

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

Date: Monday, 17 February 2020

Time: 11:00

Executive Director : Place

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Police and Fire and Rescue Board

| Date | Time | Venue |
|------------------|---------|--|
| 18 November 2019 | 11.05am | Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith |

Present:

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| Councillor Curran (Chair) | Councillor McCall |
| Councillor Muirhead | Councillor Munro |
| Councillor Smail | |

In attendance:

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| Midlothian Council Verona MacDonald, Democratic Services Team Leader | Alison White, Head of Adult Services |
| Police Scotland Chief Superintendent John McKenzie | Chief Inspector Arron Clinkscales Chief Inspector Jocelyn O'Connor |
| Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Stephen Gourlay, Area Commander | Andy Anderson, Group Commander |

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Parry.

2. Order of Business

The Chair advised the order of business was as per the agenda circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 26 August 2019 was unanimously approved and the Chair was authorised to sign it as a correct record.

5. Public Reports

| Agenda No. | Report Title | Presented by: |
|---|--|---|
| 5.1.1 | Fire and Rescue Service – Scrutiny Report Quarter 2 2019 - 2020 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service |
| Outline of report and summary of discussion | | |
| <p>Stephen Gourlay by way of an update advised of a few matters worthy of noting:-</p> <p>(i) job titles changed from Area Manager to Area Commander and Group Manager to Group Commander. He introduced Lynn Bruce recently appointed to provide assistance to the team;</p> <p>(ii) negotiations regarding pay and conditions – he hoped this would be settled soon;</p> <p>(iii) Bonfire period – the work undertaken by the Fire Service and partner agencies in the run up to bonfire night had been worthwhile and there were no reported attacks on firefighters across the East of Scotland;</p> <p>(iv) Dalkeith Fire Station – remedial work undertaken has brought the building back to relatively normal service. Future options remain to be considered but will be reported back through the Board at that time.</p> <p>Mr Gourlay also introduced Andy Anderson the new Group Commander, who was welcomed by the Chair.</p> <p>Mr Anderson then provided a summary of the Quarter 2 report. He noted the overall performance ratings therein were for the last 5 years. He noted the reduction in comparison to Quarter 1 in accidental dwelling fires but the figure had increased by 5 from the same quarter last year. He explained the majority of these fires related to single occupancy households with the main cause being cooking. He advised the Service would focus on the cause in their prevention strategies. He further noted only 9 of the properties had smoke detectors with only 4 working. With regard to fire safety visits he noted 224 had been carried out so far during the current reporting year. Referring to deliberate fires he advised the figure was slightly less than the previous year with 82% being secondary fires in the open and therefore affecting premises with an insurance valuation. He noted the Service had attended 11 road traffic collisions, an increase of one and that Midlothian was above the Scottish and East of Scotland average. Finally, he noted the increase in referrals via external partners engaging with the public.</p> <p>Questions were then put by Members. The Chair having noted that of the 9 houses with smoke detectors fitted only 4 were working asked for the reason. Mr Gourlay advised the Service did not record this but assured the Board officers prior to leaving premises would ensure detectors were fitted and working and would also provide advice to the occupants with regard to maintenance.</p> <p>Councillor Muirhead enquired about responses from householders regarding fire safety visits carried out in the vicinity of premises affected by fire. Mr Gourlay advised the Service was pro-active insofar as ensuring properties in the vicinity of properties affected by fire are visited by officers with a view to checking whether they have fire safety measures in place. He commented that householders in the</p> | | |

vicinity of these properties are more likely to be responsive to advice given by officers. Councillor Smaill commented that the figure for road traffic incidents did appear to be quite high and asked if the A68 was a factor. Mr Gourlay advised the A68 will have a number of casualties but generally the Service was called to high speed incidents where there was a requirement to cut people out of vehicles. He suggested this point was perhaps better answered by the Police. Councillor Smaill then enquired whether the Fire Service had been consulted by the Council regarding the refurbishment works being carried out at Jarnac Court, Dalkeith or provided advice in relation to the building being unoccupied. Mr Gourlay advised he was unaware of this but the Service would be happy to provide advice.

Decision

The Board noted the content of the report

| Report No. | Report Title | Presented by: |
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| 5.2.3 | Police Scotland Midlothian Area Command Quarter 2 report 2019 - 2020 | Police Scotland |
| Outline of report and summary of discussion | | |
| <p>Chief Superintendent McKenzie addressed the Board. He referred to matters of significant change expected over the next couple of months namely (a) the introduction of the contact assessment model anticipated by March 2020 which formed part of a separate presentation to the Board later in the meeting; (b) roll out of mobile devices to officers by February 2020. This will result in officers being able to check anything currently done at a station whilst out in the community. He advised Police visibility in the community should increase as a result of officers not requiring to go back to stations; (c) Brexit – the Force Reserve would continue and he will report back to the next meeting; (d) People trafficking – the incident in Essex had raised the profile with an increase across the Lothians of potential people trafficking which included young Vietnamese people coming forward seeking assistance and (e) Bonfires – similar to the Fire and Rescue Service, work undertaken prior to bonfire night had been worthwhile and the Police welcomed the introduction of legislation to control the sale of fireworks which they consider will make a significant contribution in future years. He then handed over to Chief Inspector Clinkscales who went through the terms of the quarter 2 report.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Clinkscales advised there continued to be high demand on the Service in the areas of mental health and missing people. Regarding missing people he note an increase from the previous year. He provided information relating to work undertaken by the Police to bring the figure down. He stated that without the work of the Community Action Team the figures in the quarter report would be much different. He summarised the number of incidents attended by the Team under the 6 key performance indicators.</p> <p>Councillor Muirhead with regard to the 94% compliance with curfew conditions checked by the Community Action Team, suggested it may be worthwhile checking the compliance figure when the Team was formed. Chief Superintendent McKenzie confirmed he would have a look at this.</p> <p>Councillor Smaill enquired whether the removal of the Community Justice teams in the Council had had an adverse effect on Police resources. Chief Inspector Clinkscales advised the Community Action Teams had experienced an increase in neighbour disputes which they had dealt with because there was nobody else in place to do this.</p> | | |

| Decision |
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| The Board noted the content of the report. |

| Agenda No. | Report Title | Presented by: |
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| 5.2.1 | Letter from Scottish Police Authority dated 26 September 2019 – Strategic Police Plan Refresh | Alison White |
| Outline of report and summary of discussion | | |
| <p>The Head of Adult Services drew attention to the terms of the letter of 26 September 2019 from the Scottish Police Authority advising of the Scottish Government's consultation, open to 4 October 2019, regarding a proposed revision to the Strategic Policing Priorities. She advised that in consultation with the Chair of the Board, she had submitted a response to the Scottish Government prior to the closing date. She further advised that the Scottish Police Authority, in their aforementioned letter, was seeking views on the key strategic challenges and opportunities for the improvement of policing in Scotland which should be considered as part of the revision of the Strategic Police Plan. She advised comments required to be submitted by 22 November. She further advised she had drafted a response and would include comments individual Board Members had therein. She asked that Members who wished to contribute to the consultation forward their comments to her.</p> | | |
| <p>The Board noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a response had been sent by the Head of Adult Services to the Scottish Government; (b) a draft response has been prepared by the Head of Adult Services to the Scottish Police Authority's consultation and; (c) any Board Member who wished to contribute to the consultation, should forward their comments to the Head of Adult Services for inclusion in the response she will send on behalf of the Board | | |

| Agenda No. | Report Title | Presented by: |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 5.2.2 | Presentation – new Contact Assessment Model | Chief Inspector J. O'Connor |
| Outline of report and summary of discussion | | |
| <p>Chief Inspector Jocelyn O'Connor spoke to the terms of a presentation detailing changes being implemented in relation to the contact assessment model which covered all contact from the public for assistance from the Police. She explained the new model is designed to ensure each call receives a more focused approached instead of a standardised response. She noted the new model was due to be rolled out across the Lothians by the end of March 2020.</p> <p>Thereafter, Chief Inspector O'Connor responded to questions from Board Members.</p> | | |
| <p>The Board noted the changes being implemented with the introduction of the new Contact Assessment Model</p> | | |

The meeting terminated at 12.50 pm.

Petition – Lets Work Together to Stop the Speeding and Misuse of our Villages**Report by Executive Director: Place****1 Purpose of Report**

To advise the Board of a decision by the Petitions Committee on 10 December 2019 to pass a petition from F. Gilbert calling upon the Council to work with her and others who signed the Petition to stop speeding and misuse of villages whereby roads may be classified as “B” but are residential and through traffic has to respect this.

2 Petition

The petition was signed by 112 residents. 75 signatories did not provide an address, the remaining 37 listed their addresses in the following streets in Bonnyrigg – High Street, Burnbrae Road, Hillhead, Viewpark Gardens, Polton Road, Broomieknowe, Golf Course Road, James Leary Way, Pentland Road

3 Petitions Committee

At a meeting of the Petitions Committee on 10 December 2019, it was agreed that the Petition be passed to the Police and Fire and Rescue Board for consideration.

4. Conclusion of Investigation by Road Services**4.1 Assessment of the road crashes causing injury occurring on the High Street/Hillhead/Golf Course road section of the road during the past 5 years determines it is no worse than over junctions/sections of road within Bonnyrigg and other towns in Midlothian.**

Vehicle speeds were recorded during a continuous 6 day assessment and show that vehicle speeds were not excessive and were mostly observed around the existing speed limit. Therefore the Council has no plans to introduce either a reduced speed limit or traffic calming. In this instance the vehicle speeds which are a cause for concern for local residents should be enforced by the Police.

As High Street/Hillhead is part of an important B classified local distributor road and important bus route, there is no plan to impose any weight restrictions on the route.

Persons living close to a road, are likely to experience some ground borne and airborne vibration. Previous research has shown there is no evidence to demonstrate that ground borne vibration is a source of significant damage to buildings and there is no evidence airborne

vibration can cause even minor damage. On that basis any person who felt their property had suffered structural or superficial damaged caused by road related ground borne or airborne vibration would have to demonstrate the damage was directly caused by traffic.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Council do proposed to introduce double yellow lines north of the junction with the Golf Course road as it is considered this measure would assist vehicles exiting from the road. It would also be seen by oncoming vehicles thereby reducing the risk of a road crash.

5 Report Implications

5.1 Resource

The decision of the Petitions Committee on 10 December 2019 was to refer the Petition to the Board for consideration. The Board's remit does not extend to instructing the installation of signs or road markings. It is understood the Petitions Committee's decision was by way of passing the matter to the Police and Fire and Rescue Board with a view to the concerns raised in the Petition being drawn to the attention of Police Scotland. The Board's remit does include notification of any Midlothian policing matters.

5.2 Risk

None

4.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- X Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- None of the above

4.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

4.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable.

4.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable.

4.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The availability of a Petitions Committee allows stakeholders to raise issues for consideration by the Council. The Petitions Committee in considering the Petition referred it to the Police and Fire and Rescue Board in accordance with its remit regarding notification of any Midlothian policing matters.

4.8 Ensuring Equalities

Not applicable.

4.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable.

4.10 IT Issues

Not applicable.

5 Recommendation

1. The Committee is invited to note the decision of the Petitions Committee on 10 December 2019 and refer the matter of vehicle speeds causing concern to local residents to Police Scotland for enforcement.

5 February 2020

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 3 of 2019-20 (1st October – 31st December 2019) 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 2019-2022 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 2019 contribute 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 2019 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

Local Priorities:

- As part of a Community Partnership approach, we will make people safer in their homes.
- We will promote Community Resilience whilst contributing to improved outcomes for people involved in non-fire emergencies.
- Together with our Community Partners, we will contribute to making roads in East Lothian safer.
- As part of a Community Partnership, we will challenge anti-social behaviour.
- In partnership, we will aim to reduce the occurrence and impact of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Commander Stephen Gourlay

Local Senior Officer for Midlothian, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders.

