

Scrutiny Report

1 April 2017 – 31 December 2017

Midlothian



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LYTD = last year to date YTD = this year to date

Our Intention

Wherever possible, to live independently and in their own home by:

- Being open, responsive and accountable to victims, witnesses and communities, giving them an effective voice and working to develop new ways to meet their needs such as a better understanding of cultural and diversity requirements and ensuring they receive the help and support they require;
- Protecting victims and the most vulnerable within our communities, working in partnership, sharing relevant information and taking action to support these individuals by providing assistance, intervention and referral;
- Enhancing our investigations into missing people and provide appropriate support to individuals and families Our intention is to ensure people, including those with disabilities/ long-term conditions or are frail are able affected
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Current Situation

The number of adult missing person incidents decreased by 14% YTD compared to LYTD with 111 recorded LYTD and 95 recorded YTD. In total 89 adults were reported missing in the last 9 months. Sixteen missing adults had vulnerabilities such as dementia/mental health and 19 adults were cared for adults.

To provide support for vulnerable adults in a care home setting the Divisional Missing Person Coordinator has strong links with care homes in the area, highlighting concerns and where required registering residents for care home plans which ensure the effective transfer of information and a quick response/trace to future incidents.

Bogus workmen crimes recorded by police decreased from 7 LYTD to 3 YTD (-57.2%). A 60-year-old male was defrauded of £90 after three males attended at his address to provide gardening services. The 60yr old male was disabled, incapacitated and very vulnerable and paid for services which were not provided. Police enquiries have led to the detection of one crime this YTD. Police continue to make use of social media to engage with the community in terms of crime prevention of similar incidents and generating intelligence to aid enquiries.

What are we doing next?

- Neighbourhood Watch Alert Scheme – A local police officer has now been trained as an administrator and is circulating alerts. Community Ward Officers are continuing to encourage the setup of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes at local Community Council meetings across Midlothian. PC Iain Jeffrey is working with Midlothian Council Planning/Building Department and NHW to develop an information sheet for inclusion in new housing welcome packs.
- Call blocker initiative for those identified at risk of financial harm - In conjunction with Midlothian Council, Social Work, Midlothian Trading Standards, Trading

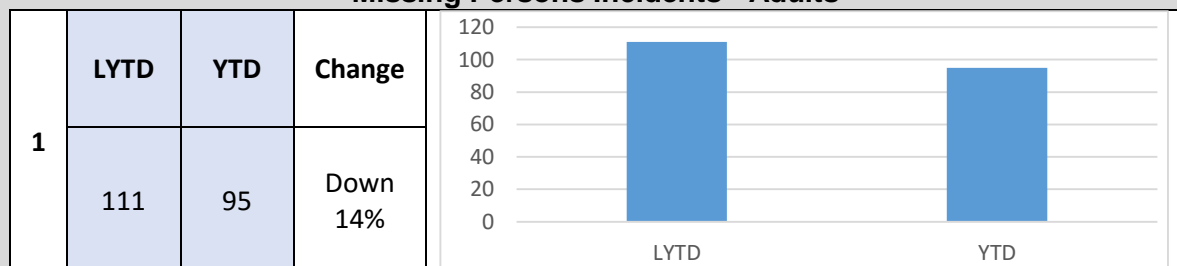
Standards Scotland and Health and Social Care. Police are working with partners to develop a means to share information of the individuals identified as suitable whilst adhering to data protection legislation.

- Creation of a financial harm/scam awareness presentation - Shown to Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network Nov 17, thereafter cascaded to Community Police teams. This work has been used as a basis for a community connection newsletter (2018) to inform and connect older citizens across Midlothian.
- Crime prevention road shows are ongoing within Midlothian providing advice on how to beat doorstep crime, helping people identify doorstep crime, providing information on who to contact and on the steps they can take to keep themselves safe.
- Operation Monarda in planning phase for spring - A Multi-agency initiative with planned days of action (dates TBC) delivering a clear message to those engaged in bogus worker crimes that Police and partner agencies will take action, gathering and developing intelligence relating to persons and vehicles involved, identifying and reporting offenders, raising public awareness and increasing reassurance whilst promoting partnership working. A joint day of action will be held along with Trading Standards, VOSA and Road Policing targeting work vans, and an innovative social media campaign will be launched to gather intelligence with a view to support Police enforcement action.

