
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	4.8	12	1.3	83.33
<b>Total offensive/bladed weapons</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6.49</b>	<b>95</b>
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	5	3	0.32	66.67
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	25.2	13	1.41	76.92
Bringing drugs into prison	0	0	-	-
<b>Supply of drugs - Total</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>75</b>
Possession of drugs	200.8	85	9.19	89.41
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0.6	0	-	-
<b>Total drugs crimes</b>	<b>231.6</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>10.92</b>	<b>87.13</b>
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.2	3	0.32	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	94	144	15.57	94.44
Other Group 5 crimes	73.4	74	8	98.65
<b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	<b>975.4</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>108.48</b>	<b>67.4</b>
Common Assault	390	461	49.86	60.52
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	39.2	33	3.57	121.21
<b>Common Assault - Total</b>	<b>429.2</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>53.43</b>	<b>64.57</b>
Breach of the Peace	13.8	2	0.22	100
Threatening & abusive behaviour	370.6	346	37.42	70.81
Stalking	8	9	0.97	88.89
<b>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</b>	<b>392.4</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>38.61</b>	<b>71.43</b>
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	10.2	8	0.87	112.5
Drunk and incapable	3.6	1	0.11	100
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	7.8	7	0.76	100
Other alcohol related offences*	5.2	1	0.11	100
<b>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>100</b>
Wildlife offences*	2.4	1	0.11	100

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Other Group 6 offences	124.6	134	14.49	61.94
<b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>81.15</b>
Dangerous driving offences	29.6	20	2.16	65
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	59.4	57	6.16	121.05
Speeding offences	19.2	73	7.9	98.63
Driving while disqualified	17	5	0.54	100
Driving without a licence	59.8	36	3.89	97.22
Failure to insure against third party risks	144.4	109	11.79	97.25
Seat belt offences	7.6	22	2.38	100
Mobile phone offences	16.4	27	2.92	100
Driving Carelessly	54.8	60	6.49	81.67
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	11	55	5.95	98.18
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	49.4	69	7.46	98.55
Other Group 7 offences	213.4	215	23.25	40.47