

# Notice of meeting and agenda



## Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

**Date:** Monday, 21 August 2017

**Time:** 11:00

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# Minute of Meeting



## Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
30 May 2017	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

### Present:

Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Curran
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Munro
Councillor Parry	Councillor Small

### In attendance:

<b>Midlothian Council</b> Kevin Anderson, Head of Customer and Housing Services	Verona MacDonald, Democratic Services Team Leader
<b>Police Scotland</b> Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson
<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b> David Farries, Area Manager Dean Mack, Group Manager	Steve Gourlay, Group Manager

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

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It was noted that no apologies had been received.

### 2. Order of Business

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The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda circulated. It was noted that the Fire and Rescue Service wished to table an additional Report and that this would be dealt with by the Chair once elected.

### 3. Declarations of interest

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No declarations of interest were intimated.

### 4. Minute of Previous Meeting

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It was noted that the Minute of Meeting held on 21 February 2017 had been approved by the Council on 28 March 2017 and therefore there were no outstanding Minutes requiring to be approved by the Board.

### 5. Public Reports

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No.	Title	Presented by:
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Election of Chair</b>	<b>Verona MacDonald</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor Curran was nominated by Councillor Muirhead, seconded by Councillor Smaill. Councillor Parry was nominated by Councillor Cassidy but the nomination did not find a seconder and therefore fell. The Clerk, having established that there were no other nominations for the position, confirmed Councillor Curran was elected Chair and asked him to come forward and preside over the meeting.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
Councillor Curran elected Chair.		

No.	Title	Presented by:
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Overview of the Board</b>	<b>Verona MacDonald</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>Verona MacDonald addressed the Board and, in particular, for the assistance of newly elected Members, gave a verbal overview of the Board's remit in terms of scrutiny and performance of Police and Fire plans and reports together with consideration of proposals as part of consultation processes and recommending improvements to local services. She further detailed the schedule of meetings and the process for consideration, approval and recording of Minutes of Meetings.</p>		

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Police Scotland Midlothian Scrutiny Report Quarter 4 2016-17</b>	<b>Police Scotland</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>Ivor Marshall addressed the Board and narrated to Members examples of information to expect from Police Scotland and the format used. He then handed over to Chief Inspector Simpson.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Simpson, spoke to the terms of the Report and highlighted performance in meeting the targets set for each of the priorities, namely Tackling Substance Misuse; Protecting People; Reducing Violence; Making our Roads Safer; Reducing Antisocial Behaviour; Tackling Serious and Organised Crime; and Reducing Housebreaking. He advised of the measures being employed by the Police in relation to alcohol misuse under the heading "Tackling Substance</p>		

Misuse". He advised that some figures had changed due to the manner in which they are now recorded. In particular, he mentioned the change under the "Protecting People" heading whereby incidents are now screened to identify those most at risk. He advised that a change to the definition of a serious assault had led to an increase under the "Reducing Violence" heading. He mentioned the relevance of the youth community officers who work at the Lasswade school campus and the planned roll out of this to all 6 secondary schools in Midlothian. The community officers encourage young people to report crimes via a web based system through the school. So far some good information had been gathered. Under the "Making our Roads Safer" heading, a lot of work had been done regarding the A6095 with more measures such as temporary speed restrictions planned. He advised the road was heavily policed with a view to changing driving habits. He also mentioned the increase in motor bikers on the roads, thought to be connected to the better weather and advised that unmarked Police motor bikes had been deployed to educate users to respect the roads and ensure bikers are aware of the Police presence.

Questions were then put by Councillors Parry, Cassidy, Muirhead and the Chair and subsequently responded to relating to matters including the Best Bar None Scheme relating to licensed premises; hate crime, anti-social behaviour, the deployment of youth community officers, protecting vulnerable people and domestic abuse.

#### Decision

The Board agreed to:-

- (a) note the content of the Report;
- (b) request Police Scotland to circulate details of the Best Bar None scheme to all Elected Members to allow them to promote the scheme within their respective wards.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	<b>Community Policing Team Midlothian Activity Summary January – March 2017</b>	<b>Police Scotland</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
Chief Inspector Simpson spoke to the terms of the Report which summarised the activities of the Community Policing Team during the quarter of January to March 2017. Thereafter, he responded to questions raised by Councillor Muirhead relating to the use of plain clothed officers.		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board noted the terms of the Report.		

Prior to consideration of the following Report, the Chair advised of the request from the Fire and Rescue Service to circulate an additional Report entitled "Local Fire and Rescue Plan Review 2017", which was for information purposes. The Board subsequently agreed that the Report be circulated to Members.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Midlothian Local Performance Report – Quarter 4, 1 January to 31 March 2017</b>	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>David Farries, by way of introduction, narrated to Members examples of information to expect from the Fire and Rescue Service and the format used. He then handed over to Dean Mack.</p> <p>Dean Mack provided a summary of the Quarter 4 Report noting the performances within the 5 objectives making up the main focus for local service delivery in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017, namely, (1) Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires; (2) Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities; (3) Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting; (4) Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions; (5) Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals together with the Fire Safety Enforcement Audits and Home Fire Safety Visits delivered in Midlothian.</p> <p>It was noted that during the quarter there had been an increase in deliberate fires and a slight increase in domestic fires. Dean explained that the Midlothian figures are low so any increase is very noticeable. He advised that accidental dwelling fires were slightly above the Scotland and East Service area figure. He noted the work being undertaken to gather information on houses with persons over the age of 65 years living alone and the assistance provided by partner agencies in this regard. He advised that the fitting of smoke detectors meant fires are now more contained to the room of origin meaning less damage and fewer casualties. He drew Members' attention to the increase in fire alarm signals and advised this had steadily increased over the last 5 years with most relating to equipment failure.</p> <p>Thereafter, questions were put by Councillors Muirhead, Cassidy and Smaill and subsequently answered by Mr Mack.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board agreed to note the terms of the Quarter 4 report.		

The meeting terminated at 12.40 pm.



# LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MIDLOTHIAN



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Quarter 1 Report, 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

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Midlothian



#### DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

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## Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 1 of 2017-18 (1st April – 30th June 2017) including information on the year to date.

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

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

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

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

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

- Priority 1. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,
- Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,
- Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,
- Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,
- Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

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## Performance Summary

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

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Jun					RAG rating
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	12	15	14	15	18	◆
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	6	5	1	6	4	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	90	67	93	88	202	◆
Special Service - RTCs	11	8	11	12	10	●
Special Service Casualties - All	18	5	18	15	13	●
False Alarm - UFAs	75	69	79	88	67	●

### RAG rating - KEY

◆	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.