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Performance Summary

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

| | Apr to (& incl.) Dec | | | | | RAG rating |
|---|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Key performance indicator | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | YTD |
| All accidental dwelling fires | 40 | 53 | 45 | 35 | 50 | ◆ |
| All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's)) | 7 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 7 | ● |
| All deliberate fires excl. dwellings | 234 | 290 | 378 | 244 | 206 | ● |
| Special Service - RTCs | 34 | 31 | 30 | 25 | 28 | ◆ |
| Special Service Casualties - All | 46 | 43 | 44 | 24 | 39 | ◆ |
| False Alarm - UFAs | 246 | 280 | 276 | 291 | 299 | ▲ |

RAG rating - KEY

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|---|-----------------|--|
| ◆ | RED DIAMOND | 10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved. |
| ▲ | 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. |

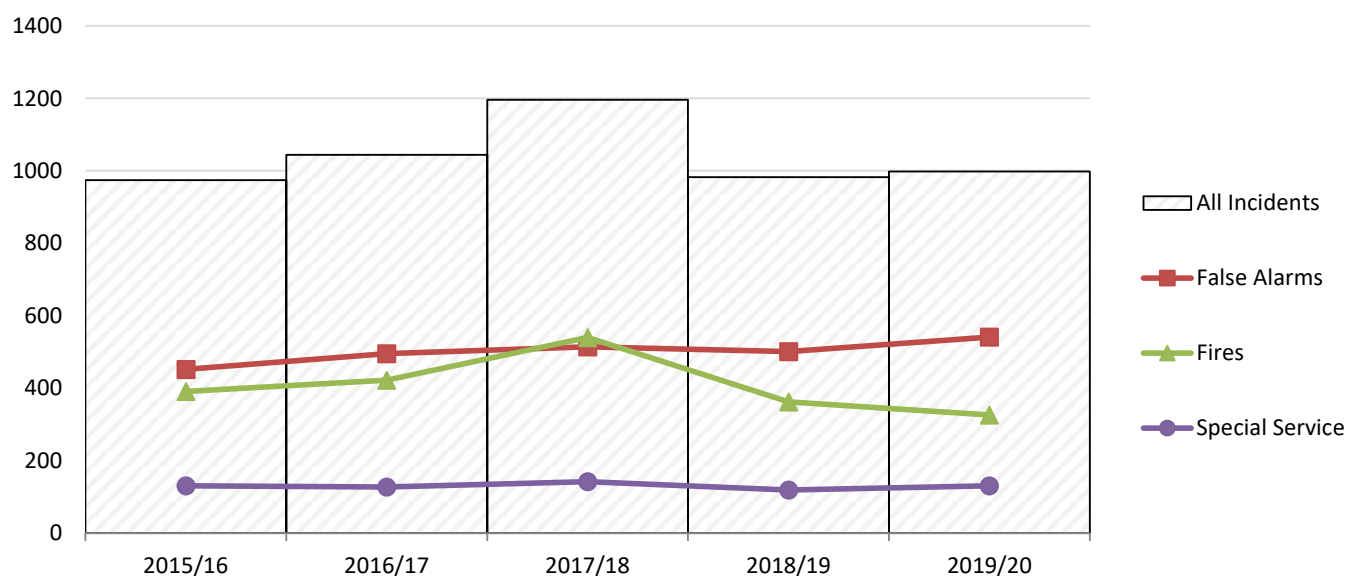
Note

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 2019 – 31st December 2019), the SFRS, responded to 998 incidents in Midlothian, which is a increase of 16 incidents compared with the same reporting period last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 5 fiscal years



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| Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities |
| Local Risk Management and Preparedness |
| <p>The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.</p> <p>We said we would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • train our staff to deal with our local risks • gather and analyse risk information • work with partners to mitigate risks • deal with major events |
| <u>Train our staff to deal with our local risks</u> |
| <p>All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.</p> |
| <u>Gather and analyse risk information</u> |
| <p>All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.</p> <p>We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.</p> <p>We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.</p> |
| <u>Work with partners to mitigate risks</u> |
| <p>We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.</p> <p>We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.</p> |
| <u>Deal with major events</u> |
| <p>There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.</p> |

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

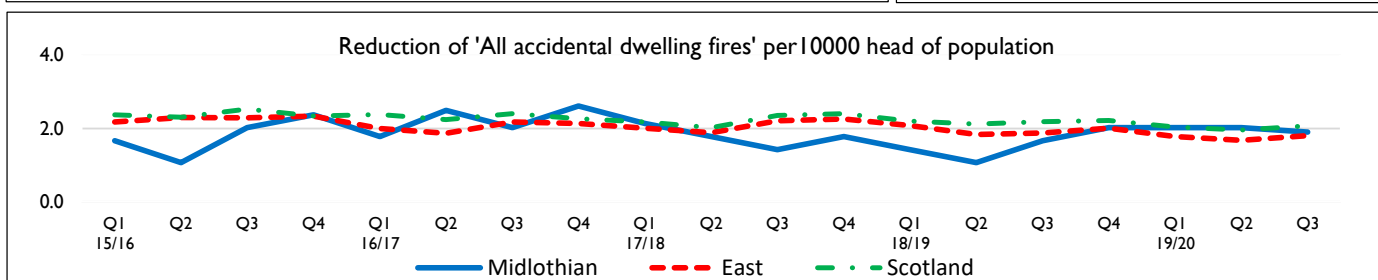
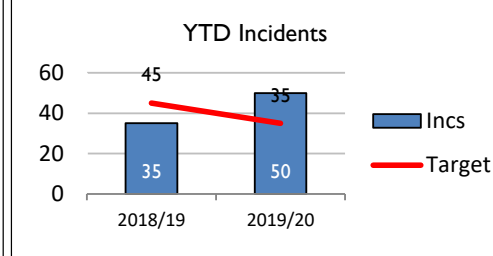
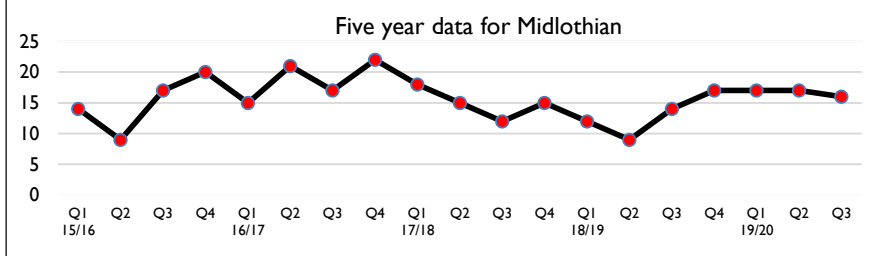
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 16 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 2 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 16 accidental dwelling fires attended, 50% occurred in single occupancy households and 3 occurred in self contained sheltered housing dwellings. The main causes were cooking (56%). All 16 fires were confined to the room where the fire started and therefore, relatively minor in nature. 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. Unfortunately, 3 of the 16 properties had no smoke alarms fitted and 2 properties that had smoke detection fitted, did not operate to raise an alarm.

Actions

During this reporting period, 280 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian. 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 I 'Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities' provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 8 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian | 40 | 53 | 45 | 35 | 50 | |
| Penicuik | 8 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | |
| Bonnyrigg | 6 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 5 | |
| Dalkeith | 12 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 10 | |
| Midlothian West | 4 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 11 | |
| Midlothian East | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 13 | |
| Midlothian South | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 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

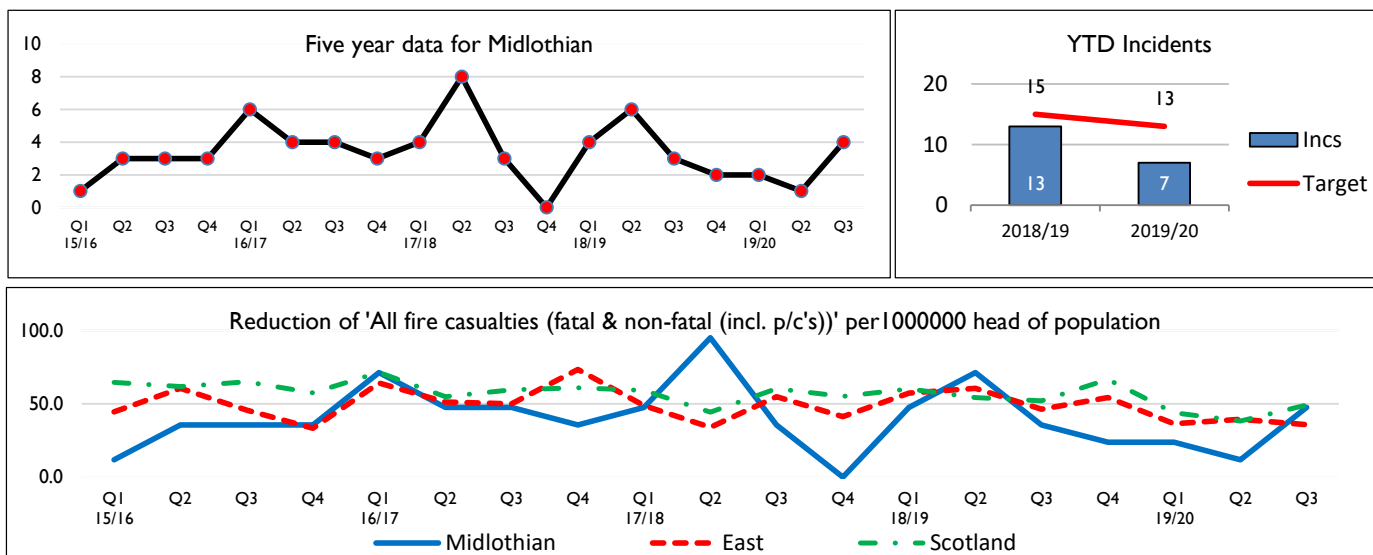
We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 4 non-fatal fire casualties due to fire within three separate dwelling fire incidents. The year to date figures report a 53% reduction on all fire casualties compared to year to date figure for 2018/19. The long-term trend based upon casualties/1,000,000 population shows that we are in line with the Scottish and slightly above East Service Delivery area averages.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend remains low. The casualties were a result of 3 dwelling fires; 2 were accidental and 1 deliberate ignition. At one incident Firefighters rescued 2 occupants by ladder. 3 out of the 4 casualties were removed to hospital and one had a precautionary check-up at the scene.

Actions

During this reporting period, 280 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out. 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 - I | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian | 7 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 7 | |
| Penicuik | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | |
| Bonnyrigg | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Dalkeith | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | |
| Midlothian West | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Midlothian East | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | |
| Midlothian South | 2 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 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 years have shown 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

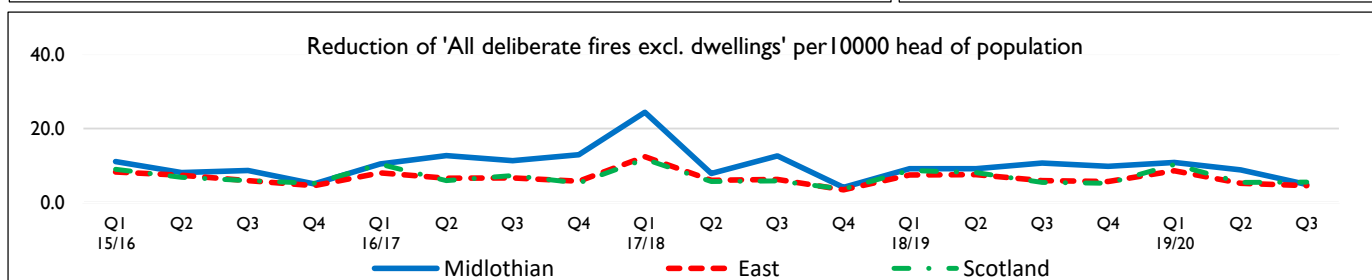
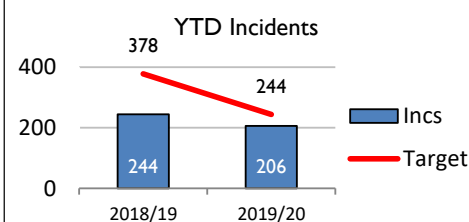
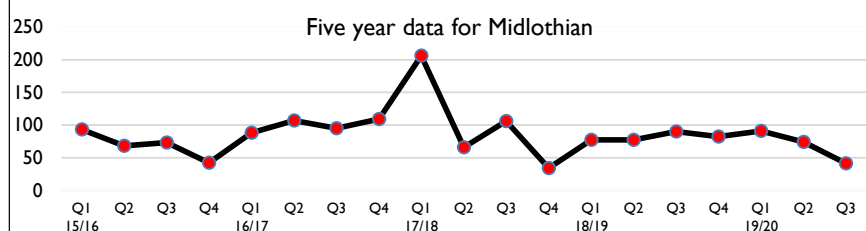
There were 43 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is a significant decrease of 49 (47%) when compared to the same quarter period last year. It is pleasing to note the significant reduction for quarter 3 and the trend line highlights that this is the lowest figure for quarter 3 in the last five years. Midlothian is currently performing in line with East of Scotland and Scotland averages.

