

Notice of meeting and agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

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Time: 11:00

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1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Including any apologies received from Members of the Board who are unable to attend

2 Order of Business

Including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

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No items to be considered in private

Minute of Meeting



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
23 August 2016	11am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Baxter	Councillor Montgomery
Councillor Parry	Councillor de Vink

In attendance:

Kevin Anderson – Head of Customer and Housing Services	Rosie Kendall – Community Safety Manager
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Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall (Police Scotland)	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson (Police Scotland)
David Farries – Local Senior Officer (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)	Steve Gourlay – Group Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)
Bryan Rodgers (Police Scotland)	

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

- 1.1 It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Muirhead and Wallace.

2. Order of Business

- 2.1 The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

- 3.1 No declarations of interest were noted.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 4.1 The minutes of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board meeting of 24 May 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record so moved by Councillor Baxter and seconded by Councillor Montgomery.
- 4.2 David Farries requested that the minutes were amended to reflect 'Scottish Fire and Rescue Service'.

5. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Local Plan Performance Report	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard from David Farries from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who presented the performance report for Midlothian which had been circulated with the agenda. Following which David Farries introduced Steve Gourlay who presented the prevention activity element of the report which had been circulated.

The Board then heard from Councillor Parry who wished to reaffirm her commitment for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Council to work together to support the prevention criteria. Further Councillor Parry queried some of the performance information within the presentation including detail in respect of the false alarms and the cost of these to the Fire and Rescue Service and whether there are any penalties that can be applied to this type of call out.

David Farries provided answers to these questions which included confirmation that research in England had shown that the average false alarm call out carried with it a cost of approximately £2,000 which wasn't only attributable to the cost to the service but also to businesses. Further David Farries confirmed that there was no legislative framework to impose any penalties and the focus was on engagement with the communities in relation to false alarms.

Councillor Baxter then requested further information in relation to home visits and whether there was ever any need to go back to properties following these visits and further requested comment on the budgetary pressures within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

David Farries confirmed that there is a revisit schedule in relation to home fire safety visits, however highlighted that the current system needs reviewed as too much time is spent on visits that are unnecessary. Further he confirmed that the general rule is that there are no revisits unless the Service are invited back. In relation to budgetary pressures, David Farries confirmed that there are pressures and this gives rise to redesigning services and working closely with partners. He further commented that the prevention criteria was an increasing area of work for the Service.

Councillor de Vink then asked whether visits could be made to schools in the for final year students in relation to road safety.

David Farries confirmed that the pilot programme had been for an intended audience at Edinburgh College for a target audience. Further he confirmed that the Service continues to work with schools in relation to road and fire safety.

Councillor Montgomery then sought clarification on the operational model within Penicuik specifically in relation to the day duty system and the potential impact to home fire safety visits.

David Farries responded by giving the context of the duty system in Penicuik and further reinforced that home fire safety visits are a priority particularly for vulnerable people in Penicuik.

Decision

The Board agreed:

- a) To note the content of the report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Local Fire Plan Development	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard from David Farries who presented the report on the Local Fire Plan Development which requested that the Board approve the proposal to extend the current Midlothian Local Fire Plan until December 2017 and approve the proposed timeline in relation to developing the Midlothian Local Fire Plan. This would align with the Community Planning schedule and support better co-ordination of the planning processes.

Councillor Parry moved that the recommendations in the report were accepted and this was seconded by Councillor Baxter.

Decision

The Board agreed to:-

- a) Note the content of the report;
- b) Approve the proposal to extend the current Midlothian Local Fire Plan until December 2017; and
- c) Approve the proposed timeline to develop the next iteration of the Midlothian Local Fire Plan.

Action

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Scrutiny Report April 2016-June 2016	Police Scotland

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard initially from Ivor Marshall who presented the national strategic position of Police Scotland including confirmation of the appointments within the national executive. Further he provided an update in relation to the position in respect of national priorities.

Following this the Board heard from Kenny Simpson who presented the Scrutiny Report for Midlothian.

Councillor Parry commented that she felt that overall the report was a really positive picture but noted her disappointment at the lower detection rate for domestic abuse, particularly in light of the impact to families and other agencies and emphasised her view that this was a vitally important area of work. Coupled with this Councillor Parry then sought clarification as to how bold Police Scotland were being in Midlothian in relation to the prevention agenda and addressing attitudes and behaviours including work being done with you people. Councillor Parry also wished to record her praise for the work being carried out by Police Scotland in Midlothian which included feedback from other partner agencies.

In response Kenny Simpson confirmed that the response to domestic abuse had massively improved and anyone that comes forward in relation to domestic abuse is afforded every support including support from partner agencies. In relation to working with young people, Kenny Simpson confirmed that work is already being done within schools through national programmes and this is in place in Midlothian.

Councillor Baxter wished to record his thanks to Police Scotland for their involvement in the Bonnyrigg Problem Solving Partnership and confirmed that he had referred constituents to the group. Further Councillor Baxter sought clarification on the introduction of additional speed cameras in the area which Kenny Simpson confirmed he would provide when this work had been fully ratified.

Councillor Montgomery sought clarification in relation to the role of the Community Action Team in relation to the performance of the police and asked

for comment on the impact when the Community Action Team are no longer in place.

Kenny Simpson confirmed there would be an impact on the work of Police Scotland in Midlothian and it is his role to ensure that Police Scotland works smarter with partners and the communities to ensure they maintain the enhanced level of delivery in Midlothian.

Councillor Parry then asked for clarification in relation to the substance misuse aspect of the report and further requested information in light of the recent discussions within the Licensing Board in relation to alcohol related issues in Midlothian. Kenny Simpson confirmed that there was a correlation to the demand for Police support and the number of licensed premises and further confirmed it was his responsibility to ensure that his Officers are deployed in the most efficient way to prevent issues. Coupled with this, he confirmed that work was ongoing including with licensees to support the prevention agenda.

Rosie Kendall confirmed that, in relation to licensing, an overprovision statement had been in place for over two years. Further she confirmed that this had been recently reviewed and in particular for Dalkeith confirmed was still overprovided. Further she confirmed that the Licensing Forum and the Community Safety Partnership are working with local retailers to encourage responsible retailing.

Councillor Parry then moved that the Police and Fire and Rescue Board should write to the Licensing Board to convey what the Police and Fire and Rescue Board see as factors they should consider when applying the overprovision policy given the high demand for professional resources in relation to this issue. This was seconded by Councillor de Vink.

Councillor de Vink was then heard in relation to his concerns about housebreaking specifically where a house is broken into when the residents are there.

Kenny Simpson confirmed that there were specialist resources in place in relation to dealing with this complex issue. Further he confirmed that this was a real priority for his Officers.

Decision

Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed:

- a) To note the content of the report; and
- b) To write to the Licensing Board to convey what the Police and Fire and Rescue Board see as factors they should consider when applying the overprovision policy.

Action

Chair, Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Midlothian Community Policing Team	Police Scotland

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard from Kenny Simpson who presented the performance report in relation to the Midlothian Community Policing Team.

Councillor Montgomery was then heard confirming his concerns in relation to sustaining the level of performance of Police Scotland in Midlothian when the Community Action Team funding is withdrawn.

Kenny Simpson acknowledged the concerns and re-affirmed that it was his responsibility to maintain the level of performance with the resources available to him.

Decision

Following the discussion, the Board agreed to:

- a) Note the content of the report

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	Police Scotland Budget Considerations	Police Scotland

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard initially from Ivor Marshall who provided the context of the Police Scotland budget considerations and the challenges facing Police Scotland as a result of the financial challenges in the public sector and confirmed the purpose of this item was to gain feedback from the Board in relation to the budget considerations. Further he spoke of the focus on flattening the operational structure.

Councillors Parry and Montgomery requested confirmation in relation to what feedback was being requested and further that they felt there was insufficient information to feedback on.

Further Councillor Montgomery highlighted that previously there was a dialogue between the Police and the Council in respect of budget allocations.

Ivor Marshall confirmed that the scrutiny of the Police Scotland budget is at a national level and confirmed the areas that he had control over from a budgetary perspective. Further he confirmed there is no overtime ban in the division controlled by him and overtime is managed in a prudent way.

In relation to Officer numbers, Ivor Marshall confirmed that at a divisional level he has 924 Officers available at his disposal which are deployed in a dynamic and demand led way.

Councillor de Vink commented that he was pleased to see Police Scotland attending Community Council meetings in Midlothian and the positive changes as a result of this.

Following this Bryan Rodgers presented the Divisional prevention and tackling inequalities blueprint which has been designed to enhance service delivery and deliver the Police Scotland responsibilities as a result of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. As a result of this from a Midlothian perspective, Bryan Rodgers confirmed that the proposal was to change the current remit of the co-located Officers to one of community planning with community safety as one aspect of their work. Further the proposed changes would result in the staffing compliment changing from one Sergeant and two Constables to three Constables that would continue to be co-located with the Council's agreement.

Councillor Parry sought reassurance that as a result of the proposed changes the relationship between Police Scotland the Council is maintained.

Bryan Rodgers confirmed that the vision to increase co-production and develop the relationship. Further he confirmed that one of the posts is funded by Midlothian Council through a Service Level Agreement and this would continue. Rosie Kendall then provided additional clarification in relation to the posts including their roles and line management arrangements.

Decision

The Board agreed to:

- a) Note the content of the report; and
- b) Receive further information from Police Scotland prior to making further comment on the proposals; and
- c) Receive confirmation from Police Scotland in relation to the timescales required for comment

Action

Police Scotland

The date of the next meeting is 15 November 2016.