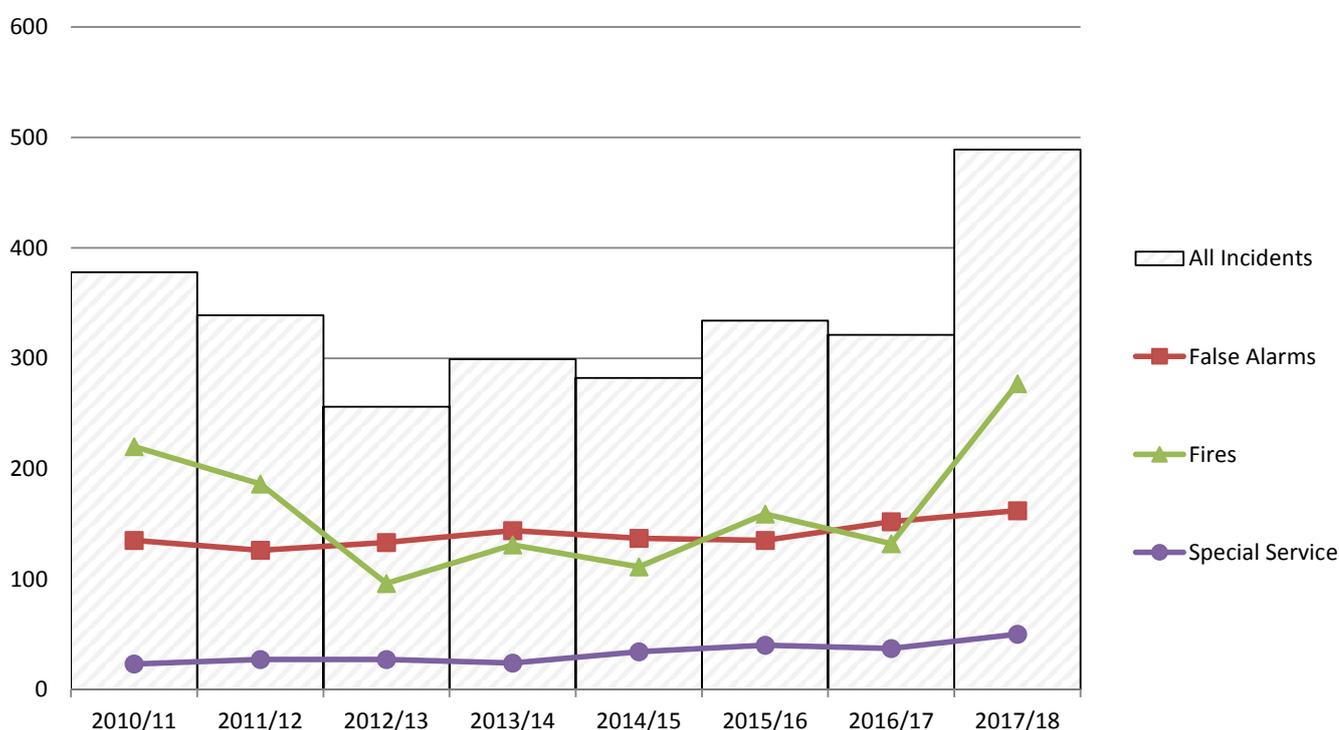
### Note

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 2017 – 30th June 2017), the SFRS, responded to 489 incidents in Midlothian, which is an increase of 168 incidents compared with the last reporting period year (2016/17).

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



**Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities**

**Local Risk Management and Preparedness**

Overview

The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.

We said we would:

- train our staff to deal with our local risks
- gather and analyse risk information
- work with partners to mitigate risks
- deal with major events

Train our staff to deal with our local risks

All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.

Gather and analyse risk information

All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.

We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.

We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.

Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.

We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.

Deal with major events

There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.



## Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

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

### Results

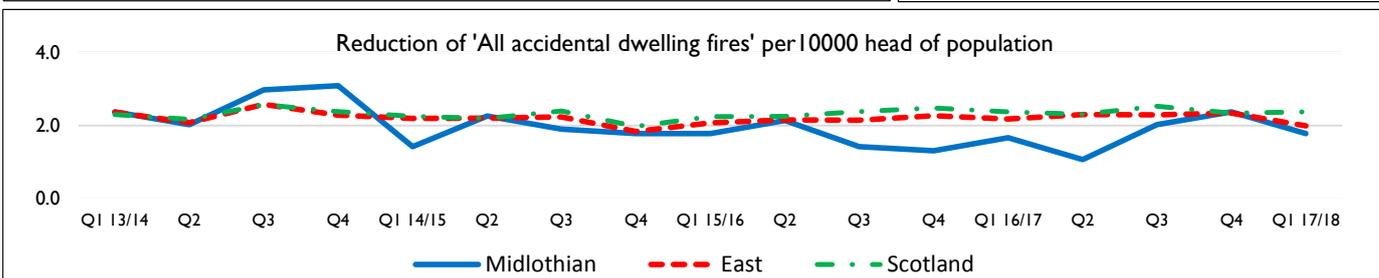
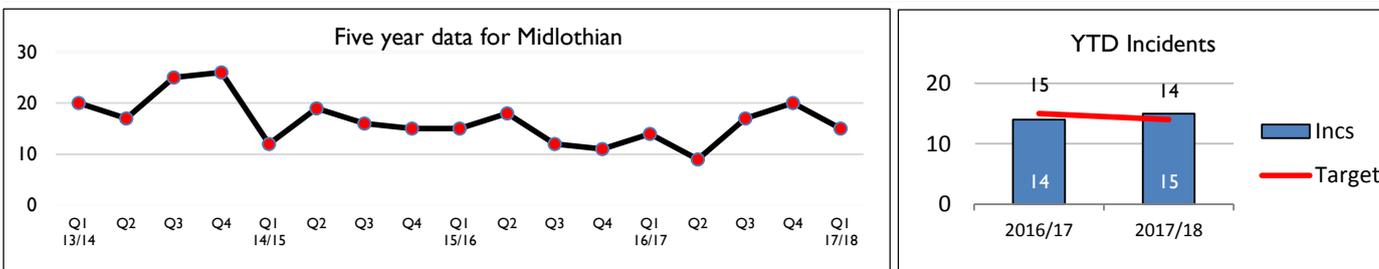
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 18 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 3 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian slightly below the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

### Reasons

Of the 18 accidental dwelling fires attended, nearly 50% occurred in single occupancy households, with 29% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were accidental and were mainly attributable to cooking (70%). 17 fires (95%) were confined to the room where the fire started and therefore, minor in nature, only 1 involved the whole property. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection. 80% of these properties had smoke detectors fitted.

### Actions

During this reporting period, 272 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian with free smoke alarms fitted in 73 of these households. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. Front line crews continue to work within the previously introduced 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix I provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 3	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Midlothian	12	15	14	15	18	
Penicuik	3	1	2	3	3	
Bonnyrigg	1	1	3	3	3	
Dalkeith	4	5	1	4	5	
Midlothian West	1	2	1	3	3	
Midlothian East	1	3	3	1	3	
Midlothian South	2	3	4	1	1	



## 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

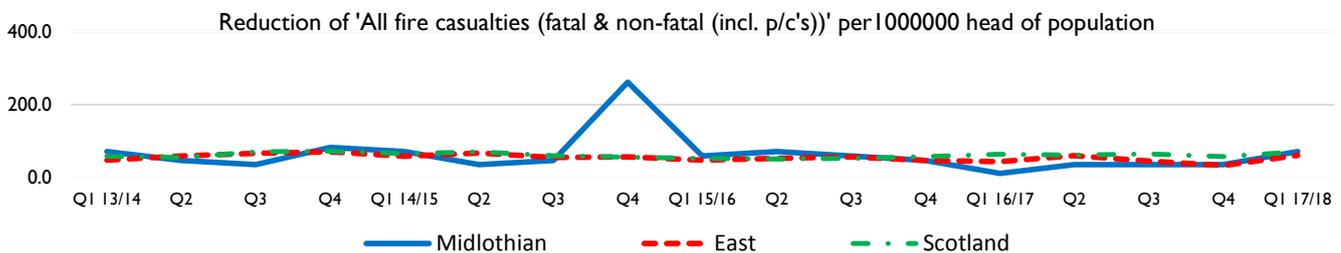
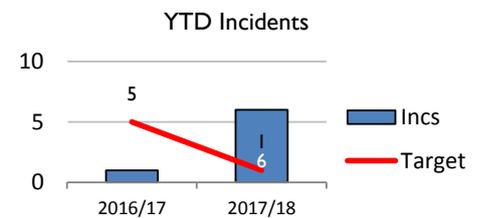
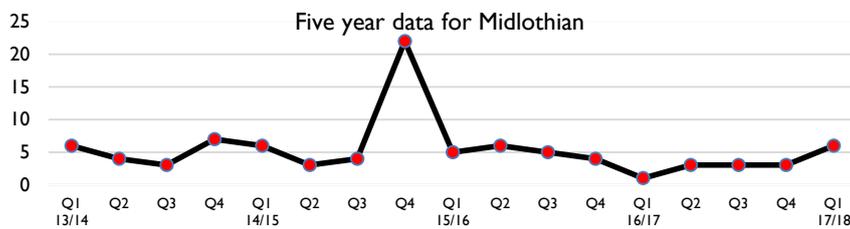
We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 6 casualties (no fatalities) due to fire within a dwelling. This was an increase in 5 from the same reporting period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

### Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend, although showing an increase, remains low. All casualties had a precautionary check-up at the scene. The main contributory factors were cooking and faulty electrical equipment.

