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Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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Scrutiny Report April 2016 - March 2017

Midlothian



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(Figures relate to Midlothian as a whole for the date period 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 (YTD) with comparisons made to the previous year 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016 (LYTD))

YTD = Year to Date LYTD = Last Year to Date

Priority 1 – Tackling Substance Misuse Indicator - Reduce the volume of crime aggravated by alcohol Target - Reduce from LYTD

Current situation

YTD there were 730 alcohol aggravated crimes recorded by police with the proportion of all alcohol aggravated crimes remaining at a comparable level to the previous year (both 9.4%).

Reasons

YTD there were 7750 group 1-7 crimes recorded in Midlothian, 730 were tagged with the aggravator 'alcohol'. LYTD there were 6941 crimes recorded of which 653 were aggravated by alcohol.

Violence is inextricably linked to alcohol abuse with over a third (33.6%) of alcohol aggravated crime acts of violence. A further 25.9% of alcohol aggravated crime YTD related to threatening and abusive behaviour and breach of the peace. Vandalisms accounted for 7.1% of all alcohol aggravated crime. Hostpots for alcohol related crime YTD were observed in Dalkeith Town Centre and the residential area of Woodburn, also Penicuik and Bonnyrigg Town Centres, and Mayfield.

Substance misuse among youth people continues to be a challenge for police with 267 alcohol related youth calls recorded by police across Midlothian YTD, up from 138 LYTD.

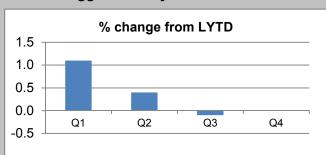
What are we doing

A number of actions are being taken by Police and the Community Safety Partnership in tackling alcohol fuelled violent crime:

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Police visits to problem and monitored licensed premises (currently there are 3 monitored and no problematic)
- Early intervention meetings with licensees and their staff following incidents with Licensed premises
- Revised dispersal detail within Dalkeith and Penicuik Town Centres.
- Local Days of Action continue across the division
- Two Community Beat Officers have been tasked with attending licensed premises to recruit for the Best Bar None awards.
- Monthly proactive joint visits being carried out by Police Licensing Officer and Licensing Standards Officer Midlothian Council.
- Pilot arrest referral project now live in conjunction with Community Justice partners
- Seeking exclusion orders from licensed premises as part of a sentence for alcohol related offences
- Structured plan under Operation Jigsaw in place following the review of violent crime undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit embedding recommendations of best practice/procedures in an effort to reduce levels of alcohol related violence
- Community ward officers have now been trained in test purchasing with plans to carry out an operation in the summer months.

Indicator - Reduce the volume of crime aggravated by alcohol

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	N/A	9.4%	9.4%	0.0%



Priority 1 – Tackling Substance Misuse

Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions.

Reasons

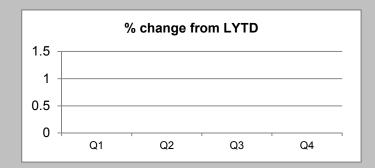
YTD there were 263 stop and searches (total including drugs, weapons and stolen property) carried out by police in Midlothian, 85 of which were positive (32.3%).

What are we doing

- Officers in Midlothian continue to search people on an intelligence led basis.
- All officers have now been trained in the provisions of new stop and search legislation which will be introduced on 11 May 2017.

Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Priority 2 – Protecting People:

Indicator - Increase the number of Adult at Risk referrals made to partner agencies Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. There were 1203 incidents concerning adults at risk and vulnerable adults referred to partnership agencies YTD, down from 1353 LYTD (-11.1%).

Reasons

In total during 2016/17 there were 1203 referrals made to partnership agencies YTD, down 150 from LYTD (1353). In April 2016 a new process pilot (Incident Crime Management Unit) initiated in J Division; within the unit are a number of experienced officers trained in the vulnerable persons database and in the justification for when/where the sharing of vulnerable adult information is required.

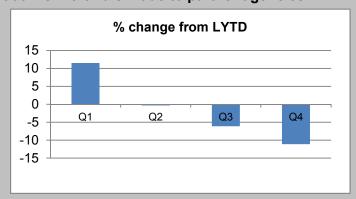
Overall the number of adult concern reports submitted by police decreased by 106 YTD compared to LYTD. Through training there is now improved awareness among police officers of the risk factors involved and necessity for informed consent to share with partnership agencies.

What are we doing

- Continued awareness-raising among police officers regarding criteria for submission of adult concern referrals.
- Development of Risk and Concern Hub within the division to improve the quality, standard and compliance aspects of adult protection VPDs and identify those most vulnerable in our communities.
- All officers undertaking mental health awareness training

Indicator - Increase the number of Adult at Risk referrals made to partner agencies

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	N/A	1203	1353	-11.1%



Priority 2 - Protecting People

Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24 hours)

Target - 95%

Current situation

On target. YTD 100% of domestic abuse initial bail checks were conducted within the prescribed timeframe of 24 hours - above the 95% target.

Reasons

Initial bail checks are vital to ensure that the perpetrator is adhering to bail conditions imposed at the court. It is well known that perpetrators regularly return to victims irrespective of bail conditions, and these checks, which include a physical search of the property, are designed to protect the victim and provide levels of support and reassurance.

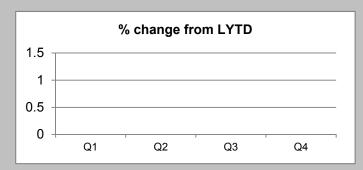
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and the disciplined process that is in place between the courts and the police.

What are we doing

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks.
- Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC): responsible for identifying and targeting High Risk Domestic Offenders

Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24 hours)

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	99.6%	100.0%	n/a	n/a



Priority 2 - Protecting People:

Indicator - Domestic Abuse crimes and offences – achieve a detection rate of at least 75.0% Target - 75%

Current situation

Off target. Detection rate for domestic abuse crimes and offences YTD is 73.8%, one percentage point below the target figure of 75.0%.

Reasons

YTD there were 676 crimes and offences of domestic abuse recorded in Midlothian, down from 695 LYTD (19 crimes, 2.7%). On a positive note the number of incidents of domestic abuse reported to police decreased by 80 incidents YTD compared to the previous year. The solitary nature of this type of offence makes investigations complex.

