

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

Date: Monday, 18 November 2019

Time: 11:00

Executive Director : Place

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The next scheduled meeting is 17 February 2020 at 11.00 am



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
26 August 2019	11.00 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Curran (Chair)	Councillor McCall
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Munro
Councillor Parry	

In attendance:

Midlothian Council Verona MacDonald, Democratic Services Team Leader	Alison White, Head of Adult Services
Police Scotland Chief Superintendent John McKenzie	Chief Inspector Aaron Clinkscales
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Stephen Gourlay, Area Manager	Dean Mack, Group Manager

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and intimated an apology on behalf of Councillor Smaill.

2. Order of Business

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

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 3 June 2019 was unanimously approved and the Chair was authorised to sign it as a correct record.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1.1	Fire and Rescue Service – Local Plan Performance Report for Quarter 1	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Stephen Gourlay by way of an update advised of a few matters worthy of noting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) negotiations regarding pay and conditions – he was fairly confident there would be more clarity regarding this in the next 3 – 4 weeks; (ii) the training centre at Newbridge – close to completion with staff now moving in; (iii) business case to get some additional resources which would support, amongst others, the Penicuik station – bid had been successful and would provide support to the retained officers. The post would be filled during January 2020; (iv) Dalkeith Fire Station – part of the building has been isolated due to structural issues <p>Mr Gourlay also advised Dean Mack would be retiring from the Service towards the end of October and therefore this would be his last time at the Board. He paid tribute to the work undertaken by Dean. In response, the Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr Mack and wished him well in retirement.</p> <p>Dean Mack then provided a summary of the Quarter 1 report. Referring to Page 4 of the report, he advised the figures showed a slight increase but were still below the average for the east area and nationally. He advised 60% of accidental fires related to cooking and listed contributing factors for this being age and persons living alone. He further advised only 11 of the properties where fires had occurred had smoke detectors fitted but the Service continues to undertake fire safety visits. With regard to deliberate fires, he noted the increase and the work undertaken with Council colleagues in terms of educating young persons. He further advised this was an increasing trend across Scotland. He noted the decrease from last year in false alarms and advised the majority of these were due to human error but the figure was still below the east of Scotland average. Finally, in terms of Page 19 of the report, he advised fire safety enforcement audits were off target due to a change in personnel but would be back on target shortly. He noted home safety visits were on target.</p> <p>Questions were then put by Members. Councillor Munro enquired about the use of dedicated fire pits the purpose of which was to facilitate safe areas for fires. Mr Gourlay advised he was personally not supportive of this because many of the incidents the Service were called to happen as a result of alcohol being consumed and were often malicious fire-raising such as wheelie bins being set alight where there is a cost and danger to nearby buildings. He did not consider dedicated fire pits would stop malicious fire-raising.</p> <p>Councillor McCall stated she was disappointed in the referral numbers and asked what the Council could do and also had the Citizens Advice Bureau been approached. Mr Gourlay advised the local Area Liaison Officer will be providing training to Council officers about the referral system and he will also ask the Liaison Officer to contact CAB. Alison White advised the Liaison Officer had visited staff and there was a big push to learn from a recent incident in East</p>		

Lothian. Councillor McCall commented Council property staff visited houses every year and wondered whether they were aware of the referral system. Alison White advised she would check this with Property Services.

The Chair noted the Board would not meet again until after bonfire night and asked Mr Gourlay if there was anything which needed to be done. Mr Gourlay advised it was planned at national level and waste amnesties played a big part with waste being removed before the day. He further noted considerable partnership working went into planning for the day.

Decision

Noted

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2.1	Police Scotland Midlothian Area Command Quarter 1 report 2019 - 2020	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Superintendent McKenzie addressed the Board. He referred to his advice at the June meeting, whereby he undertook to provide additional information within his report to the Board. He advised the report style and content had been revised with specific information being provided in terms of crime type with multi-ward data being available shortly. He advised of the various summer events which impacted upon the Police service and the work being undertaken with regard to contingency for Brexit. He further advised, in comparison to the previous year, solvency rates had increased, that overall crime figures were down but violence related crime had increased. He highlighted 2 specific areas of work (a) mobile working – mobile data would be introduced during Quarter 3 which would allow officers to use handheld devices meaning they would not have to go back to a station to check information and (b) analysing how calls are graded which had reduced call demand by 20% when introduced at national level. Commenting on the dedicated Community Action Team, he advised crime has reduced due to the work undertaken by CAT officers in communities across Midlothian. He then handed over to Chief Inspector Clinkscales who went through the terms of the quarter 1 report.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Clinkscales advised the figures were positive with a total decrease in crime of 10.3%. He then went through each individual category in the report. He advised there continued to be high demand levels with mental health and missing persons being given priority. He noted a dramatic fall in crimes of dishonesty whilst also noting detection rates remained low. He advised of daily meetings between officers in the east regarding known criminals released from prison. He advised the increase in lewd and libidinous crimes may be linked to the Scottish Child Abuse Enquiry. He commented alcohol played a big part in many violent crimes and with that in mind the Pubwatch scheme is being relaunched. He advised the largest capacity premises in the area is Woodburn Miners Club and officers encountered significant problems relating to the dispersal of persons at closing time where the key to dispersal was to get taxis into the area to take people home. He noted the figure for road casualties had reduced by 42.5% and advised national campaigns for drink driving and the “close pass” initiative had contributed to the reduction. Finally, with regard to the CAT, he noted officers had dealt with 836 incidents during the quarter.</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged the change in format and content of the report and thanked the officers for the additional information and breakdowns provided.</p>		