Reasons

Of the 43 deliberate fire incidents, one of which involved a secondary school building. 79% of incidents were 'deliberate secondary fires' mainly involving waste or scrubland, wood or crop, 12% were vehicle fires and 7% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins. The remaining 2% were deliberate fires with vehicles and fencing.

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, Stair Aware activity, visits to schools and other partnership work.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 34 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | Sparklines |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian | 234 | 290 | 378 | 244 | 206 | |
| Penicuik | 11 | 13 | 46 | 14 | 8 | |
| Bonnyrigg | 25 | 21 | 24 | 19 | 26 | |
| Dalkeith | 58 | 58 | 92 | 58 | 40 | |
| Midlothian West | 43 | 67 | 53 | 30 | 27 | |
| Midlothian East | 48 | 66 | 86 | 60 | 69 | |
| Midlothian South | 49 | 65 | 77 | 63 | 36 | |

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

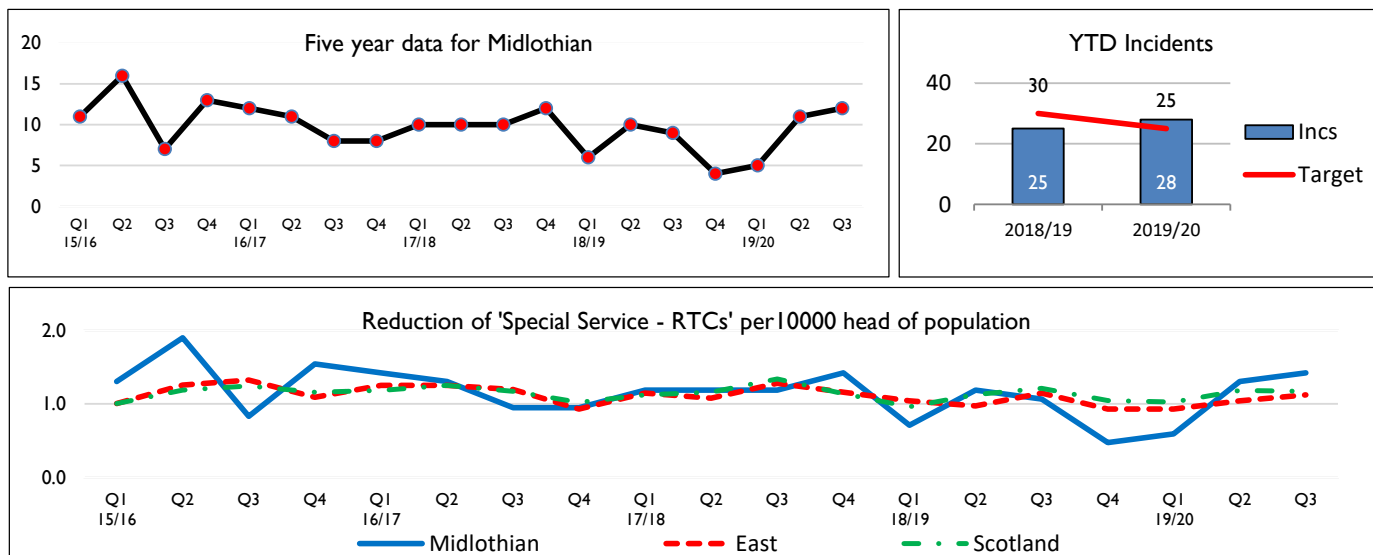
We attended 12 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; a increase of 3 from same quarter reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is currently above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

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 - 5 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian | 34 | 31 | 30 | 25 | 28 | |
| Penicuik | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 9 | |
| Bonnyrigg | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | |
| Dalkeith | 4 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 3 | |
| Midlothian West | 8 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 5 | |
| Midlothian East | 9 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | |
| Midlothian South | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3 | |

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

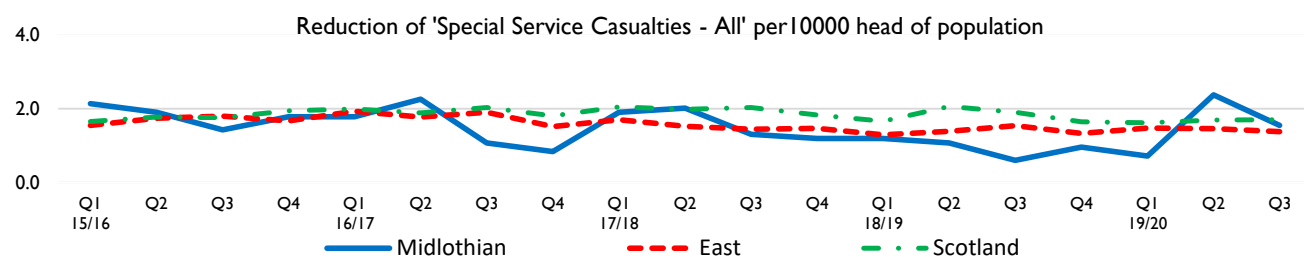
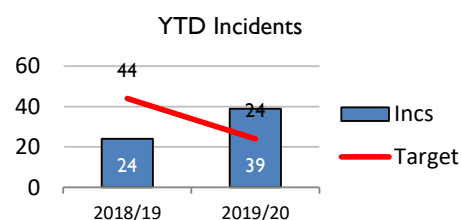
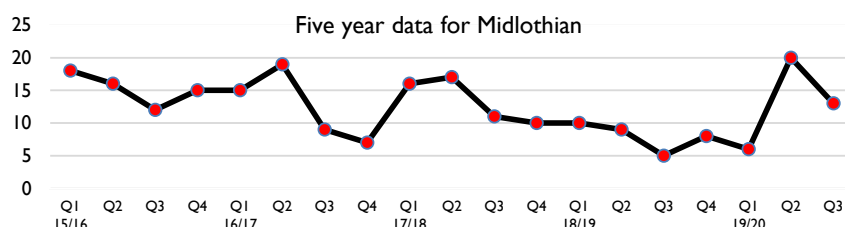
We attended special service incident types in the last quarter with a total of 13 casualties (1 fatal and 12 non-fatal casualties). This is an increase of 8 special service casualties in comparison to the same reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collision incidents accounted for 10 non-fatal casualties. There was 1 fatal and 1 non-fatal casualty in response to a medical emergency/assisting other emergency services incident types and finally 1 non-fatal casualty rescued and released from defective lift incident.

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 - 7 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian | 46 | 43 | 44 | 24 | 39 | |
| Penicuik | 14 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 10 | |
| Bonnyrigg | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | |
| Dalkeith | 2 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 3 | |
| Midlothian West | 12 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| Midlothian East | 9 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 12 | |
| Midlothian South | 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | |

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

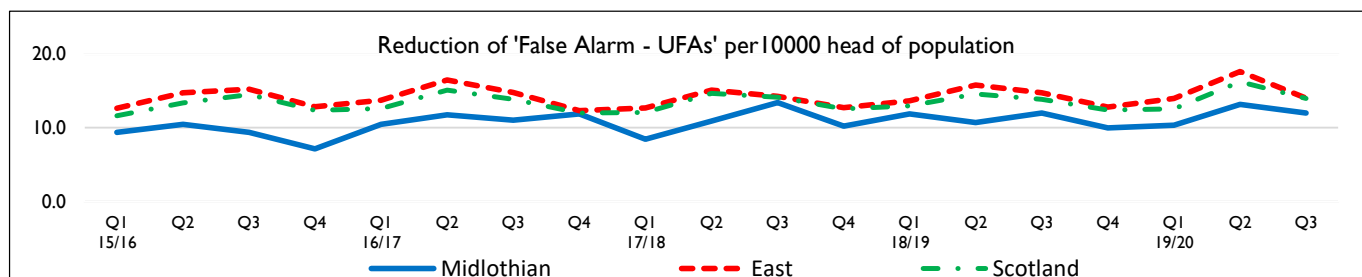
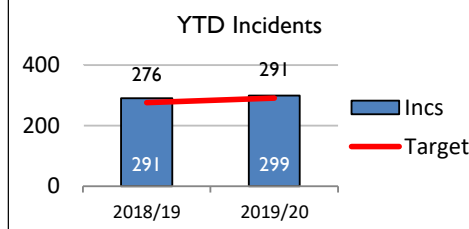
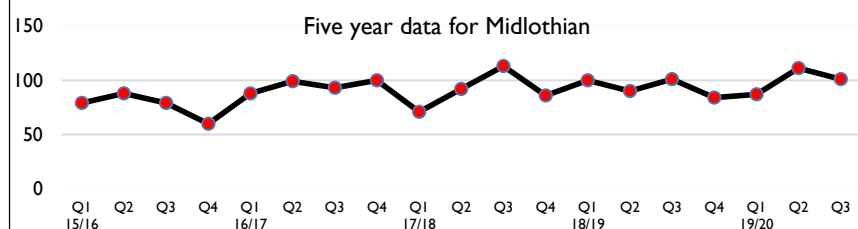
SFRS attended 101 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is exactly the same figure for the same reporting period last year. Midlothian trend line is performing below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

Reasons

20% due to contaminants (dust or steam), 20% cause of actuation unknown, 13% carelessly set off, 13% caused by people cooking or burnt toast, 10% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure or a fault within the fire alarm system. Only 2% were malicious calls. the remainder of attendances were for miscellaneous reasons such as external factors, false alarm - special service, faulty/activation of smoke cloak system.