### Actions

During this reporting period, 272 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 73 households were fitted with free smoke detectors. In addition, we continue to work with our partners, particularly Midlothian Council, Social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - I	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Midlothian	6	5	1	6	4	
Penicuik	0	2	0	0	1	
Bonnyrigg	0	0	0	1	0	
Dalkeith	3	1	0	1	2	
Midlothian West	0	0	1	2	0	
Midlothian East	0	0	0	2	1	
Midlothian South	3	2	0	0	0	



## Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

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

### Results

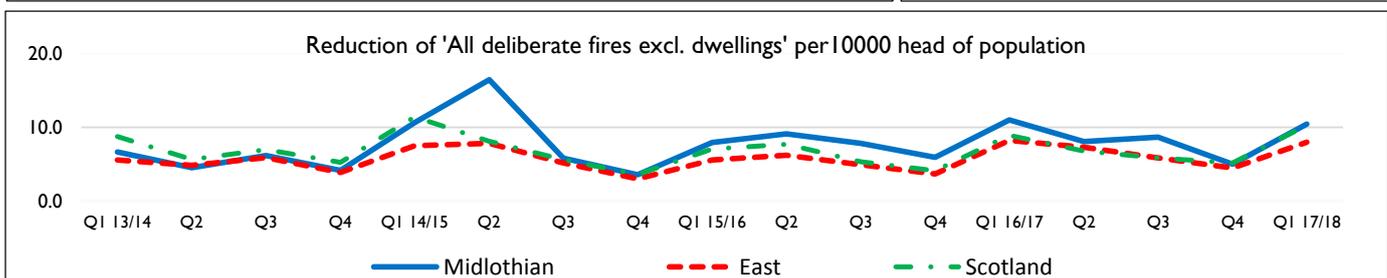
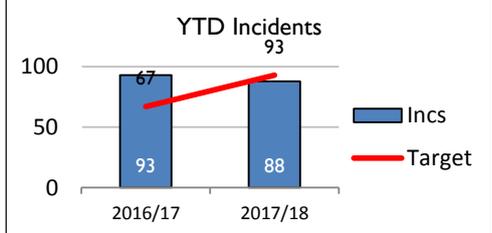
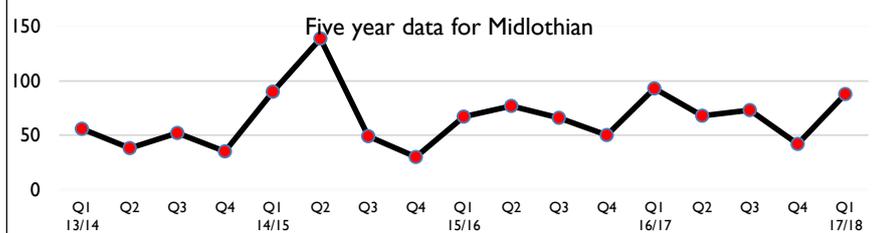
There were 202 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is an increase of 114 when compared to the same period last year. Although Midlothian's fire setting has been on the increase this is a significant rise when compared to the same quarter in the last 5 years. The Wards most likely to suffer from this type of fire are Penicuik, Midlothian East, West and South.

### Reasons

Nearly 95% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 85% in waste or scrubland, wood or crop, 8% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins, 2% vehicle fires and 3% deliberate building fires.

### Actions

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



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 34	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Midlothian	90	67	93	88	202	
Penicuik	7	4	5	3	34	
Bonnyrigg	9	6	3	9	18	
Dalkeith	28	21	22	9	30	
Midlothian West	13	12	20	19	32	
Midlothian East	20	13	20	22	47	
Midlothian South	13	11	23	26	41	



## 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

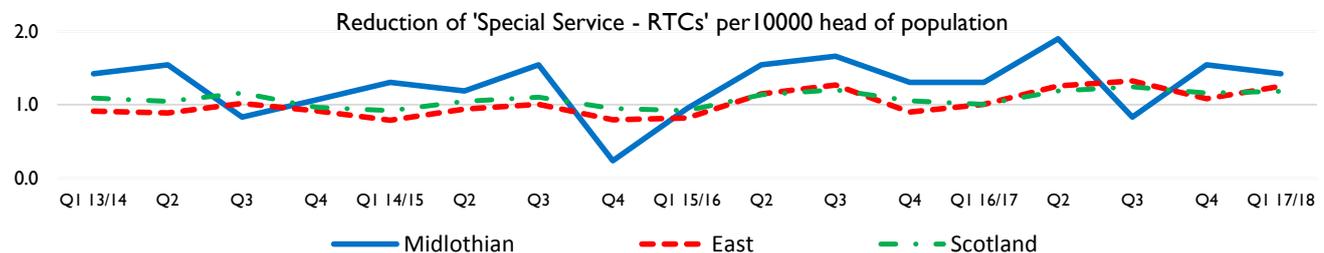
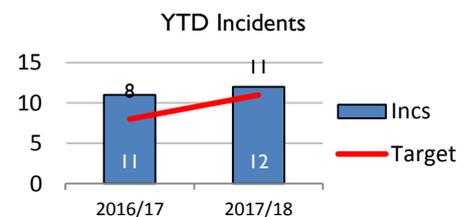
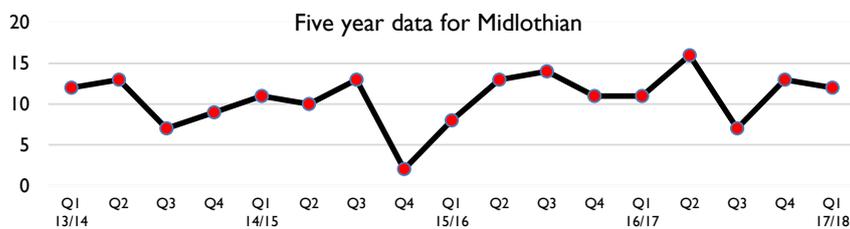
We attended 10 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is a decrease of 2 on the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

### 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 - 2	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Midlothian	11	8	11	12	10	
Penicuik	2	2	3	1	2	
Bonnyrigg	2	0	0	3	1	
Dalkeith	1	1	3	2	2	
Midlothian West	2	1	2	2	4	
Midlothian East	2	2	1	4	0	
Midlothian South	2	2	2	0	1	



## Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

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

### Results

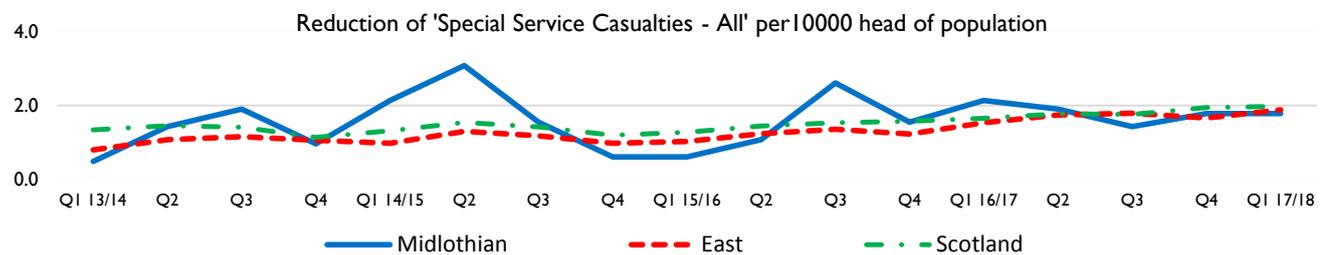
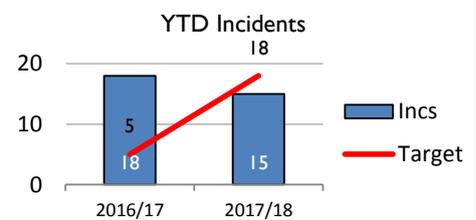
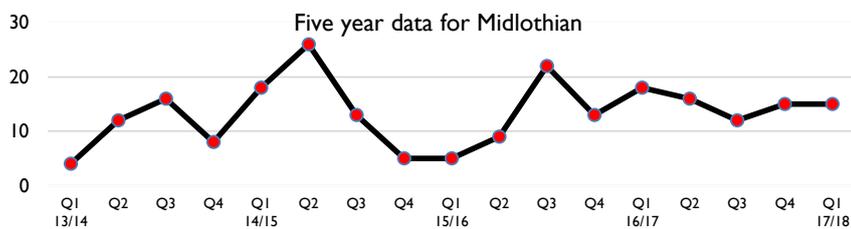
We attended a total of 13 fatal and non-fatal casualties. This is a decrease of 2 casualties in comparison to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

### Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for 6 casualties (non-fatal). There was 1 fatal casualty in response to a medical emergency and 6 other non-fatal casualties most of which were in response to medical emergency or assisting other emergency services.