Councillor Parry, with regard to the figures relating to domestic abuse, commented that Midlothian did not appear to fair well when compared to national figures. She drew attention to the 120% increase in sexual crimes and commented that even if historic cases were not included this still equated to a considerable increase. She further noted the Board would not meet again until after the proposed date for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union and asked what plans are in place locally for this.

Chief Superintendent McKenzie, with regard to domestic abuse, acknowledged the figures were not good. He further advised that between 50 to 80% of cases are underreported. He confirmed he could look at doing more by way of a breakdown of the figures to allow further scrutiny in the future. With regard to sexual crimes, he advised regardless of the figure no-one should be satisfied; that historic cases amounted to about 40% of the increase and it is often the case an investigation into one case led to further crimes being detected. In relation to Brexit, he advised this was dealt with on a national level by a Brexit Resilience Task Force but to-date he had not seen anything which suggests there would be a significant number of issues.

Decision

Thereafter, the Board noted the content of the report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2.2	Strategic Police Priorities – Consultation	Chair
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Chair drew attention to the terms of an email dated 16 July 2019 regarding the Scottish Government consultation on a new set of Strategic Police Priorities to set a high level strategic direction for policing in Scotland. He further advised that a second consultation was underway relating to human trafficking. In noting the deadlines for responses was prior to the next meeting of the Board, he suggested Board members feed into the process by way of forwarding any comments they have to Alison White who, in consultation with him, will finalised and submit responses prior to the deadline dates set.		
Decision		
Members agreed to proceed on the basis suggested by the Chair		

The meeting terminated at 12.10 pm.



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MIDLOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Quarter 2 Report, 1st July– 30th September, 2019

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Midlothian



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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 2 of 2019-20 (1st July – 30th September 2019) including information on the year to date.

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

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2019-2022 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian contribute towards the priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

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

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

Local Priorities:

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

Area Manager Stephen Gourlay

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

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Performance Summary

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

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	23	36	33	21	31	◆
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	4	10	12	10	2	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	161	195	272	154	160	▲
Special Service - RTCs	27	23	20	16	16	●
Special Service Casualties - All	34	34	33	19	24	◆
False Alarm - UFAs	167	187	163	190	190	●

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.

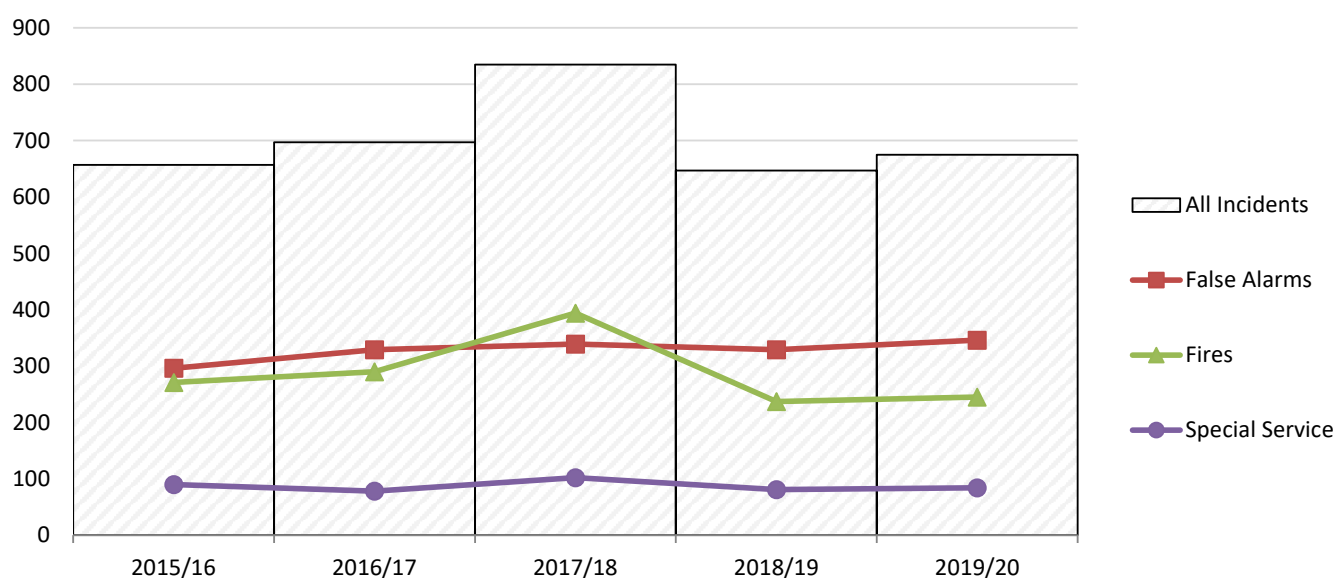
Note

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 2019 – 30th September 2019), the SFRS, responded to 675 incidents in Midlothian, which is a increase of 28 incidents compared with the same reporting period last year.