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

FOR MIDLOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Quarter 2 Report, 1st July – 30th September, 2016

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 2 of 2016-17 (1st July – 30th September) 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.) Sep					RAG rating
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	37	31	33	23	33	◆
All accidental dwelling fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal)	9	8	4	3	7	◆
All deliberate secondary fires	72	203	109	128	156	◆
Special Service - RTCs	25	21	21	27	23	●
Special Service Casualties - All	16	44	14	34	31	●
False Alarm - UFAs	137	153	129	167	184	◆

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.

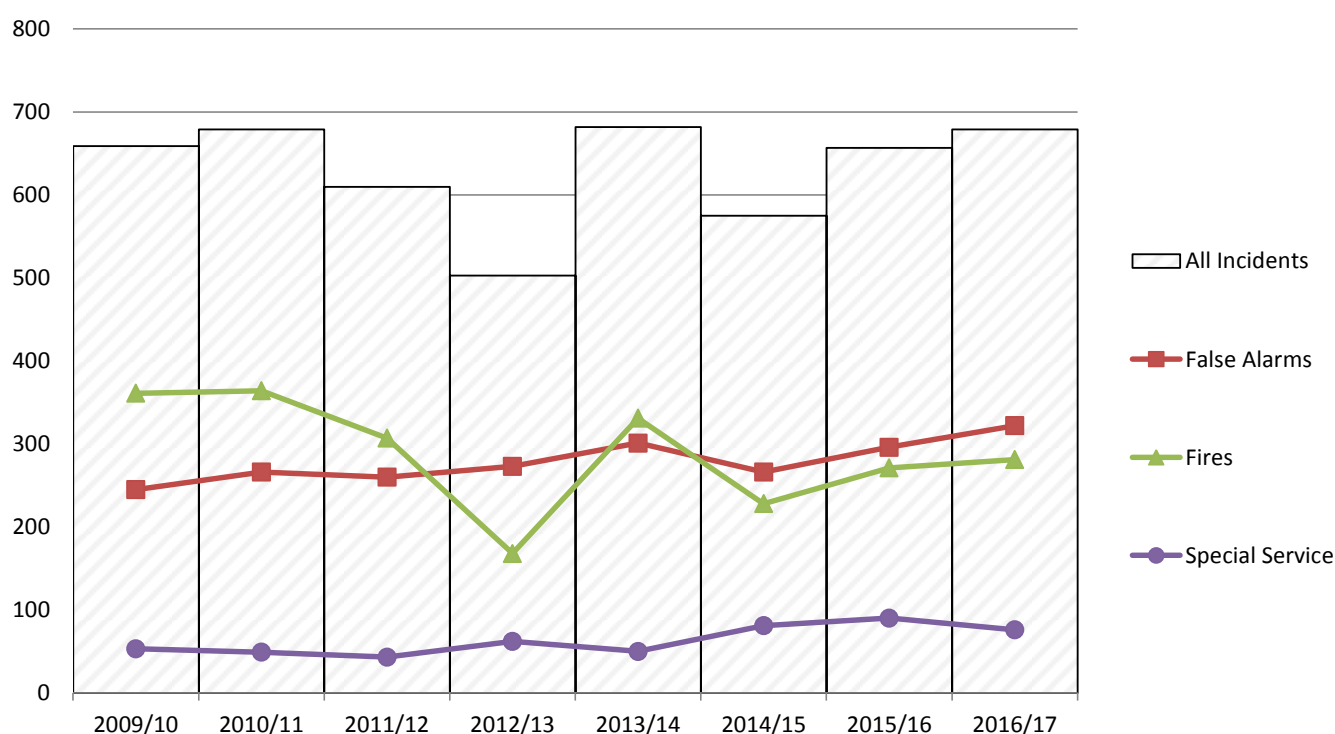
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Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods.
Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total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

Incident Overview

Year to date (2016-17), the SFRS responded to 679 incidents in Midlothian, which is a increase of 22 incidents on the last reporting year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 6 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities

Local Risk Management and Preparedness

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

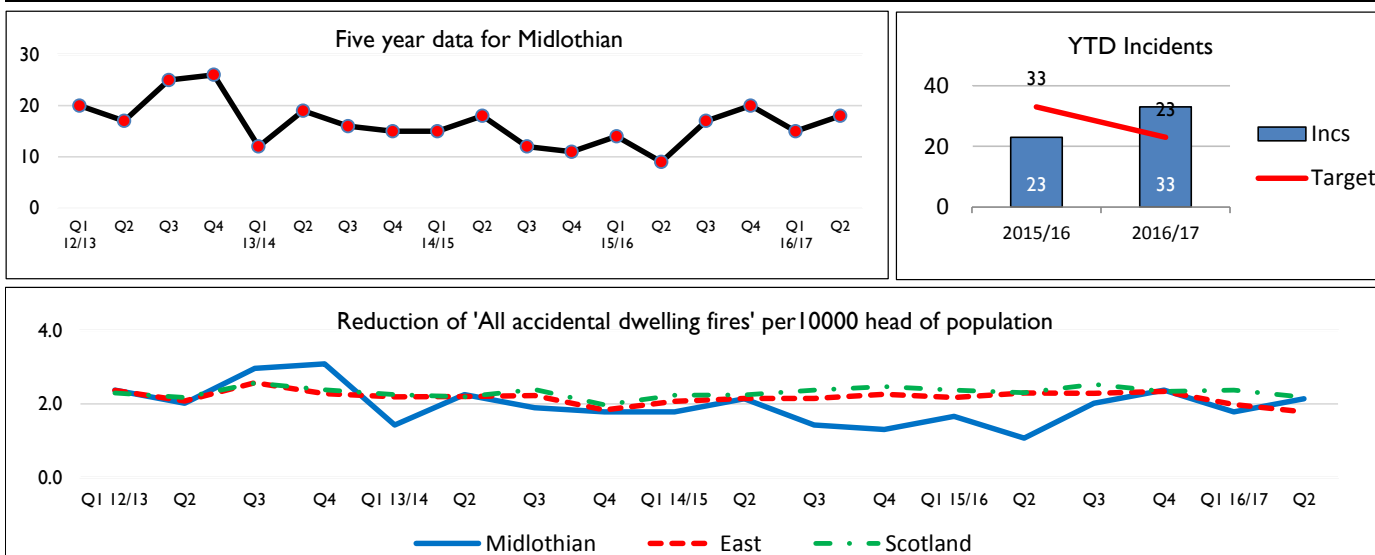
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 18 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 9 incident from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population is in line with the Scottish and above East Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of 18 dwelling fires attended, nearly 80% occurred in single occupancy households with 40% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were cooking (80%) or smoking (18%). 72% and 95% confined to the room where the fire started. It is clear from this evidence for the need in continuing to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households as well as the need to continue to ensure those properties have working smoke detection.

Actions

During this reporting period, 243 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried within Midlothian. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. We have introduced a 'Post Domestic Incident Response' policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix 1 provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 6	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	37	31	33	23	33	
Penicuik	8	8	4	3	5	
Bonnyrigg	2	2	5	4	6	
Dalkeith	11	8	11	6	9	
Midlothian West	7	3	2	3	6	
Midlothian East	4	3	6	3	2	
Midlothian South	5	7	5	4	5	

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

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

Results

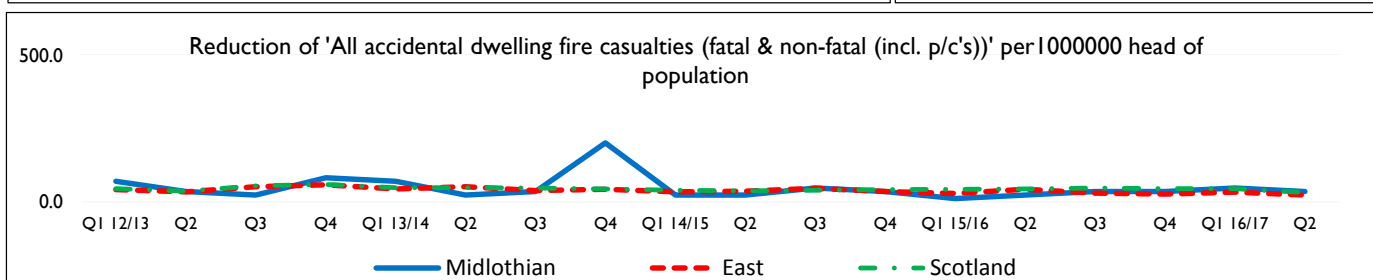
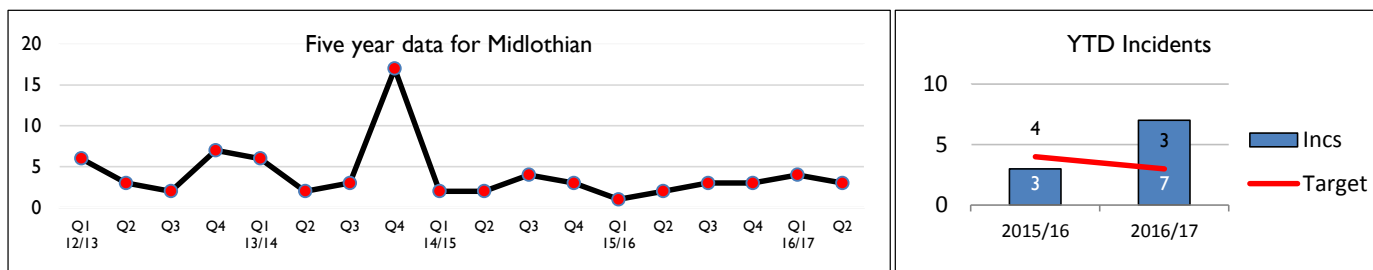
There were no fire fatalities in this reporting period. We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 3 casualties due to fire. This was an increase of 1 in 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 delivery area average.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing that this trend remains low. 2 of the casualties who were rescued because of the fire went to hospital due to smoke inhalation they were over 90 years of age. The other casualty received first aid at the scene and did not attend hospital. Smoke detectors were fitted within the properties.