### 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 - 2	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Midlothian	18	5	18	15	13	
Penicuik	2	1	8	2	2	
Bonnyrigg	1	1	1	2	2	
Dalkeith	2	0	2	5	2	
Midlothian West	2	2	4	3	7	
Midlothian East	4	1	0	3	0	
Midlothian South	7	0	3	0	0	



## 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

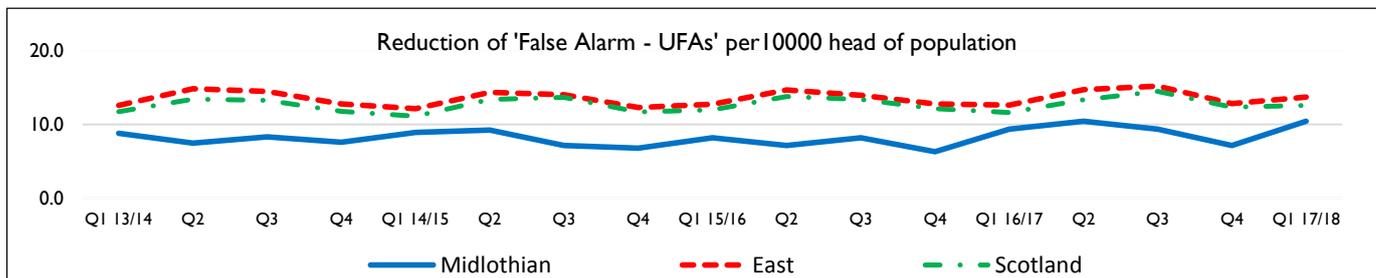
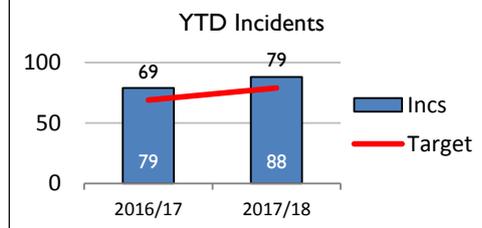
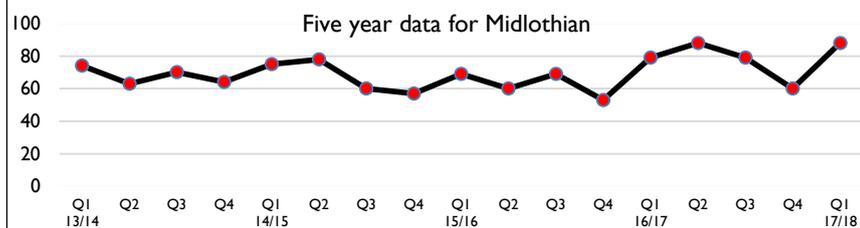
SFRS attended 67 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 21 from the same period last year. Midlothian trend line is below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

### Reasons

69% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 4% were malicious calls, 25% caused by people, cooking, testing, smoking, aerosols etc. and 2% were good intent calls.

### Actions

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



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Penicuik	5	6	11	19	5	
Bonnyrigg	8	16	11	9	11	
Dalkeith	12	16	15	21	12	
Midlothian West	29	13	21	23	19	
Midlothian East	14	15	15	10	11	
Midlothian South	7	3	6	6	9	



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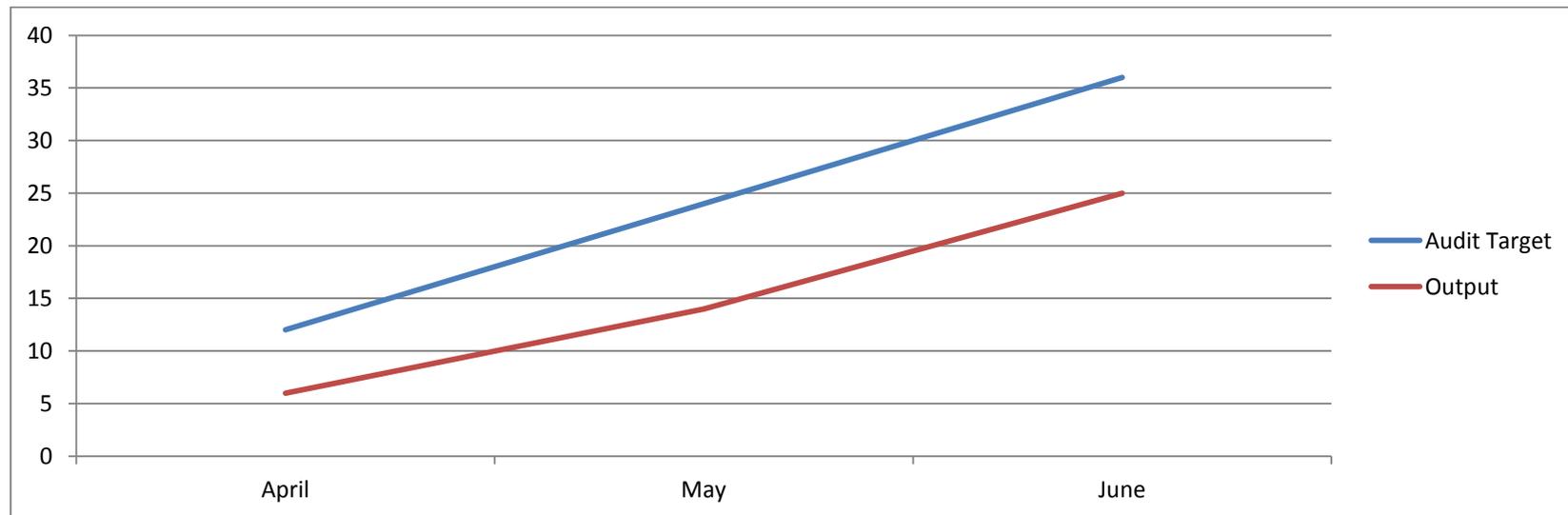
# Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: April 1st 2017--June 30th 2017

## Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. In line with the SFRS enforcement framework all of the area high risk sleeping premises receive an annual audit and this includes hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels. The audits carried out in quarter one have all been either broadly compliant or had minor deficiencies.