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



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

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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.

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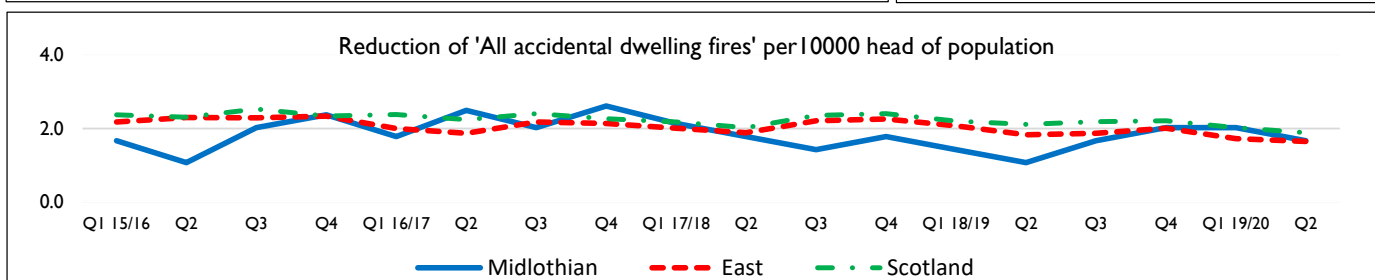
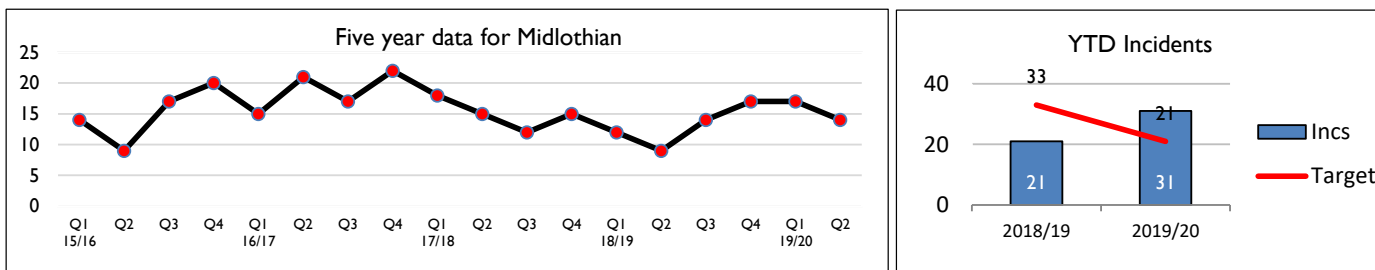
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 14 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 5 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 14 accidental dwelling fires attended, 57% occurred in single occupancy households. The main cause of fire was cooking (35%) with other causes identified as: Overheating/Unknown, Negligent use of equipment, careless handling, Natural occurrence, faulty fuel supply and combustables close to heat source. Of the 14 fires all were confined to the room where the fire started and therefore, minor in nature. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection. Only 9 of these properties had smoke detectors fitted, 4 of which did not operate.

Actions

During this reporting period, 284 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. Front line crews continue to work within the previously introduced 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix I provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 5	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Sparklines
Midlothian	23	36	33	21	31	
Penicuik	3	6	7	0	1	
Bonnyrigg	4	6	6	2	3	
Dalkeith	6	9	5	5	5	
Midlothian West	3	8	4	7	9	
Midlothian East	3	2	7	4	8	
Midlothian South	4	5	4	3	5	