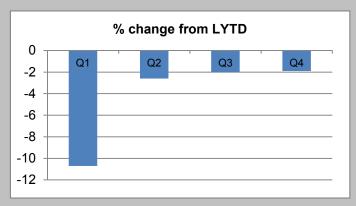
The Midlothian detection rate of 73.8% sits one percentage point above the divisional detection rate of 72.8%.

What are we doing

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks for both offender and victim.
- MATAC: responsible for identifying and targeting high risk domestic offenders
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC): responsible for identifying and protecting high risk victims of domestic abuse
- Officers trained in identifying risk assessment through domestic abuse questionnaire
- Direct referral process in place to East and Midlothian Domestic Abuse Service (DAS)
- Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) in place to deal with complex and high tariff cases
- Seasonal national campaigns
- Selected officers undertaking enhanced investigation training into domestic abuse to assist operational officers

Indicator - Domestic Abuse crimes and offences - achieve a detection rate of at least 75.0%

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	72.8%	73.8%	75.7%	-1.9%



Priority 3 - Reducing Violence:

Indicator - Decrease the number of violent crimes per 10,000 head of population Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. YTD there were 11.6 violent crimes per 10,000 population, above LYTD figure of 8.9 crimes per 10,000 population.

Reasons

101 violent crimes (all group 1) were recorded YTD in Midlothian. This is 31.1% (24 crimes) above LYTD when 77 crimes were recorded and 16.1% (14 crimes) above the 3-year average of 87 crimes. Midlothian sits slightly below the divisional rate for violent crimes per head of population.

There were 3 fewer victims of attempted murder YTD compared to LYTD (4 and 7 respectively). One murder was recorded in Midlothian YTD, up from none LYTD. Crimes of serious assault increased from 33 LYTD to 47 YTD, albeit there has been a change in the Scottish Crime Recording Standards regarding what is defined as a serious assault that has played a significant part in this rise. Crimes of assault and robbery increased by 4 crimes YTD compared to the previous year (15 and 19 crimes respectively) and Common assaults increased YTD with 895 assaults up from 874 LYTD (+2.4%, 21 crimes).

Detection rate for all group 1 crime is 84.2% YTD, down from 96.1% LYTD however sits above the Lothian and Scottish Borders detection rate YTD of 78.7%.

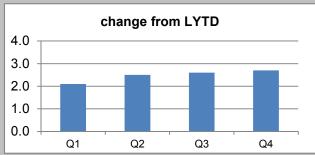
What are we doing

A number of actions are being taken by Police and the Community Safety Partnership in tackling violent crime:

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Visits to problem and monitored licensed premises
- Dispersal detail within Dalkeith and Penicuik Town Centres
- Targeted use of Local Action Days
- Antisocial behaviour and violent offenders monitoring group action against high profile and prolific violent and antisocial offenders
- Robust monitoring and enforcement of bail conditions/curfew for known violent offenders
- Active early engagement with violent offenders released from prison
- Prioritising of warrants for violent offenders
- Process established to extend MAPPA to include violent offenders
- Fortnightly analysis of serious assaults/robberies to establish any trend/hot spots
- Review of violent crime was undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit to examine practice/procedures in an effort to identify best practice and reduce levels of alcohol related violence. Operation Jigsaw now in place to address this.
- One to one work with high tariff young offenders to prevent escalation of offending.
- Youth Community Officers have been trained in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme a project via Education Scotland training older pupils in school to mentor pupils exposed to bullying/harassment and to teach younger pupils about acceptable and unacceptable behaviours.

Indicator - Decrease the number of violent crimes per 10,000 head of population

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	11.9	11.6	8.9	2.7



Priority 3 - Reducing Violence

Indicator - Increase the percentage of positive Stop and Searches for offensive weapons Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions.

Reasons

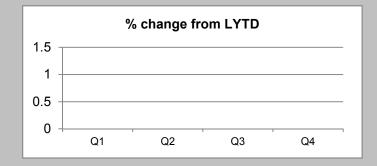
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What are we doing

- Officers in Midlothian continue to search people on an intelligence led basis.
- All officers have now been trained in the provisions of new stop and search legislation.

Indicator - Increase the percentage of positive Stop and Searches for offensive weapons

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer

Indicator - Decrease the number of people killed or seriously injured on Midlothian's roads Target - Decrease from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. YTD 46 people were killed or seriously injured (KSI) on Midlothian's roads, a comparable number to LYTD (also 46).

Reasons

Despite five fewer serious injuries on Midlothian's roads LYTD from the LYTD 38 LYTD and 43 respectively), eight people lost their lives on Midlothian's roads during 2016/17. This is an increase of five from LYTD (3).

The number of slight injuries also decreased YTD, from 207 in 2015/16 to 175 in 2016/17 (decrease of 32 injuries, - 15%).

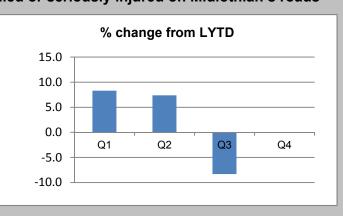
Analysis of all Killed/Seriously Injured accidents continues to be undertaken in an effort to establish causation factors or identify any "hot spot" areas. The A6094 road has raised concerns with local residents due to the number of fatalities, and has now been identified as a site for speed camera surveillance. This road features highly within the local Road Policing (RP) matrix and RP officers are attending local community council meetings to address any concerns local residents have.

What are we doing

- Targeted patrol matrix used by Roads Policing which identifies hotspots for serious and fatal collisions.
- Deployment of unmarked Roads Policing vehicles and Police Motorcycles
- Community Beat Officers trained in the use of hand held radar devices are undertaking speed checks on roads identified as problematic in an effort to positively influence driver behaviour and address local Ward related matters. Results of road checks are fed back to community councils.
- Joint work with partners in VOSA(Vehicle and Operator Services Agency) to ensure road worthiness of vehicles/HGV's and that drivers are complying with standards required
- Tomorrow's driver events aimed at S5/6 year pupils to raise awareness of the dangers on the road are held throughout the year.
- Operation Zenith seasonal operation across Midlothian targeting motorcyclists behaviour on the road
- Divisional Road Safety group established looking at education/enforcement and engineering issues

Indicator - Decrease the number of people killed or seriously injured on Midlothian's roads

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	203	46	46	0.00%



Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD there were 49 detections for dangerous driving in Midlothian, an increase of 12 (32.4%), from LYTD 37.