Police Performance Indicators

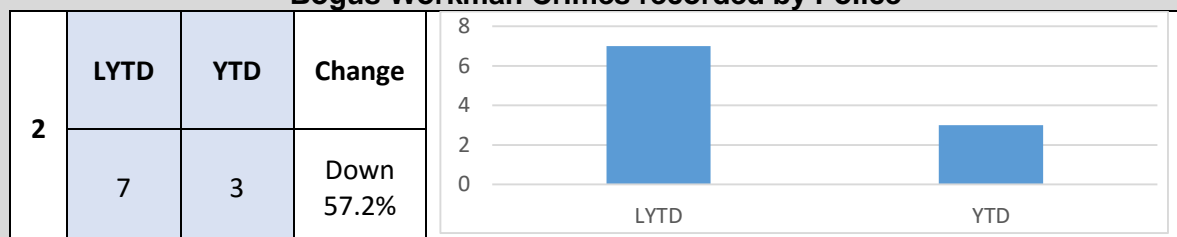
1. Missing Persons incidents - Adults
2. Bogus workmen crimes recorded by the Police

Missing Persons Incidents - Adults



Source: Missing persons coordinator, J Division

Bogus Workman Crimes recorded by Police



Source: UNIFI, Group 3 crimes, initial input date, ED, aggravator 'bogus caller' – crimes recorded in error and no crime removed from results. Please note that this data comes from interrogation of local systems using aggravator tag searches to give an indication of financial harm against the vulnerable only. Data should not be quoted as official statistics.

Misuse of Alcohol & Drugs, Gender Based Harm, Crimes of Dishonesty, Violent Crime, Financial Harm, Cyber Crime, Antisocial Behaviour & Hate Crime, Serious & Organised Crime & Counter Terrorism, and Death and Injury on Midlothian Roads

Our Intention

Our intention is to ensure (1) Fewer people are victims of crime, abuse or harm & (2) People feel safe in their neighbourhood and homes & (3) Our communities take a positive role in shaping their future by:

- Engaging with partners to prevent and reduce crime, ensuring the most vulnerable members of social groups within our communities are protected, focussing on the offences and offenders that cause the greatest harm;
- Preventing criminality and the misuse of drugs and alcohol through effective early intervention, education and enforcement;
- Influencing road user behaviour and improve road safety awareness through education, initiatives, activities and enforcement;
- Preventing serious, organised crime, target, disrupt and deterring those involved;
- Protecting our communities from the threat of terrorism, contributing fully to the UK Government CONTEST Strategy in respect of terrorism locally, across the region, nationally and internationally.

Current Situation

Police recorded 709 incidents of domestic abuse YTD, down 9.9% from LYTD (787). Domestic crime incidents have also decreased by just over a quarter YTD, with 45.8% of all incidents recorded resulting in the creation of a crime report. Police continue to carry out bail checks on domestic abuse perpetrators with good results (100% compliance YTD).

Hate Incidents increased by 9.1% YTD compared to LYTD (up 6 incidents). Point of sale, neighbour disputes and crimes against police officers continue to represent the majority of hate crime incidents across Midlothian.

Antisocial behaviour incidents increased by 0.3% YTD compared to LYTD (4966 and 4950 respectively). This is a significant improvement on the first six months of this year.

Detections for drugs supply, production and cultivation decreased by 32% YTD, with 36 detections recorded YTD compared to 53 LYTD. Operations into drug supply offences are ongoing and intelligence led.

In the first nine months of 2017/18 police seized £23,652 in cash and NET assets (five seizures) from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act. This is a decrease from the level experienced in LYTD (£41,211).