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 - 50 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | Sparklines |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian | 246 | 280 | 276 | 291 | 299 | |
| Penicuik | 26 | 40 | 27 | 30 | 38 | |
| Bonnyrigg | 40 | 40 | 46 | 46 | 49 | |
| Dalkeith | 44 | 61 | 41 | 48 | 49 | |
| Midlothian West | 75 | 74 | 85 | 86 | 93 | |
| Midlothian East | 41 | 38 | 38 | 41 | 44 | |
| Midlothian South | 20 | 27 | 39 | 40 | 26 | |

Appendix 1

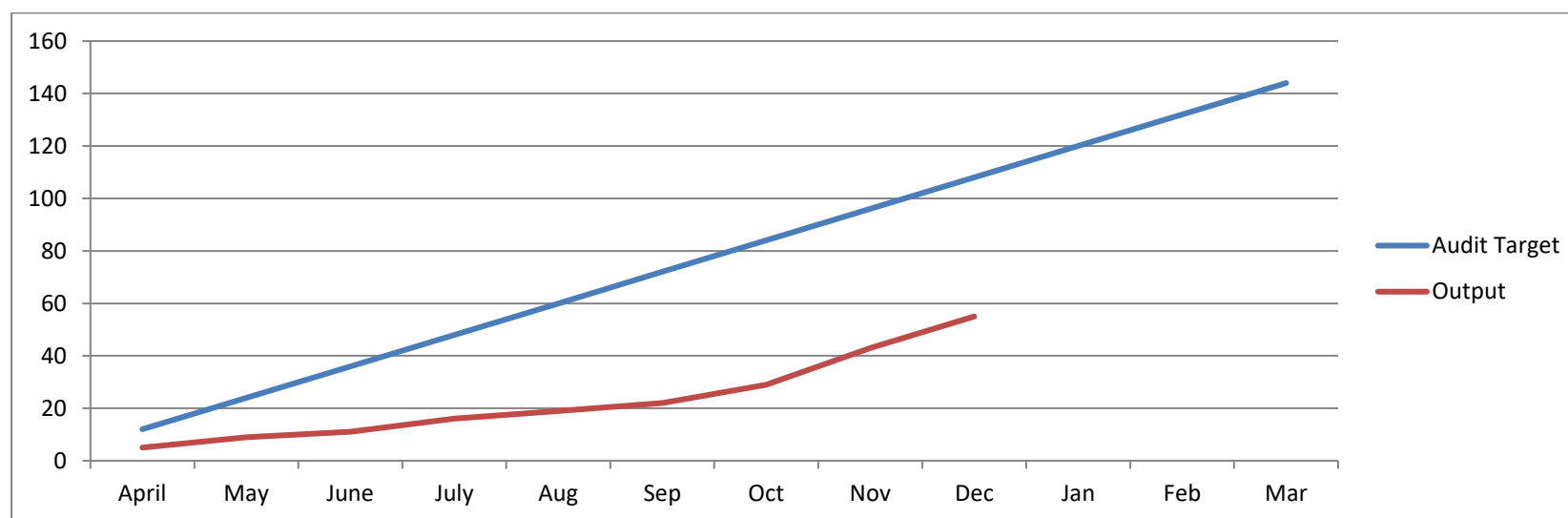
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3: 1st October– 31st December 2019

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 high risk sleeping premises receive an annual audit and this includes hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels. Due to staff promotions our qualified FSE Officer cadre is below establishment. Two new members of staff are currently being trained and delivering audits in a limited capacity. We are hopeful that current shortfalls will be addressed as the year progresses and the Officers become competent. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, we continue to focus our efforts on high risk premises (Hospitals and Care Homes). To date **2 of 3 Hospitals** and **13 of 17 Care Homes** within the Midlothian have been audited.

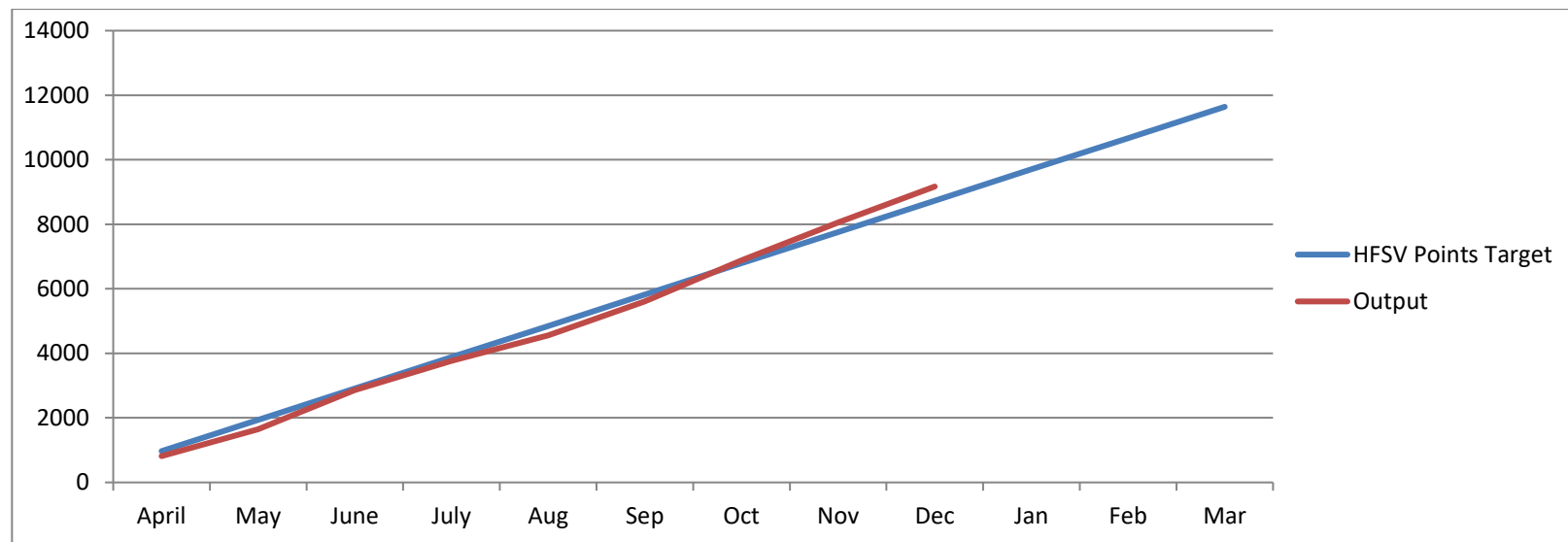
| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Target: | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 60 | 72 | 84 | 96 | 108 | 120 | 132 | 144 | 144 |
| Completed: | 5 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 19 | 22 | 29 | 43 | 55 | | | | |



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 annual number of visits completed is well above target set. **A total of 763 HFSVs** have been delivered in Midlothian YTD.

| | 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 | 816 | 1648 | 2864 | 3768 | 4560 | 5608 | 6884 | 8052 | 9168 | | | | |



Total visits delivered by ward area 2019/20 YTD:

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 2019/20 | Visits delivered in Q2 2019/20 | Visits delivered in Q3 2019/20 | Visits delivered in Q4 2019/20 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Bonnyrigg | 38 | 43 | 45 | |
| Dalkeith | 51 | 37 | 51 | |
| Midlothian East | 43 | 51 | 53 | |
| Midlothian South | 39 | 35 | 45 | |
| Midlothian West | 58 | 35 | 47 | |
| Penicuik | 30 | 23 | 39 | |
| TOTAL | 259 | 224 | 280 | |

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this reporting period, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement programmes,

A Fireskills Employability Award course was delivered at Polmont Young Offenders Institute. As a result of referrals from Police Scotland, 4 Fire Setters Interventions have taken place in Midlothian.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **2** referrals being processed to Social Services. The CAT has completed **2** enhanced home safety visits to vulnerable adults.

Our Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire risk for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC).

Referrals

Our strong relationship with external partners continues to assist with **Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV)** referrals: Listed are examples of these relationships and referrals

British Red Cross = **22**

Midlothian Contact Team = **4**

Midlothian Council Reablement = **3**

NHS = **3**

186 self-referrals were received via our Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (**CSET**) system with local crews completing **280** home safety visits during this quarter.

Community Safety Engagement

In addition to carrying out HFSV's, SFRS staff have been involved in **22 Community Safety Events** including Fire Safety Talks to schools and groups, Anti-social Behaviour talks to schools, Leaflet Drops, attending Open Days and liaising with other services to provide safety advice to the residents of Midlothian helping to support our Local Outcomes.

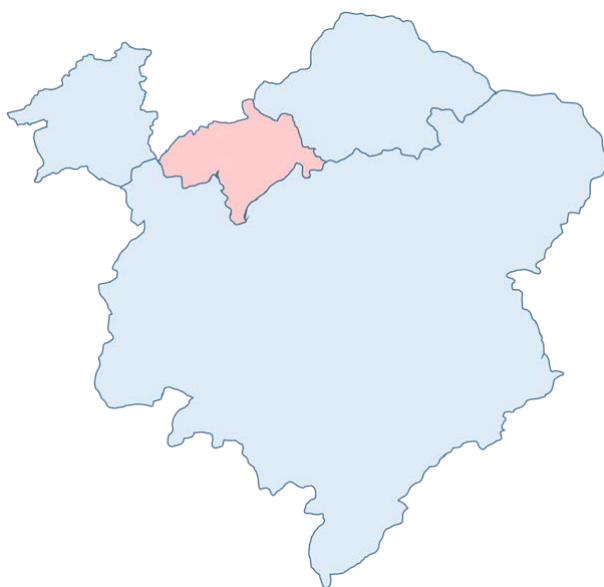
Work Completed or In Progress

- Our Local Authority Liaison Officer continues to attend Midlothian's Youth Offender Management meeting.
- SFRS attend monthly MARAC meetings
- We have facilitated HFSV referral training at the police Concern Hub for J Division.
- Local Prevention and Protection staff contributed to an Adult Protection Initial Case Review (ICR) for a fatal fire within the Midlothian area.
- Our staff have delivered Fire Safety talks to new outreach workers in Dalkeith and Woodburn.
- SFRS staff delivered partnership referral (HFSV) training to Police @ Penicuik
- CAT delivered Tomorrows driver to Midlothian Schools.
- LALO delivered partnership referral training to community nurses in Midlothian Community Hospital
- [...](#)
- The LALO delivered partnership referral training to community nurses in Midlothian Community Hospital.
- The CAT continues to support Thematic Action Plan co-ordinators at Midlothian Fire Stations.
- Local staff have recently supported 'Best Bar None' scheme.
- Our LALO is working with the Y2K project team to provide tailored flexible fire service input utilising our Fireskills engagement programme as a framework to introduce taster sessions to children in the Mayfield area (most deprived 20% SIMD). This is to prevent those individuals offending and re-offending also providing an opportunity to explore what could also be offered to support this theme.
- CAT continues to support 1 wholtime and 1 RDS station with the delivery of HFSV's and Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.
- Local staff continues to support East Lothian and Scottish Borders LALO's in providing Partnership Referral Pathway training.
- Our LALO is working with the 'pathways to success' school, Pathhead to provide tailored flexible fire service input utilising Fireskills as framework to introduce taster sessions to the 6 children that attend.
- We are currently working with Y2K to provide tailored flexible fire service input utilising Fireskills as a framework to introduce taster sessions to children in the Mayfield area (Most deprived 20% SIMD) that have been identified to prevent offending and re-offending and provide opportunity for further involvement in Fireskills.



Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 3 – 2019/2020

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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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J Division Policing Priorities 2019/20



West Lothian

1. Protecting People
2. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
3. Reducing Violence
4. Tackling Substance Misuse
5. Road Safety
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
7. Tackling Acquisitive Crime

East Lothian

1. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
2. Tackling Substance Misuse
3. Reducing Violence
4. Protecting People
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
6. Making our Roads Safer
7. Reducing Housebreaking

Local Area Command Priorities

Scottish Borders

1. Protecting People
2. Reducing Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour
3. Tackling Substance Misuse
4. Road Safety
5. Tackling Serious Organised Crime
6. Tackling Acquisitive Crime

Midlothian

1. Tackling Substance Misuse
2. Protecting People
3. Reducing Violence
4. Making our Roads Safer
5. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
7. Reducing Housebreaking

J DIVISION PRIORITIES FOR POLICING

ENABLE, empower and develop our PEOPLE through the provision of support, training and the delivery of effective change

Work together with LOCAL communities and partners, to deliver a quality service which responds to their needs by;

- Protecting the most vulnerable people
- Reducing Violence & Anti-social behaviour
- Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
- Improving Road Safety
- Tackling Acquisitive Crime

Protecting vulnerable People

Supporting people considered vulnerable and working with partners to reduce harm

Working with communities

Engaging with the public and communities to build resilience and prevent crime

Tackling cyber related Crime

Building Capability to address the threat from cyber related crime

Support for operational Policing

Delivering change that enables our people to deliver an effective and sustainable service

POLICE SCOTLAND PRIORITIES FOR POLICING

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. Tackling Substance Misuse
2. Protecting People
3. Reducing Violence
4. Making our Roads Safer
5. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
7. Reducing Housebreaking

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2019 to December 2019 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 **91,340 in 2018** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2019).

