

# Notice of Meeting and Agenda



## Police and Fire and Rescue Board

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting,

**Date:** Thursday, 15 June 2023

**Time:** 11:00

**Executive Director : Place**

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## **1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

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## **2 Order of Business**

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

## **3 Declaration of Interest**

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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.

## **4 Minute of Previous Meeting**

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 August 2023 at 11am

# Minute of Meeting

Police, Fire and Rescue Board  
Thursday 15 June 2023  
Item No: 4.1



## Police and Fire and Rescue Board

| Date                   | Time     | Venue                       |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Monday 6 February 2022 | 11.00 am | Virtual Meeting by MS Teams |

### Present:

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| Councillor McKenzie (Chair) |
| Councillor Alexander        |
| Councillor Curran           |
| Councillor McEwan           |
| Councillor Smail            |

### Also Present:

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| Councillor Parry      |
| Councillor Winchester |

### In Attendance:

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| <b>Midlothian Council</b>               | Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place          |
|   | Mike Broadway, Democratic Services Officer |
| <b>Police Scotland</b>                  | Chief Inspector James Robertson            |
| <b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b> | Hilary Sangster, Area Commander            |
|   | Wesley Robertson,                          |
|   | Mark Landels, Group Commander              |

## 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

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The Chair, Councillor McKenzie welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board. Before proceeding to the formal agenda business, Councillor McKenzie, made reference to the tragic events which had occurred during the large-scale fire at the former Jenners building in Edinburgh, expressing condolences on behalf of the Council to Firefighter Barry Martin's family, friends and colleagues in the Fire and Rescue Service at his sad passing, and remarking that it was a stark reminder of the dangers colleagues serving in our Blue Light Services faced when attending such incidents. A view which was shared by other Board Members, who also expressed their sympathies.

Thereafter, apologies for absence were received on behalf of David Girrity (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) and Catriona Paton (Police Scotland).

## 2. Order of Business

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The Clerk advised that Item 5.1 - SFRS Midlothian Scrutiny Performance Report Q2 2022/23 had been circulated separately from the main Agenda Pack as a 'to follow' paper. Otherwise the order of business was as set out in the Agenda Pack previously circulated.

## 3. Declarations of interest

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No declarations of interest were intimated at this stage of the proceedings.

## 4. Minute of Previous Meeting

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The Minutes of Meeting held on 7 November 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Before moving onto the Public Reports, the Chair, Councillor McKenzie, advised the Board that the Council at its meeting on 13 December 2022 (paragraph 8.4 refer) had agreed to approve an interim change to the current remit in order that the Board could receive regular performance reporting from the Council's Protective Services. The reason behind this change being that these Services work closely with Police, and Fire & Rescue Services and by reviewing the performance of all services holistically, this would foster stronger partnership working and deliver better outcomes for keeping Midlothian's citizens free from risk and harm and ensuring public safety.

## 5. Public Reports

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| Agenda No. | Report Title   | Presented by:                           |
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| 5.1        | <b>SFRS Midlothian Scrutiny Performance Report Quarter 3 2022-23</b> | <b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b> |

| Outline of report and summary of discussion  |
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| <p>The performance report provided information on the prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 3 of 2022-23 (1st October – 31st December 2022) including information on the year to date figures.</p> <p>The Scottish Government provided an overarching vision for public services. This vision supported by 11 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.</p> <p>Hilary Sangster in introducing the report highlighted that the Strategic Plan, the Draft of which had been reported on at the May Board meeting (paragraph 5.2 refers), had now be approved, and that this would in turn lead to a review of the Midlothian Local Plan, which would include input from local stakeholders.</p> <p>Mark Landel then took the Board through the performance information presented in the report making particular reference to the performance summary and how the priorities using the 6 key indicators were being met. He thereafter responded along with colleagues to questions from Board Members concerning joint working with the Council's Countryside Rangers Service; the vulnerability of large buildings in the local Midlothian area; compliance with the updated requirements for smoke detectors in domestic dwellings and whether these were adequately understood and being implemented by householders; and the increase in flooding incidents.</p> |
| Decision   |
| <p>The Board noted the content of the report</p>   |

| Agenda No.   | Report Title  | Presented by:          |
|--|---|------------------------|
| <b>5.2</b>   | <b>Police Scotland Midlothian Quarter 3 Scrutiny Report 2022/23</b> | <b>Police Scotland</b> |
| Outline of report and summary of discussion  |   |                        |
| <p>Chief Inspector James Robertson in introducing the report drew particular attention to the Executive Summary (page 13 of the Agenda Document Pack), highlighting that issues identified through the 'Your Police' online survey complemented by a review of the existing Plan, analysis of existing data and a scan of emerging threat and risk, had been used to inform the draft Local Police Plan 2023-26; copies of which had been circulated to all elected Members. Following completion of the statutory 3 month consultation phase, and with the agreement of the four respective Police &amp; Fire and Rescue Boards, it was intended to have a Consultation Draft of the Plan in place by the due date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. As this was prior to the next scheduled Board meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Board was asked if it would be happy to proceed to the Consultation Draft on that basis, and this was agreed.</p> |   |                        |

Chief Inspector Robertson then went on to provide an update on each separate category as detailed within the report, giving examples of the position in Midlothian -

- Missing Persons.
- Domestic Abuse.
- Hate Crime.
- Sexual Crimes.
- Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation.
- Crimes of Violence.
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Dishonesty.
- Housebreaking.
- Road Safety.
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime.
- Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT).

He also highlighting the main challenges and some of the good partnership working in Midlothian, before responding to questions and comments raised by Members of the Board regarding off road motorbikes and opportunities for the local communities to provide feedback; the operation of custody facilities in Dalkeith; violent incidents in Schools requiring Police attendance; support for those involved in providing intelligence information; the Community Action Team and arrangements for sharing the quarterly report with Community Councils; cyber security/crime; drug related deaths; support from night time economy staff in reporting incidents; and on a more practical note the presentation of figures along side percentages.