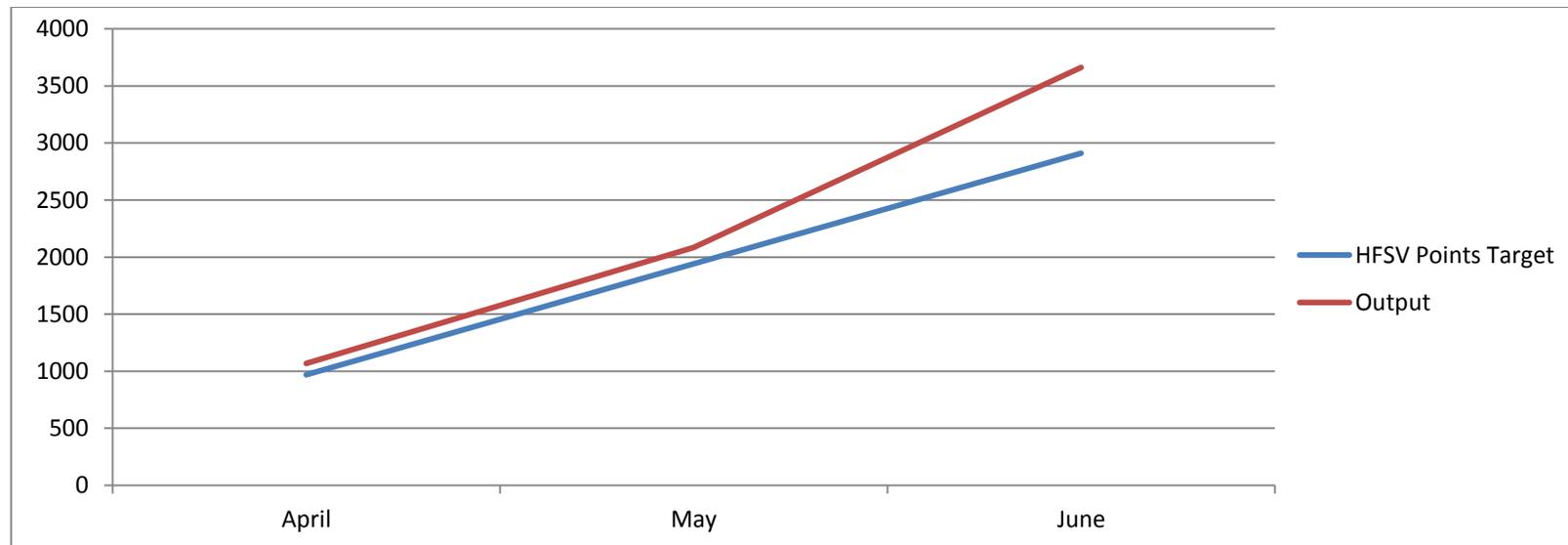
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	<b>144</b>
Completed:	6	14	25										



## Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). The output is above target which is very positive but will continue to be monitored through our internal performance framework and work will centre on referral routes for higher risk visits. **A total of 272 (257 Q4 16/17) HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q1 with free smoke alarms being fitted in 73 (95 Q4) of these.**

	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	<b>11640</b>
Completed	1068	2084	3660										



**Total visits delivered in Q1 2017/18:**

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

<b>Ward Area</b>	<b>Visits delivered in Q1 2017/18</b>
Bonnyrigg	46
Dalkeith	60
Midlothian East	48
Midlothian South	35
Midlothian West	35
Penicuik	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>272</b>

## Quarter 1 2017/18 Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement:

- During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement initiatives: Fire skills programme/Cool Down and the Risk Factory in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. In addition to these programmes, the CAT have supported a bespoke youth programme at the Polmont Young Offenders Institute.
- Youth engagement courses based on a new delivery model are planned, working with the Y2K youth group from Mayfield. The first course will commence on 18<sup>th</sup> July and finish on 1<sup>st</sup> August, to act as a summer holiday intervention/early prevention initiative.
- The course is being supported by CAT members and the on-duty whole time watches at Dalkeith Fire Station.
- Midlothian Community Firefighter (CFF) has facilitated 16 fire setter Interventions during this Quarter, this was in response to an increase in secondary/deliberate fires in and around Bonnyrigg. This was also a result of SFRS involvement in the Bonnyrigg Problem Solving Partnership. These educational interventions seek to highlight consequences of fire-raising to the young people involved, the community they live in and the responders who attend to deal with them.

### Vulnerable Adults:

- The local crews within Midlothian have generated 8 Adult Protection referrals (AP1)
- The Midlothian CFF has completed 12 additional support visits to vulnerable adults
- The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire risk for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC).

### Partner referrals:

- Midlothian Contact Team = 10
- Midlothian Housing = 4
- Midlothian Falls = 1
- Police Scotland = 3
- Social Services = 2
- Melville Housing association = 2
- The Local Area Liaison Officer has developed a link with Melville Housing, based in Dalkeith, after the housing association raised concerns regarding tenants storing materials in common stairs. An agreed Stair Aware Initiative has been set up with crews from Dalkeith targeting relevant flats in Midlothian. These discussions and the initiative began prior to the Grenfell Tower incident in London.

### Road Safety:

- Discussions have taken place on the established Tomorrows Driver Events to be held later in the year. East Lothian and Midlothian have decided to host separate events.
- Midlothian's Tomorrows Driver will held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October at 4 schools in Midlothian

### Other Work Completed or In Progress

The following detailed below is further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed or is in progress for this Quarter.

- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and RDS Stations within the Midlothian area with the Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.

- The LALO participating in Problem Solving Partnerships for Bonnyrigg
- The LALO established a link with VOCAL, a support group for carers in Midlothian. The LALO and CFF delivered an information session to the carers and further quarterly sessions will take place.
- As a result of a spike in deliberate secondary fires across MELB during the Easter holidays contact was made with police officers who cover the six secondary schools in Midlothian. A meeting was held to discuss a collaborative approach to prevention activities within the Midlothian area, this work will be carried forward to next quarter when schools return.

### **Living Safely in the Home Project (falls prevention)**

- The Midlothian pilot commenced on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 after training had been delivered to fire crews at Dalkeith and Penicuik Community Fire Stations.
- Firefighters delivering home fire safety visits can now complete an initial falls screening questionnaire, where appropriate, and provide some minor adaptations to improve safety and refer onto appropriate health and social care service providers.
- Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project has generated **36 referrals** this quarter to the Midlothian Enhanced Rapid Response and Intervention Team (MERRIT)
- The evaluation of this pilot initiative is in its final stages and is showing very positive indications that support the continuation of this change in approach from the SFRS and the positives outcomes for the Midlothian area that it brings.
- The evaluation report will be available at the next scrutiny meeting.

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**Mid/East Lothian and Scottish Borders Prevention and Protection**

## Scrutiny Report April 2017 - June 2017

### Midlothian



*The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. There may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final statistics – for example: due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, road crashes or incidents. It would not therefore be accurate or appropriate to refer to, quote or use the data in this report as official statistics and should be treated as management information only.*

*(Figures relate to Midlothian as a whole for the date period 1 April 2017 - 30 June 2017 (YTD) with comparisons made to the previous year 1 April 2016 - 30 June 2016 (LYTD))*

*YTD = Year to Date      LYTD = Last Year to Date*

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

**Current situation**

In Q1 there were 188 alcohol aggravated crimes recorded by police, accounting for 9.4% of all crimes. This figure is slightly below PYTD (10.8%).

**Reasons**

YTD there were 2006 group 1-7 crimes recorded in Midlothian, 188 were tagged with the aggravator 'alcohol'. LYTD there were 1908 crimes recorded of which 10.8% were aggravated by alcohol.

Violence is inextricably linked to alcohol abuse with over a third (31.3%) of alcohol aggravated crime acts of violence. A further 20.7% of alcohol aggravated crime YTD related to threatening and abusive behaviour and breach of the peace and vandalisms 5.9%. Hotspots for alcohol related crime YTD were observed in Dalkeith Town Centre and the residential area of Woodburn, in addition to Mayfield and Bonnyrigg .

Substance misuse among youth people continues to be a challenge for police with 81 alcohol related youth calls recorded by police across Midlothian YTD, up from 58 LYTD.

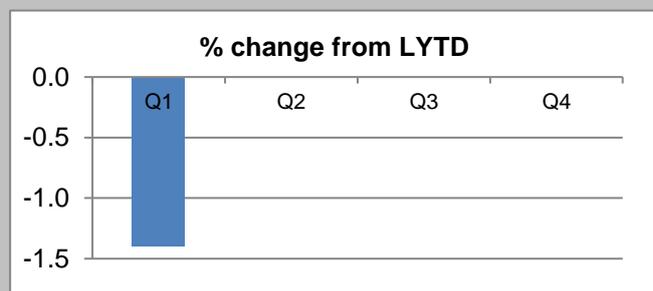
**What are we doing**

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

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Police visits to problem and monitored licensed premises (currently there is one monitored and one problematic)
- Early intervention meetings with licensees and their staff following incidents with Licensed premises
- Revised dispersal detail within Dalkeith and Penicuik Town Centres.
- Local Days of Action continue across the division
- Best Bar None is underway and a number of licensed premises have now signed up (including the majority of premises in the Dalkeith sector). Officers are continuing to visit and recruit premises.
- Monthly proactive joint visits being carried out by Police Licensing Officer and Licensing Standards Officer Midlothian Council.
- Pilot arrest referral project now live in conjunction with Community Justice partners
- Seeking exclusion orders from licensed premises as part of a sentence for alcohol related offences
- Structured plan under Operation Jigsaw in place following the review of violent crime undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit embedding recommendations of best practice/procedures in an effort to reduce levels of alcohol related violence
- Community ward officers have now been trained in test purchasing with plans to carry out an operation in the summer months.
- Planning is underway to launch "You're Asking For It" relating to youths purchasing alcohol through adults.