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

| Lothian and Scottish Borders Division | 2018/19 Q3 | 2019/20 Q3 | Per 10,000 Q3 2019/20 | Detection Rates 2019/20 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE | 388 | 442 | 9.07 | 78.3 |
| Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law) | - | 2 | 0.04 | 100.0 |
| Culpable homicide (at common law) | - | - | - | x |
| Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1) | 3 | 5 | 0.10 | 100.0 |
| Attempted murder | 11 | 11 | 0.23 | 100.0 |
| Serious assault | 192 | 189 | 3.88 | 84.7 |
| Robbery and assault with intent to rob | 71 | 72 | 1.48 | 75.0 |
| Domestic Abuse (of female) | - | 50 | 1.03 | 74.0 |
| Domestic Abuse (of male) | - | 2 | 0.04 | 100.0 |
| Domestic Abuse (Total) | - | 52 | 1.07 | 75.0 |
| Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children | 51 | 61 | 1.25 | 86.9 |
| Threats and extortion | 31 | 21 | 0.43 | 47.6 |
| Other group 1 crimes | 29 | 29 | 0.60 | 41.4 |
| GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES | 714 | 785 | 16.11 | 59.7 |
| Rape | 132 | 181 | 3.71 | 60.2 |
| Assault w/i to rape or ravish | 5 | 5 | 0.10 | 60.0 |
| <i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i> | 137 | 186 | 3.82 | 60.2 |
| Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)* | 13 | 15 | 0.31 | 80.0 |
| Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)* | 206 | 220 | 4.51 | 56.4 |
| Lewd & libidinous practices* | 65 | 95 | 1.95 | 71.6 |
| <i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i> | 284 | 330 | 6.77 | 61.8 |
| <i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i> | - | 2 | 0.04 | 0.0 |
| Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children | 27 | 35 | 0.72 | 97.1 |
| Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)* | 63 | 42 | 0.86 | 59.5 |
| Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | 13 | 11 | 0.23 | 45.5 |
| Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)* | 19 | 33 | 0.68 | 66.7 |
| Public indecency (common law) | 17 | 5 | 0.10 | 100.0 |
| Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)* | 106 | 98 | 2.01 | 41.8 |
| Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)* | 12 | 12 | 0.25 | 66.7 |
| Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image* | 36 | 31 | 0.64 | 41.9 |
| Other Group 2 crimes | - | - | - | x |
| <i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i> | 293 | 267 | 5.48 | |
| GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY | 7 188 | 6 912 | 141.83 | 32.2 |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house | 354 | 325 | 6.67 | 32.6 |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling | 260 | 227 | 4.66 | 14.1 |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises | 424 | 246 | 5.05 | 26.0 |
| <i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i> | 1 038 | 798 | 16.37 | 25.3 |
| Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle | 183 | 177 | 3.63 | 23.2 |
| Theft of a motor vehicle | 347 | 368 | 7.55 | 36.4 |
| Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.) | 541 | 495 | 10.16 | 22.0 |
| Attempt theft of motor vehicle | 30 | 26 | 0.53 | 7.7 |
| <i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i> | 1 101 | 1 066 | 21.87 | 26.8 |
| Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle | 105 | 115 | 2.36 | 13.9 |
| Common theft | 1 865 | 2 012 | 41.28 | 19.6 |
| Theft by shoplifting | 2 120 | 1 783 | 36.58 | 53.9 |
| Fraud | 454 | 626 | 12.84 | 26.5 |
| Other Group 3 Crimes | 505 | 512 | 10.51 | 39.8 |
| GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc. | 3 217 | 3 175 | 65.15 | 25.7 |
| Fire-raising | 182 | 177 | 3.63 | 23.2 |

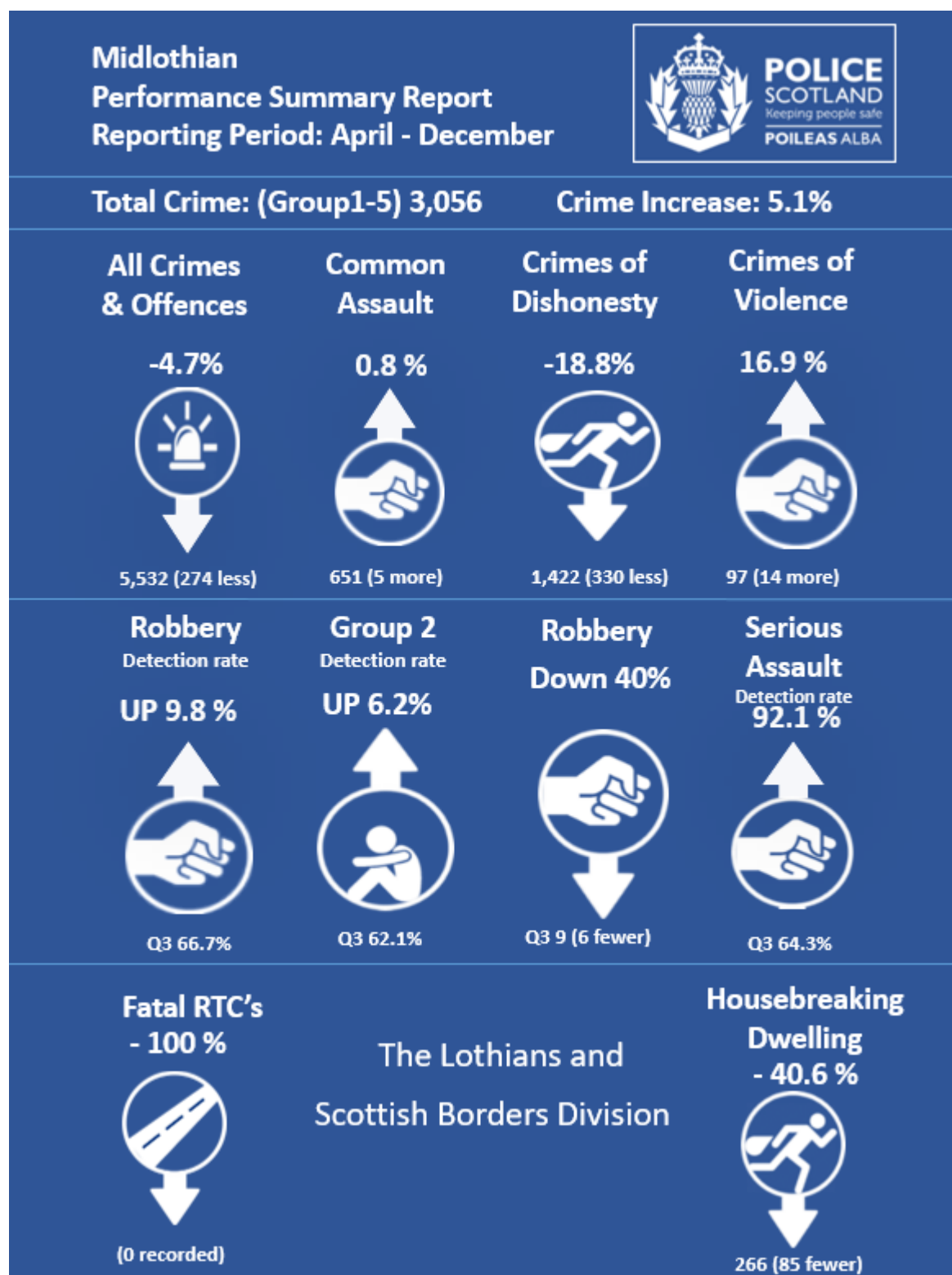
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| Vandalism (including malicious mischief) | 2 910 | 2 847 | 58.42 | 24.7 |
| Reckless conduct (with firearms) | 3 | 3 | 0.06 | 100.0 |
| Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms) | 118 | 138 | 2.83 | 47.8 |
| Other Group 4 Crimes | 4 | 10 | 0.21 | 10.0 |
| GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES | 3 365 | 3 193 | 65.52 | 94.6 |
| Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction) | 120 | 114 | 2.34 | 96.5 |
| Handling bladed/pointed instrument | 109 | 119 | 2.44 | 95.0 |
| Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)* | 67 | 104 | 2.13 | 80.8 |
| Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)* | 57 | 52 | 1.07 | 76.9 |
| <i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i> | <i>353</i> | <i>389</i> | <i>7.98</i> | <i>89.2</i> |
| Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs | 67 | 45 | 0.92 | 100.0 |
| Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent) | 249 | 163 | 3.34 | 101.8 |
| Bringing drugs into prison | 3 | 15 | 0.31 | 40.0 |
| <i>Supply of drugs - Total</i> | <i>319</i> | <i>223</i> | <i>4.58</i> | <i>97.3</i> |
| Possession of drugs | 1 586 | 1 512 | 31.02 | 94.3 |
| Other drugs offences (incl. importation) | 13 | 12 | 0.25 | 50.0 |
| <i>Total drugs crimes</i> | <i>1 918</i> | <i>1 747</i> | <i>35.85</i> | <i>94.4</i> |
| Offences relating to serious and organised crime | - | 4 | 0.08 | 100.0 |
| Bail offences (other than absconding) | 516 | 526 | 10.79 | 97.0 |
| Other Group 5 crimes | 578 | 527 | 10.81 | 97.0 |
| GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES | 7 100 | 7 334 | 150.48 | 74.5 |
| Common Assault | 3 009 | 3 052 | 62.62 | 63.5 |
| Common Assault (of emergency workers) | 277 | 302 | 6.20 | 100.0 |
| <i>Common Assault - Total</i> | <i>3 286</i> | <i>3 354</i> | <i>68.82</i> | <i>66.8</i> |
| Breach of the Peace | 98 | 90 | 1.85 | 97.8 |
| Threatening & abusive behaviour | 2 575 | 2 655 | 54.48 | 82.4 |
| Stalking | 79 | 59 | 1.21 | 94.9 |
| <i>BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i> | <i>2 752</i> | <i>2 804</i> | <i>57.53</i> | <i>83.2</i> |
| Racially aggravated harassment/conduct* | 96 | 104 | 2.13 | 90.4 |
| Drunk and incapable | 46 | 33 | 0.68 | 97.0 |
| Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law | 38 | 28 | 0.57 | 100.0 |
| Other alcohol related offences* | 26 | 37 | 0.76 | 100.0 |
| <i>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i> | <i>110</i> | <i>98</i> | <i>2.01</i> | <i>99.0</i> |
| Wildlife offences* | 18 | 28 | 0.57 | 28.6 |
| Other Group 6 offences | 838 | 946 | 19.41 | 73.4 |
| GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES | 4 877 | 5 145 | 105.57 | 84.4 |
| Dangerous driving offences | 152 | 173 | 3.55 | 93.1 |
| Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen | 389 | 414 | 8.49 | 95.7 |
| Speeding offences | 396 | 441 | 9.05 | 98.9 |
| Driving while disqualified | 94 | 91 | 1.87 | 101.1 |
| Driving without a licence | 367 | 366 | 7.51 | 99.5 |
| Failure to insure against third party risks | 945 | 968 | 19.86 | 100.5 |
| Seat belt offences | 91 | 117 | 2.40 | 86.3 |
| Mobile phone offences | 143 | 142 | 2.91 | 95.8 |
| Driving Carelessly | 392 | 416 | 8.54 | 93.5 |
| Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings) | 155 | 154 | 3.16 | 94.8 |
| Using a motor vehicle without test certificate | 556 | 530 | 10.87 | 99.6 |
| Other Group 7 offences | 1 197 | 1 333 | 27.35 | 46.7 |

Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

| Midlothian | 2018/19 Q3 | 2019/20 Q3 | Per 10,000 Q3 2019/20 | Detection Rates 2019/20 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE | 83 | 97 | 10.95 | 76.3 |
| Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law) | - | - | - | x |
| Culpable homicide (at common law) | - | - | - | x |
| Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1) | 1 | 1 | 0.11 | 100.0 |
| Attempted murder | 1 | - | - | x |
| Serious assault | 28 | 38 | 4.29 | 92.1 |
| Robbery and assault with intent to rob | 15 | 9 | 1.02 | 66.7 |
| Domestic Abuse (of female) | - | 8 | 0.90 | 50.0 |
| Domestic Abuse (of male) | - | - | - | x |
| Domestic Abuse (Total) | - | 8 | 0.90 | 50.0 |
| Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children | 26 | 31 | 3.50 | 80.6 |
| Threats and extortion | 5 | 4 | 0.45 | 50.0 |
| Other group 1 crimes | 7 | 6 | 0.68 | 16.7 |
| GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES | 153 | 161 | 18.17 | 62.1 |
| Rape | 28 | 26 | 2.93 | 88.5 |
| Assault w/i to rape or ravish | 2 | - | - | x |
| Rape and attempted rape - Total | 30 | 26 | 2.93 | 88.5 |
| Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)* | 2 | 7 | 0.79 | 57.1 |
| Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)* | 48 | 47 | 5.30 | 59.6 |
| Lewd & libidinous practices* | 13 | 24 | 2.71 | 54.2 |
| Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total | 63 | 78 | 8.80 | 57.7 |
| Prostitution related crime - Total* | - | 1 | 0.11 | 0.0 |
| Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children | 8 | 12 | 1.35 | 100.0 |
| Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)* | 11 | 12 | 1.35 | 25.0 |
| Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | 2 | 3 | 0.34 | 33.3 |
| Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)* | 8 | 9 | 1.02 | 88.9 |
| Public indecency (common law) | 6 | - | - | x |
| Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)* | 16 | 15 | 1.69 | 26.7 |
| Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)* | 1 | 1 | 0.11 | 200.0 |
| Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image* | 8 | 4 | 0.45 | 25.0 |
| Other Group 2 crimes | - | - | - | x |
| Other Group 2 crimes - Total | 60 | 56 | 6.32 | 57.1 |
| GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY | 1 752 | 1 422 | 160.48 | 34.0 |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house | 106 | 63 | 7.11 | 30.2 |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling | 87 | 73 | 8.24 | 8.2 |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises | 73 | 45 | 5.08 | 40.0 |
| Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total | 266 | 181 | 20.43 | 23.8 |
| Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle | 27 | 27 | 3.05 | 14.8 |
| Theft of a motor vehicle | 82 | 57 | 6.43 | 45.6 |
| Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.) | 109 | 85 | 9.59 | 25.9 |
| Attempt theft of motor vehicle | 2 | 7 | 0.79 | 14.3 |
| Motor vehicle crime - Total | 220 | 176 | 19.86 | 30.1 |
| Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle | 14 | 22 | 2.48 | 13.6 |
| Common theft | 388 | 342 | 38.60 | 24.9 |
| Theft by shoplifting | 631 | 472 | 53.27 | 45.6 |
| Fraud | 103 | 111 | 12.53 | 33.3 |
| Other Group 3 Crimes | 130 | 118 | 13.32 | 40.7 |
| GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc. | 650 | 617 | 69.63 | 26.1 |
| Fire-raising | 42 | 26 | 2.93 | 23.1 |


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|--|-------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| Vandalism (including malicious mischief) | 582 | 570 | 64.33 | 24.6 |
| Reckless conduct (with firearms) | - | - | - | x |
| Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms) | 23 | 21 | 2.37 | 71.4 |
| Other Group 4 Crimes | 3 | - | - | x |
| GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES | 809 | 759 | 85.66 | 96.7 |
| Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction) | 27 | 20 | 2.26 | 100.0 |
| Handling bladed/pointed instrument | 23 | 28 | 3.16 | 114.3 |
| Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)* | 9 | 17 | 1.92 | 82.4 |
| Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)* | 7 | 7 | 0.79 | 85.7 |
| Total offensive/bladed weapons | 66 | 72 | 8.13 | 100.0 |
| Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs | 12 | 6 | 0.68 | 66.7 |
| Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent) | 58 | 31 | 3.50 | 109.7 |
| Bringing drugs into prison | - | - | - | x |
| Supply of drugs - Total | 70 | 37 | 4.18 | 102.7 |
| Possession of drugs | 441 | 383 | 43.22 | 96.1 |
| Other drugs offences (incl. importation) | 1 | - | - | x |
| Total drugs crimes | 512 | 420 | 47.40 | 96.7 |
| Offences relating to serious and organised crime | - | 1 | 0.11 | 100.0 |
| Bail offences (other than absconding) | 115 | 145 | 16.36 | 97.2 |
| Other Group 5 crimes | 116 | 121 | 13.66 | 94.2 |
| GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES | 1 462 | 1 466 | 165.44 | 77.8 |
| Common Assault | 579 | 585 | 66.02 | 61.2 |
| Common Assault (of emergency workers) | 67 | 66 | 7.45 | 100.0 |
| Common Assault - Total | 646 | 651 | 73.47 | 65.1 |
| Breach of the Peace | 11 | 24 | 2.71 | 100.0 |
| Threatening & abusive behaviour | 532 | 562 | 63.42 | 89.1 |
| Stalking | 18 | 7 | 0.79 | 128.6 |
| BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total | 561 | 593 | 66.92 | 90.1 |
| Racially aggravated harassment/conduct* | 30 | 11 | 1.24 | 100.0 |
| Drunk and incapable | 16 | 4 | 0.45 | 100.0 |
| Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law | 19 | 12 | 1.35 | 100.0 |
| Other alcohol related offences* | 9 | 14 | 1.58 | 107.1 |
| Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL) | 44 | 30 | 3.39 | 103.3 |
| Wildlife offences* | 1 | 5 | 0.56 | 40.0 |
| Other Group 6 offences | 180 | 176 | 19.86 | 79.0 |
| GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES | 897 | 1 010 | 113.98 | 77.7 |
| Dangerous driving offences | 31 | 41 | 4.63 | 95.1 |
| Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen | 79 | 88 | 9.93 | 88.6 |
| Speeding offences | 17 | 16 | 1.81 | 81.3 |
| Driving while disqualified | 36 | 32 | 3.61 | 103.1 |
| Driving without a licence | 94 | 65 | 7.34 | 100.0 |
| Failure to insure against third party risks | 213 | 197 | 22.23 | 100.0 |
| Seat belt offences | 6 | 4 | 0.45 | 100.0 |
| Mobile phone offences | 19 | 21 | 2.37 | 90.5 |
| Driving Carelessly | 35 | 60 | 6.77 | 95.0 |
| Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings) | 24 | 40 | 4.51 | 90.0 |
| Using a motor vehicle without test certificate | 78 | 79 | 8.92 | 100.0 |
| Other Group 7 offences | 265 | 367 | 41.42 | 45.0 |

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Tackling Substance Misuse

| Tackling Substance Misuse | Executive Summary | | | |
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| Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation  | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | 5-year average |
| | 70 | 37 | -47.1% | 57.6 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug Supply figures only <p>Tackling substance misuse in Midlothian remains a priority and links closely to our work in tackling Serious and Organised Crime.</p> <p>When comparing 2018/19 and 2019/20, we can see a reduction in the detected crime figures. This reduction was mainly seen in Q1 of this year, where there was a reduction of 20 in comparison to the previous year. The figures whilst decreasing can be seen as a positive through preventative work undertaken by Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT) to minimise the supply of illicit substances within Midlothian.</p> <p>Working closely with our communities and the public that we serve enables us to establish close working relationships, which in turn should allow the continued flow of intelligence in to the police. Members of the public can report drug dealing or suspicious activity directly to police, anonymously via crime stoppers or through a partner agency.</p> <p>To ensure Police in Midlothian remain focused on Tackling Substance Misuse the following activities take place,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midlothian Community Action Team funded by Midlothian Council, play an active role in developing and acting on intelligence received. They target individuals and groups who are linked to addresses in Midlothian. Midlothian Community and Response officers receive a daily electronic briefing on the commencement of their tour of duty. This ensures the officers are aware of the current up to date picture and they know who to actively target in Midlothian. The Midlothian CPT continue to host mobile drop in sessions / surgeries in a continued effort to increase community engagement. Youth Community Officers continue to deliver interactive drugs inputs to 3rd year High schools utilising Choices for life resources. | | | |

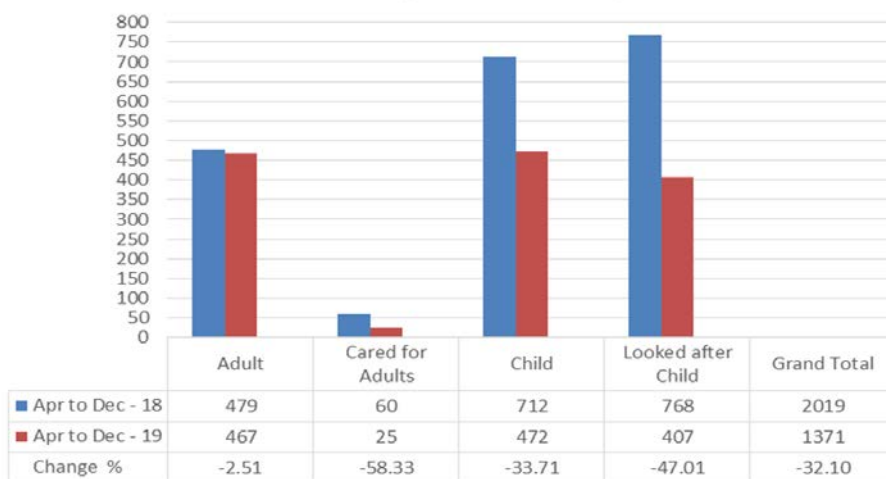
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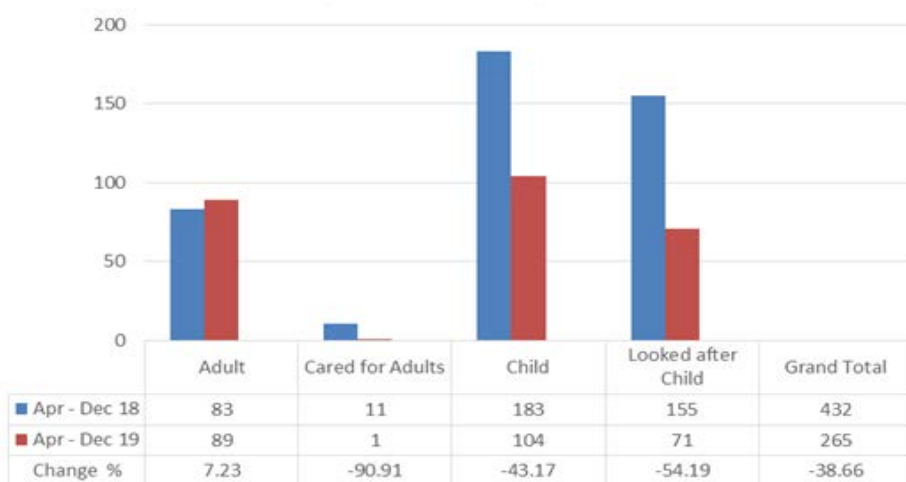
Missing Persons



Year to Date - Categories of Missing Persons



Year to Date - Categories of Missing Persons - Midlothian



*Raw data, not assessed

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. To put the scale of this work into context;

- Police Scotland, on an annual basis undertake over 22,000 investigations into missing people.
- In the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division this equates to the following;

Year 2017 / 2018 – 2390 missing person investigations


Year 2018 / 2019 – 2581 missing person investigations


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 missing person incidents.


Significant work has been undertaken in respect of engaging with children identified as repeatedly being reported missing. This has led to several partnership meetings being convened to support these children. Input has also been provided to establishments for looked after children. This has led to a significant reduction in reported incidents involving such children and ensured support for them.

Significant input has been provided in respect of one looked after adult who had historically been reported missing multiple times. Risk not only to this adult but members of the public was identified and multi-agency discussions were progressed. This led to more robust management of the male resulting in a significant decrease in reports and risk presented.