The Board also congratulated Officers on the very successful diversion work carried out around Bonfire night and Halloween with local youths in conjunction with the Fire & Rescue service and Bonnyrigg Rose, and expressed the hope that this type of engagement could be replicated elsewhere in Midlothian.

#### Decision

The Board noted the contents of the Report and agreed to the progression of the draft Local Police Plan 2023-26 to the Consultation Draft stage on the basis as outlined above.

| Agenda No.  | Report Title                 | Presented by:              |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>5.3</b>  | <b>Protectorate Services</b> | <b>Chief Officer Place</b> |
| <b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>  |                              |                            |
| With reference to the Chair's comments as detailed in paragraph 4 of the minutes, Chief Officer Place, Derek Oliver address the Board on those Protective Services functions Environmental Health and Trading Standards, Licensing and Emergency Planning, which overlapped activities carried out by the Police, and |                              |                            |

Fire and Rescue Services, highlighting the work which had been undertaken during the course of Quarter 3.

The Board, in considering the report, discussed the monitoring by H&S of violent incidents which occurred in the workplace and welcomed its inclusion on the agenda.

#### Decision

The Board noted the Report.

## 6. Private Reports

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No private items for discussion

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

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The next meeting would be held on Monday 15 May 2023 at 11.00am

The meeting terminated at 12.23 pm.









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## **Introduction**

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within Midlothian for Quarter 4 of 2022-23 (1st January – 31st March 2023) including information on the year to date figures.



## Performance Summary

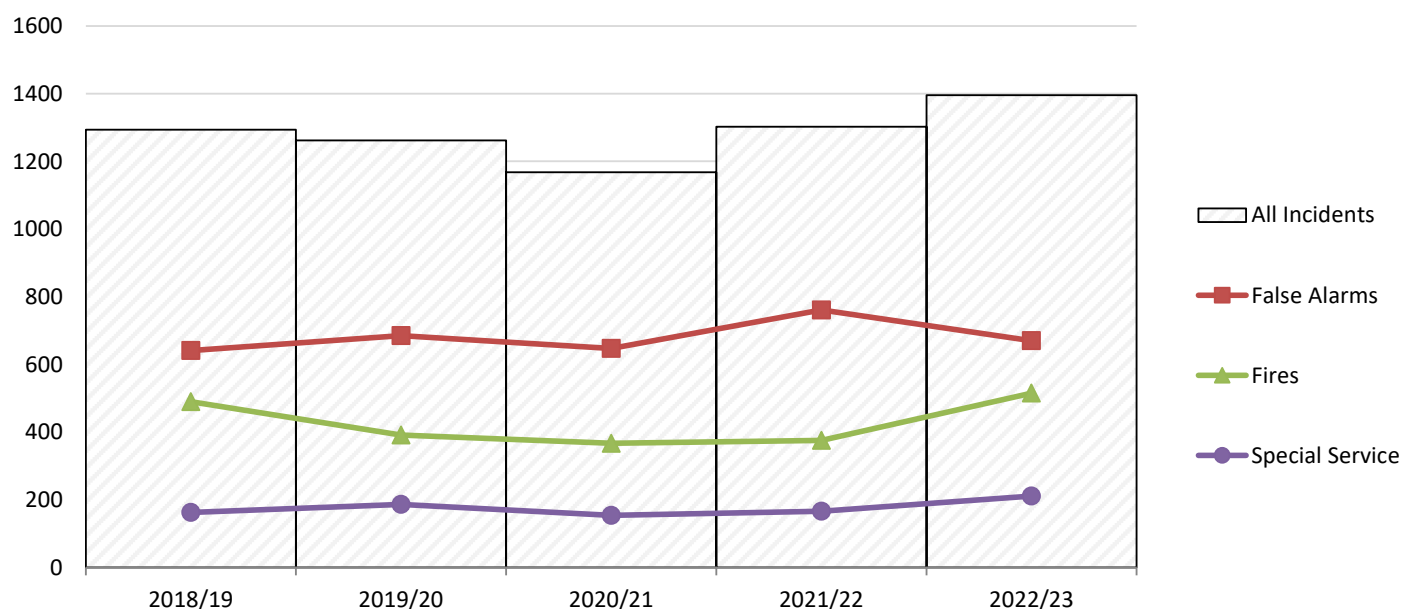
We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 8 key indicators, depicted below

| Key performance indicator        | Apr to (& incl.) Mar |         |         |         |         | RAG rating |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
|                                  | 2018/19              | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | YTD        |
| False Alarms - All               | 641                  | 685     | 647     | 761     | 670     | ●          |
| All accidental fires             | 159                  | 153     | 169     | 161     | 198     | ◆          |
| Special Service - All            | 163                  | 186     | 154     | 166     | 211     | ◆          |
| False Alarm - UFAs               | 374                  | 388     | 294     | 422     | 371     | ●          |
| Special Service - RTCs           | 29                   | 37      | 21      | 31      | 36      | ◆          |
| Special Service - Fatalities     | 7                    | 6       | 4       | 5       | 2       | ●          |
| Special Service - RTC casualties | 19                   | 39      | 10      | 12      | 13      | ●          |
| False Alarm - UFAs               | 374                  | 388     | 294     | 422     | 371     | ●          |

| 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  |
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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 (1st January – 31st March 2023), the SFRS, responded to 269 incidents in Midlothian, which is a reduction of 3 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

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 'False Alarms - All'

False Alarms are defined as incidents where SFRS has been called to attend and the incident was deemed not to be an emergency either by good intent of the caller or by a person making a malicious call. The SFRS is committed to reduce False Alarms.