Housebreakings (domestic) decreased by 46.3% YTD compared to the previous year, with 65 crimes recorded. Figures are also below the five-year average of 103 crimes. This continues to be a real priority for police in Midlothian and the figures are extremely pleasing. Lock Down Crime Roadshows and crime prevention messages through social media are having a positive impact in increasing security of dwelling houses, with enforcement and intelligence gathering continuing through Operation Bistra. A challenge for police continues to be recidivist young males linked to serious and organised crime targeting dwellings and non-dwellings for pedal cycles and motor vehicles.

All dishonesty crime increased by 12% YTD (1889) from 1686 LYTD which is an improving situation from Q2's increase of 20%. Crimes of shoplifting have increased by 55.7% YTD, with increases also seen in business housebreaking and auto crime. In response a CID led Operation (Barrier) was concluded in December with detection rates having increased from targeted intelligence led operations and the execution of warrants.

Serious violent crime decreased by 19.8% YTD, from 61 to 49 crimes. Crimes of attempted murder reduced by 3 crimes, serious assault by 6 crimes, and assault and robbery by 5 crimes. Hotspots for violent crime in public YTD continue to be observed in Mayfield and Dalkeith town centre. A dispersal plan continues in Dalkeith to disperse and prevent ASB and violent crime linked to alcohol misuse. Detection rate for all group 1 (violent) crimes is currently 90.5%.

There have been 34 people killed or seriously injured on Midlothian's roads YTD, two fewer than LYTD. There were six fewer fatalities on Midlothian's roads YTD and a reduction of over one quarter in the number of people who suffered minor injuries on Midlothian's roads.

What are we doing next?

- Police are leading in the development of violence against women and girls (VAWG) prevention plan in partnership with multiple partners, the initial meeting has taken place and Police are gathering information before planning a second meet. PC Iain Jeffrey attended a multiagency awareness session in January 2018 to discuss the Safe & Together model. Scoping exercises have been undertaken looking at the possible roll out of training to Police.
- National Hate Crime Awareness Week - Dates TBC, a structured plan will be developed regarding planned activities. Inputs will be delivered to vulnerable groups offering advice and information. Roadshows and "drop ins" will also be held. Social media will be utilised to promote third party reporting.
- Midlothian officers are utilising the Community Engagement Vehicle to provide a mobile point of contact for residents in areas where there have been high number of ASB calls received. In response to season change and rise in ASB in the Bonnyrigg area, a Policing plan will be prepared to tackle emerging issues lead by MCATs and CBOs.
- An intelligence gathering leaflet relating to drug/alcohol misuse and antisocial behaviour has been designed. A launch date is TBC and targeted leaflet distribution will support the "You're Asking For It" alcohol campaign.
- Midlothian Police are working with key partners to launch "You're Asking For It" campaign tackling the issue of proxy purchase of alcohol and associated ASB. The pre-launch will take place in March with official launch in June. The national toolkit will be available from 23/02/2018.
- Foodbank referrals: PC Iain Jeffrey is looking at streamlining the procedure and is currently working on an Information Sharing Protocol and designing a Dalkeith Retail Crime Partnership which focuses heavily on foodbank and support referrals in a bid to address dishonesty crime, in particular shopliftings, across the Dalkeith and wider Midlothian area.
- Retail Crime Partnership Straiton – In conjunction with a number of retailers in the Straiton area, a shop watch radio scheme will shortly be rolled out. This will assist retailers with real time communication and target hardening of the area. On arrival of radios a streamlined shoplifting reporting process will be implemented. In addition to this work the Peel Group have installed CCTV within the retail park but

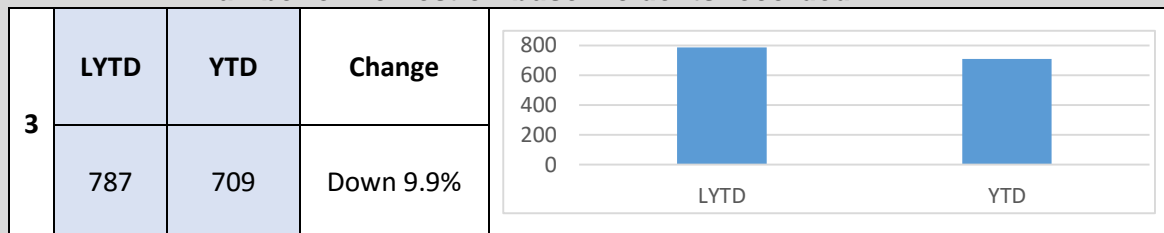
further work is required regarding CCTV access. The Peel Group have now installed perimeter fencing around the service yard and evening security patrols.