**Indicator - Reduce the volume of crime aggravated by alcohol**

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	9.4%	10.8%	-1.4%



## Priority 1 – Tackling Substance Misuse

**Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs**

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

### Current situation

On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. The period covered by this report includes searches conducted prior to the introduction of the code. The data below provides information on consensual searches carried out before 11th May. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.

### Reasons

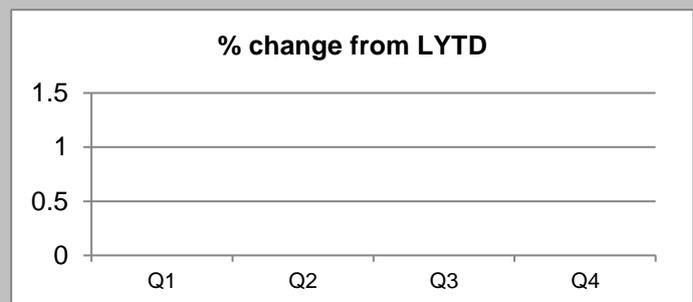
YTD there were 115 stop and searches (total including drugs, weapons and stolen property) carried out by police in Midlothian, 36 of which were positive (31.3%).

### What are we doing

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

## Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs

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



**Priority 2 – Protecting People:**

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

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

Off target. There were 293 incidents concerning adults at risk and vulnerable adults referred to partnership agencies YTD, down from 373 LYTD (-21.4%).

**Reasons**

In total during Q1 there were 293 referrals made to partnership agencies down from LYTD (373). As discussed at the previous Board meeting, a review with partners was undertaken during the last year and a screening process implemented that focussed on identifying and prioritising those most at risk to be shared to ensure any intervention was proportionate and meaningful. Therefore whilst the numbers appeared to have dropped, those individuals that require help and support are getting identified quicker and the appropriate support from agencies implemented. This process has helped all partners become more effective and efficient.

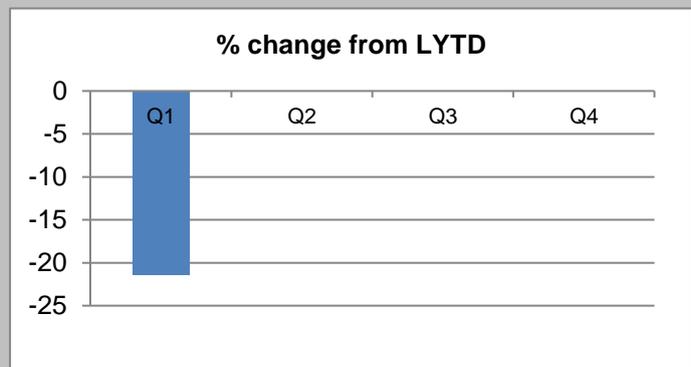
Overall the number of adult concern reports submitted by police decreased by 80 YTD compared to LYTD. Through training there is now improved awareness among police officers of the risk factors involved and necessity for informed consent to share with partnership agencies.

**What are we doing**

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	293	373	-21.4%



## Priority 2 - Protecting People

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

**Target - 95%**

### Current situation

On target. YTD 100% of domestic abuse initial bail checks were conducted within the prescribed timeframe of 24 hours - above the 95% target and above the Lothian and Scottish Borders figure of 98.1%.

### Reasons

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

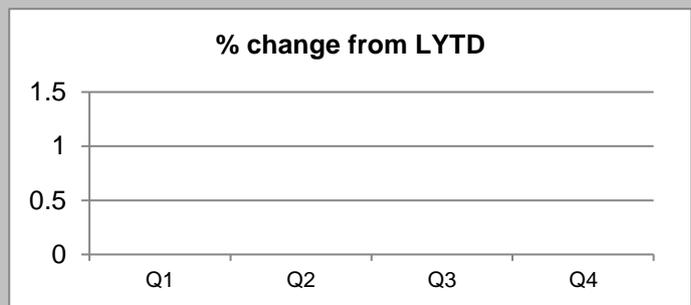
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and the disciplined process that is in place between the courts and the police.

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	98.1%	100.0%	n/a	n/a



## Priority 2 - Protecting People:

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

### Current situation

Off target. Detection rate for domestic abuse crimes and offences YTD is 60.6%, below the target figure of 75.0%.

### Reasons

On a positive note there were 233 domestic abuse incidents reported to police in Midlothian, down from 269 LYTD (-13.4%). The number of crimes and offences of domestic abuse decreased by 51 incidents (-27.9%) YTD compared to the previous year. The solitary nature of this type of offence makes investigations complex.

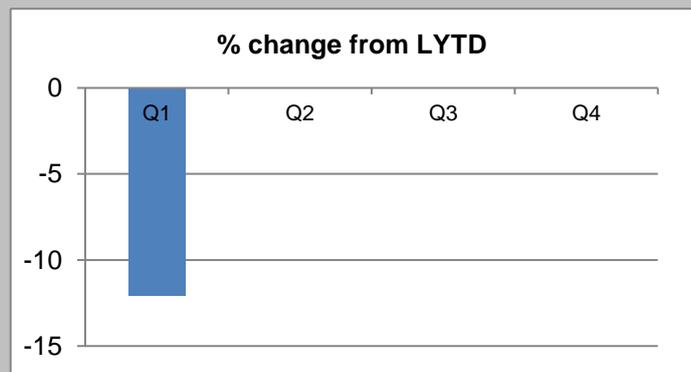
The Midlothian detection rate of 60.6% sits below the divisional detection rate of 67.5%.

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	67.5%	60.6%	72.7%	-12.1%



**Priority 3 - Reducing Violence :**  
**Indicator - Decrease the number of violent crimes per 10,000 head of population**  
**Target - reduce from LYTD**

**Current situation**

On target. YTD there were 3.2 violent crimes per 10,000 population, below LYTD figure of 3.9 crimes per 10,000 population.

**Reasons**

28 violent crimes (all group 1) were recorded YTD in Midlothian, which is 17.6% (6 crimes) below LYTD when 34 crimes were recorded. Midlothian sits slightly above the divisional rate for violent crimes per head of population.

There were 2 fewer victims of attempted murder YTD compared to LYTD (0 and 2 respectively). Crimes of serious assault decreased from 12 LYTD to 9 YTD. Crimes of assault and robbery remained comparable to the previous year (both 8) and Common assaults decreased YTD with 216 assaults down from 247 LYTD (-12.6%, 31 crimes).

Detection rate for all group 1 crime is 82.1% YTD, above 79.4% LYTD.

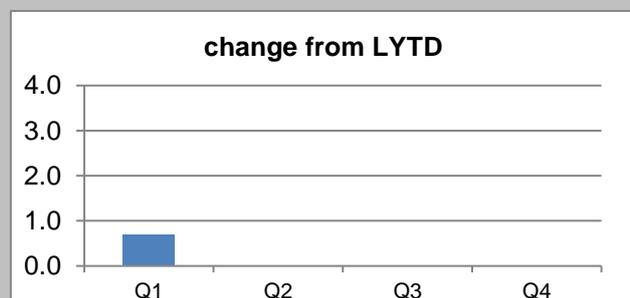
**What are we doing**

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

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Visits to problem and monitored licensed premises
- Dispersal detail within Dalkeith and Penicuik Town Centres
- Targeted use of Local Action Days
- Antisocial behaviour and violent offenders monitoring group - action against high profile and prolific violent and antisocial offenders
- Robust monitoring and enforcement of bail conditions/curfew for known violent offenders
- Active early engagement with violent offenders released from prison
- Prioritising of warrants for violent offenders
- Process established to extend MAPPA to include violent offenders
- Community Beat Officers have all been trained to be trainers in No Knives Better Lives which can be rolled out in schools on return from holidays
- Fortnightly analysis of serious assaults/robberies to establish any trend/hot spots
- Review of violent crime was undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit to examine practice/procedures in an effort to identify best practice and reduce levels of alcohol related violence. Operation Jigsaw now in place to address this.
- One to one work with high tariff young offenders to prevent escalation of offending.
- Youth Community Officers have been trained in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme - a project via Education Scotland training older pupils in school to mentor pupils exposed to bullying/harassment and to teach younger pupils about acceptable and unacceptable behaviours.