Actions

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YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - I	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	9	8	4	3	7	
Penicuik	3	2	1	0	2	
Bonnyrigg	0	0	1	0	1	
Dalkeith	4	3	2	1	1	
Midlothian West	1	0	0	2	1	
Midlothian East	0	0	0	0	2	
Midlothian South	1	3	0	0	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate secondary fires'

Although deliberate fire setting is not a significant problem for the SFRS in Midlothian 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

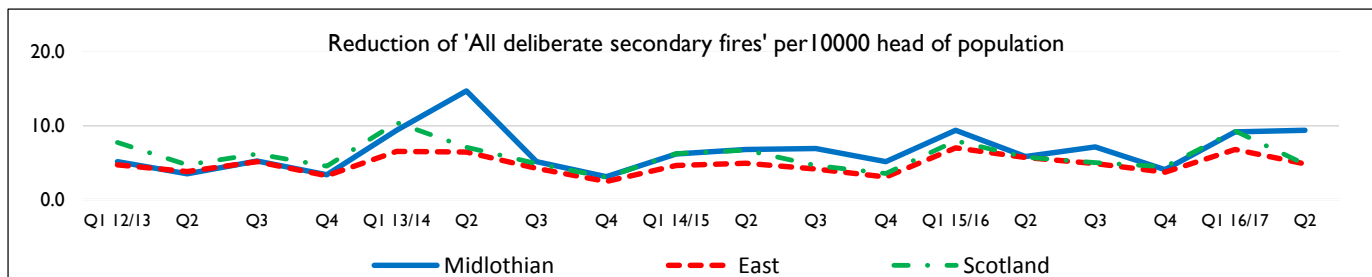
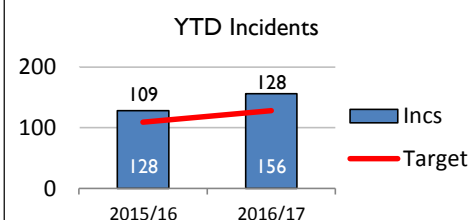
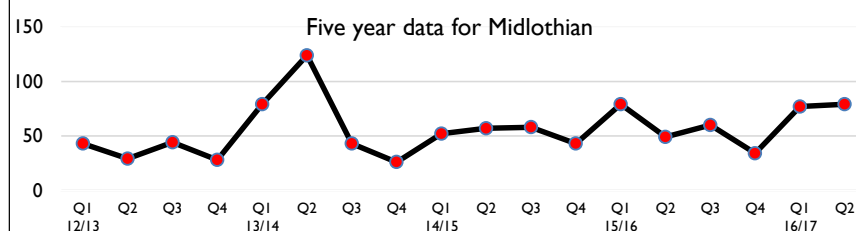
There were 79 deliberate fires during this reporting period, an increase of 30 on the same period as last year. The wards most likely to suffer from this type of fire are Midlothian East, West and South. The long-term trend based upon Deliberate Fire Setting /10,000 population shows us above both the East and Scottish average.

Reasons

Nearly 60% of the incidents attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' in waste or scrubland, 40% involved refuse/bins. There were emerging patterns to activity areas and prevention activities were planned for those locations.

Actions

SFRS continues to work with partner agencies attending the weekly TACG meetings and provision of monthly tactical assessments by the Midlothian Partnership Analyst. 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 - 26	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	72	203	109	128	156	
Penicuik	7	12	9	7	6	
Bonnyrigg	3	22	10	9	11	
Dalkeith	21	45	25	35	25	
Midlothian West	10	19	18	22	42	
Midlothian East	18	72	33	24	33	
Midlothian South	13	33	14	31	39	

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

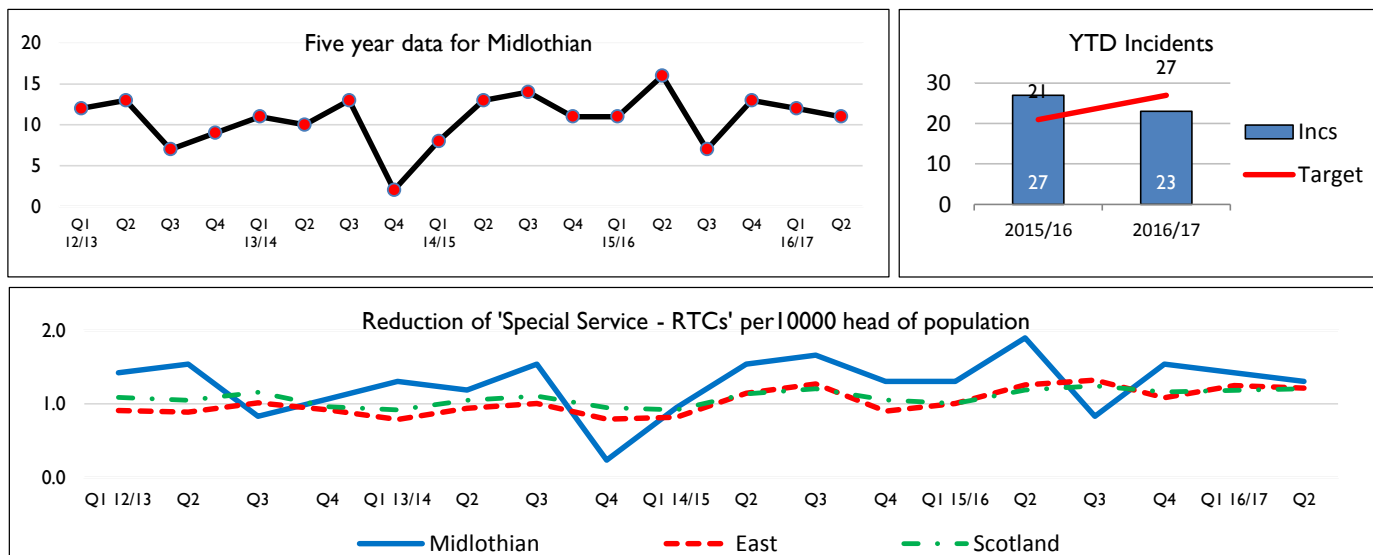
We attended 11 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is a decrease of 5 on the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is slightly above the Scottish and East delivery area trend.

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 - 4	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	25	21	21	27	23	
Penicuik	4	5	4	7	4	
Bonnyrigg	3	2	0	0	3	
Dalkeith	5	1	2	4	4	
Midlothian West	7	7	5	7	4	
Midlothian East	5	3	5	5	5	
Midlothian South	1	3	5	4	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

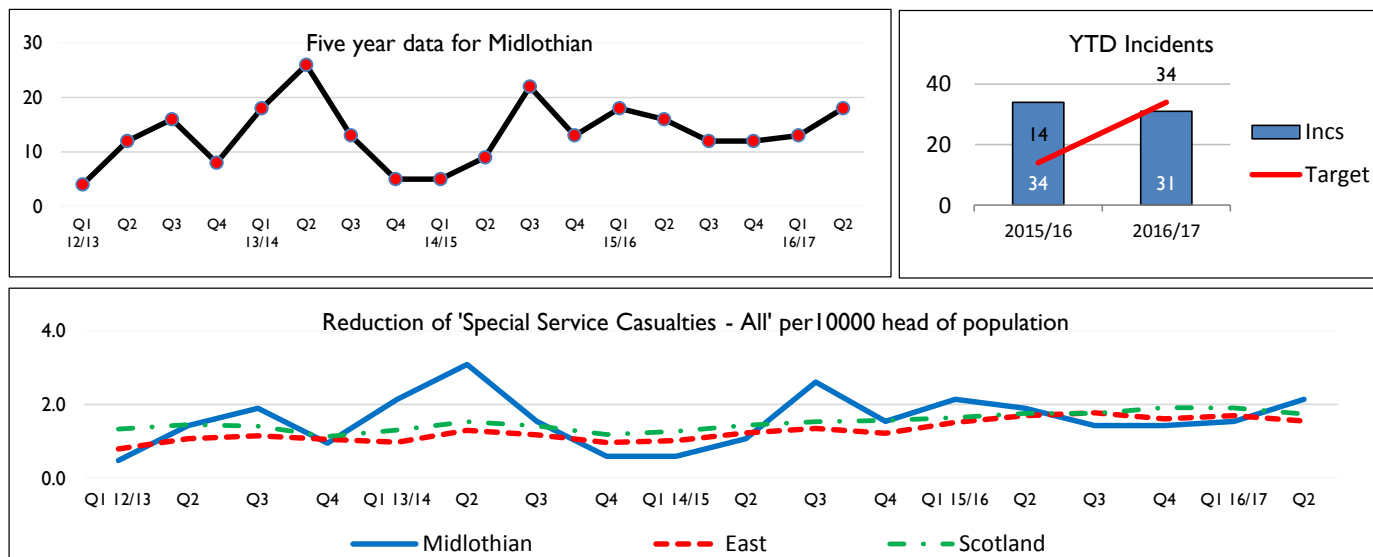
We attended to 18 casualties, 5 of which were fatalities from non-fire emergencies in Midlothian. This is an increase of 2 casualties when compared to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is above the Scottish and East delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for injury to 8 people and the 5 fatalities. The 5 other casualties were due to the SFRS assisting with medical emergencies as co or first responders.