- Community Beat Officers are now trainers in No Knives Better Lives which is set to be rolled out in schools.
- In response to the change of season and lighter nights, which sees an increase in vulnerable road users, Midlothian Police are identifying hotspots for “racing cruisers” and structuring a patrol matrix. We also plan to work in conjunction with Road Policing to promote the “Close Pass” initiative that has worked well in Edinburgh and had a successful pilot in Midlothian. Structured road safety inputs will be delivered within schools by Youth Campus Officers focusing on road safety in conjunction with Junior Road Safety Officers. Police also plan to run a local initiative with partners targeting unlicensed taxis operating in the area.
- Project Griffin – A local officer has now been trained as a trainer and inputs will be delivered to Best Bar None applicants and retailers participating in Straiton Retail Crime Partnership.

Police Performance Indicators

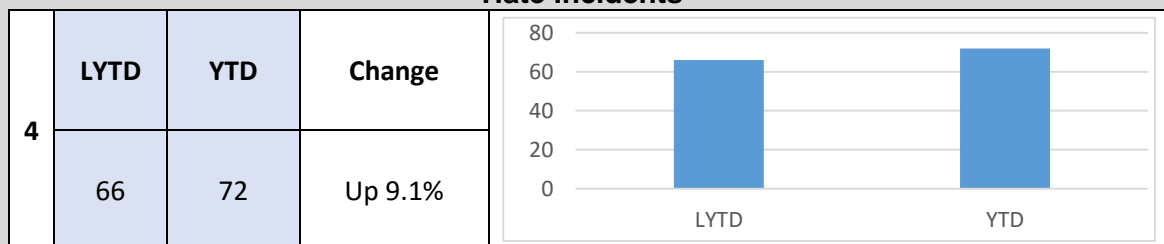
3. Number of Domestic Abuse incidents recorded
4. Hate Incidents
5. Antisocial Behaviour Incidents
6. Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation
7. Housebreaking (Domestic)
8. Group 3 Crimes of Dishonesty
9. Serious Violent Crime
10. Road Casualties

Number of Domestic Abuse incidents recorded



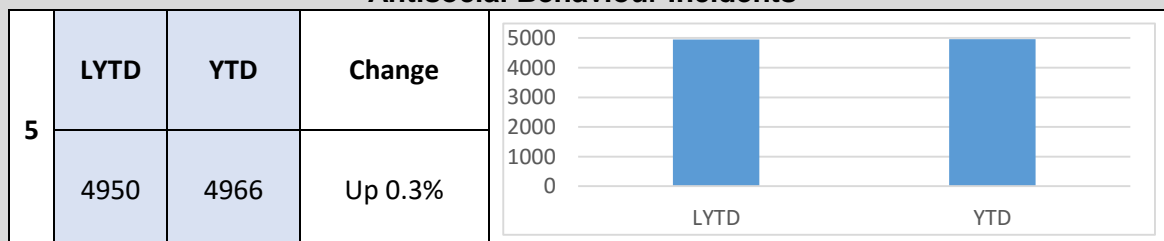
Source: SCOMIS, all incidents

Hate Incidents



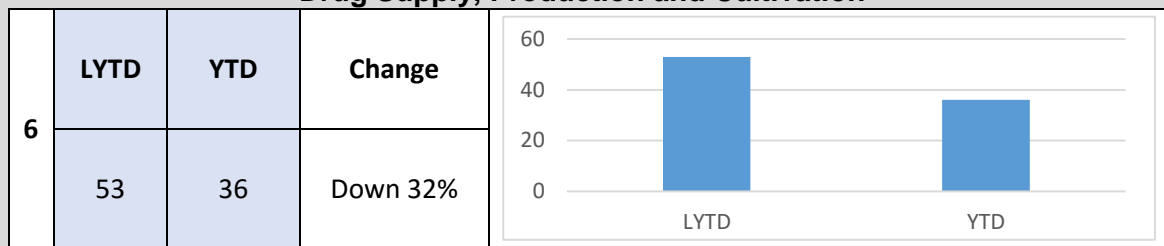
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Antisocial Behaviour Incidents