### Results

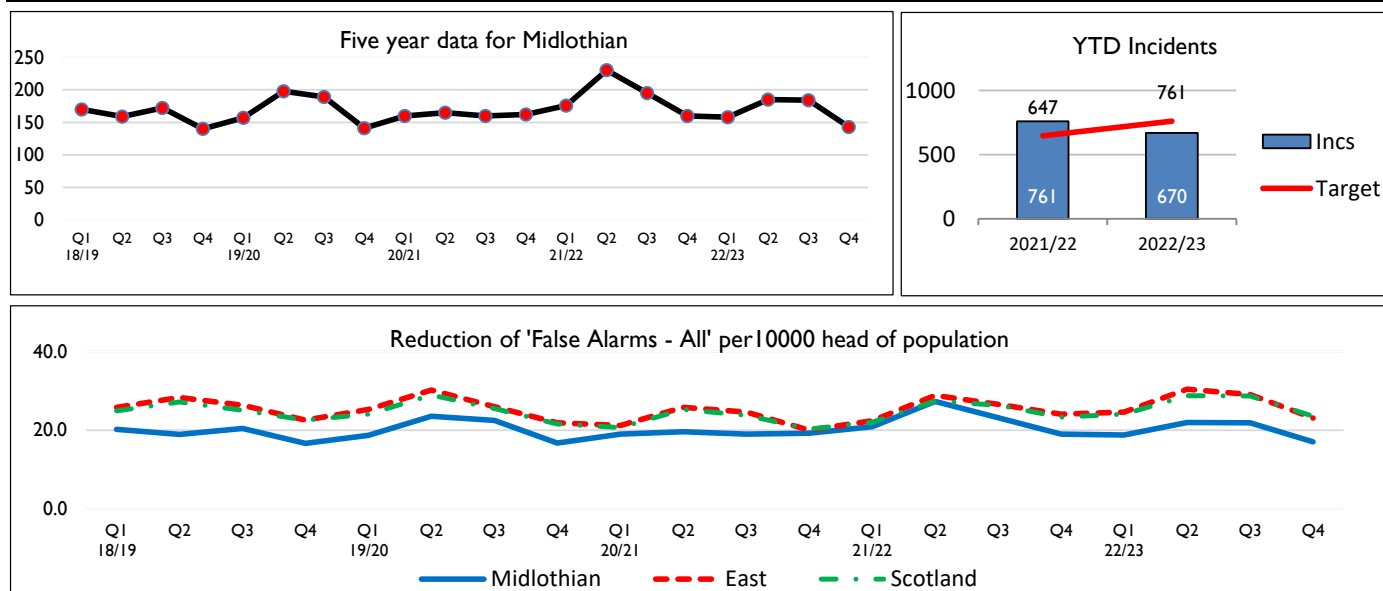
SFRS attended 145 False Alarms incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 15 incidents when compared to the same reporting period last year. Midlothian trend line is performing below the Scotland and the East delivery area trendline.

### Reasons

42% of the False Alarms SFRS attended were directly attributable to the following: Accidental Activation, Testing of the system, Faulty Apparatus and cooking.

### Actions

We continue to work towards reducing the number of False Alarms, In Midlothian, we continue to engage with members of the community to prevent further occurrences.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 112 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                         | 641     | 685     | 647     | 761     | 670     |            |
| Penicuik                           | 67      | 93      | 95      | 89      | 92      |            |
| Bonnyrigg                          | 89      | 97      | 86      | 97      | 85      |            |
| Dalkeith                           | 127     | 127     | 103     | 135     | 117     |            |
| Midlothian West                    | 157     | 176     | 169     | 200     | 150     |            |
| Midlothian East                    | 99      | 108     | 93      | 131     | 114     |            |
| Midlothian South                   | 102     | 84      | 101     | 109     | 112     |            |



## Reduction of 'All accidental fires'

Accidental fires can have devastating effects on our community, especially fires in the home. 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 Fires contributes to The Single Midlothian Plan.

### Results

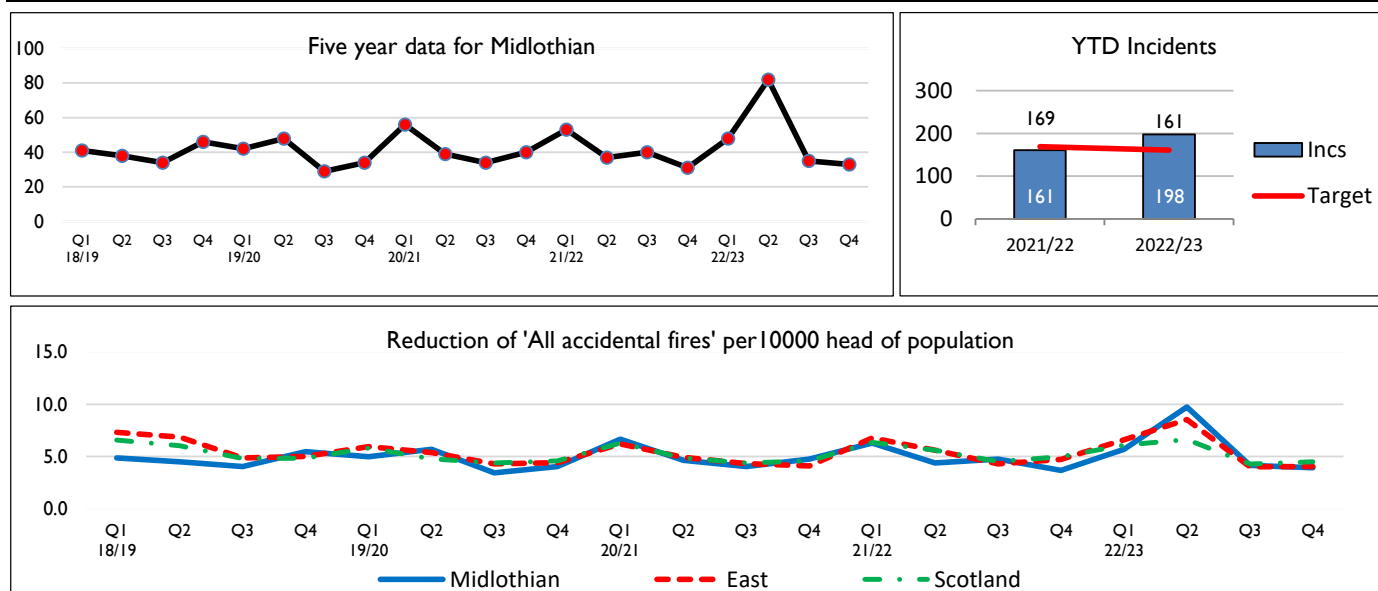
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to a total of 34 Accidental Fires, 9 of which involved fires in the home. This is an overall reduction of 2 incidents compared with the same period last year.