During this reporting quarter the co-ordinated use of specialist resources and local police officers to search for several High Risk missing people resulted in them being found with positive outcomes.

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| <div>Dishonesty</div> <div>(Group 3)</div> <div></div> | <table><tr><th>Q3 2018/19</th><th>Q3 2019/20</th><th>Change</th><th>TYTD Per 10,000 population</th></tr><tr><td>1752</td><td>1422</td><td>-18.8</td><td>160.48</td></tr></table> | | | | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | TYTD Per 10,000 population | 1752 | 1422 | -18.8 | 160.48 |
| | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | TYTD Per 10,000 population | | | | | | | | |
| 1752 | 1422 | -18.8 | 160.48 | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Tackling Acquisitive Crime, and as such working to Protect People by reducing the impact (both financial and personal) it has on our communities' remains a priority for the Lothians & Scottish Borders (J) Division and Midlothian. Given the wide range of 'acquisitive crimes' this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report;</p> <p>Dishonesty (which is covered in this section) Housebreaking (which is covered on page 24).</p> <p>At the end of Q3 2019/2020 Group 3 crimes has decreased by 330 (-18.8%) when compared to last year's reporting period. (This overall figure incorporates housebreaking crimes).</p> <p>Further breakdown of the data provided in the table above yields the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There have been significant reductions in a number of dishonesty crimes, namely, Housebreaking (-85), Motor Vehicle Crime (-44), Theft (-46) and Theft Shoplifting (-159).Fraud has witnessed an increase of 7.7% (8 more victims) when compared to the same reporting period last year, although this is well below the UK averageMotor vehicle crime has reduced by 20% or 44 fewer victims, when compared to the same reporting period last year.The Group 3 detection rate sits at 34% at the end of Q3. This has improved from 31.6% at the end of Q2. <p>During the reporting period police in J Division and Midlothian carried out the following preventative work;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to deliver Shut out Scammers, a high profile national campaign, delivered locally to tackle all forms of bogus callers and associated doorstep crime.Use of social media to highlight scams and deliver pertinent real-time advice and information to members of the community.Continue to support Shopwatch in the towns, where regular meetings are held with retailersThemed/seasonal rolling programme of crime prevention advice at events.Individuals and organisations continue to receive Crime Preventions surveys from specially trained Police Officers.A number of new housing developments have been utilising the Police Architectural Liaison service to help 'design out' crime at the development stage.Police Officers, working with partners in the public and private sector, have been attending events where crime prevent advice has been offered. | | | | | | | | | | | | |


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| Domestic Abuse Incidents  | | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | % Change |
| | Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents | 904 | 900 | -0.4% |
| | Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents | 421 | 437 | 3.8% |
| | Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime | 37.6% | 36.3% | -1.3% |
| | Total crimes and offences detection rate | 72.4% | 73.2% | 0.8% |
| | Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences | 32 | 55 | 71.9% |
| | <p>Two key priorities for J Division remain supporting the victims of Domestic Abuse and pursuing perpetrators. This is a daily focus in Midlothian.</p> <p>In April 2019 Section 1 of the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act was introduced. This crime takes into consideration offenders who follow a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour. It is a Group 1 crime and provides Police and Scottish Courts additional power to tackle Domestic Abuse offenders. To date, there have been 8 Section 1 DASA crimes recorded in Midlothian. The new legislation brought with it training for all officers at the Scottish Police College. This training was delivered by Safe Lives Scotland.</p> <p>On review of domestic abuse incidents, there has only been a 0.4% increase when comparing end of Q3 in 2018/19 and 2019/20. In addition, crimes and offences has risen by 3.8% over the same comparison periods.</p> <p>Midlothian's detection rate for Domestic crimes and offences sits at 71.9%.</p> <p>Over the reporting period we have 55 bail detections, which is up 71.9% on the previous year. This evidences how proactive and robust we are in Midlothian in respect of bringing Domestic perpetrators to justice.</p> <p>From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign was a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.</p> <p>Midlothian police supported this campaign by coordinating a variety of events and social media posts to promote and raise awareness of this subject in the county.</p> | | | |


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| <div>Racially Aggravated Conduct</div> <div></div> | <table><tr><th colspan="4">Midlothian</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>2018/19 Q3</th><th>2019/20 Q3</th><th>Per 10,000 Q3</th></tr><tr><td>Hate Incidents</td><td>71</td><td>71</td><td>7.9</td></tr><tr><td>Hate Crimes</td><td>72</td><td>67</td><td>7.4</td></tr><tr><td>Hate Crime Detection Rate</td><td>79.2%</td><td>79.1%</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types which have a hate crime aggravator added to the crime.</p> <p>The aggravators are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disability• Race• Religion• Sexual Orientation• Transgender Identity. <p>A hate crime is “any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group”.</p> <p>Hate Crimes in Midlothian have decreased by 5 crimes, from 72 in Q3 2018/19 to 67 in Q3 2019/20.</p> <p>The detection rate remains high at 79.1%, almost static with the previous year.</p> <p>For further information on Hate Crime you can visit the Police Scotland website via the following link:</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/campaigns/2019/hate-crime-2019/</p> <p>It is known that some victims and witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to police. To minimise underreporting, Police Scotland work in partnership with a variety of agencies who perform the role of Third Party Reporting Centres. These partners have been trained to assist people in submitting a report to the police, or they can make a report on their behalf. We will continue to raise awareness of hate crime and Third Party Reporting Centres through social media and national initiatives such as Keep Safe.</p> | Midlothian | | | | | 2018/19 Q3 | 2019/20 Q3 | Per 10,000 Q3 | Hate Incidents | 71 | 71 | 7.9 | Hate Crimes | 72 | 67 | 7.4 | Hate Crime Detection Rate | 79.2% | 79.1% | |
| Midlothian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2018/19 Q3 | 2019/20 Q3 | Per 10,000 Q3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hate Incidents | 71 | 71 | 7.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hate Crimes | 72 | 67 | 7.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hate Crime Detection Rate | 79.2% | 79.1% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

There are over 400 third party reporting sites across Scotland.

Hate Crime in Midlothian can be reported to police via phone number 101 or Third Party Reporting as follows;

| Midlothian Third Party Reporting Contacts | | |
|---|--|---------------|
| Dalkeith Library | 2 White Hart Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1AE | 0131 663 2083 |
| Dalkeith Citizen Advice Bureau | 8 Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1HA | 0131 654 9059 |
| Dalkeith Midlothian Women's Aid | 29A Eskbank Road, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1HJ | 0131 6639827 |
| Danderhall Library | 1a Campview, Danderhall, Midlothian, EH22 1QB | 0131 663 9293 |
| East & Midlothian Travellers Site | Old Dalkeith Colliery, Dalkeith | 0131 654 2095 |
| Gorebridge Library | 98 Hunterfield Road, Gorebridge, Midlothian, EH22 4TT | 01875 820 630 |
| Lasswade Library | The Lasswade Centre, 19 Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, EH19 2LA | 0131 271 4534 |
| Loanhead Library | George Library, Loanhead, Midlothian, EH20 9LA | 0131 440 0824 |
| Mayfield Library | Stone Avenue, Mayfield, Midlothian, EH22 5PB | 0131 663 2126 |
| Midlothian Council Fairfield House | 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3AA | 0131 271 6677 |
| MPEG - Midlothian Peoples Equality Group | (Telephone only) | 0131 663 9609 |
| Newtongrange Library | St David's, Newtongrange, Midlothian, EH22 4LG | 0131 663 1816 |
| Penicuik Citizen Advice Bureau | 14A John Street, Penicuik, EH26 8AB | 01968 675 259 |
| Penicuik Midlothian's Women Aid | 10 Carnethy Avenue, Penicuik, EH26 8AR | 01968 670 970 |
| Penicuik Library | Penicuik Centre, Carlops Road, Penicuik, Midlothian | 01968 664 050 |
| St Joseph's Services | 72 Carnethie Street, Rosewell, EH24 9AR | 0131 440 7200 |

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| <div>Sexual Crimes (Group 2)</div> <div></div> | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | TYTD Per 10,000 population | | |
| | 153 | 161 | 5.2% | 18.17 | | |
| | Crime Type | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | TYTD Per 10,000 population | Q3 2019/20 Detection Rate |
| | Group 2 | 153 | 161 | 5.2% | 18.17 | 62.1% |
| | Rape & Attempt Rape | 28 | 26 | -7.1% | 2.93 | 88.5% |
| | Indecent/Sexual Assault | 63 | 78 | 23.8% | 8.80 | 57.7% |
| | Other Group 2 | 60 | 56 | -6.7% | 6.32 | 57.1% |
| | <p>Tackling criminality that poses the greatest threat and risk is, and will always be, a priority for officers in Midlothian. Rape and Sexual Crime is an area of focus in terms of providing confidence to report, undertaking professional investigations, providing victim support, pursuing perpetrators and managing offenders.</p> | | | | | |
| | <p>A Q3 comparison between last year and this year for Sexual Crime in Midlothian shows the following;</p> | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5.2% increase in Sexual Crime (Group 2).• 13.3% decrease in Rape and Attempt Rape, which equates to 4 less victims.• Group 2 Detection rate improvement of 14.4%, now 62.1%.• Rape and Attempt Rape Detection rate improvement of 41.8%, now 88.5%. | | | | | |
| <p>The investigation of sexual crime, alongside the management of offenders and support of victims is achieved through close partnership working. The support offered to victims of Sexual Crime by partner agencies is essential and we continue to refer victims to these agencies. We know that Rape and Sexual Crime remains under reported and it is only through that work with partners can we help to give victims that confidence to report.</p> | | | | | | |

| Reducing Violence | Executive Summary | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Crimes of Violence (Group 1)  | Crime Type | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | TYTD Per 10,000 population | Q3 2019/20 Detection Rate |
| | Group 1 | 83 | 97 | 16.9% | 10.95 | 76.3% |
| | Serious Assault * | 28 | 38 | 35.7% | 4.29 | 92.1% |
| | Robbery | 15 | 9 | -40% | 1.02 | 66.7% |
| | Common Assault | 646 | 651 | 0.8% | 73.47 | 65.1% |
| <p>*Common assaults are not recorded as group 1 crimes.</p> <p>Reducing violence is a policing priority for the Midlothian local authority area and the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders (J) Division of Police Scotland. We all recognise the impact violence has in our communities and the desire from these communities that we collectively work to make a difference.</p> <p>The increase in Group 1 includes the new crime of Section 1 Domestic Abuse Scotland Act crimes, which is explained in the Domestic Abuse section of this report on page 15.</p> <p>The most significant increases in respect of recorded crime in Midlothian has been crimes of violence. The following headlines report;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 crime up 14 crimes (16.9%) • Serious Assault recorded crime up 10 crimes (35.7%) • Robbery recorded crime down 6 crimes (-40%) • Common assault recorded crime up 5 crimes (0.8%) • Section 12 Children Young Persons Act up 5 crimes (19.2%) • There have been 8 Section 1 DASA crimes recorded in Midlothian. An increase of 1 more than Q2. <p>Positively Detection rates for violent crime have improved. The most significant increases when comparing Q3 2018/19 and 2019/20 are as follows;</p> <p>Group 1 detection rate up 24.5% to 76.3%</p> <p>Serious Assault detection rate up 27.8% to 92.1%</p> <p>*(38 Serious Assaults from 1/4/19 to 31/12/2019 of which, 15 have Alcohol Aggravators and 7 are on or near licensed premises).</p> <p>Robbery detection rate up 26.7% to 66.7%</p> | | | | | | |

Making our Roads Safer

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Road Casualties



| | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Fatal | 1 | 0 | -100% |
| Serious | 24 | 27 | 12.5% |
| Slight | 109 | 77 | -29.4% |

| | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Dangerous driving | 31 | 39 | 25.8% |
| Speeding | 18 | 13 | -27.8% |
| Disqualified driving | 36 | 33 | -8.3% |
| Driving Licence | 93 | 65 | -30.1% |
| Insurance | 209 | 197 | -5.7% |
| Seat Belts | 7 | 4 | -42.9% |
| Mobile Phone | 17 | 19 | 11.8% |
| Drink/Drug Driving Detections | 79 | 88 | 11.4% |

During the reporting periods, injury road traffic collisions (RTC's) have **reduced** in Midlothian from 109 in Q3 2018/19 **to 77 in Q3 2019/20**.