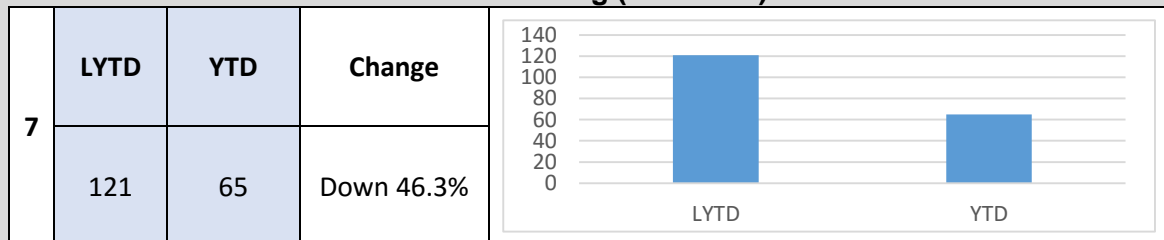
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Drug Supply, Production and Cultivation



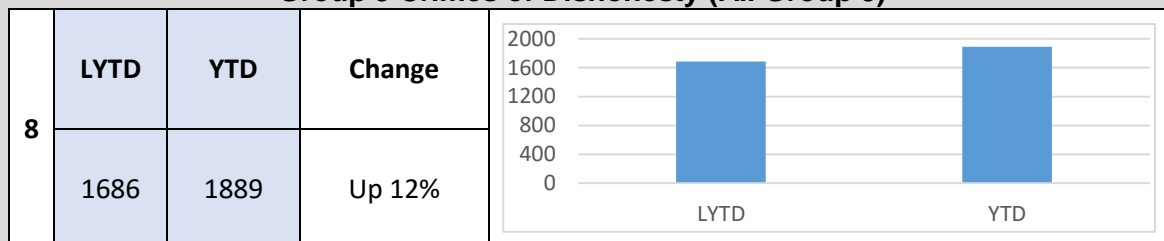
Source: Analysis and Performance Unit, LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD – Midlothian - December 2017

Housebreaking (Domestic)



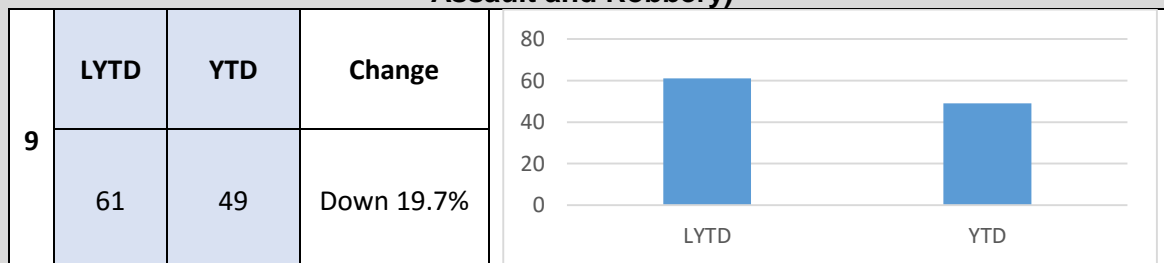
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Group 3 Crimes of Dishonesty (All Group 3)