### Reasons

Of the 9 accidental dwelling fires attended, 33% occurred in single occupancy households. The main cause of fire was overhaeting of appliances, cooking and item being too close to a heat source attributed to 66% of fires in the home. 44% of the 9 fires had little or no fire damage, and therefore, relatively minor in nature. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection. Unfortunately, 33% of the domestic properties did not have working smoke alarms fitted at the time of the fire.

### Actions

During this reporting period, 97 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian. 35% of HFSV generated in Q4 were as a direct result of fire crews conducting Post Domestic Incident Response in the immediate aftermath of an incident. SFRS continue to work in partnership to educate and inform people about fire and safety, in the home. Appendix I 'Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities' provides further details on our prevention activities.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 33 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                        | 159     | 153     | 169     | 161     | 198     |            |
| Penicuik                          | 18      | 8       | 34      | 30      | 37      |            |
| Bonnyrigg                         | 17      | 24      | 17      | 18      | 14      |            |
| Dalkeith                          | 26      | 23      | 26      | 39      | 41      |            |
| Midlothian West                   | 40      | 43      | 36      | 28      | 41      |            |
| Midlothian East                   | 33      | 31      | 25      | 24      | 30      |            |
| Midlothian South                  | 25      | 24      | 31      | 22      | 35      |            |



## Reduction of 'Special Service - 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

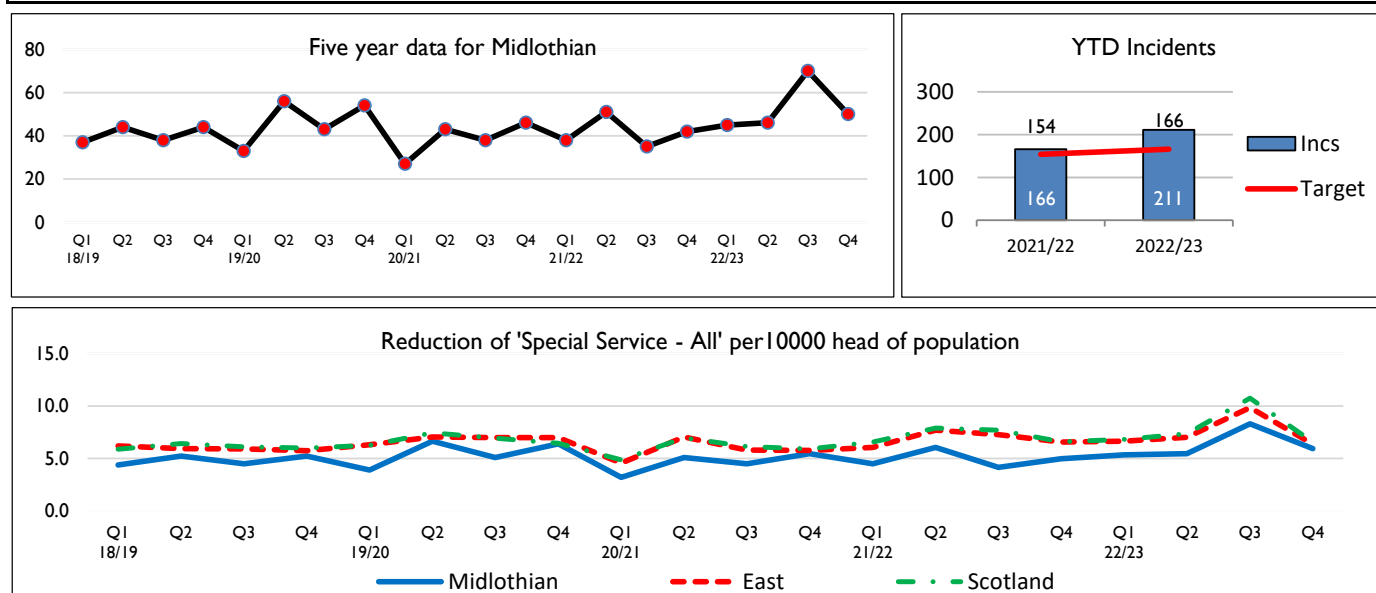
We attended 50 special service incident types in the last quarter. 52% of incidents were to assist other agencies or force entry to properties where there was a concern for the occupier. This is a increase of 8 special service incidents when compared with the same reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is performing below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

### Reasons

Special Services are incidents not involving fire such as Road Traffic Collisions. SFRS attends Special Service incidents when requested by other agencies such as Police Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service to assist by forcing entry to a property or assisting in the removal of a casualty from the home. Other incidents attended in Q4 were to Flooding, Lift Rescues, co-responding to Medical Emergencies, Hazardous Materials and Large Animal Rescues.

### Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian will continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 35 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                        | 163     | 186     | 154     | 166     | 211     |            |
| Penicuik                          | 26      | 45      | 18      | 33      | 28      |            |
| Bonnyrigg                         | 15      | 19      | 19      | 9       | 28      |            |
| Dalkeith                          | 45      | 39      | 28      | 24      | 38      |            |
| Midlothian West                   | 31      | 37      | 34      | 39      | 47      |            |
| Midlothian East                   | 22      | 21      | 31      | 29      | 37      |            |
| Midlothian South                  | 24      | 25      | 24      | 32      | 33      |            |





## 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

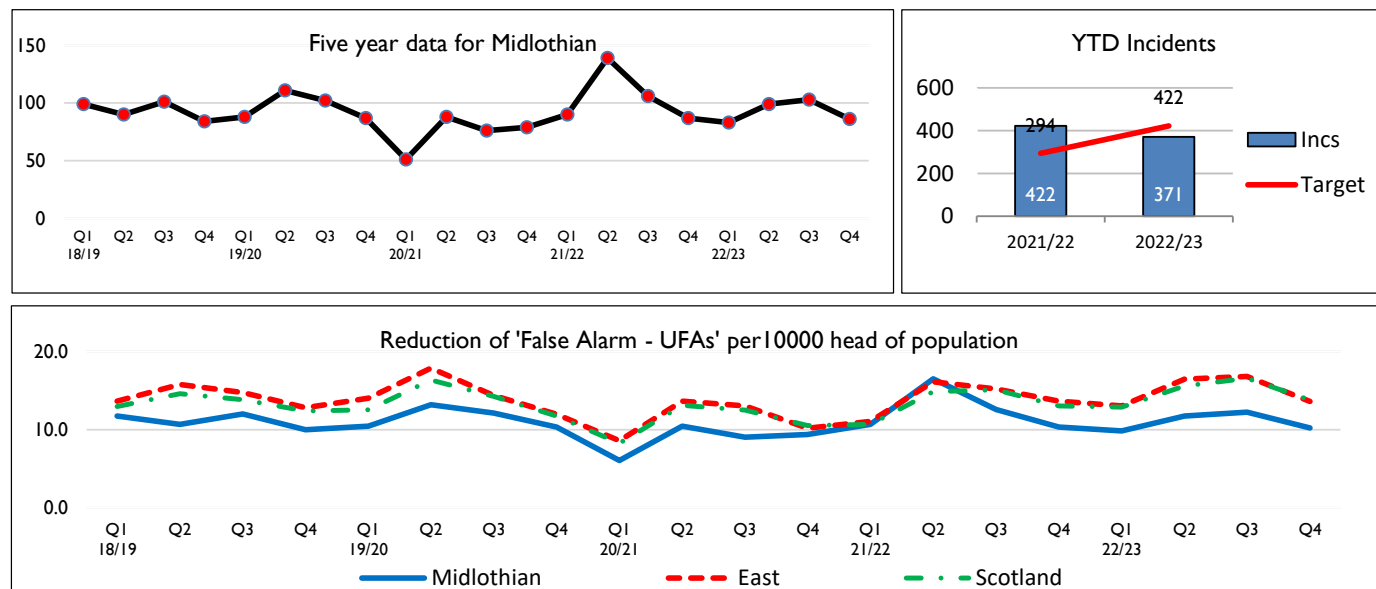
SFRS attended 86 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 1 incident when compared to the same reporting period last year. Midlothian trend line is performing well below the Scotland and the East delivery area trendline.

### Reasons

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals were caused by the following: 31% caused by accidental or unknown cause of actuation, 18% due to contaminants (dust/insects/steam/aerosol), 7% due to malicious activity, 7% cooking or burnt toast and 5% was attributable to testing of the system.

### Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. From 1st of July 2023, SFRS will no longer attend Fire Alarms at retail premises, education buildings or commercial factories/offices properties unless there is a sleeping risk such as hotels and hostels. SFRS will attend Fire Alarms in hospitals, care homes and dwelling properties. SFRS have fully engaged with stakeholders to ensure property responsible



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 62 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                        | 374     | 388     | 294     | 422     | 371     |            |
| Penicuik                          | 44      | 53      | 43      | 41      | 41      |            |
| Bonnyrigg                         | 56      | 63      | 40      | 63      | 53      |            |
| Dalkeith                          | 67      | 67      | 37      | 62      | 60      |            |
| Midlothian West                   | 105     | 118     | 105     | 141     | 114     |            |
| Midlothian East                   | 55      | 57      | 35      | 70      | 55      |            |
| Midlothian South                  | 47      | 30      | 34      | 45      | 48      |            |