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.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 5	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	16	44	14	34	31	
Penicuik	1	6	2	11	5	
Bonnyrigg	3	1	1	3	2	
Dalkeith	0	3	0	2	9	
Midlothian West	5	14	4	8	3	
Midlothian East	4	5	5	4	7	
Midlothian South	3	15	2	6	5	

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

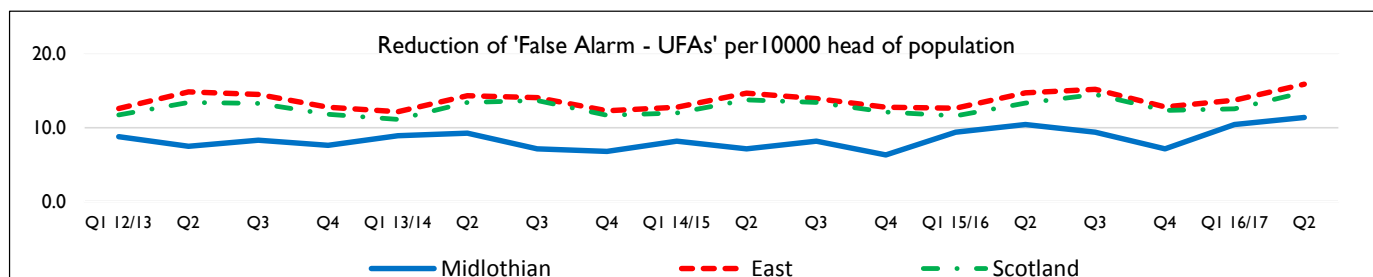
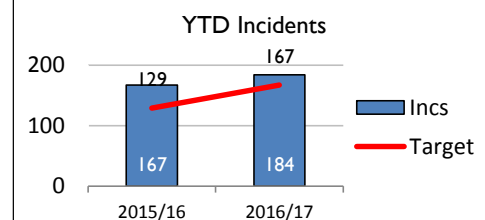
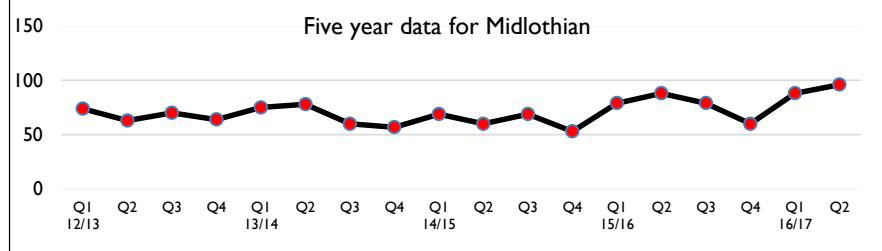
SFRS attended 96 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 8 for the same period last year. Midlothian trend line is significantly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area. In line with the rest of Scotland, this is on the increase and is the highest half-year figure in the last 5 years.

Reasons

Causes of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals in this reporting period, 50% caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 8% were malicious and 38% caused by people, cooking etc.

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 3 premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 31	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	137	153	129	167	184	
Penicuik	9	10	15	18	27	
Bonnyrigg	19	17	22	23	23	
Dalkeith	36	25	23	33	39	
Midlothian West	34	62	30	50	51	
Midlothian East	30	23	28	31	26	
Midlothian South	9	16	11	12	18	

Appendix 1

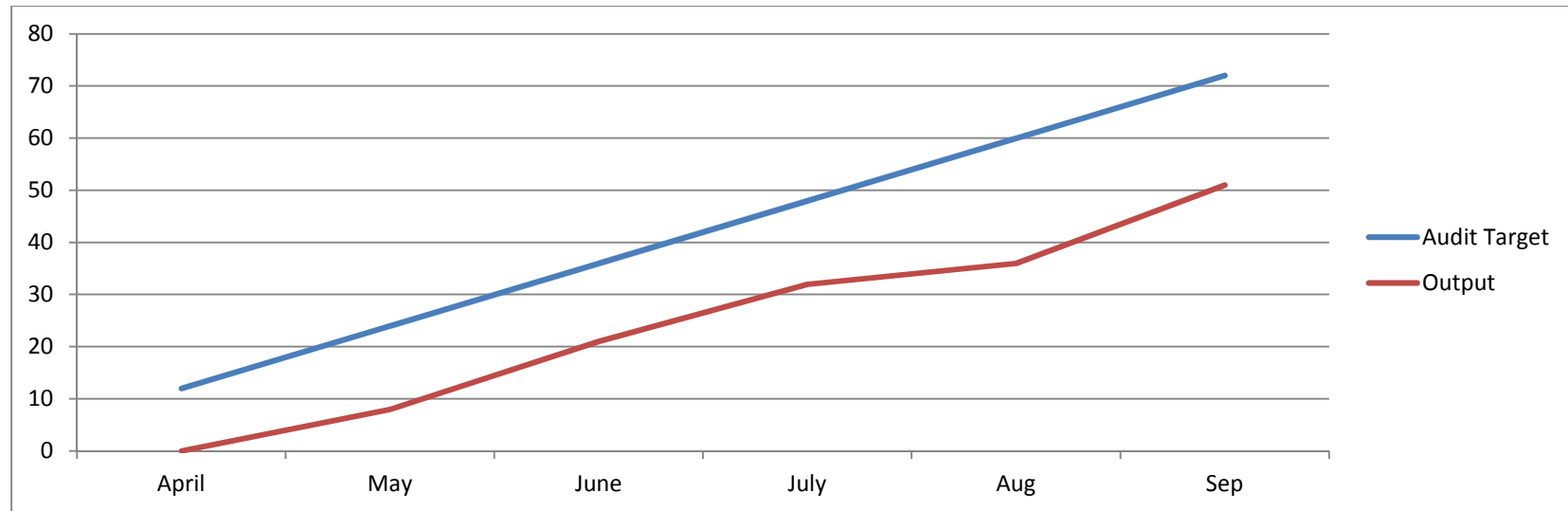
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 2 July 1st 2016-September 30th 2016

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. With a new dedicated FSEO for Midlothian, based at Dalkeith Fire Station the audit output and associated work will continue to improve.

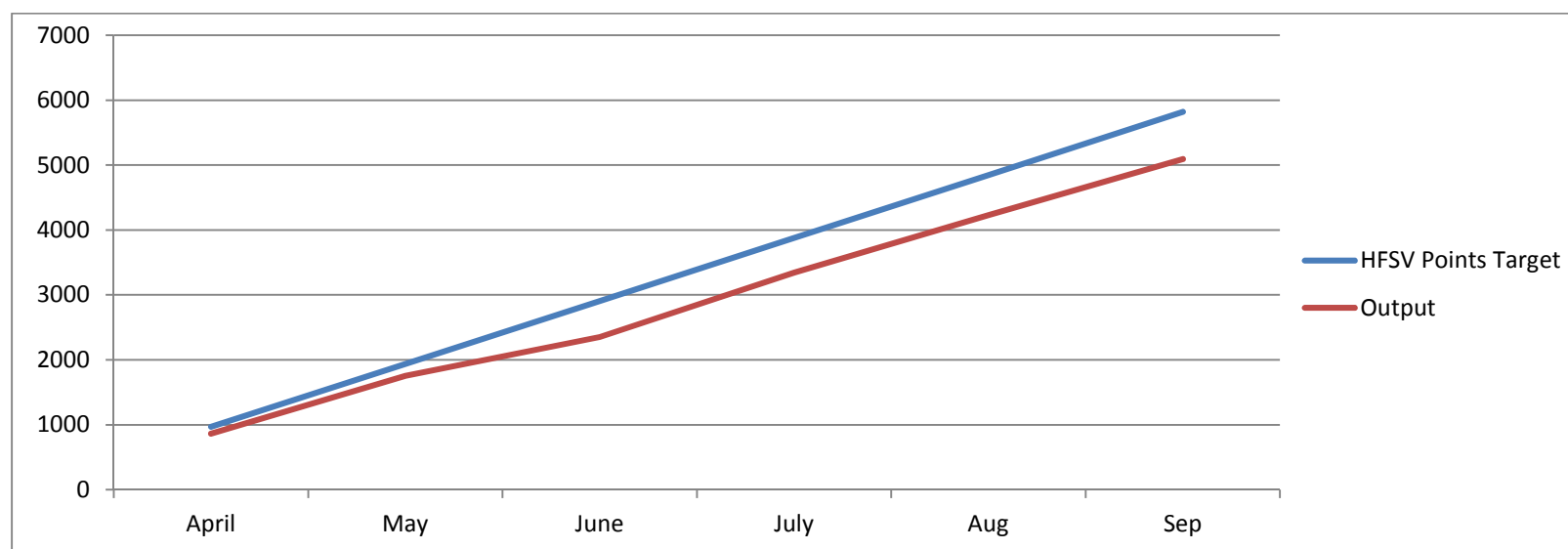
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	0	8	21	32	36	51							



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 current output is below target but will be monitored through a new internal performance framework. **A total of 243 HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q2 with free smoke alarms being fitted in 72 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	11640
Completed	864	1756	2356	3344	4232	5096							



Total visits delivered in Q2 2016/17 by ward area of Midlothian:

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

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q2 2016/17
Bonnyrigg	35	41
Dalkeith	34	58
Midlothian East	32	31
Midlothian South	31	37
Midlothian West	45	41
Penicuik	29	35
TOTAL	206	243

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

- The Phoenix programme based at Dalkeith Fire Station continues to run on Thursday evenings 7 sessions with 15 young people attending were delivered. Those attending continue to work towards an accredited qualification.
- 8 young people from Dalkeith High School were given the opportunity to attend the cooldown crew running from 12th to the 15th of September.
- The Tomorrow's Driver road safety event took place and engaged between 300-400 senior pupils (S5 and S6) from Midlothian secondary schools. (August 30th to September 1st).