Reasons

Males aged 18-23 years are over represented in dangerous driving offences (46%). Dangerous Driving offences recorded in Midlothian accounted for 23% of all offences in the Lothian and Scottish Borders Division.

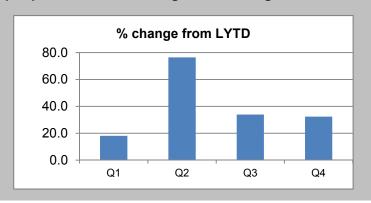
Police Scotland have also been successful in other aspects of road safety and road crime YTD within Midlothian, with increased detections in speeding offences (+140%), driving without insurance (+14%), driving without a seatbelt (+22%) and disqualified driving (+13%).

What are we doing

- Roads Policing are tasked through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group (TACG) in regards to patrolling antisocial / careless driving hotspots
- Deployment of unmarked Roads Policing vehicles and motorcycles
- Deployment of camera enforcement vehicles in Midlothian. There are currently three sites which form part of their deployment matrix
- Continued road checks involving Roads Policing working with local Community officers and partners
- Four new sites are now in operation for mobile and fixed cameras in identified hotspots. It is anticipated this will have a preventative effect on Road Traffic Casualties.

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	210	49	37	32.4%



Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. The detection rate for hate crime in Midlothian YTD is 77.1% which is below LYTD 80.2% (-3.1%).

Reasons

At the end of March the Midlothian detection rate for hate crime decreased by three percentage points compared to the same period the previous year, however sits above the divisional figure of 72.6%. Local systems show there were 98 recorded hate crimes/offences in Midlothian in 2016/17, accounting for 19% of all crimes/offences recorded in the Lothian and Scottish Borders division.

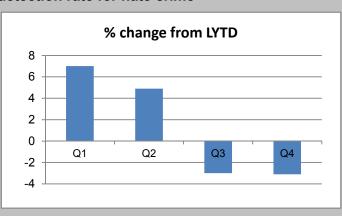
Racially aggravated hate crime continues to be a challenge in Midlothian with offences taking place between neighbours, at point of sale, and against police officers during arrest. Attitudinal issues across Midlothian continue to play a part in hate crime and education is key to changing such attitudes and behaviours.

What are we doing

- Working with partners to consider tenancy matters for convicted offenders.
- Educational inputs at local schools
- A thorough and robust investigation process is in place in regards to hate crime offences
- Strong links with identified vulnerable premises
- Community Planning Partners signed a pledge in October to tackle Hate Crime as part of the Hate Crime awareness week
- Analysis was carried out in December 2016 to identify repeat hate crime offenders, a report has now been compiled and a partnership meeting set to take place with a view to multiagency intervention with recidivist hate crime offenders.

Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	72.6%	77.1%	80.2%	-3.1%



Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

Indicator - Reduce the number of incidents of Antisocial Behaviour reported by members of the public Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. The number of complaints of antisocial behaviour (ASB) increased by 412 incidents YTD compared to LYTD (+6.5%).

Reasons

During 2016/17 6745 incidents of ASB were reported to police by members of the public. This is an increase of 6.5% (412 incidents) from LYTD when 6333 incidents were reported. ASB calls reported in Midlothian accounted for 24.4% of all ASB calls across the Lothian and Scottish Borders division YTD.

A high proportion of ASB occurs on Friday and Saturday evenings in town centres aggravated by alcohol misuse. A continuing challenge for police is youth related antisocial behaviour in the Bonnyrigg and Woodburn/Dalkeith. Both areas have Problem Solving Partnership Groups who meet regularly to tackle youth disorder in this area.

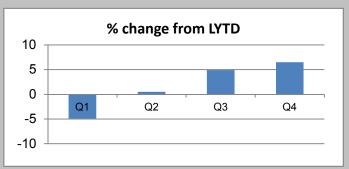
A further challenge for police is substance misuse among young people and the detrimental effect it has on behaviour and impact on future offending. In 2016/17 police recorded 267 alcohol related youth calls, an increase of 94% from the previous year (138 alcohol related youth calls in 2015/16).

What are we doing

- Weekly partnership tasking and coordination group actions taken around repeat ASB loci and offenders
- Increased use of the Midlothian Council Mediation Service
- Antisocial Behaviour and Violent Offenders Monitoring Group (ASBVO) a number of actions taken each meeting against high tariff ASB offenders
- ASB occurring in private and housing association tenancies are passed to the housing agency involved to ensure enforcement action is taken
- Woodburn and Bonnyrigg Problem Solving Partnerships on going and short life working group arranged to tackle ASB in Danderhall area.
- Working in partnership with youth offending and the Children's Reporter regarding a more robust use of supervision orders for youths regularly offending in the community
- Continued use of diversionary activities for young people
- Community Beat Officers/Housing officers joint visits to identified problematic premises
- Partnership work with local residential units to reduce levels of ASB from residents
- Movement and Restriction Order obtained for four recidivist young offenders resident in Midlothian.

Indicator - Reduce the number of incidents of Antisocial Behaviour reported by members of the public

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	27622	6745	6333	6.5%



Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Indicator - Increase the number of detections for drugs supply, drugs production and drugs cultivation

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD police in Midlothian detected 78 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation, which is 4 detections above LYTD (5.4%).

Reasons

Police in Midlothian detected 78 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation YTD. 57 offences were for drugs supply and 21 offences for drug production/cultivation. Compared to LYTD police detected seven more offences for drugs supply (57 compared to 50 LYTD) and 3 fewer offences for drugs cultivation/production.

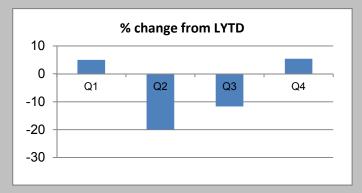
There is currently one SOCG group based in Midlothian. This network is assessed as posing a risk to the community through their involvement in dishonesty crime, with those involved primarily young males residing in the area. Police are actively targeting the group under Operation Bistra and a number of arrests have been made.