## 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

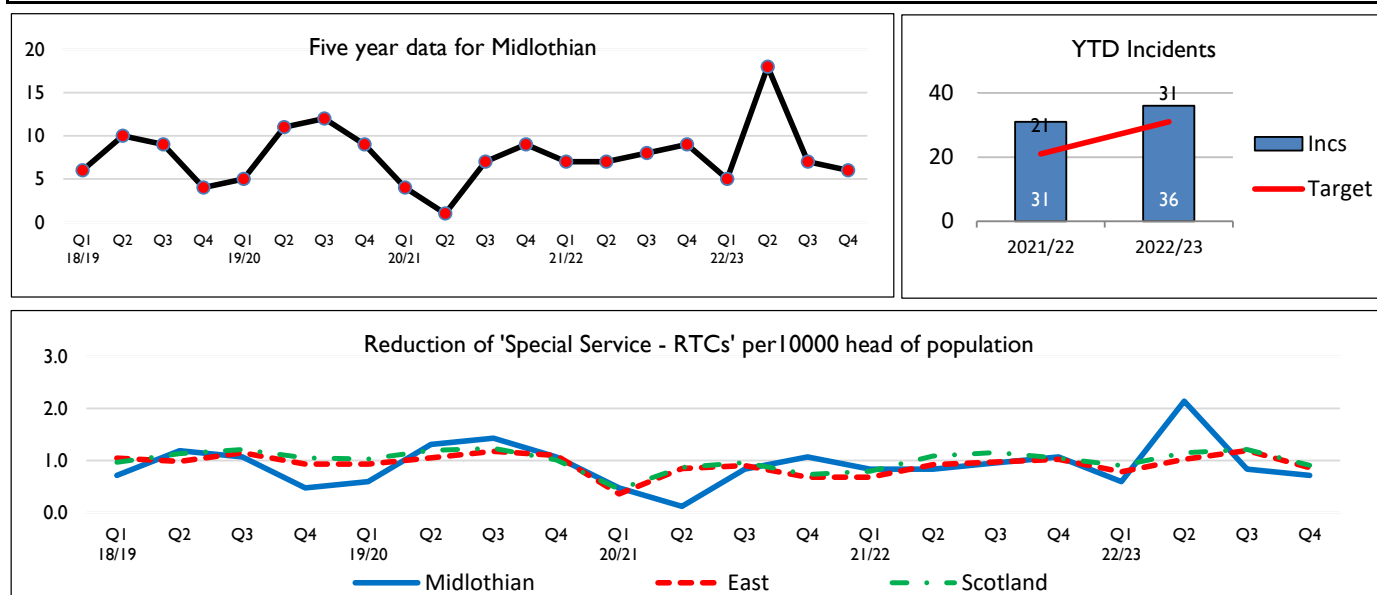
We attended 6 Road Traffic Collisions during this period, which is a reduction of 3 when compared with the same reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is performing below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

### 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 - 6 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                       | 29      | 37      | 21      | 31      | 36      |            |
| Penicuik                         | 3       | 14      | 4       | 3       | 6       |            |
| Bonnyrigg                        | 0       | 1       | 0       | 2       | 3       |            |
| Dalkeith                         | 12      | 4       | 2       | 4       | 10      |            |
| Midlothian West                  | 5       | 6       | 5       | 10      | 6       |            |
| Midlothian East                  | 7       | 8       | 7       | 7       | 8       |            |
| Midlothian South                 | 2       | 4       | 3       | 5       | 3       |            |



## Reduction of 'Special Service - Fatalities'

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 fatalities from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

### Results

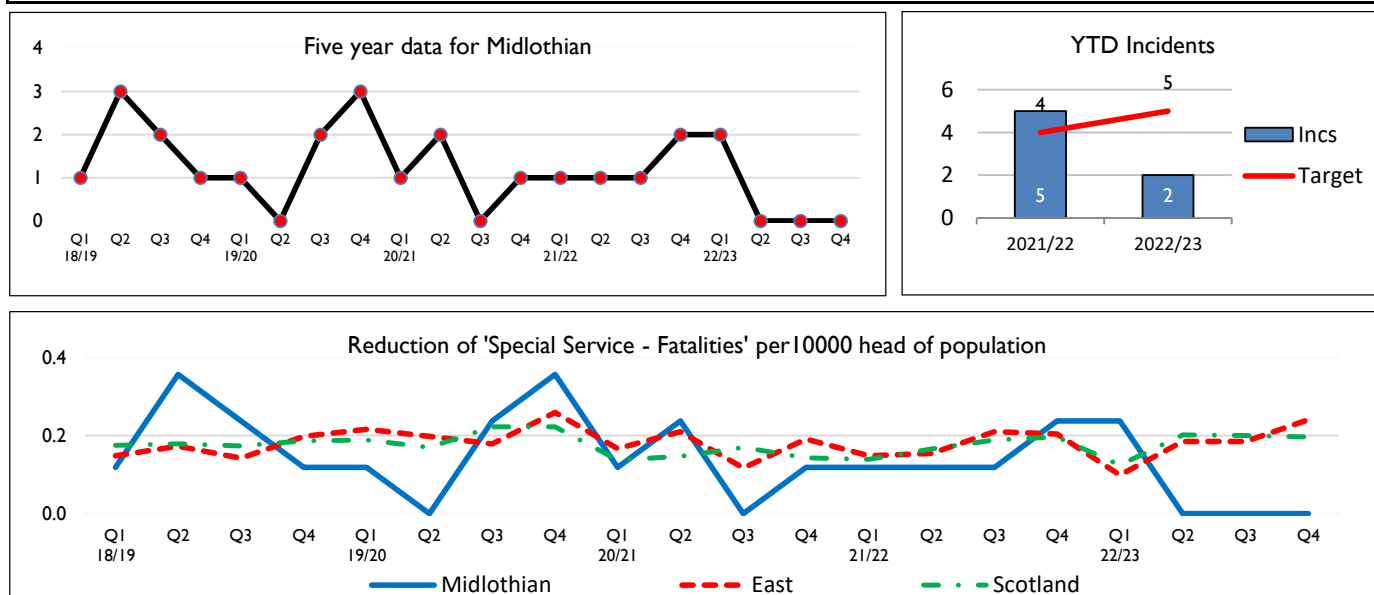
We attended special service incident types including Road Traffic Collisions and I am pleased to report there were no fatalities attributable in Q4. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is performing well below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

### Reasons

Non applicable, given no fatalities reported for the reporting period.

### Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing casualties and fatalities from Special Service type incidents. The continued delivery of Thematic Action Plans such as Water Safety in summer, firework safety in November and Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach in reducing injury or death throughout Midlothian.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 0 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                       | 7       | 6       | 4       | 5       | 2       |            |
| Penicuik                         | 1       | 0       | 1       | 3       | 2       |            |
| Bonnyrigg                        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |            |
| Dalkeith                         | 2       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 0       |            |
| Midlothian West                  | 2       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 0       |            |
| Midlothian East                  | 0       | 2       | 1       | 0       | 0       |            |
| Midlothian South                 | 2       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |            |



## Reduction of 'Special Service - RTC casualties'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to 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 Road Traffic Collisions contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

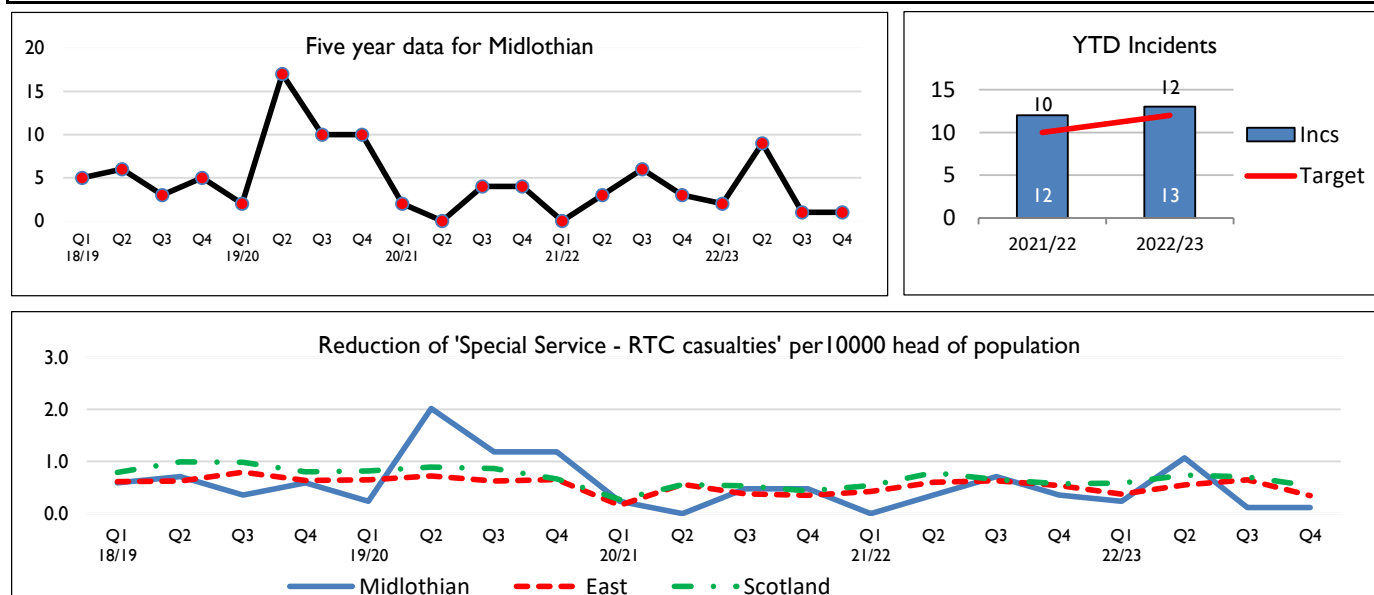
### Results

We attended special 6 Road Traffic Collisions, only 1 casualty was required to be extricated from their vehicle. The other 5 incidents SFRS attended, vehicles were made safe after minor collisions with no casualties. Midlothian is performing below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

### Reasons

### Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian will continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of Road Traffic Collisions with the overall objective of reducing casualty rates within Midlothian.



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 2 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                       | 19      | 39      | 10      | 12      | 13      |            |
| Penicuik                         | 4       | 15      | 3       | 0       | 2       |            |
| Bonnyrigg                        | 0       | 1       | 0       | 1       | 3       |            |
| Dalkeith                         | 5       | 2       | 1       | 3       | 4       |            |
| Midlothian West                  | 7       | 7       | 0       | 2       | 2       |            |
| Midlothian East                  | 3       | 13      | 4       | 1       | 0       |            |
| Midlothian South                 | 0       | 1       | 2       | 5       | 2       |            |





## 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

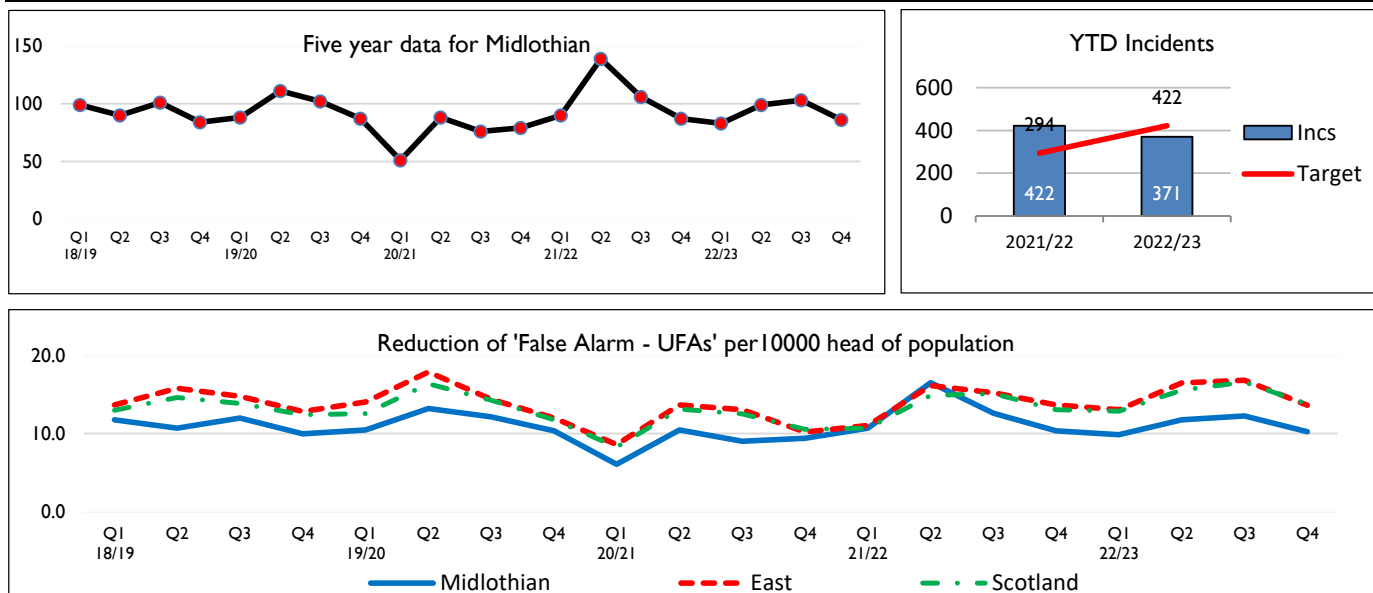
SFRS attended 86 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 1 incident when compared to the same reporting period last year. Midlothian trend line is performing well below the Scotland and the East delivery area trendline.