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

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

Results

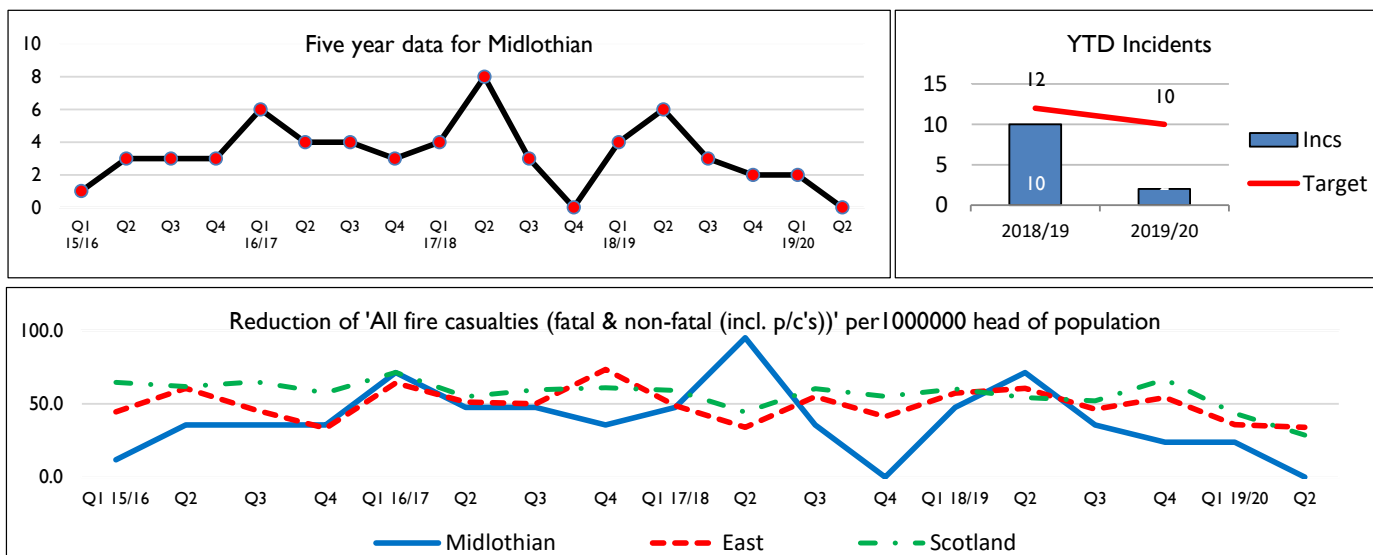
We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS report no fire casualties, this is a reduction of 6 casualties over the same reporting period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

Historically, Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend remains low.

Actions

During this reporting period, 284 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out. In addition, we continue to work with our partners, particularly Midlothian Council, Social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 0	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Sparklines
Midlothian	4	10	12	10	2	
Penicuik	0	2	2	2	0	
Bonnyrigg	0	2	0	1	1	
Dalkeith	1	1	2	2	0	
Midlothian West	2	3	0	1	0	
Midlothian East	0	2	1	4	1	
Midlothian South	1	0	7	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 years have shown a distinct increase in this activity and there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

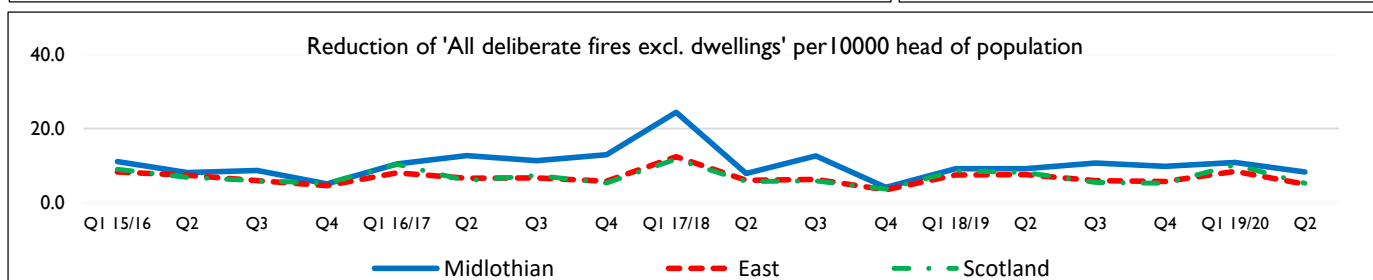
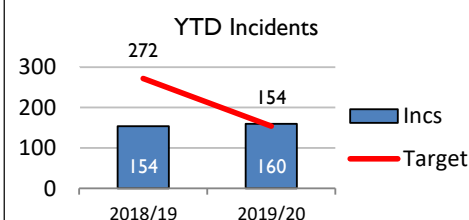
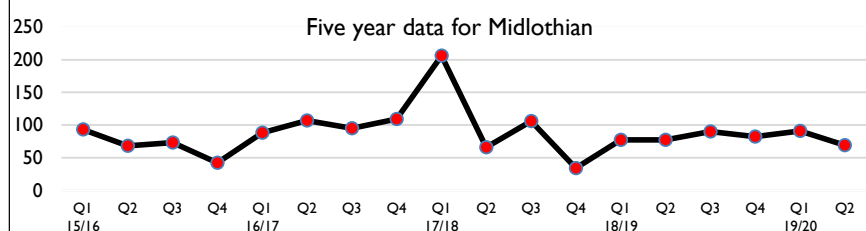
There were 69 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is a decrease of 8 when compared to the same period last year. Deliberate fire setting within Midlothian has steadily increased since early 2018. A recent decline is positive to see, however, Midlothian is still above average when compared to the rest of Scotland. Midlothian East, Dalkeith and Bonnyrigg wards suffered most from this deliberate fire setting.