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	2.5	3.2	3.9	0.7



**Priority 3 - Reducing Violence**

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

**Current situation**

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**Reasons**

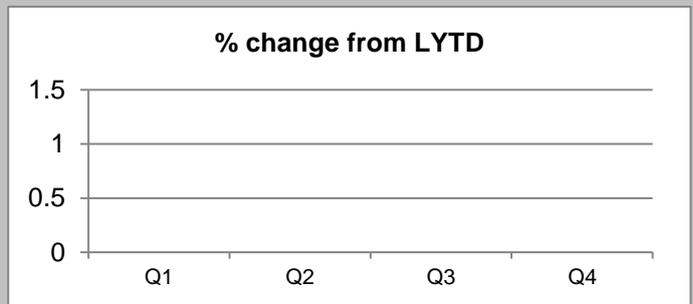
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**What are we doing**

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

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

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



## Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer

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

**Target - Decrease from LYTD**

### Current situation

Off target. YTD 15 people were killed or seriously injured (KSI) on Midlothian's roads, up 1 from 14 LYTD (+7.1%).

### Reasons

There were no fatalities on Midlothian's roads during Q1 YTD or LYTD. 15 people were seriously injured following road traffic collisions YTD, up one from LYTD, however one collision resulted in five injuries that were deemed serious that has a detrimental effect in our figures.

The number of slight injuries decreased considerably YTD, from 65 in 2016/17 to 38 in 2017/18 (decrease of 27 injuries, -41.5%).

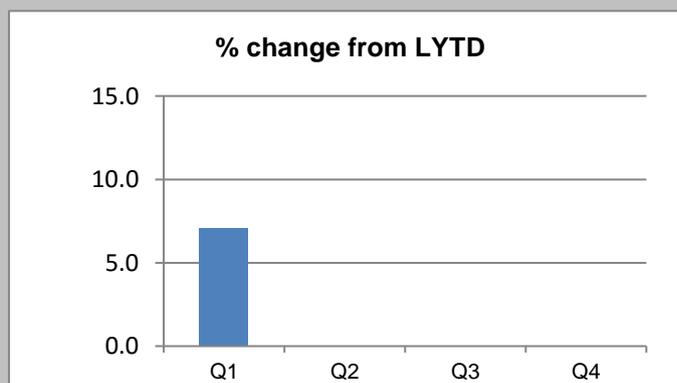
Analysis of all Killed/Seriously Injured accidents continues to be undertaken in an effort to establish causation factors or identify any "hot spot" areas. The A6094 road has raised concerns early 2017 with local residents due to the number of fatalities, and has now been identified as a site for speed camera surveillance. This road features highly within the local Road Policing (RP) matrix and RP officers are attending local community council meetings to address any concerns local residents have.

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	52	15	14	7.1%



## Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer

**Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving**

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

### Current situation

On target. YTD there were 13 detections for dangerous driving in Midlothian, two more than the previous year (11).

### Reasons

Males aged 18-23 years are over represented in dangerous driving offences. Dangerous Driving offences recorded in Midlothian accounted for 32.5% of all offences in the Lothian and Scottish Borders Division.

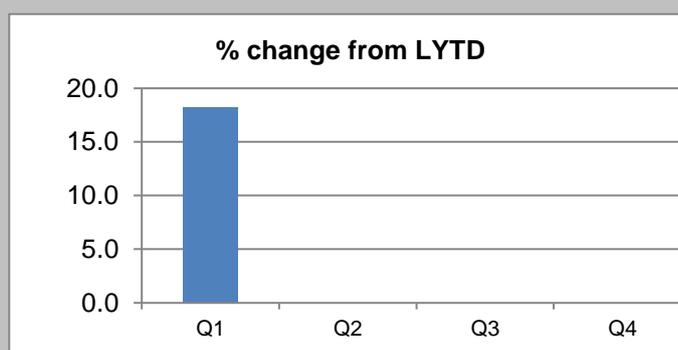
Police Scotland have also been successful in other aspects of road safety and road crime YTD within Midlothian, with increased detections for driving without insurance (+1.6%) and driving without a licence (+54.2%).

### What are we doing

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

## Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	40	13	11	18.2%



## Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

### Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Target - increase from LYTD

#### Current situation

Off target. The detection rate for hate crime in Midlothian YTD is 55.6% which is below LYTD 84.2% (-28.6%).

#### Reasons

At the end of Q1 the Midlothian detection rate for hate crime decreased by 28.6% compared to the same period the previous year, and sits below the divisional figure of 65.3%. Local systems show there were 15 recorded hate crimes/offences in Midlothian YTD, accounting for 19.5% of all crimes/offences recorded in the Lothian and Scottish Borders division.

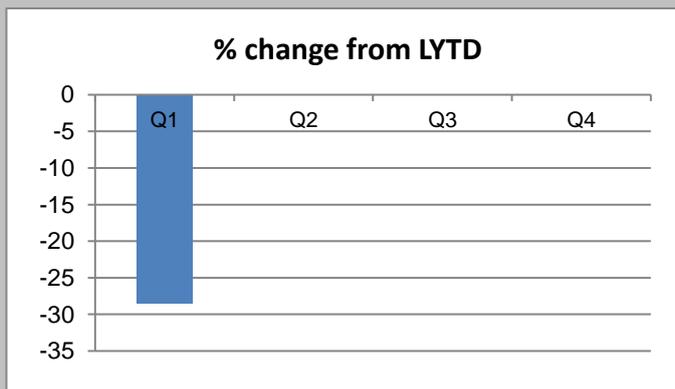
Racially aggravated hate crime continues to be a challenge in Midlothian with many offences 'single strand' for example between neighbours with no other persons present. In response police are striving to identify and utilise other evidence to corroborate initial reports. Other hate crimes are committed at point of sale, and against police officers during arrest. Attitudinal issues across Midlothian continue to play a part in hate crime and education is key to changing such attitudes and behaviours.

#### What are we doing

- Working with partners to consider tenancy matters for convicted offenders.
- Educational inputs at local schools
- A thorough and robust investigation process is in place in regards to hate crime offences
- Strong links with identified vulnerable premises
- Analysis was carried out in December 2016 to identify repeat hate crime offenders, a report has now been compiled and a partnership meeting set to take place with a view to multiagency intervention with recidivist hate crime offenders.

### Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	65.3%	55.6%	84.2%	-28.6%



## Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

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

### Current situation

Off target. The number of complaints of antisocial behaviour (ASB) increased by 172 incidents YTD compared to LYTD (+11.0%).

### Reasons

During Q1 1742 incidents of ASB were reported to police by members of the public. This is an increase of 11.0% (172 incidents) from LYTD when 1570 incidents were reported. ASB calls reported in Midlothian accounted for 22.4% of all ASB calls across the Lothian and Scottish Borders division YTD.

A high proportion of ASB occurs on Friday and Saturday evenings in town centres aggravated by alcohol misuse. A continuing challenge for police is youth related antisocial behaviour throughout Midlothian's towns. Positive results have been seen in the Bonnyrigg area through the work of the PSP which has seen a 61% decrease in complaints between April and June.