What are we doing

- Information sharing protocol is now in place to carry out Landlord Registration checks in order to identify potential money laundering
- Operation Sandorne now in place to actively pursue any intelligence relating to drug supply/misuse by children and young people
- Joint Police and Trading Standards work continues in relation to New Psychoactive Substances in our area
- Operation Borah targeting suspected cannabis cultivations
- Midlothian Council Integrity group now have an action plan and joint work well underway.
- Local day of action undertaken in Januray 2017 to tackle drugs misuse in Midlothian. Very successful and recovered class A & C drugs along with firearms and offence weapons.
- Fearless has now been rolled out at Lasswade High School in an effort to harness intelligence of drug dealing amongst our younger members of the community, with high levels of activity on the site and several intelligence logs submitted.

Indicator - Increase the number of detections for drugs supply, drugs production and drugs cultivation

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	350	78	74	5.4%



Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Indicator - Increase the amount of cash and NET assets seized from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD police seized £183,055 in cash and NET assets from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act. This is a significant increase of 732.6% from LYTD (£21,985).

Reasons

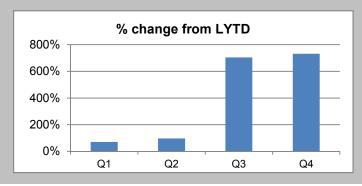
In 2016/17 there were six cash seizures within the Midlothian area, totalling £13,837.39 and five NET assets seized totalling £169,218.07. LYTD there were two cash seizures and three NET assets seized. The value of cash seizures and NET assets seized LYTD was £21,984.87. Cash and NET seizures made in Midlothian accounted for approx 20% of all cash and NET seizures across the Division.

What are we doing

- Police Scotland continue efforts to identify and assess the scale and impact of serious organised crime, and to manage the threat posed by those SOCGs involved in Midlothian.
- Information sharing protocol is now in place to carry out Landlord Registration checks in order to identify potential money laundering
- Joint plan in place with Midlothian Council to tackle SOCG
- Financial Investigator allocated to Lothian and Scottish Borders Division to assist in financial investigations

Indicator - Increase the amount of cash and NET assets seized from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	£1,005, 222	£183,055	£21,985	732.6%



Priority 7 - Reducing Housebreaking

Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking at domestic properties Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

On target. Police recorded 154 domestic housebreakings (incl attempts) YTD, down 3.1% from 159 LYTD.

Reasons

Housebreaking to domestic properties continues to be a challenge for Police in Midlothian with 154 recorded break-ins YTD, down 3.1% from LYTD total of 159 crimes. The 3-year average for 2013/14 - 2015/16 was 137.

On a further positive note, the percentage of successful housebreakings (in that the offender overcame security and accessed the property), decreased YTD compared to the PYTD, from 75% in 2015/16 to 72% in 2016/17. In a higher percentage of housebreakings the offender failed to overcome security (28% YTD were attempts compared to 25% LYTD). This is likely in part due to increased crime prevention messages through local social media and road shows.

A recidivist group of young males continue to commit high numbers of housebreakings throughout the Midlothian area and police resources are being directed to this SOCG under the banner Operation Bistra.

What are we doing

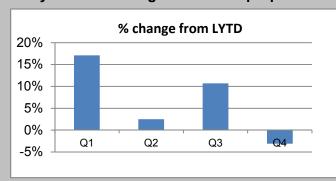
- Police continue to gather intelligence and deploy resources to housebreakings under Operation Greenbay and Operation Bistra. A number of tactics are being used (including movement restriction orders for known young offenders), proactive bail/curfew checks, and a number of arrests are being made on a weekly basis.
- Midlothian Community Safety Partnership and Police Scotland are raising awareness of crime prevention by informing local residents about the best ways to help eradicate the on going threat of housebreakings under the banner Lock Down Crime in Midlothian which was formally launched in November. A number of road show events have taken place and home security kits (containing a property marking DNA kit and shed alarm) are available to purchase from Police Scotland at the road shows.

Other tactics include:

- General crime prevention advice is given by recording officers at victims of domestic housebreakings. More detailed crime prevention surveys are offered to victims of domestic housebreaking who appear vulnerable or who are repeat victims.
- Increase in the use of social media by Community Policing Sgts in promotion of home security and personal safety advice
- Consideration for action taken at the ASBVO where stolen property is detected in Council or social housing tenancies where tenant was convicted of housebreaking in the vicinity of their tenancy
- Housing officers have been educated around the reporting of intelligence to Police (e.g. gardening tools stored within a flat without a garden)
- Deployment of plain clothed officers in problematic areas
- Introduction of a crime car, joint initiative between local and road policing officers with a key priority of disrupting and detecting housebreaking.

Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking at domestic properties

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	587	154	159	-3.1%



Priority 7 - Reducing Housebreaking

Indicator -Increase our detection rate for crimes of housebreaking at domestic properties Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. The detection rate for crimes of domestic housebreaking YTD is 35.7%, slightly above LYTD rate of 35.2%.

Reasons

Despite high levels of housebreaking police continue to make arrests with well over one third of domestic housebreakings detected YTD. The detection rate sits above the three-year average of 32.3% and also above the average for the Lothian and Scottish Borders Division (33.1%, 587 recorded, 194 detected).

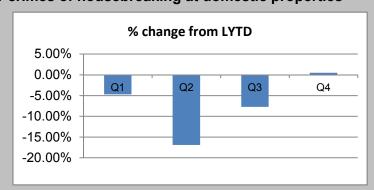
YTD 48 individuals have been charged with a domestic housebreaking offence committed in Midlothian with details passed by police to Midlothian Council Community Safety Team for follow up enforcement action.

What are we doing

- Operation Bistra Police operation targeting non-dwelling housebreakings and the theft of pedal cycles and gardening equipment across Midlothian
- Introduction of a crime car as per above
- Joint work with our Search and Recovery Teams (SART) with regards to tracing stolen property
- Joint work with officers from Edinburgh targeting known housebreakers across both authority areas (Operation Greenbay)
- All dwelling housebreakings investigated by our Community Investigation Unit (specialist officers)

Indicator -Increase our detection rate for crimes of housebreaking at domestic properties

Force	Divis'n	ML	ML	ML
YTD	YTD	YTD	LYTD	Change
N/A	33.1%	35.7%	35.2%	0.5%



Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police:

In September 2014 the Professional Standards Department introduced a change in process for streamlining the handling, investigation and response to all complaints about the police. As a result, year on year comparisons are not possible.