Reasons

Nearly 82% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 46% in waste or scrubland, wood or crop, 22% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins, 5% vehicle fires and 5% 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 will continue to respond in a planned and reactive manner. 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 ahead of the bonfire period and other partnership work.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 27	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Sparklines
Midlothian	161	195	272	154	160	
Penicuik	7	6	41	8	5	
Bonnyrigg	11	16	21	14	23	
Dalkeith	40	31	51	38	33	
Midlothian West	33	50	46	20	21	
Midlothian East	35	46	61	38	57	
Midlothian South	35	46	52	36	21	

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

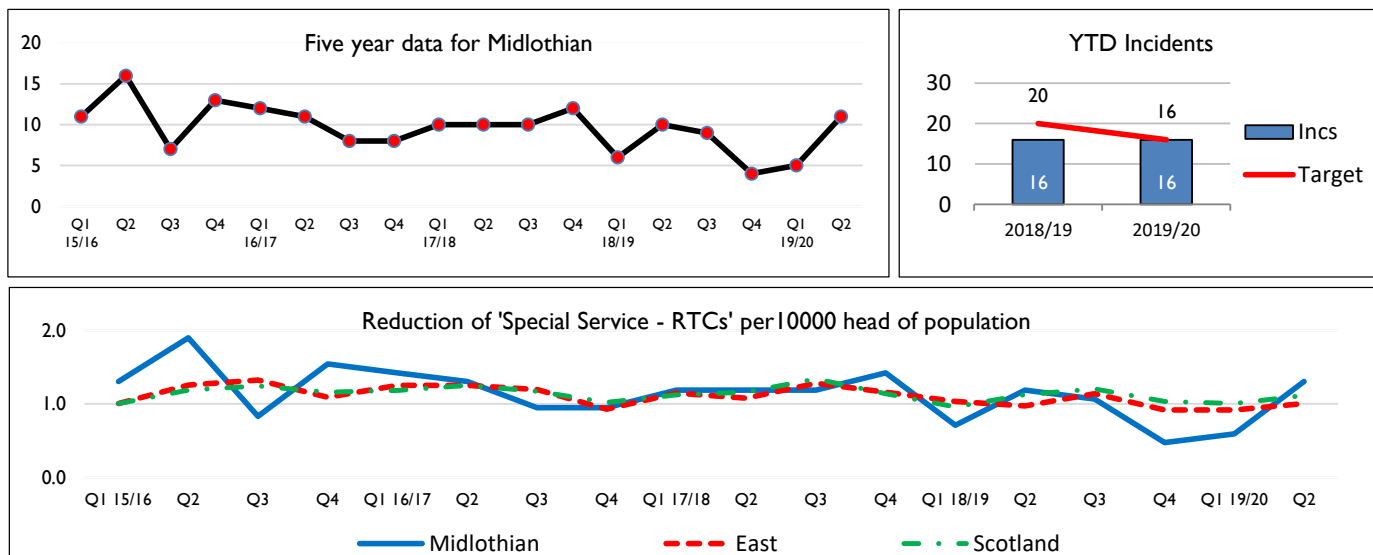
We attended 11 Road Traffic Collisions during this period. This represents an increase of 1 from the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is currently above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend for Special Service - RTC's.

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 - 3	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Sparklines
Midlothian	27	23	20	16	16	
Penicuik	8	4	3	2	6	
Bonnyrigg	0	3	1	0	0	
Dalkeith	4	4	4	7	1	
Midlothian West	6	4	5	2	1	
Midlothian East	5	5	3	5	7	
Midlothian South	4	3	4	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

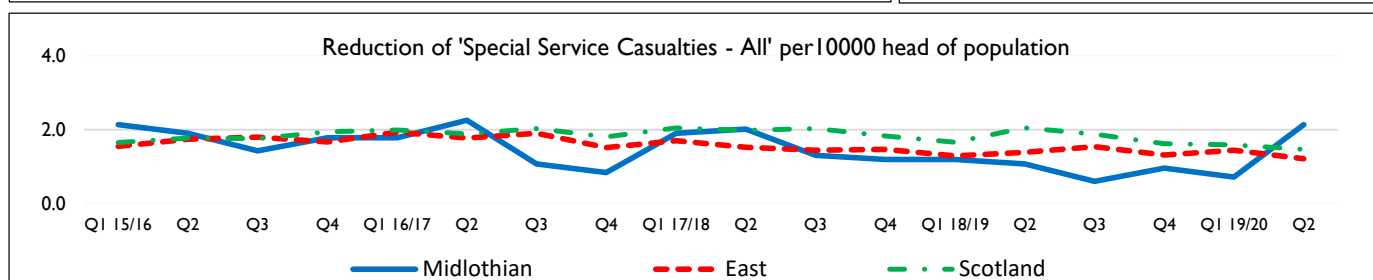
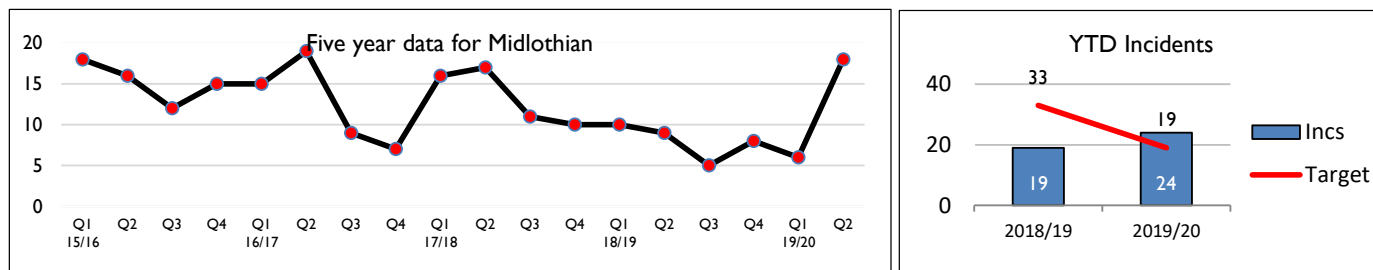
We attended a total of 50 Special Service incidents in the quarter 2 period. There were 0 fatal and 18 non-fatal casualties. This is an increase of 9 casualties in comparison to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for all but one of the 18 non-fatal casualties and the other incident involved a special service rescue - removal of objects.

Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian continue to 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 'Special Service' emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within Midlothian.



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Midlothian	34	34	33	19	24	
Penicuik	12	5	7	4	6	
Bonnyrigg	3	2	2	0	2	
Dalkeith	2	10	4	5	2	
Midlothian West	7	5	5	6	1	
Midlothian East	4	7	12	3	12	
Midlothian South	6	5	3	1	1	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

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

Results

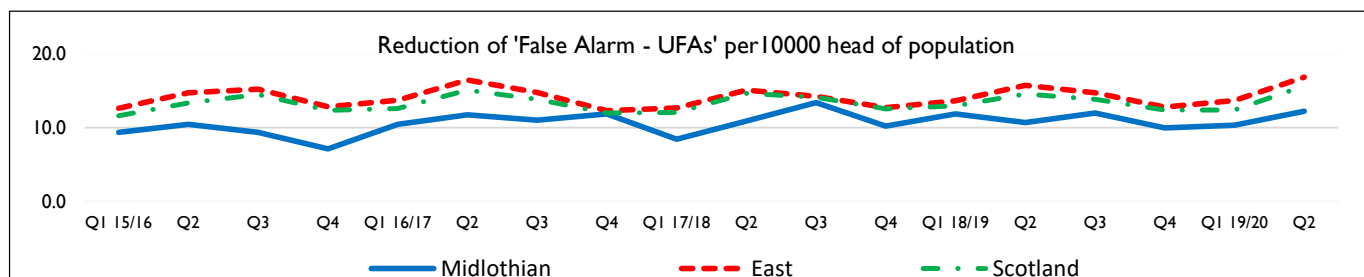
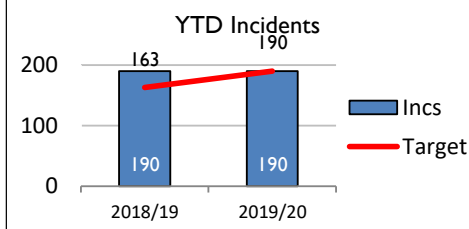
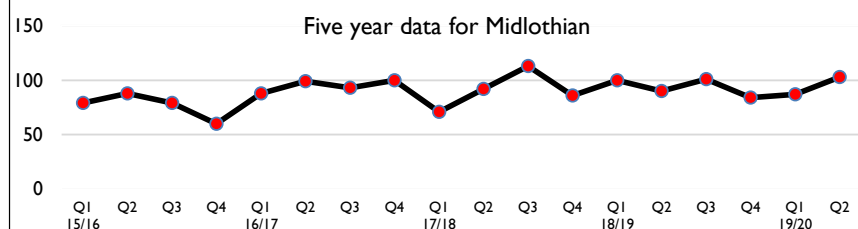
SFRS attended 103 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 13 from the same reporting period last year. Midlothian trend line is currently below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

Reasons

50% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system and other main causes include activation by: Contaminants/Dust (15%), Cooking/burnt toast (15%) and Fire alarm Testing (10%).

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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Midlothian	167	187	163	190	190	
Penicuik	18	27	9	16	15	
Bonnyrigg	28	30	24	30	33	
Dalkeith	33	41	28	33	29	
Midlothian West	50	52	52	58	61	
Midlothian East	26	19	25	27	32	
Midlothian South	12	18	25	26	20	