Community Engagement Events

Operational fire crews from Dalkeith Fire Station attended the following:

- Dalkeith Agricultural Show @ Dalkeith Country Park 9/7/16
- Woodburn Family Fun Day @ Cowden Park 31/7/10
- Midfest Summer Fete @ Dalkeith Country Park 4/9/16
- CPR training was delivered at the above community events, Police Scotland Officers have also attended Dalkeith Fire Station to refresh their skills.
- Dalkeith Fire Station Doors Open day took place on 10th of September, which was an opportunity for members of the public to visit the station, meet the crews, the young people from the Phoenix programme and discuss vital home fire safety matters. They were also able to see demonstrations of the skills our firefighters and young firefighters have and see the equipment in use. CPR training was also available for those attending.

Partnership developments

- The SFRS Midlothian LALO now works within Community Safety Delivery Group (CSDG) at Fairfield House, minimum one day a week. Attends weekly tasking and coordinating group (TACG) and has recently started attending the Problem Solving Partnership meetings for Bonnyrigg and Woodburn.
- The Midlothian Anti-Social Behaviour Officer now attends one afternoon of Cooldown course to allow an opportunity to discuss ASB matters with the young people involved.
- Information sharing with SFRS and Police Scotland working particularly well, high risk vulnerable identified persons are been seen urgently e.g., Witnesses under threat from deliberate fire raising.
- Police officers within the CSDG have now been trained so that they can refer directly to the SFRS Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (CSET), which is used to risk assess and manage referrals for home fire safety visits.
- Joint police and fire service visits to Straiton Retail Park have been carried out with a crime prevention officer in regard to fire setting and anti-social behaviour activities.
- With a summer seasonal focus on reduction of deliberate secondary fires, multi-agency support supplemented the SFRS activities e.g., community wardens and police

community teams. A number of visits to schools and groups of young people took place to support the SFRS Summer Thematic Action during this period where a rise in these incidents is expected.

Living Safely in the Home Project (falls prevention)

This is a new and more holistic way for the SFRS to engage with people in their own homes and provide some limited adaptations and more importantly, signposting to specialist falls prevention resources.

- The Midlothian pilot commenced on the 1st September 2016 after training had been delivered to the fire crews at Dalkeith. During September, crews have referred 8 individuals via the bespoke process to the **MERRIT** team (Midlothian Enhanced Rapid Response and Intervention Team).
- A review of the pilot will take place in December and will be reported in the Q3 report.

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Mid/East Lothian and Scottish Borders Prevention and Protection

Scrutiny Report April 2016 - September 2016

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 2016 - 30 September 2016 (YTD) with comparisons made to the previous year 1 April 2015 - 30 September 2015 (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

Off target. YTD alcohol aggravated crime accounted for 9.3% of all group 1-7 crime recorded by Police in Midlothian, up from 8.9% LYTD, however compares favourably with the 3 year average figure of 10.9%.

Reasons

Compared to the previous year, there were 506 more crimes recorded overall in Midlothian YTD (+15.0%), and an increase in alcohol aggravated crime of 61 crimes (0.4%). YTD there were 3883 group 1-7 crimes recorded in Midlothian, 363 were tagged with the aggravator 'alcohol'. LYTD there were 3377 crimes recorded of which 302 were aggravated by alcohol.

Violence is inextricably linked to alcohol abuse with over a third (36%) of alcohol aggravated crime acts of violence. A further 28% of alcohol aggravated crime related to threatening and abusive behaviour and breach of the peace. Vandalisms accounted for 8.0% of all alcohol aggravated crime. Substance misuse among youth people continues to be a challenge for police with 111 alcohol related youth calls recorded by police across Midlothian YTD, up from 85 LYTD.

Analysis of violence and antisocial behaviour offences (crime groups 1 and 6), revealed that over a fifth of such crimes (21.3%) YTD were tagged with the aggravator 'alcohol'. On a positive note this was slightly below LYTD figure of 23.9% suggesting that the proportion of violent and antisocial crime aggravated by alcohol is declining.

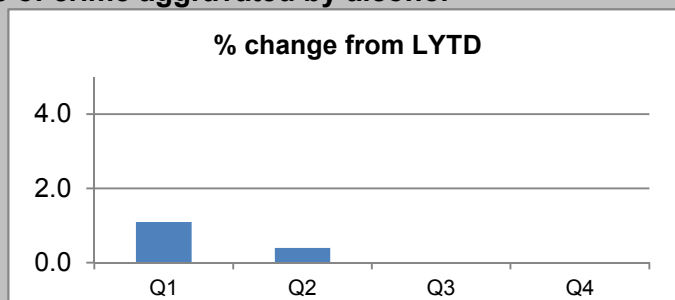
What are we doing

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

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Police visits to problem and monitored licensed premises (currently there are 3 monitored and no problematic)
- Early intervention meetings with licencees and their staff following incidents with Licensed premises
- Revised dispersal detail within Dalkeith Town Centre
- Monthly proactive joint visits being carried out by Police Licensing Officer and Licensing Standards Officer Midlothian Council.
- Local Days of Action continue across the division
- 3 officers have now been identified who will now be responsible for taking Best Bar none (BBN) forward together with the pub watch. Work started to encourage greater participation in the Best Bar None Awards
- In conjunction with Community Justice partners, seeking to introduce a pilot arrest referral project
- Seeking exclusion orders from licensed premises as part of a sentence for alcohol related offences
- Review of violent crime being undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit to examine practice/procedures in an effort to identify best practice and reduce levels of alcohol related violence
- Violence and licensing issues are a priority within the Divisional Festive Campaign

Indicator - Reduce the volume of crime aggravated by alcohol

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	9.3%	8.9%	0.4%



Priority 1 – Tackling Substance Misuse

Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs

Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

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

Reasons

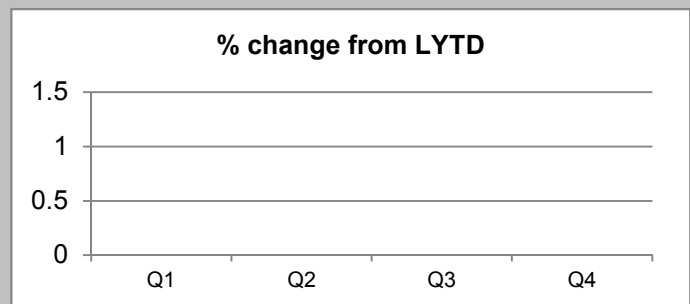
YTD there were 148 stop and searches (total including drugs, weapons and stolen property) carried out by police in Midlothian, 43 of which were positive (29%).

What are we doing

Officers in Midlothian continue to search people on an intelligence led basis.

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 660 incidents concerning adults at risk and vulnerable adults referred to partnership agencies YTD, down from 662 LYTD (-0.3%).

Reasons

In total between April and September YTD there were 660 referrals made to partnership agencies YTD, down 2 from LYTD (662).

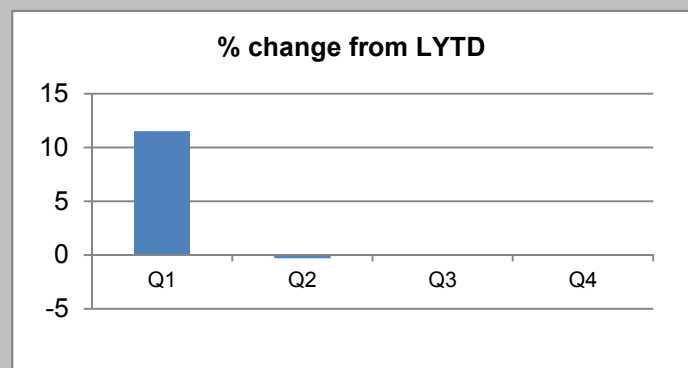
Improved awareness among police officers of the risk factors involved and necessity for informed consent to share with partnership agencies.

What are we doing

- Continued awareness-raising among police officers regarding criteria for submission of adult concern referrals.
- Established a co-located Public Protection Unit within the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh.
- Recent introduction of the ICMU (Incident Crime Management Unit), whose role in principle is to triage receipt of initial submission of adult VPDs, which will improve the quality, standard and compliance aspects of adult protection VPDs.

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	660	662	-0.30%



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 95.0% target.

Reasons

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

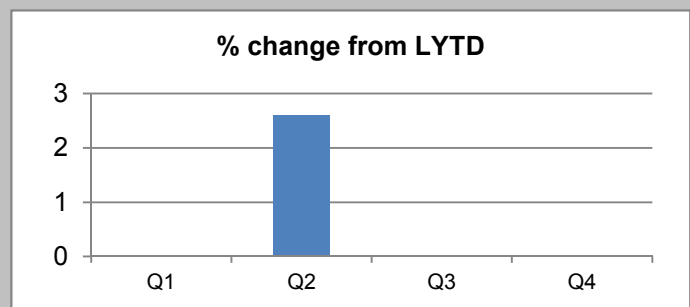
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and the disciplined process that is in place between the courts and the police.

What are we doing

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks.
- 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	N/A	100.0%	97.40%	2.60%



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 72.4%, below the target figure of 75.0%.

Reasons

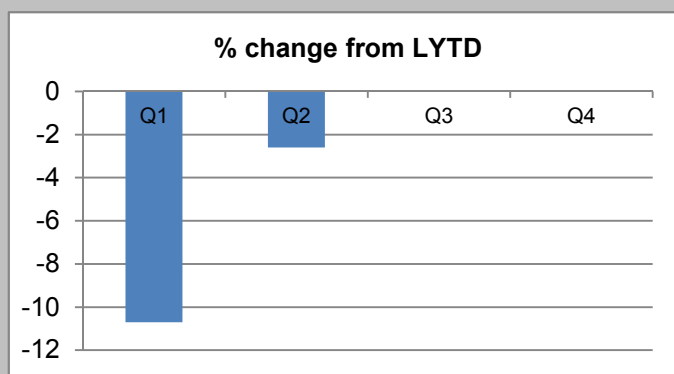
YTD there were 387 crimes and offences of domestic abuse recorded in Midlothian, up from 376 LYTD (11 crimes, +2.9%). On a positive note the number of incidents of domestic abuse reported to police decreased by 5.5% YTD. The solitary nature of this type of offence makes investigations complex.