Number of complaints - Midlothian	112
Number of complaints - J Division	526

Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	35.2
Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	37.1

	Midlothian	J Division
Total allegations recorded	163	735



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

January, February, March 2017

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	MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETUI (January, February, March 2017) ASB:	RN
	cated patrol relevant to tasked ASB hotspots ern (total officer hours):	920
Party house visits		3
Number of ASBO	visits	
Number of ASBO I	breach calls attended	
Number of ASBO I	breach charges	
Number of youth A		133
Alcohol and Drug	<u> </u>	100
Searches:	Drugs (Persons) + ve	14
Courones.	Drugs (Persons) - ve	14
	Drugs (Houses) + ve	9
	Drugs (Houses) - ve	<u> </u>
	Alcohol (Persons) + ve	10
	Alcohol (Persons) - ve	10
Alcohol	Vodka (Bottles)	3
Recovered:	Cider (Bottles/Cans)	25
	Lager (Bottles/Cans)	4
	Buckfast (Bottles)	3
	Other	3
Visits:	Number of Licensed Premises Visits (on and off sales):	48
Violent crime	(see a see	
Searches	Weapons + ve	1
	Weapons - ve	
Visits	Violent offender visits	2
Crimes of dishon	esty	
Searches	Stolen property +ve	2
	Stolen Property -ve	
Re-offending		
Number of Bail	Bail Curfew Check	101
Curfew Checks &	+ ve (traced in)	
Offenders	Bail Curfew Check	29
Reported:	- ve (not traced)	
	Bail Curfew SPRs submitted	14
Number of	Warrant Checks	40
Warrant Checks	Persons Arrested on Warrant	15
& Arrests:	Number of Arrests (other than warrants):	22
Supporting childr	ren at risk of harm	
Number of Child R		25
Supporting adults	h	
Number of Adult R	ererrais (VPDs):	5

MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN (January, February, March 2017)				
Road Safety				
Fixed Penalty Notices &	Number of ASB FPNs Issued (excluding RTA):	3		
Standard Police Reports	Number of Road Traffic full SPRs Submitte	ed: 10		
	Number of RTA FPNs (excluding ASB):	6		
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	4		
Recorded Police Warnings	Number of RPWs issued	9		
Breath tests	Breath Tests - negative	17		
	Breath Tests - positive	3		
Vehicle ASBO	ASBO Warnings Issued	1		
Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Vehicle Seizures			
Community Involv	vement in setting and delivering outcome	S		
Joint communication	on/ engagement activities undertaken			
Cross cutting ind	icators	1		
Full Standard	Adult	20		
Police Reports Submitted (excluding RTA and Bail Offences):	Juvenile	13		
Intelligence	Number of SID Intelligence Submissions:	73		
Number of	Fire Service	6		
Incidents/ visits	Ambulance Service	5		
attended with partners:	Visits with Council staff	1		
Abstracted	Hours			
Officer Hours (Non Core Duties):	%	0		

Additional Information & Incidents of Note

- MCAT officers assisted with initial response and locus protection detail following the murder of a male within the Bonnyrigg area. They also continued with re-assurance patrols in the immediate area for the weeks following the incident.
- MCAT officers observed a known offender, wanted on a petition apprehension warrant, being carried within a vehicle. The offender had been actively avoiding Police for a number of weeks and was subsequently arrested and held for court.
- MCAT officers traced and arrested a recidivist offender for continued breach of their bail curfew conditions. They were held in Police custody for court and subsequently remanded in prison
- MCAT officers executed a Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA) search warrant at an address in Newton Village, Dalkeith. A cannabis cultivation and personal amount of cannabis were recovered within. The occupier has been charged and reported for possession and production offences.
- MCAT officers executed a Misuse of Drugs Act search warrant at an address in Penicuik. A substantial amount of cannabis and cash were recovered within. The occupier has been charged and reported for drugs supply and offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- MCAT officers conducted a routine stop on a vehicle driving erratically. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and failed the roadside breath test. They were arrested and held for court for Road Traffic offences.
- MCAT officers were involved in a day of action at the start of February where a number of addresses were searched under warrant. This resulted in substantial amounts of drugs being recovered along with cash and firearms. A number of people were arrested and charged with various offences.
- Whilst on patrol, MCAT officers observed a vehicle driving erratically.
 The vehicle failed to stop for Police and was followed before the
 driver then ran away and fell off a roof breaking his ankle. He was
 charged with drink driving and a number of other Road Traffic
 offences.
- Following a rise in ASB in the Gorebridge area of Midlothian, MCAT officers deployed in plain clothes and uniform in this area giving extra

- attention over the course of the weekends. A number of youths were arrested for disorderly conduct, shoplifting and possession of alcohol.
- MCAT officers gave attention to a charity football match at Newtongrange Star club and also attended the official opening of a new Arts club within the MARC building in Dalkeith.
- MCAT officers stopped a vehicle in Bonnyrigg for a routine check. It
 was established that the driver only had a provisional licence and no
 insurance. The passenger, his mother who owned the car, had an
 expired driving licence. Both persons were charged with Road Traffic
 offences and the vehicle seized.
- MCAT officers deployed in plain clothes in Dalkeith town centre to target 'Midlothian's Most Wanted'. Over the course of the day, they located and arrested five prominent nominals, who between them had THIRTY outstanding warrants. They were charged with a variety of new offences such as possession of drugs, possession of offensive weapon, breach of bail and shoplifting
- A prominent nominal from Midlothian was seen driving a motor vehicle and was known not to have a driving licence. He was stopped, charged with no licence and insurance and his vehicle seized
- MCAT officers executed a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in Dalkeith and found 9 medium sized cannabis plants. The female occupier was interviewed and charged with a number of MDA offences.
- Following numerous reports of a motorcycle being driver erratically near Dalkeith campus, MCAT officers attended, however the rider made off from Police. The officers were able to identify him and he was subsequently arrested for disqualified driving and other Road Traffic offences.