Appendix 1

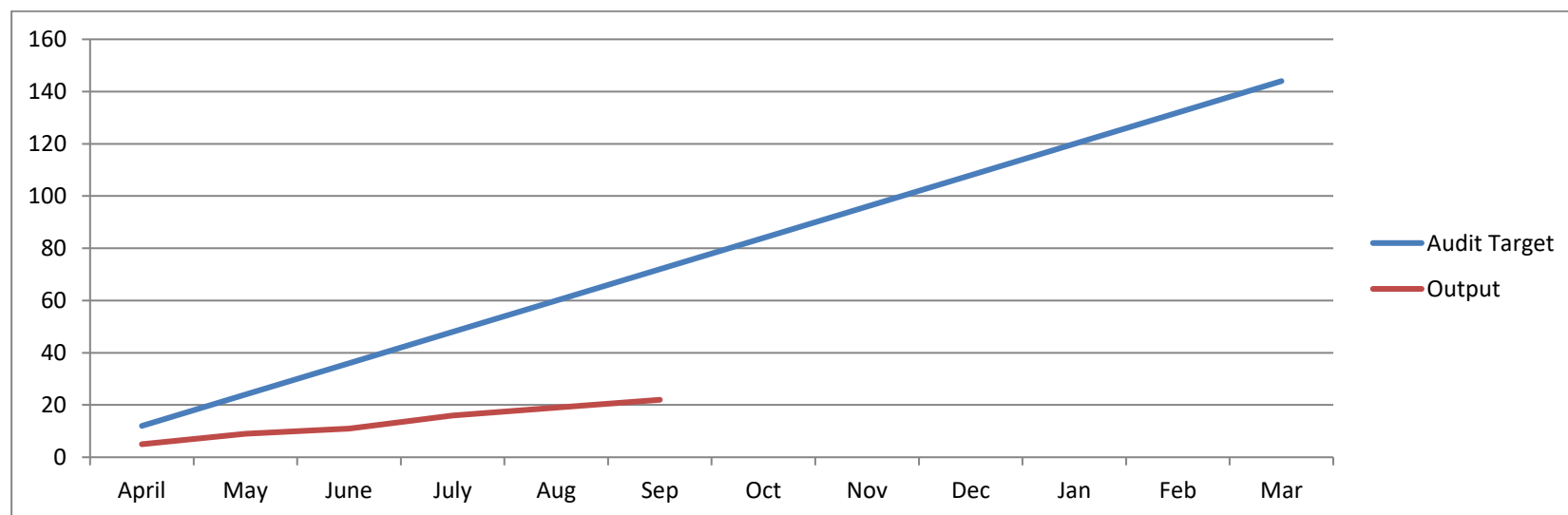
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 2: 1st July– 30th September 2019

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. In line with the SFRS enforcement framework all high risk sleeping premises receive an annual audit and this includes hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels. Due to staff promotions our qualified FSE Officer cadre is below establishment. Two new members of staff are currently being trained and delivering audits in a limited capacity. We are hopeful that current shortfalls will be addressed as the year progresses and the Officers become competent.

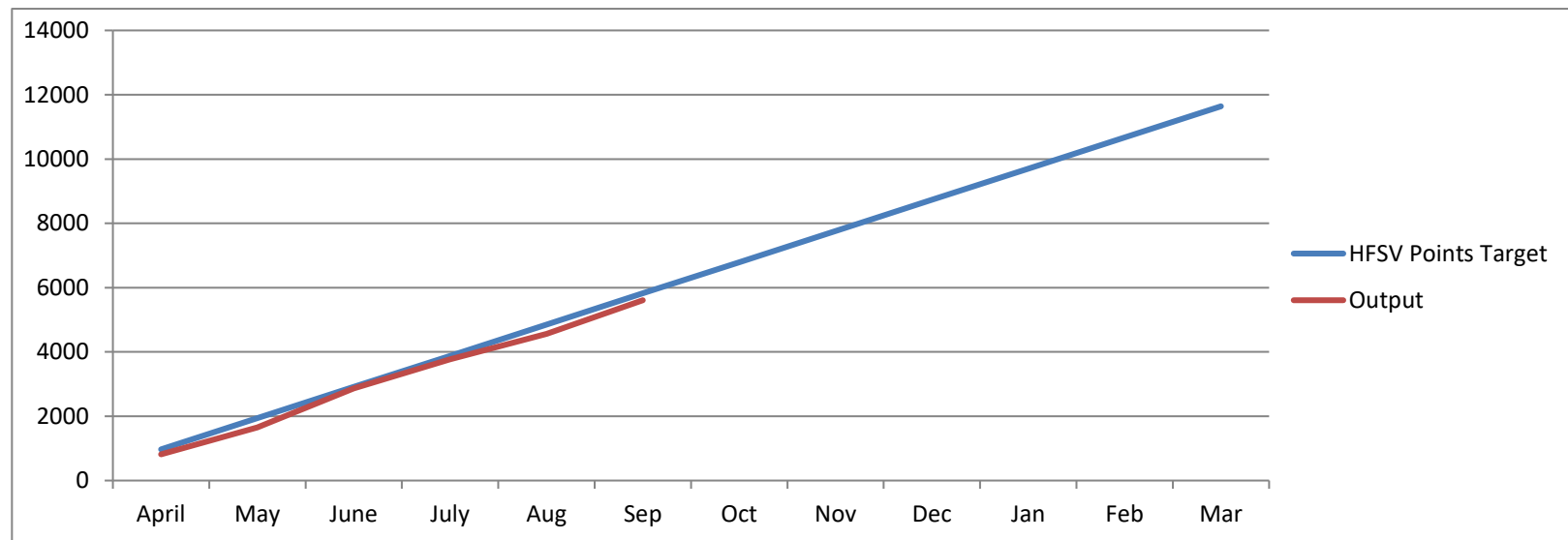
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	5	9	11	16	19	22							