What are we doing

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks for both offender and victim.
- Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (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
- Full review of unsolved crimes currently on going
- 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	73.7%	72.4%	75.0%	-2.6%



Priority 3 - Reducing Violence :

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

Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. YTD there were 6.8 violent crimes per 10,000 population, above LYTD figure of 4.3 crimes per 10,000 population.

Reasons

59 violent crimes (all group 1) were recorded YTD in Midlothian. This is 53% above LYTD when 38 crimes were recorded and above the 3-year average of 45 crimes.

There were 2 fewer victims of attempted murder YTD compared to the LYTD (2 and 4 respectively). Crimes of serious assault have increased from 13 LYTD to 23 YTD, albeit there has been a change in the Scottish Crime Recording Standards regarding what is defined as a serious assault that has played a significant part in this rise. Crimes of assault and robbery have increased by 6 crimes YTD compared to the previous year (8 and 14 respectively). Common assaults have also increased YTD with 487 assaults recorded up from 430 LYTD (+13.3%).

Detection rate for all group 1 crime is 81.4% YTD, down from 89.5% LYTD.

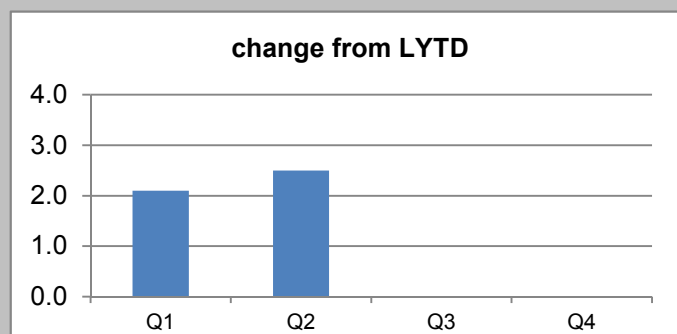
What are we doing

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 offenders (for example for violent offences committed in the vicinity of the dwelling tenancy warnings or in cases eviction are carried out by the relevant housing association/ council)
- Robust monitoring and enforcement of bail conditions/curfew for known violent offenders
- Active early engagement with violent offenders released from prison
- Prioritising of warrants for violent offenders
- Process established to extend MAPPA to include violent offenders
- Fortnightly analysis of serious assaults/robberies to establish any trend/hot spots
- Review of violent crime being undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit to examine practice/procedures in an

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	N/A	6.80	4.30	2.5



Priority 3 - Reducing Violence

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

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

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

Reasons

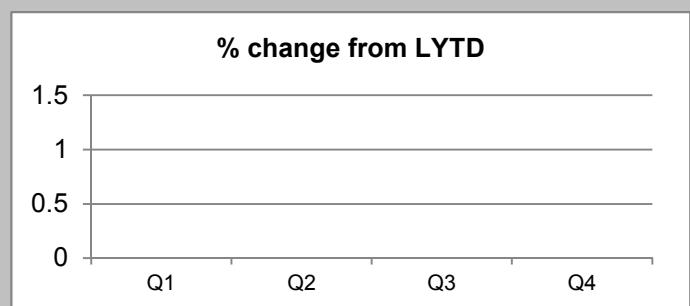
YTD there were 148 stop and searches (total incl drugs, weapons and stolen property) carried out by police in Midlothian, 43 of which were positive (29%).

What are we doing

Officers in Midlothian continue to search people on an intelligence led basis.

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 29 people were killed or seriously injured on Midlothian's roads, up 2 from LYTD (27) and 10 more than the 3-year average of 19.

Reasons

In the reporting period there were 3 fatal road accidents on Midlothian's roads, resulting in 5 fatalities. There were 3 more fatalities YTD than the previous year when there were two. Serious road casualties decreased by 1 YTD compared to LYTD (24 and 25 respectively). There were also 7 fewer slight injuries on Midlothian's roads YTD compared to the previous YTD (109 and 116 respectively).

On a positive note the number of collisions (as opposed to casualties) that resulted in fatal or serious injury decreased from 26 LYTD to 20 YTD which highlights there were fewer accidents on the road YTD.

3 children were seriously injured YTD, 1 more than LYTD (2) and 1 above the three-year average (1).

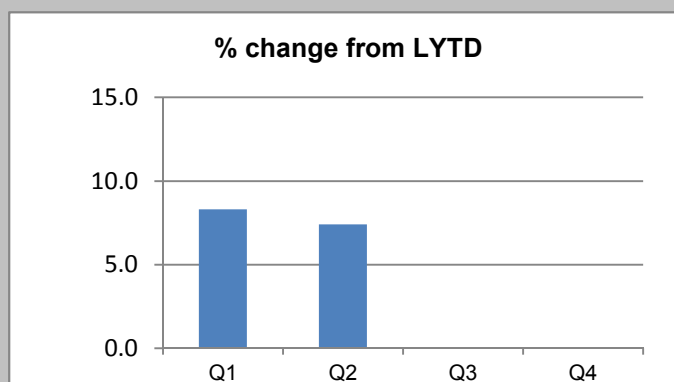
Analysis of all Killed/Seriously Injured accidents continues to be undertaken in an effort to establish causation factors or identify any "hot spot" areas, however this has failed to identify anything or any locus of significance.

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 have been trained into the use of hand held radar devices and are undertaking speed checks on roads identified as problematic in an effort to positively influence driver behaviour and address local Ward related matters
- Joint work with partners in VOSA 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 were held in August.
- Operation Zenith - targeting motorcyclists behaviour on the road
- Divisional Road Safety group established looking at education/enforcement and engineering issues
- Road safety a divisional priority in this years Festive campaign

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	118	29	27	7.40%



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 30 detections for dangerous driving in Midlothian, an increase of 13 (76.5%), from LYTD (17).

Reasons

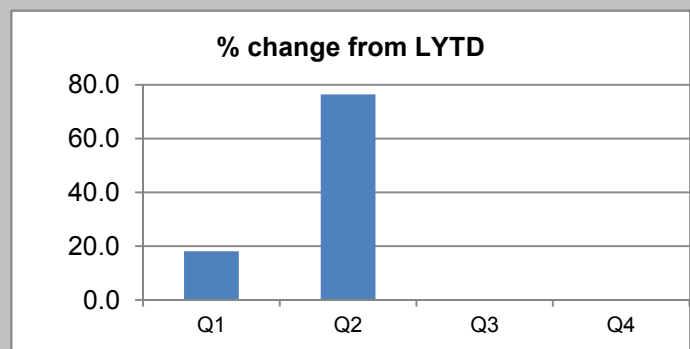
Males aged 25 years and under are over represented in dangerous driving offences (52%). Dangerous Driving offences recorded in Midlothian account for 27% of all offences in the Lothian and Scottish Borders Division.

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 sites have now been established for mobile and fixed cameras in identified hotspots. It is anticipated this will have a preventative effect on RTCs.

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	111	30	17	76.50%



Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. The detection rate for hate crime in Midlothian was 75.6%, above 70.7% LYTD.

Reasons

At the end of September the Midlothian detection rate for hate crime increased by five percentage points compared to the same period the previous year, and sits above the divisional figure of 69.2%. YTD there were 39 recorded hate crime incidents, up 3 from 36 LYTD (+8.3%).

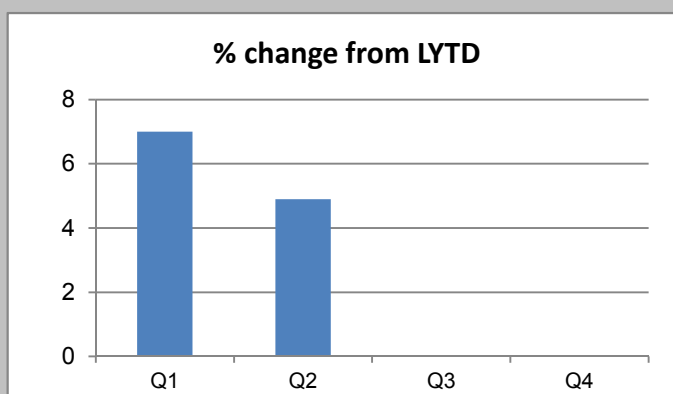
Racially aggravated hate crime continues to be a challenge in Midlothian with offences taking place between neighbours, at point of sale, and against police officers during arrest. Attitudinal issues across Midlothian continue to play a part in hate crime and education is key to changing such attitudes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

What are we doing

- Work with partners to consider tenancy matters for convicted offenders.
- Educational inputs at local schools
- A thorough and robust investigation process in place
- Strong links with identified vulnerable premises
- Community Planning Partners signed a pledge to tackle Hate Crime as part of the Hate Crime awareness week
- Worked with local further education establishments to promote Hate crime issues as part of freshers week

Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	69.2%	75.6%	70.7%	4.9%



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 18 incidents YTD compared to LYTD.

Reasons

LTD there were 3243 incidents of ASB reported by members of the public YTD, 0.5% more than the LYTD (3228). ASB calls reported in Midlothian accounted for 29.0% of all ASB calls across the division YTD.