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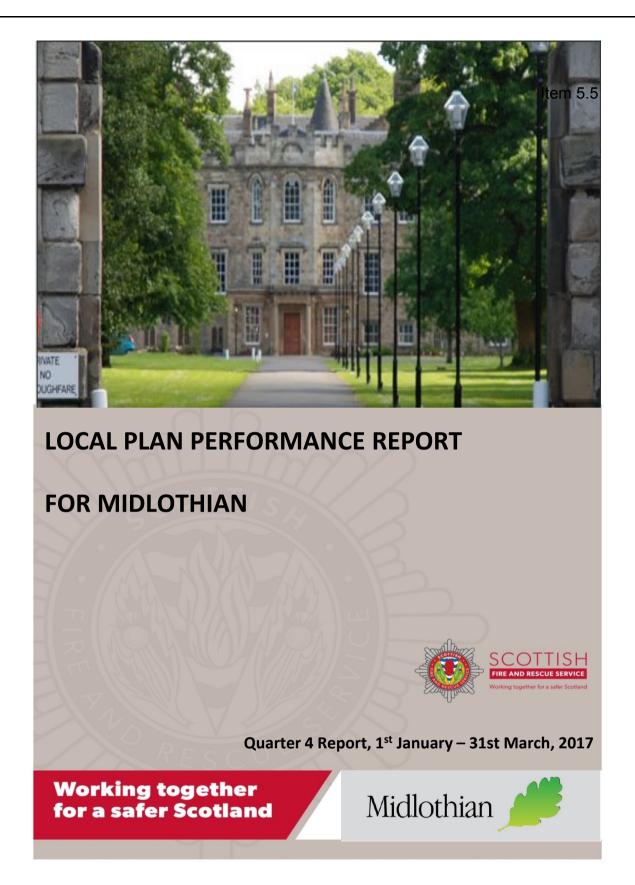
CPTM VISION & ACTIVITIES

Vision

Impact positively on life quality within the communities of Midlothian by reducing all types of antisocial behaviour through prevention, disruption and enforcement.

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.
- 2. 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).
- 3. 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.
- **4. Licensed Premises:** monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents whenever possible.
- 5. 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.
- **6.** 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.



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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 4 of 2016-17 (1st January – 31st March 2017) including information on the year to date.

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision supported by 16 National Outcomes, which demonstrate commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable growth. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for Midlothian by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-2019 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 contributes towards the priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in Midlothian are to reduce fire deaths and to reduce injuries from fire and other emergencies in the community. We aim to achieve this by working in partnership, being pro-active and targeting our prevention and protection activities to where they are required, based on evidence.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

Priority I. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,

Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,

Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,

Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,

Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

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Performance Summary

We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

	Apr to (& incl.) Mar		RAG rating			
Key performance indicator	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	88	62	56	60	75	\rightarrow
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	20	35	20	10	13	\rightarrow
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	181	308	260	276	394	\rightarrow
Special Service - RTCs	41	36	46	47	39	
Special Service Casualties - All	40	62	49	61	46	
False Alarm - UFAs	271	270	251	306	379	\rightarrow

RA	G rating - KEY	
\Diamond	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
\triangle	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

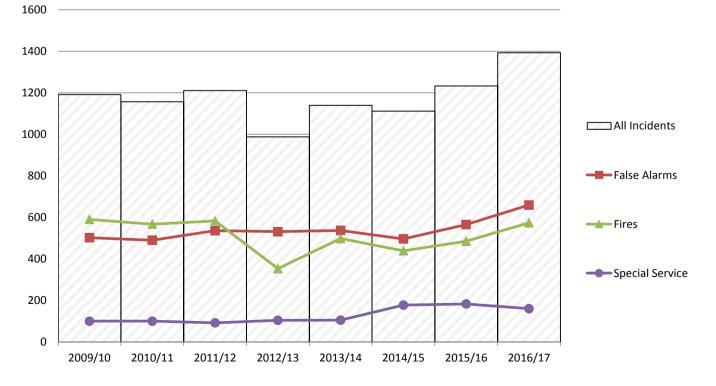
Note

Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods. Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total of all quarterly performance in previous year.

Incident Overview

Year to date (1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017), the SFRS, in East Lothian, responded to 1393 incidents in Midlothian, which is an increase of 170 incidents compared with the last reporting year (2015/16).

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 8 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities
Local Risk Management and Preparedness
The Country was the safe and also as a second of the same of the s
The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.
Ve said we would:
train our staff to deal with our local risks
gather and analyse risk information
work with partners to mitigate risks
deal with major events
Their and staff to deal with any local viels
Train our staff to deal with our local risks
All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.
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Gather and analyse risk information
All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve
ncidents.
Ve conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency
vents.
Ve use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.
Work with partners to mitigate risks
Ve continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.
Ve share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks
re mitigated.
Deal with major avents
Deal with major events
There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Accidental dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in their homes. We share information with partners to make sure that the right people get the right information they need, particularly those who are vulnerable due to age, isolation or addiction. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires contributes to The Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

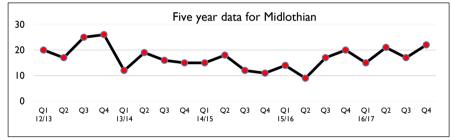
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 22 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is a increase of 2 incidents from the same period last year. We attended 15 more accidental dwelling fires in 2016/17 than the previous year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian slightly above the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

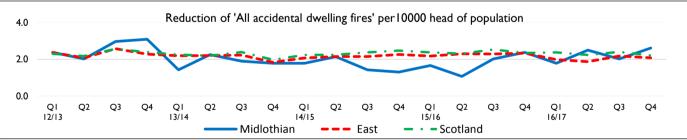
Of the 22 accidental dwelling fires attended, nearly 50% occurred in single occupancy households, with 32% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were accidental and were mainly attributable to cooking (50%), chimney fires (18%) and smokers' materials (18%). 19 fires (86%) were confined to the item ignited first and therefore, minor in nature. 2 fires were confined to the floor where the fire started and a further 1 involved the whole property. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection.

Actions

During this reporting period, 257 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian with free smoke alarms fitted in 95 of these households. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. Front line crews continue to work within the previously introduced 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix 1 provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.







YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 13	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	88	62	56	60	75	
Penicuik	21	13	6	12	13	
Bonnyrigg	Ш	4	5	9	9	
Dalkeith	13	18	17	16	24	
Midlothian West	14	5	7	8	15	
Midlothian East	15	12	12	7	5	
Midlothian South	14	10	9	8	9	

Reduction of 'All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))'

Fire casualty and fatality rates provide an indication of the amount of serious, life-threatening injuries that occur due to fire. This can indicate not only the success of SFRS in reducing the number of life risk fires through community fire safety and similar activities, but also their success in response activity in saving lives.

Results

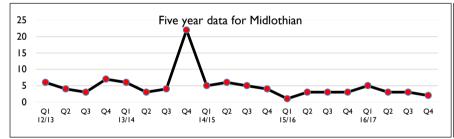
There was I fire fatality in this reporting period. We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 2 casualties due to fire within a dwelling. This was a decrease of I from the same reporting period last year. Furthermore, in comparison to 2015/16, there were 3 more fire casualties in this reporting year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

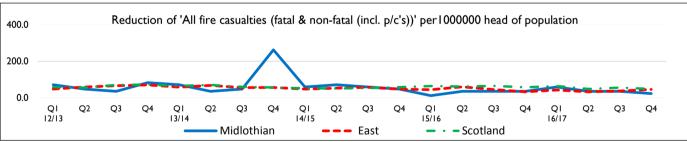
Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend remains low. Both casualties involved went to hospital for a precautionary check-up. The main contributory factors were smoking and careless handling of fireworks.

Actions

During this reporting period, 257 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 95 households were fitted with free smoke detectors. In addition, we continue to work with our partners, particularly Midlothian Council, Social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.







YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 2	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	20	35	20	10	13	
Penicuik	6	4	2	2	5	
Bonnyrigg	3	9	2	2	-	
Dalkeith	4	9	5	l	_	
Midlothian West	I	0	2	3	3	
Midlothian East	3	8	6	I	3	
Midlothian South	3	5	3	Ī	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

Historically deliberate fire setting has not been a significant problem for the SFRS in Midlothian, however recent statistics show a distinct increase in this activity and there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

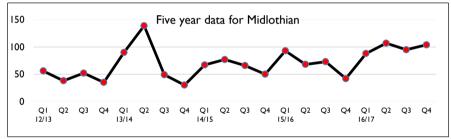
There were 104 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is an increase of 62 when compared to the same period last year. At 394 incidents, this is the highest reported figure in Midlothian in the last 5 years and shows us significantly above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average. The Wards most likely to suffer from this type of fire are Dalkeith, Midlothian East, West and South.

Reasons

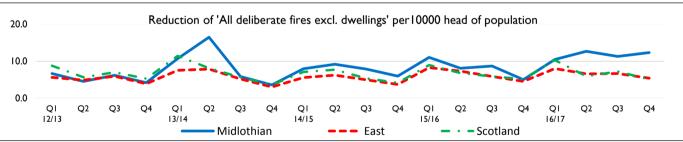
Nearly 84% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 50% in waste or scrubland, 46% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins.

Actions

SFRS continues to work with partner agencies attending the weekly TACG meetings and provision of monthly tactical assessments by the Midlothian Partnership Analyst. Emerging patterns continue to be monitored and prevention activities were planned for those locations. Various on-going preventative activities have been undertaken throughout the year targeting the issue of deliberate fire-raising. This includes various youth engagement events (Cooldown Crew and Challenge Projects), Stair Aware activity, visits to schools and other partnership work.







YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 66	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	181	308	260	276	394	\
Penicuik	16	18	17	22	26	
Bonnyrigg	12	26	20	26	23	/
Dalkeith	61	59	63	64	77	
Midlothian West	24	42	40	48	85	
Midlothian East	40	102	77	59	92	/
Midlothian South	28	61	43	57	91	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies such as Road Traffic Collisions is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan, number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents.

Results

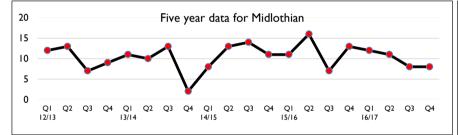
We attended 8 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is a decrease of 5 on the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend. Midlothian shows a slight decrease in incidents of this type in the last 5 years.

Reasons

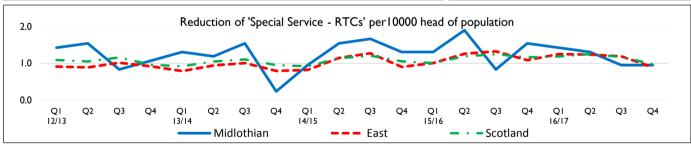
The SFRS only attend those RTC's they are requested to attend this number does not reflect the total number within Midlothian.

Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions.







YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 7	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	41	36	46	47	39	
Penicuik	9	6	8	12	9	
Bonnyrigg	3	2	I	2	4	
Dalkeith	9	2	6	6	7	
Midlothian West	10	12	15	10	8	
Midlothian East	8	8	7	12	6	
Midlothian South	2	6	9	5	5	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

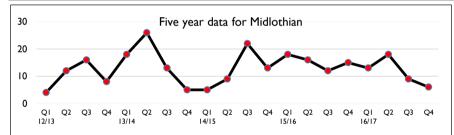
We attended a total of 6 fatal and non-fatal casualties. This is a decrease of 9 casualties in comparison to the same period last year. Overall figures for special service casualties indicate a reduction of 15 compared with the previous year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

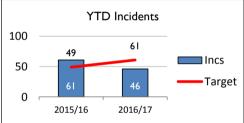
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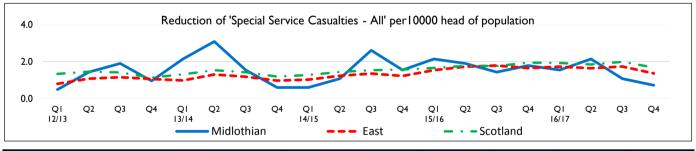
Road Traffic Collisions accounted for 5 casualties (non-fatal) and 1 fatal casualty was in response to a medical emergency.

Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian work in partnership with the Midlothian Rapid Response Team to care for people who fall in the home. We will also continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within Midlothian.







YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 8	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	40	62	49	61	46	
Penicuik	8	7	6	17	10	
Bonnyrigg	4	I	4	3	3	\
Dalkeith	4	6	3	7	12	
Midlothian West	5	17	20	15	5	
Midlothian East	13	13	8	12	7	
Midlothian South	6	18	8	7	9	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) are defined as incidents where an automated fire alarm system activates and results in the mobilisation of SFRS resources, when the reason for that alarm turns out to be connected with faulty or defective alarm equipment. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Results

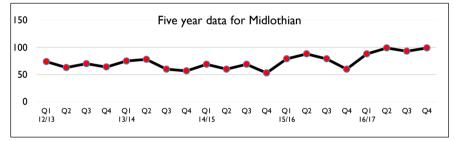
SFRS attended 99 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 39 from the same period last year. This is the highest number of incidents in the last 5 reporting years. Midlothian trend line is in line with that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

Reasons

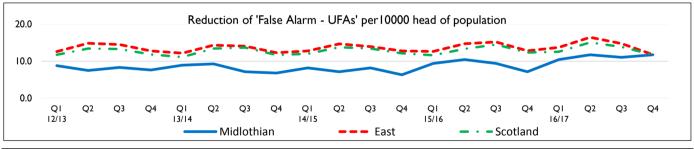
68% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 4% were malicious calls, 19% caused by people, cooking, testing, smoking, aerosols etc. and 9% were good intent calls.

Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. In Midlothian, we are currently engaging with various premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences.







YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 63	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	271	270	251	306	379	
Penicuik	16	19	33	32	51	
Bonnyrigg	34	45	43	45	49	
Dalkeith	71	41	54	58	74	
Midlothian West	62	89	57	91	104	
Midlothian East	70	45	44	58	62	
Midlothian South	18	31	20	22	39	

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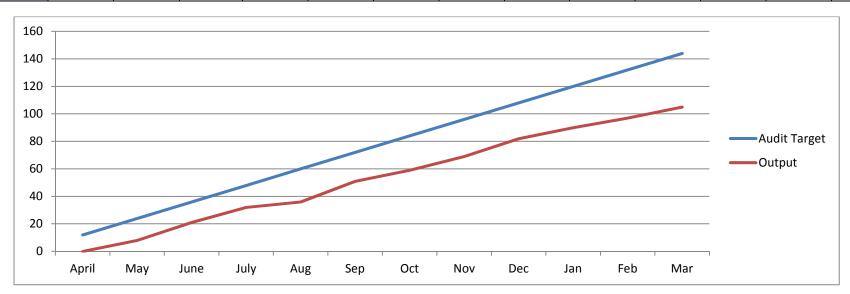
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 4: January 1st 2017--March 31st 2017

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. In line with the SFRS enforcement framework all of the area high risk sleeping premises have received an annual audit and although the output is below expectation it is important to stress the focus on risk and this will be reviewed moving forward. The intention is to provide a more outcome focussed performance report to better represent the SFRS enforcement activities across Midlothian.

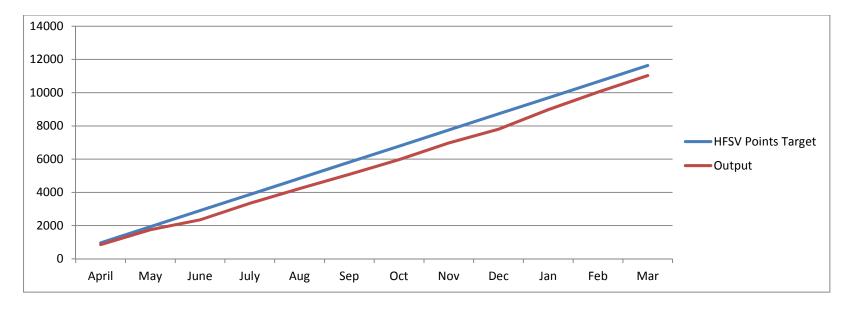
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	0	8	21	32	36	51	59	69	82	90	97	105	105



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). The output is slightly below target but will continue to be monitored through a new internal performance framework and work will centre on referral routes for higher risk visits. A total of 257 (260 Q3) HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q4 with free smoke alarms being fitted in 95 (106 Q3) of these. A total of 966 HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in 2016/17.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	970	1940	2910	3880	4850	5820	6790	7760	8730	9700	10670	11640	11640
Completed	864	1756	2356	3344	4232	5096	5980	6980	7812	8980	10040	11032	11032



Total visits delivered in Q4 2016/17+ annual total by ward area of Midlothian:

The following table gives a good indication of the coverage across Midlothian where the SFRS delivers Home Fire Safety Visits.

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q2 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q3 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q4 2016/17	Total for year 2016/17
Bonnyrigg	35	41	24	36	136
Dalkeith	34	58	50	57	199
Midlothian East	32	31	50	49	162
Midlothian South	31	37	47	38	153
Midlothian West	45	41	42	44	172
Penicuik	29	35	47	33	144
TOTAL	206	243	260	257	966

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

- The Phoenix programme based at Dalkeith Community Fire Station continues to run on Thursday evenings with 15 young people attending. Those involved continue to work towards an accredited qualification.
- A dedicated youth engagement officer has joined the Community Action Team and is based at Dalkeith Community Fire Station. This change in local resourcing will provide a focus and consistency for delivery of youth engagement activities across the area.
- Work to deliver a more sustainable model for youth engagement in the Midlothian area is underway. This will build on pilot initiatives delivered successfully in the Scottish Borders and look to address the issues in the area with deliberate secondary fires.

Partnership prevention activities

Ninety-five activities were linked to the SFRS Spring thematic action plan during quarter 4.
These consisted of a range of prevention activities with the main focus on reducing
deliberate fires during the Easter school holidays. Twenty Midlothian schools have been
engaged to support the prevention activities and planning is underway to provide further
activity in the run up to the summer holidays.

Living Safely in the Home Project (falls prevention)

- The Midlothian pilot commenced on the 25th August 2016 after training had been delivered to fire crews at Dalkeith and Penicuik Community Fire Stations.
- Up to the end of March 2017, **70 referrals** have been made via the pathway to **MERRIT** (Midlothian Enhanced Rapid Response and Intervention Team).
- The evaluation of this pilot initiative is underway and will be considered alongside the work within the SFRS examining the possibility of delivery of a wider "safe and well" visit.

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