Midlothian Police continue to support National Safety Campaigns including working with the National Roads Police Department in relation to the Festive Drink / Drug Drive campaign in Q3.

Within Midlothian the following operations have been carried out by Road Policing colleagues;

Operation Alternate Checks (throughout Oct-Nov 2019)

Road policing officers deployed alongside various partner agencies on 6 occasions during October and November. This was a road safety / road crime operation responding to concerns raised by the communities of Midlothian.

Get Ready for Winter Campaign

Taking place during the last week in October this week long pro-active campaign sought to engage with all road users to encourage preparation for adverse weather and longer hours of darkness. Road checks were conducted to ensure vehicles were legal and ready for winter, with particular focus on tyres and wiper blades.

Speed/Seatbelts/Mobile - w/c 11th Nov

A week long campaign of road checks and unmarked patrol focussing on the 3 of the 4 core offences often referred to as the Fatal Four. The Fatal Four are; Inappropriate Speed, Not Wearing a Seat Belt, Using a Mobile Phone, Drink / Drug Driving – all offences that are the leading causes of fatal and serious injury collisions on our roads.

BRAKE Road Safety Week – w/c 18th Nov

A campaign by the charity Brake and supported by Police Scotland calling on drivers across Scotland to tune into road safety, to prevent appalling crashes caused by multitasking at the wheel. This is in response to the following statistics:

- Nearly 85,000 Scottish drivers have points on their licence for using their mobile phone at the wheel or being otherwise distracted.
- One in 11 (6.2%) of these drivers have six points or more for driving distracted and three in four (75%) are male

#LightUp campaign – w/c 25th Nov

Police Scotland utilised social media to launch the #LightUp campaign and deliver key messages to cyclists regarding the legal requirement to have lights on bicycles when travelling in darkness. This was to highlight that cyclists are vulnerable road users and encourage them to be as visible as possible.


Roads policing officers offered free bike lights to get cyclists on their way 'legally' and more safely as an alternative to on the spot fines in an effort to educate and inform.


Drink/Drive Campaign


J Division Road Policing submitted the second highest return for Roadside breath tests in Scotland.

An impressive 511 Breath tests were carried out, which resulted over 20 drink drivers being reported by Road Policing and a further 20 in conjunction with Divisional Resources.

Road policing officers also utilised the new roadside drug testing kits to report 16 drivers who tested positive for either cannabis or cocaine.

| Reducing Antisocial Behaviour | Executive Summary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <p><i>The figures stated relate to Disorder incidents only (AB 25; 28; 53 and 56)</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>The number of complaints regarding disorder has decreased by 3.2% in comparison with Q3 2018/19. This equates to 97 less complaints to police.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Additional tasking has been put in place by the Local Area Commander in respect of the night time economy. Refreshed violence and weekend plans were developed and officers follow these plans robustly.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>We continue to invest in the Best Bar None initiative in an effort to further reduce anti-social behaviour and violence in our communities. Best Bar None is a crime prevention scheme based around the Licensing objectives that aims to reward well managed venues.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT) are tasked daily in respect of identified hotspot areas of anti-social behaviour. Particular issues have been raised in respect of Bonnyrigg, Woodburn, Mayfield, Dalkeith town centre and Penicuik. Following assessment of identified problem areas MCAT have been deployed in both high visibility and plain clothes patrols. This has had significant impact in the areas following arrests for assorted offending including possession of offensive weapons. This in turn has impacted positively on the reduction in such calls and behaviour. These patrols have also allowed positive engagement with local youths who are predominantly the cause of many reports. MCAT have engaged with homeless accommodation in Penicuik following numerous calls highlighting ASB. Following this there has been a significant reduction in similar calls.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Problematic licensed premises where ASB has been prevalent have been targeted in terms of proactive patrolling and operations. Specialist resources have been deployed during such operations in conjunction with MCAT resulting in several offenders being arrested. These operations have been repeated and positive engagement has been undertaken with each premises.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Tackling Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism | Executive Summary |
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| <p data-bbox="129 488 328 551">National Terror Threat - SEVERE</p>  | <p data-bbox="373 544 1490 607">In November 2019 the National Terror Threat Level was reduced from SEVERE meaning an attack is highly likely, to SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely.</p> <p data-bbox="373 636 1490 730">Response Policing officers in Midlothian have received CT training ACT for Policing – Your Vital Role. This is a campaign to raise awareness of the vital role front line officers play in spotting the signs of attack planning and radicalisation of individuals.</p> <p data-bbox="373 759 1490 943">The Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer has been working on a project designed to increase the security of buses following three incidents involving the theft of buses in the Lothian and Scottish Borders area (two in SB and one attempt in EL). The group have developed a training input to deliver to bus companies, based on the ACT Awareness package, to raise awareness of counter terrorism and the importance of securing their vehicles and depots properly to prevent one of their buses potentially being used as a weapon for a terrorist.</p> <p data-bbox="373 972 1490 1066">Dates have been arranged to provide Mail Handling presentations to Midlothian Council mailroom staff to enable them to identify potentially suspicious packages and take the appropriate action on the discovery of such an item.</p> <p data-bbox="373 1095 1490 1310">Midlothian Police continue to make good use of Social Media to share important counter terrorism messages in line with national campaigns. Over Christmas the Festive Stay Safe Campaign was launched to help keep crowded places secure during the busy period. The message called on the public and those who work in our busy towns and cities to remain vigilant and report any concerns to staff, security or, in confidence, to the police at gov.uk/ACT. This annual campaign asks everyone to be the extra eyes and ears of the police, so we can work together to tackle terrorism.</p> |

| Reducing Housebreaking | Executive Summary | | | | | |
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| <p>Housebreaking</p>  | Crime Type | Q3 2018/19 | Q3 2019/20 | Change | TYTD Per 10,000 population | Q3 2019/20 Detection Rate |
| | Dwelling HB | 106 | 63 | -40.6% | 7.11 | 30.2% |
| | Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB | 87 | 73 | -16.1% | 8.24 | 8.2% |
| | Other (Business) HB | 73 | 45 | -38.4% | 5.08 | 40% |
| | All HB | 266 | 181 | -32% | 20.43 | 23.8% |
| | <p><i>*All Crime Types above include attempts</i></p> <p>During the Q3 2019/2020 Housebreaking (including attempts) crimes decreased by 32% when compared to last year's reporting period. (This overall figure incorporates all housebreaking crimes). This equates to 85 fewer victims of Housebreaking.</p> <p>Further breakdown of the data provided in the table above yields the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 43 fewer reports of dwelling Housebreaking in Midlothian for the comparable period last year. • Detection rate for Housebreakings to Dwellings is 30.2% • The detection rate for Housebreaking, encompassing dwelling, non-dwelling and business, is 23.8%. <p>J Division continues to work with other Police Scotland Divisions to tackle Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) who predominantly target high-value vehicles, which are then often used in the commission of other crime. We are committed to working with neighbouring territorial policing divisions and specialist resources to share and target our resources to maximum effect.</p> <p>Locally, the Area Command Community Policing Teams have housebreaking as one of their priorities. These officers are tasked with reviewing trends to detect offences and identifying those responsible for committing these crimes in Midlothian.</p> | | | | | |

MCAT Vision

Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT) impact positively on life quality within the Midlothian community by reducing all types of antisocial behaviour through prevention, disruption and enforcement.

Q3 Activities

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

MCAT officers have been conducting a wide range of patrols. These have been directed to target areas of existing or emerging issues, and sees them carried out in vehicles, on foot and on quad bikes. In excess of 600 hours of patrols are conducted every month.

2. **Recidivist Offenders:** Intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention given to persons subject to judicial bails and curfews.

Each day opportunities are taken and also directed to challenge recidivist offenders, who are often responsible for a large number of offences. Offenders wanted on warrant are prioritised, arrested and presented to court. The arrest rate has remained consistently high with 66 arrests this quarter. The number of warrants has now reached a further all time low with arrest rates surpassing other divisional areas.

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. There have been several large seizures of drugs including £85,000.00 of heroin. The impact of this single seizure resulted in significant disruption to supply and organised crime within Midlothian. The vast majority of searches relate to controlled substances with 63% of searches being positive.

Bail curfew checks have steadily increased and we have seen more of these curfews being set at our request by the courts. This quarter there has been a 96% compliance rate, demonstrating how effective these can be in curtailing certain types of offending.

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| Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT | 497 |
| Bail Curfew Check FAILED | 23 |
| Arrest on warrant | 66 |
| Search Person MDA Positive | 33 |
| Search Person MDA Negative | 19 |
| Search Property MDA Positive | 4 |
| Search Property MDA Negative | 3 |
| Search Weapons Positive | 1 |
| Search Weapons Negative | 0 |
| Search Stolen Property Positive | 2 |
| Search Stolen Property Negative | 4 |

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

Youth issues have continued through the quarter however there has been a significant reduction in calls regarding youths and disorder. Several youths have spoken positively around arrests made by MCAT including possession of offensive weapons. Alcohol seizures are down on last quarter probably due to the darker nights and reduction in calls being made.

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| Youth Calls Attended | 62 |
| Alcohol Seizures | 12 |
| Children At Risk VPDs Submitted | 22 |

4. **Licensed Premises:** Monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents

MCAT officers normally attend premises due to identified issues, with more routine visits carried out by other officers within Midlothian Community Policing Team. They also assist with the night time dispersal from licensed premises, dealing with a range of matter such as antisocial behaviour. The positive work continued near to licensed premises, with a drugs dog, resulting in patrons being found with controlled substances and an offensive weapon. There has been a directed approach with regards to problematic premises resulting in an increased visit regime.

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| LP Visit Public House | 28 |
| LP Visit Off Sales | 7 |

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.*

MCAT officers often attend incidents with partner agencies although these have been limited in this quarter.

Officers worked alongside Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for fireworks night, targeting known hotspots.

In addition local authority staff assisted in the early stages of two significant drugs recoveries. MCAT officers also worked with Trading Standards to secure evidence at another property.

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| Joint Activity NHS/SAS | 1 |
| Joint Activity Local Council | 10 |
| Joint Activity SFRS | 1 |
| Joint Activity Public Event | 13 |

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.*

A number of road checks have been carried out, normally targeting speeding hotspots.

MCAT officers have also dealt with a mixture of incidents such as drivers with no insurance or driving licence, disqualified driving and being unfit through consumption of alcohol. A number of vehicles have been seized.

All opportunities are taken to breathalyse drivers, where there are legal grounds, and MCAT officers also contributed to the broader Police Scotland festive drink drive campaign.

There have been several evenings of activity linked to taxi use. This has resulted in drivers warned regarding minor defects, as well as some drivers with no legitimate reason to be in Midlothian due to the limits of their licence, being asked to leave the area.

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| Static Road Checks | 4 |
| Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only) | 4 |
| Section 165 Seizures | 3 |
| Breath Tests Negative (pass) | 94 |
| Breath Tests Positive (fail) | 1 |
| ASBO Seizures | 1 |

Other Incidents and Arrests of Note

Of particular note has been the focus on theft by shoplifting at Straiton Retail Park. Reported crimes fell through the quarter, with a number of regular offenders being remanded or given robust bail conditions. December normally sees a noted rise on reports but the 2019 figure was **41% down** from 2018.

Planned Activity

Further plans will be developed through the next quarter according to local needs and responding to intelligence and on-going crime trends.