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). The annual number of visits completed is well above target set. **A total of 483** HFSVs have been delivered in Midlothian YTD.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	970	1940	2910	3880	4850	5820	6790	7760	8730	9700	10670	11640	11640
Completed	816	1648	2864	3768	4560	5608							



Total visits delivered by ward area 2019/20 YTD:

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

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2019/20	Visits delivered in Q2 2019/20	Visits delivered in Q3 2019/20	Visits delivered in Q4 2019/20
Bonnyrigg	38	43		
Dalkeith	51	37		
Midlothian East	43	51		
Midlothian South	39	35		
Midlothian West	58	35		
Penicuik	30	23		
TOTAL	259	224		

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

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

A Fireskills Employability Award course was delivered at Polmont Young Offenders Institute.

Support of Fireskills course delivered in the Scottish Borders.

As a result of referrals from Police Scotland, 4 Fire Setters Interventions have taken place in Midlothian.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **2** referrals being processed to Social Services.

The CAT has completed **1** home safety visit to vulnerable adults.

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

Referrals

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

British Red Cross = **15**

Midlothian Contact Team = **3**

Midlothian Council Reablement = **3**

NHS = **2**

151 self-referrals were received via our Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (**CSET**) system with local crews completing **224** home safety visits during this quarter.

Community Safety Engagement

In addition to carrying out HFSV's, SFRS staff have been involved in **27 Community Safety Events** including Fire Safety Talks to schools and groups, Anti-social Behaviour talks to schools, Leaflet Drops, attending Open Days and liaising with other services to provide safety advice to the residents of Midlothian helping to support our Local Outcomes.

Work Completed or In Progress

- Our Local Authority Liaison Officer continues to attend Midlothian's Youth Offender Management meeting
- SFRS attend monthly MARAC meetings
- We have facilitated HFSV referral training at the police Concern Hub for J Division
- Local Prevention and Protection staff contributed to an Adult Protection Initial Case Review (ICR) for a fatal fire within the Midlothian area
- Our staff have delivered Fire Safety talks to new outreach workers in Dalkeith and Woodburn
- The LALO delivered partnership referral training to community nurses in Midlothian Community Hospital
- Staff delivered HFSV referral training to Midlothian GP Reps at their monthly meeting
- In order to ensure compliance with statutory duties and responsibilities, several members of our CAT and senior management attended a Corporate Parenting event
- The CAT continues to support Thematic Action Plan co-ordinators at Midlothian Fire Stations
- Local staff have recently supported 'Best Bar None' scheme
- Our LALO is working with the Y2K project team to provide tailored flexible fire service input utilising our Fireskills engagement programme as a framework to introduce taster sessions to children in the Mayfield area (most deprived 20% SIMD). This is to prevent those individuals offending and re-offending also providing an opportunity to explore what could also be offered to support this theme.

LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

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26 September 2019

Dear Stakeholder

**SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY
STRATEGIC POLICE PLAN REFRESH**

As you may know the Scottish Government is currently consulting on a proposed revision to the Strategic Policing Priorities. This consultation is open until Friday 4 October 2019 and views can be submitted via the following link:

<https://consult.gov.scot/safer-communities/review-of-strategic-police-priorities/>

In accordance with the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, the publication of new Strategic Police Priorities requires the Scottish Police Authority to review and if necessary revise the long term Strategic Police Plan.

An outcome based approach to planning and performance was developed through 2018 and an outcome based Annual Police Plan and supporting Performance Framework were approved by the SPA Board in March 2019.

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The Scottish Police Authority has, in collaboration with Police Scotland, established a joint project team to review the extant strategy *Policing 2026: Serving a Changing Scotland* and to conduct a wide ranging assessment of the strategic environment which would form the evidence base to shape a revision to the Plan. The current Plan is available via the following link:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/386688/policing-2026-strategy.pdf>

A revised Plan would be outcome based and align to the National Performance Framework.

With a view to early strategic engagement with key partners, and in order to shape our thinking well ahead of a future formal consultation process, we are seeking your views on the key strategic challenges and opportunities for the improvement of policing in Scotland, which you think should be considered as part of the revision of the Strategic Police Plan.

Our SPA Strategy Programme Lead, Martin Smith, will coordinate inputs on behalf of the joint project team and Martin will be the point of contact should you or your staff have any queries. Could you please submit your view on key challenges and opportunities by email to martin.smith@spa.pnn.police.uk ideally with first thoughts **by Friday 22 November 2019.**

The SPA will continue to welcome your input on an ongoing basis throughout the development process, however we have scheduled a first discussion session with SPA Board members on Tuesday 29 October 2019, so any early feedback prior to this date would be appreciated and included in that session.

Many thanks for taking the time to share your views at this early engagement stage, which will help to inform our planning and ensure that our process reflects the views of strategic partners. This process will see us continue to work to develop a formal draft plan for consultation which we would expect to share with you formally around the end of 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Brown', with a stylized initial 'L'.

LYNN BROWN
Interim Chief Executive