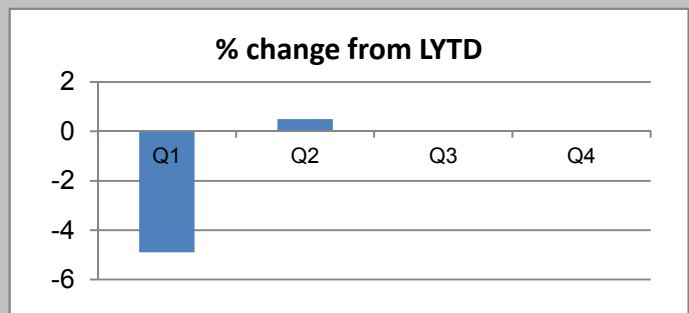
A high proportion of ASB occurs on Friday and Saturday evenings in town centres aggravated by alcohol misuse. A continuing challenge for police is youth related antisocial behaviour in the Woodburn and Bonnyrigg areas. Both areas have Problem Solving Partnership Groups who meet regularly to tackle youth disorder in this area. A further challenge for police is substance misuse among young people and the detrimental effect it has on behaviour and impact on future offending. On a positive note crimes of vandalism have decreased with 553 (Group 4) crimes reported to police, down 2.4% from 567 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
- 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

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	11209	3243	3228	0.50%



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 35 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation, which is 5 detections fewer than LYTD (40).

Reasons

Police in Midlothian detected 35 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation YTD - 13% below LYTD.

15 offences were for drugs supply and 10 offences for drug production/cultivation. Compared to LYTD police detected 5 fewer offences for drugs cultivation and 10 fewer offences for drugs supply.

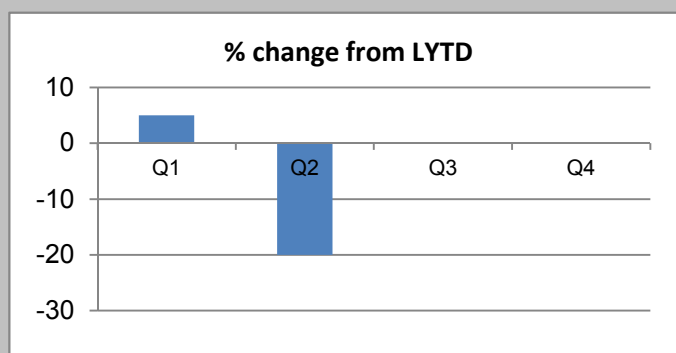
There is currently one SOCG group based in Midlothian. This network is assessed as posing a risk to the community through their involvement in dishonesty crime. Police are actively targeting the group under Operation Bistra.

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 Sandrone 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.

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	180	35	40	-13.0%



Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD police seized £41,211.81 in cash and NET assets from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act. This is an increase from LYTD (£20,864.87).

Reasons

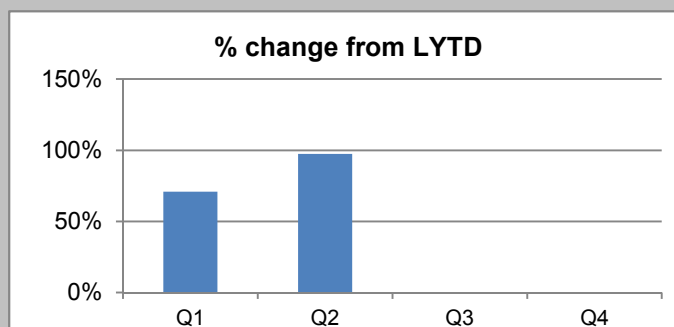
Between April and September there were five cash seizures within the Midlothian area, totalling £41,211.81. No NET assets were seized YTD. LYTD there were the two cash seizures and two NET assets seized. The value of cash seizures and NET assets seized LYTD was £20,864.87. Cash and NET seizures made in Midlothian accounted for over a third (34.5%) 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	£119,559	£41,212	£20,865	97.5%



Priority 7 – Reducing Housebreaking

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

Current situation

Off target. Police recorded 81 domestic housebreakings (incl attempts) YTD, up from 79 LYTD.

Reasons

Housebreaking to domestic properties continues to be a challenge for Police in Midlothian with 81 recorded break-ins YTD, up 2.5% from LYTD total of 79 crimes. The 3-year average for 2013/14 - 2015/16 was 66.

A recidivist group of young males continue to commit high numbers of housebreakings throughout the Midlothian area and dedicated police resources are being directed to this SOCG under the banner Operation Bistra. 29.7% of all domestic housebreakings across the Division YTD occurred in Midlothian.

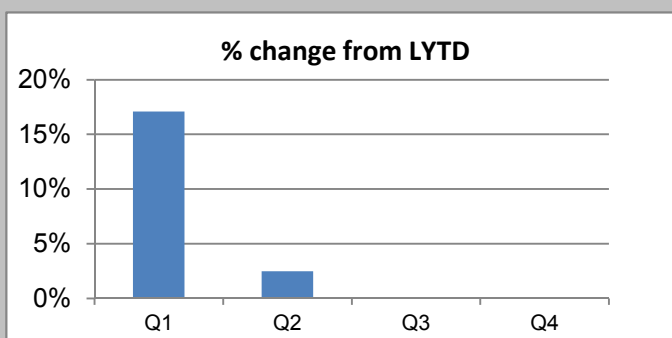
On a positive note, the percentage of successful housebreakings (in that the offender has overcome security and accessed the property), has decreased YTD compared to the PYTD, from 73.4% in 2015/16 to 67.5% in 2016/17. In a higher percentage of housebreakings the offender has failed to overcome security (32.5% YTD were attempts compared to 26.6% LYTD). This is likely in part due to increased crime prevention messages through local social media and roadshows.

What are we doing

- Police continue to gather intelligence and deploy resources to housebreakings under Operation Greenbay and Operation Bistra.
- General crime prevention advice is given by recording officers at victims of domestic housebreakings. More detailed crime prevention surveys are offered to victims of domestic housebreaking who appear vulnerable or who are repeat victims.
- Increase in the use of social media by Community Policing Sgts in promotion of home security and personal safety advice
- Consideration for action taken at the ASBVO where stolen property is detected in Council or social housing tenancies where tenant was convicted of housebreaking in the vicinity of their tenancy
- Housing officers have been educated around the reporting of intelligence to Police (e.g. gardening tools stored within a flat without a garden)
- Deployment of plain clothed officers in problematic areas
- Proactive bail/curfew checks on offenders
- Lock Down Crime in Midlothian Road Shows aimed at raising awareness in our community of acquisitive crime being undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership in November and December
- Reducing housebreaking is a divisional priority in the festive campaign
- 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	273	81	79	2.5%



Priority 7 – Reducing Housebreaking

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

Current situation

Off target. The detection rate for crimes of domestic housebreaking YTD is 38.8%, below LYTD total of 55.7%.

Reasons

Despite high levels of housebreaking police continue to make arrests with over a third of domestic housebreakings detected YTD. Despite a reduction compared to LYTD (55.7%) the detection rate is slightly above the three-year average of 37.1%. The Midlothian detection rate is also above the average for Lothian and Scottish Borders Division (31.5%).

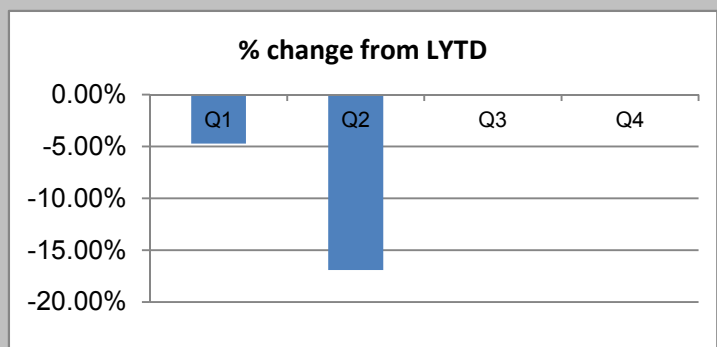
YTD 25 individuals have been charged with a housebreaking offence committed in Midlothian with details passed by police to Midlothian Council Community Safety Team for follow up enforcement action.

What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	31.50%	38.8%	55.7%	-16.9%



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	51
Number of complaints - J Division	243

Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	31.8
Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	33.3

	Midlothian	J Division
Total allegations recorded	65	325



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

July, August and September 2016

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**MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(Month July, August and September - 2016)**

ASB:

Time spent on allocated patrol relevant to tasked ASB hotspots and areas of concern (total officer hours):	1009
Party house visits	2
Number of ASBO visits	
Number of ASBO breach calls attended	
Number of ASBO breach charges	
Number of youth ASB calls attended	123

Alcohol and Drug misuse

Searches:	Drugs (Persons) + ve	10
	Drugs (Persons) - ve	37
	Drugs (Houses) + ve	7
	Drugs (Houses) - ve	4
	Alcohol (Persons) + ve	30
	Alcohol (Persons) - ve	
Alcohol Recovered:	Vodka (Bottles)	1
	Cider (Bottles/Cans)	21
	Lager (Bottles/Cans)	21
	Buckfast (Bottles)	16
	Other	13
Visits:	Number of Licensed Premises Visits (on and off sales):	33

Violent crime

Searches	Weapons + ve	3
	Weapons - ve	4
Visits	Violent offender visits	1

Crimes of dishonesty

Searches	Stolen property +ve	4
	Stolen Property -ve	5

Re-offending

Number of Bail Curfew Checks & Offenders Reported:	Bail Curfew Check + ve (traced in)	93
	Bail Curfew Check - ve (not traced)	35
	Bail Curfew SPRs submitted	11
Number of Warrant Checks & Arrests:	Warrant Checks	77
	Persons Arrested on Warrant	15
	Number of Arrests (other than warrants):	29

Supporting children at risk of harm

Number of Child Referrals (VPDs):	37
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Supporting adults at risk of harm

Number of Adult Referrals (VPDs):	8
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Road Safety

MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN (Month July, August and September - 2016)		
Fixed Penalty Notices & Standard Police Reports	Number of ASB FPNs Issued (excluding RTA):	3
	Number of Road Traffic full SPRs Submitted:	2
	Number of RTA FPNs (excluding ASB):	6
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	8
Recorded Police Warnings	Number of RPWs issued	5
Breath tests	Breath Tests - negative	29
	Breath Tests - positive	1
Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	1
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	2
Community Involvement in setting and delivering outcomes		
Joint communication/ engagement activities undertaken		
Cross cutting indicators		
Full Standard Police Reports Submitted (excluding RTA and Bail Offences):	Adult	17
	Juvenile	10
Intelligence	Number of SID Intelligence Submissions:	72
Number of Incidents/ visits attended with partners:	Fire Service	1
	Ambulance Service	1
	Visits with Council staff	3
Abstracted Officer Hours (Non Core Duties):	Hours	
	%	

Additional Information & Incidents of Note

- On 4th July 2016, MCAT officers attended a call to Asda, Straiton, Loanhead regarding youths causing a disturbance. The Youths were shouting and swearing at staff and made off on Police arrival before being caught following a short foot chase. One of the youths was found in possession of a knife. Both reported for Sec 38 and weapon charges. The Youths were also identified as being involved in previous incidents in the Straiton area.
- On 7th July 2016, MCAT officers patrolling the area, robustly responded to a report of a high risk missing person, who had made previous attempts to end their own life. Following liaison with response officers at the locus, MCAT officers and a Dog Handler traced the missing person safe and well near to a riverbank.
- On 8th July 2016, MCAT officers conducted enquiries into a Domestic Housebreaking that had occurred that day in the Bonnyrigg area. A potential suspect was identified and a search warrant obtained for their house. This resulted in the recovery of stolen property from that day and previously reported housebreakings in the area. The suspect was reported for housebreaking and reset offences.
- On 14th July 2016, MCAT officers observed a vehicle previously circulated by the area control room in the Mayfield area. On making attempts to stop the vehicle, it made off at speed, driving over pavements and striking parked vehicles, 1 which contained an 18 month old child. The driver was identified and the vehicle later found abandoned and seized. The driver was charged with Disqualified driving, Dangerous driving, no insurance, no MOT, failing to stop for Police, Failing to stop at the scene of an accident and reported for same. The owner of the vehicle has been charged with causing and permitting these offences.
- On 15th July 2016, MCAT officers conducted a routine stop of a vehicle in the Mayfield area, found to have no valid policy of insurance. The vehicle was seized and the driver reported for relevant offences.
- On 16th July 2016, MCAT officers traced a high tariff offender in the Penicuik area, in breach of imposed court bail conditions. They were arrested and charged with multiple breaches of the bail condition and other dishonesty offences. They were reported from Police custody.
- On 18th July 2016, MCAT officers noticed a large road motorbike being driven at speed in the Mayfield area. On attempting to stop the vehicle, the driver made off but was caught following a short foot chase. The vehicle was found to be stolen and seized. The driver also swallowed a quantity of illegal drugs. The driver was arrested

and held in Police custody, reported for Reset, Driving without a licence, Driving with no insurance, Driving without a helmet and drugs obstructions charges.

- On 28th July 2016, MCAT officers conducted enquiries into Bogus Workmen activity in the Dalkeith area. A known offender was arrested and held in Police custody. They were charged with Fraud offences.
- On 29th July 2016, MCAT officers conducted patrols in the area of Newbattle Golf club. A youth was traced on the course and identified by members as responsible for an assault the previous week. Statements were noted and the male arrested for assault. He was reported to the courts via the Youth Justice officer and a second youth identified as involved.
- On 30th July 2016, MCAT officers conducted enquiries into counterfeit currency, found in possession of a prisoner. They were interviewed and their home address searched. A report for counterfeit currency and driving offences has been submitted.
- On 1st August 2016 following the report of an attempted Break in to a shed and youths acting suspiciously around a container in the Loanhead area, MCAT officers conducted a hasty search and traced 2x local Youths matching the description. Enquiries revealed them to be responsible and they were both charged and reported via the Youth Justice Officer.
- On 2nd August 2016 MCAT officers conducted enquiry into the growing of Cannabis within a dwelling house in the Mayfield area. They detected a strong smell from within, craved a search warrant and recovered a small Cannabis Cultivation within and a personal amount of Cannabis Resin. The occupier was reported for possession and production offences.
- On 4th August 2016 MCAT officers attended a report of a disturbance outside an address in Easthouses. They observed a well-known resident acting aggressively and threatening occupiers from neighbouring properties. They were arrested and held in custody for charges of Sec 38 criminal justice and licensing (Scot) 2010 offences
- On 10th August 2016 MCAT officers, acting on information received, executed a Misuse of Drugs Act search warrant at an address in Mayfield. A medium sized Cannabis Cultivation was recovered with over 45 plants present, with a potential street value of up to £36,000. The occupier was charged a reported for Production and Possession offences along with Theft of Electricity.
- On 14th August 2016 MCAT officers, traced and arrested a well-known recidivist offender on warrant and for a Breach of Bail curfew x4. They were held in Police custody to appear at court the following day.
- Between 15th & 18th August 2016, over 13 calls were made to Police by members of the public regarding a large motorbike bearing foreign

plates being driven around the Dalkeith area. MCAT officers undertook enquiries and traced the Motorcycle to a wooded area off the A68 and confirmed it as outstanding stolen. The motorcycle has been examined and forensic samples obtained. Enquiry is continuing and charges are likely to be preferred against the offenders.

- On 17th August 2016, following extensive enquiry, MCAT officers detained and interviewed a well-known local offender, currently imprisoned, in relation to Theft M/V and possession of a prohibited weapon (Taser) following incidents in 2015. They were subsequently arrested and reported for Theft M/V, Road Traffic Act offences and possession of a prohibited weapon.
- On 19th August 2016, MCAT officers conducted enquiry following reports of persons having dumped Cannabis plants within Stobhill recycling centre. MCAT officers detected an extremely strong smell of Cannabis emanating from a dwelling house in Easthouses. A search warrant was obtained and a large scale Cannabis Cultivation, with Industrial potential recovered within the house and garage area. 71 plants recovered with a potential street value of £53,000. The occupiers were arrested, charged and held to appear in court in relation to Drugs supply, production and possession charges.
- On 25th August 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in Penicuik. A quantity of Class A (Diamorphine) drugs were recovered along with a number of items consistent with drugs supply. Enquiry is continuing.
- On 29th August 2016 MCAT officers, traced and arrested a well-known recidivist offender for a Breach of Bail curfew x3. They were held in Police custody to appear at court the following day.
- On 31st August 2016 MCAT officers, traced and arrested a well-known recidivist offender for a Breach of Bail curfew. They were held in Police custody to appear at court the following day.
- On 3rd and 4th September 2016, MCAT officers were detailed to provide a Policing presence at Midstock and Midfest events. Minor incidents and several ejections, however, the event passed peacefully.
- On 6th September 2016, MCAT officers assisted the local Pro-active unit with a house search under a Misuse of Drugs act Warrant in the Bonnyrigg area. Several items were recovered and enquiry continuing due to links to serious and organised crime.
- On 7th September 2016, MCAT officers recovered a Cannabis Cultivation at an address in Dalkeith. The occupier was detained, interviewed and reported for production and possession offences.
- On 8th September 2016, MCAT officers attempted to effect the arrest of a known offender, subject of an arrest warrant. The officers traced the person to an address in Woodburn but the offender refused to surrender themselves and presented a Machete type knife at officers

before being talked down and thereafter arrested. They were held to appear at court on charges of Assault (menaces) and the warrant.

- On 9th September 2016, MCAT officers responded to reports of persons making inappropriate sexual remarks to youths. Statements were noted and enquiry conducted identifying the person responsible, who, was arrested, charged with offences under Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 and held to appear in court.
- On 15th September 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs act at an address in the Bilston area. A personal quantity of class A drugs were recovered and the occupier charged with possession offences.
- On 16th September 2016, whilst on patrol in the Mayfield area, MCAT officers observed a disturbance at an address and persons being assaulted. The perpetrator made off but was caught by MCAT officers after a small foot pursuit and found in possession of a quantity of Class B drugs. The offender was arrested and charged with Assault and Drugs possession.
- On 18th September 2016, following reports of 3x separate incidents of Youths throwing stones and causing annoyance in the Woodburn area, MCAT officers deployed to the area and identified the Youths responsible. 4x Youths were charged with several offences under Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 and reported to the Youths Justice officer.
- On 19th September 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs act at an address in Woodburn. A quantity of Class A and Class B drugs were recovered and the occupier reported for possession offences.
- On 21st September 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs act at an address in Newtongrange. A quantity of Class A drugs were recovered along with items relating to drug supply. 3x persons were arrested and charged with drugs supply and held to appear in court.

Appendix

CPTM VISION & ACTIVITIES

Vision

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

Activities

1. **High Visibility Patrolling:** the provision of community support and reassurance by undertaking high visibility vehicle, foot and cycle patrols focusing on identified antisocial behaviour issues.
2. **Recidivist-Offenders:** intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention being given to persons subject to ASBOs and judicial bails (including curfews).
3. **Youth Engagement:** actively engage with youths and foster a positive image of the police and their local communities. Act as primary first responders to youth calls, disrupt antisocial behaviour and enforce appropriate legislation firmly but fairly. Maximise alcohol seizures. Engage with partners and CBO colleagues to identify appropriate support and diversionary activities.
4. **Licensed Premises:** monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents whenever possible.
5. **Support Partners & Colleagues:** engage with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that are occurring in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.
6. **Road Safety:** tackle antisocial vehicle use, giving specific attention to inconsiderate vehicle use on the Midlothian road network and the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. Maximise the appropriate use of ASBO warnings and vehicle seizures.