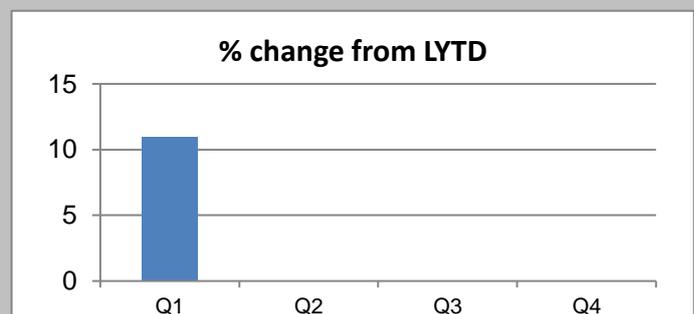
A further challenge for police is substance misuse among young people and the detrimental effect it has on behaviour and impact on future offending. In Q1 police recorded 81 alcohol related youth calls, an increase of 40% from the previous year (58 alcohol related youth calls LYTD).

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	7785	1742	1570	11.0%



## Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

**Indicator - Increase the number of detections for drugs supply, drugs production and drugs cultivation**  
**Target - increase from LYTD**

### Current situation

Off target. YTD police in Midlothian detected 12 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation, which is 7 detections below LYTD (-36.8%).

### Reasons

Police in Midlothian detected 12 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation YTD. Compared to LYTD police detected 6 fewer offences for drugs supply (10 compared to 16 LYTD) and 1 fewer offence for drugs cultivation/production (2 and 3 respectively).

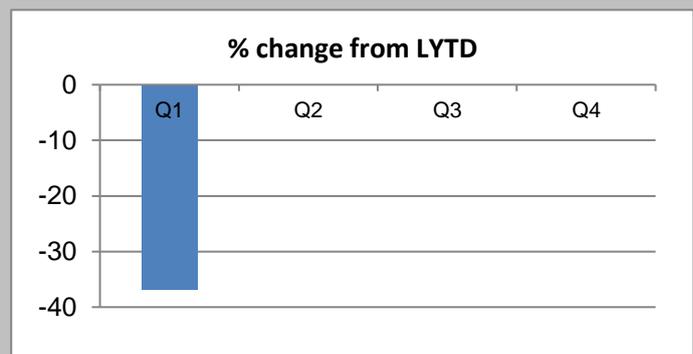
There is currently one SOCG group based in Midlothian. This network is assessed as posing a risk to the community through their involvement in dishonesty crime, with those involved primarily young males residing in the area. Police are actively targeting the group under Operation Bistra and a number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

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	99	12	19	-36.8%



## Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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

**Target - increase from LYTD**

### Current situation

On target. During Q1 police seized £21,750 in cash and NET assets from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act. This is a significant increase from LYTD (£2,417.89).

### Reasons

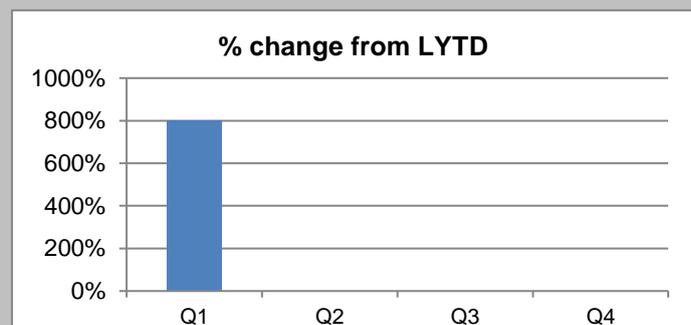
YTD there were two cash seizures within the Midlothian area, totalling £21,750 - there were no NET assets seized. LYTD there were also two cash seizures and no NET assets seized; the value of cash seizures and NET assets seized LYTD was £2,417.89. Cash and NET seizures made in Midlothian accounted for approx 11% of all cash and NET seizures across the Division YTD.

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	£196,907	£21,750	£2,418	800.0%



## Priority 7 – Reducing Housebreaking

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

**Target - reduce from LYTD**

### Current situation

On target. Police recorded 19 domestic housebreakings (incl attempts) YTD, down 53.7% from 41 LYTD.

### Reasons

Police and partnership efforts through robust enforcement measures and crime prevention messages are now showing success with a 53.7% decrease in domestic housebreakings recorded during Q1 compared to the previous year and a reduction of 39% compared to the three-year average figure.

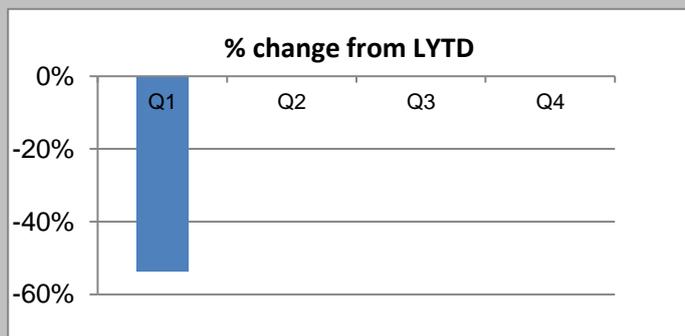
A recidivist group of young males continue to commit high numbers of housebreakings throughout the Midlothian area and police resources are being directed to this SOCG under the banner Operation Bistra, in addition to work with partnership agencies through the Antisocial Behaviour and Violent Offenders Monitoring Group and fortnightly Youth Offenders Intervention meeting.

### What are we doing

- Police continue to gather intelligence and deploy resources to housebreakings under Operation Greenbay and Operation Bistra. A number of tactics are being used (including movement restriction orders for known young offenders), proactive bail/curfew checks, and a number of arrests are being made on a weekly basis.
- Other tactics include:
  - General crime prevention advice is given by recording officers at victims of domestic housebreakings. More detailed crime prevention surveys are offered to victims of domestic housebreaking who appear vulnerable or who are repeat victims.
  - Neighbourhood Watch Alert Scheme - an officer has now been trained as an administrator in relation to this and Rural Watch to send relevant alerts to members within Midlothian
  - Lock Down Crime in Midlothian is ongoing with roadshows being held every month, LDC also includes Straiton Retail Park Partnership and there are plans to initiate a partnership in Dalkeith town centre.
  - Increase in the use of social media by Community Policing Sgts in promotion of home security and personal safety advice
  - Operation Monarda (bogus caller) inputs are being held in shelter accommodation at the request of residents.
  - Consideration for action taken at the ASBVO where stolen property is detected in Council or social housing tenancies where tenant was convicted of housebreaking in the vicinity of their tenancy
  - Housing officers have been educated around the reporting of intelligence to Police (e.g. gardening tools stored within a flat without a garden)
  - Deployment of plain clothed officers in problematic areas
  - Introduction of a crime car, joint initiative between local and road policing officers with a key priority of disrupting and detecting housebreaking.

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	103	19	41	-53.7%



## Priority 7 – Reducing Housebreaking

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

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

### Current situation

On target. The detection rate for crimes of domestic housebreaking YTD is 84.2%, above LYTD rate of 43.9%.

### Reasons

Despite high levels of housebreaking police continue to make arrests with 84.2% of domestic housebreakings detected YTD. The detection rate sits above the three-year average of 40.1% and also above the average for the Lothian and Scottish Borders Division (58.3%).

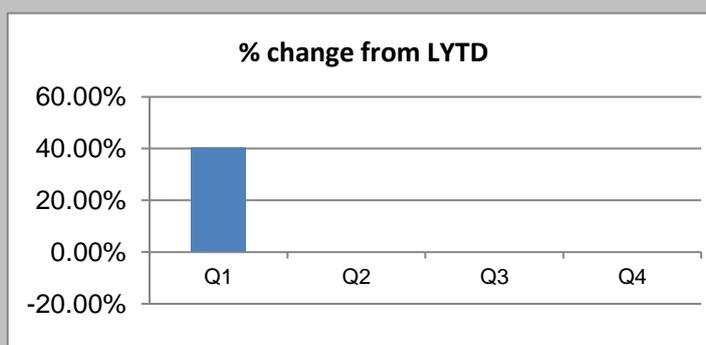
YTD 12 individuals have been charged with a domestic housebreaking offence committed in Midlothian - two thirds of offenders were aged 13-18 years. Details of all housebreaking offenders are passed by police to Midlothian Council Community Safety Team for follow up enforcement action.

### What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	58.3%	84.2%	43.9%	40.3%



## Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police:

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

Number of complaints - Midlothian	27
Number of complaints - J Division	143

Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	33
Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	37.3

	Midlothian	J Division
Total allegations recorded	43	189