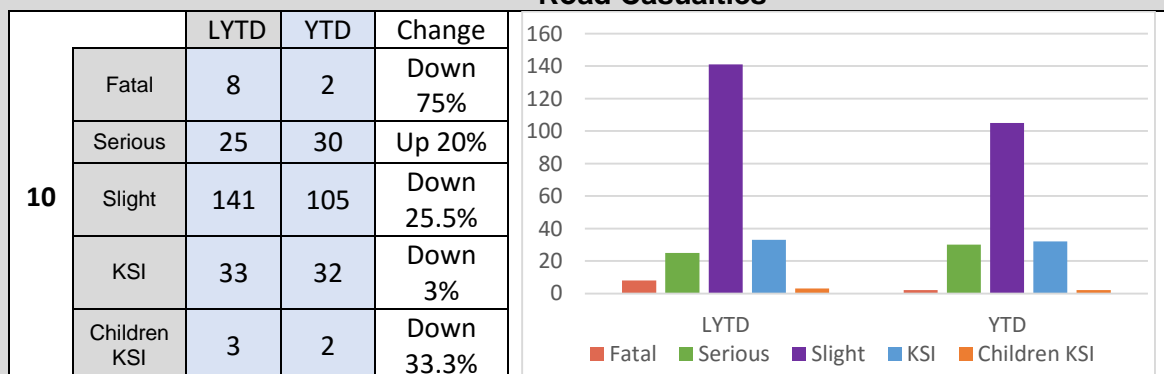
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Violent Crime (Murder, Culpable Homicide, Att Murder, Serious assault, Assault and Robbery)



Source: Analysis and Performance Unit, LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD – Midlothian - December 2017

Road Casualties



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Our Intention

Our intention is to ensure (1) children and young people are supported to be healthy, happy and reach their potential & (2) all care experienced children and young people are being provided with quality services by:

- Remaining committed to the development of strong working partnerships to protect children and young people within our communities through referral, early effective intervention, education and enforcement;
- Through the proactive sharing of information with partners, identifying those most exposed to risk allowing us to implement effective measures for their protection;
- Conducting all enquiries in a child-focused manner, ensuring children are meaningfully involved in decision making about their lives and the services they receive.

Current Situation

The number of children reported to police as missing YTD increased by 24% compared to LYTD (317 and 255 respectively). In total YTD, 130 young people were reported missing, with 25 children reported missing on three or more occasions in the last six months, and seven young people reported missing more than 10 times in that period. A total of 106 reports stemmed from six "Looked After Children" which represents one third of the reported calls

The Divisional Missing Person Coordinator continues to liaise with partners including education, young offender units, and social workers to provide support and prevent future absences. The coordinator is also working with education in an attempt to introduce a new protocol within schools to ensure better knowledge of what constitutes a missing person and reporting processes. This has been piloted in Edinburgh with success.

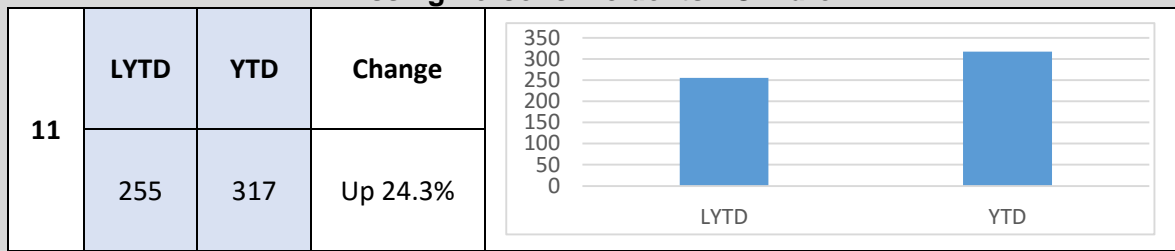
To provide support for young people in residential and foster care the Divisional Missing Person Coordinator is linking in with management in units/foster carers to highlight and action concerns timeously, and ensure protocols are being followed effectively.

What are we doing next?

- Progression of missing person protocol within Midlothian's schools.
- Police are working with Mid/East Lothian PPU and Barnardo's to deliver a training session on Child Sexual Exploitation to licenced premises linking in with BBN and Pubwatch. A successful training day took place in October 2017 and this will be built upon.
- PC Iain Jeffrey is exploring the opportunity to develop an educational package for young people on the "Not Yours To Share" campaign – this should be available early to mid-2018

Police Performance Indicators
12. Missing Persons incidents - Children

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