### Reasons

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals were caused by the following: 31% caused by accidental or unknown cause of actuation, 18% due to contaminants (dust/insects/steam/aerosol), 7% due to malicious activity, 7% cooking or burnt toast and 5% was attributable to testing of the system.

### Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. From 1st of July 2023, SFRS will no longer attend Fire Alarms at retail premises, education buildings or commercial factories/offices properties unless there is a sleeping risk such as hotels and hostels. SFRS will attend Fire Alarms in hospitals, care homes and dwelling properties. SFRS have fully engaged with stakeholders to ensure property responsible



| YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 62 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Sparklines |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Midlothian                        | 374     | 388     | 294     | 422     | 371     |            |
| Penicuik                          | 44      | 53      | 43      | 41      | 41      |            |
| Bonnyrigg                         | 56      | 63      | 40      | 63      | 53      |            |
| Dalkeith                          | 67      | 67      | 37      | 62      | 60      |            |
| Midlothian West                   | 105     | 118     | 105     | 141     | 114     |            |
| Midlothian East                   | 55      | 57      | 35      | 70      | 55      |            |
| Midlothian South                  | 47      | 30      | 34      | 45      | 48      |            |



# Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

## Quarter 4: 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is the enforcing authority for the Fire Scotland Act 2005 and Fire Safety Regulations 2006. The act applies to specific non-domestic premises and requires duty holders to comply with relevant aspects of the Act and Regulations. SFRS responsibilities as the enforcing authority are captured within an Enforcement Framework. The Framework identifies and assigns priority to premises type with those premises deemed as higher risk given priority for auditing purposes. Premise providing sleeping accommodation such as hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels receive an annual audit. Other premises that are subject to audit but deemed lower risk will be visited every three or five years. Within Midlothian we have Officers who plan and carry out these duties. The Officers are also available to provide Fire Safety advice, consulting with partners such as Local Authority Building control functions and the wider public with Fire Scotland Act 2005 responsibilities.

| MIDLOTHIAN AUDITS 22/23 | JAN- MARCH | YTD        |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
|                         | <b>25</b>  | <b>105</b> |
|                         |            |            |

### 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 to provide fire safety advice and smoke alarms, the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. Requests for HFSVs are generated in several ways, including self-referral, SFRS partners referring and visits carried out after SFRS have attended a domestic fire incident. This is known as Post Domestic Incident Response (**PDIR**), offering a HFSV to the properties and occupants impacted directly by the fire and the wider neighbourhood area.

When a HFSV is generated, the risk within the property is calculated by asking the occupant a number of specific questions. The outcome will be either, High, Medium or Low risk. This outcome determines priority in relation to carrying out the visit and the frequency for future re-visits. The table below highlights the number of visits carried out in Midlothian for this reporting period.

| MIDLOTHIAN    | HIGH | MEDIUM | LOW | TOTALS    | PREV QRT<br>22/23 | YTD        |
|---------------|------|--------|-----|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| <b>Ward</b>   |      |        |     |           |                   |            |
| Bonnyrigg     | 5    | 7      | 6   | <b>18</b> |                   |            |
| Dalkeith      | 6    | 13     | 6   | <b>25</b> |                   |            |
| Mid East      | 3    | 11     | 8   | <b>22</b> |                   |            |
| Mid South     | 3    | 8      | 2   | <b>13</b> |                   |            |
| Mid West      | 1    | 9      | 3   | <b>13</b> |                   |            |
| Penicuik      | 2    | 2      | 2   | <b>6</b>  |                   |            |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |      |        |     | <b>97</b> | <b>106</b>        | <b>432</b> |

## Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

|   |           |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| <b>Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
| <b>British Red Cross</b>                      | <b>4</b>  |            |
| <b>EMPPPO</b>                                 | <b>2</b>  |            |
| <b>Housing providers</b>                      | <b>4</b>  |            |
| <b>Midlothian Falls Team</b>                  | <b>1</b>  |            |
| <b>Other</b>                                  | <b>6</b>  |            |
| <b>Police Concern</b>                         | <b>3</b>  |            |
| <b>Self-referral</b>                          | <b>38</b> |            |
| <b>SP Energy Networks</b>                     | <b>1</b>  |            |
| <b>Social Services</b>                        | <b>2</b>  |            |
| <b>Women's Aid East &amp; Mid</b>             | <b>2</b>  |            |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>97</b> | <b>432</b> |

## **Partnership Working/Youth Engagement**

### **Bonfire period**

Work with Midlothian Community Justice Team and PS continues, engaging with youth offenders. As a result, we have delivered Fire Safety Support and Education (FSSE) intervention talks to **2** youths.

### **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 **8** referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested **3** Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.

### **Other Work Completed or In Progress**

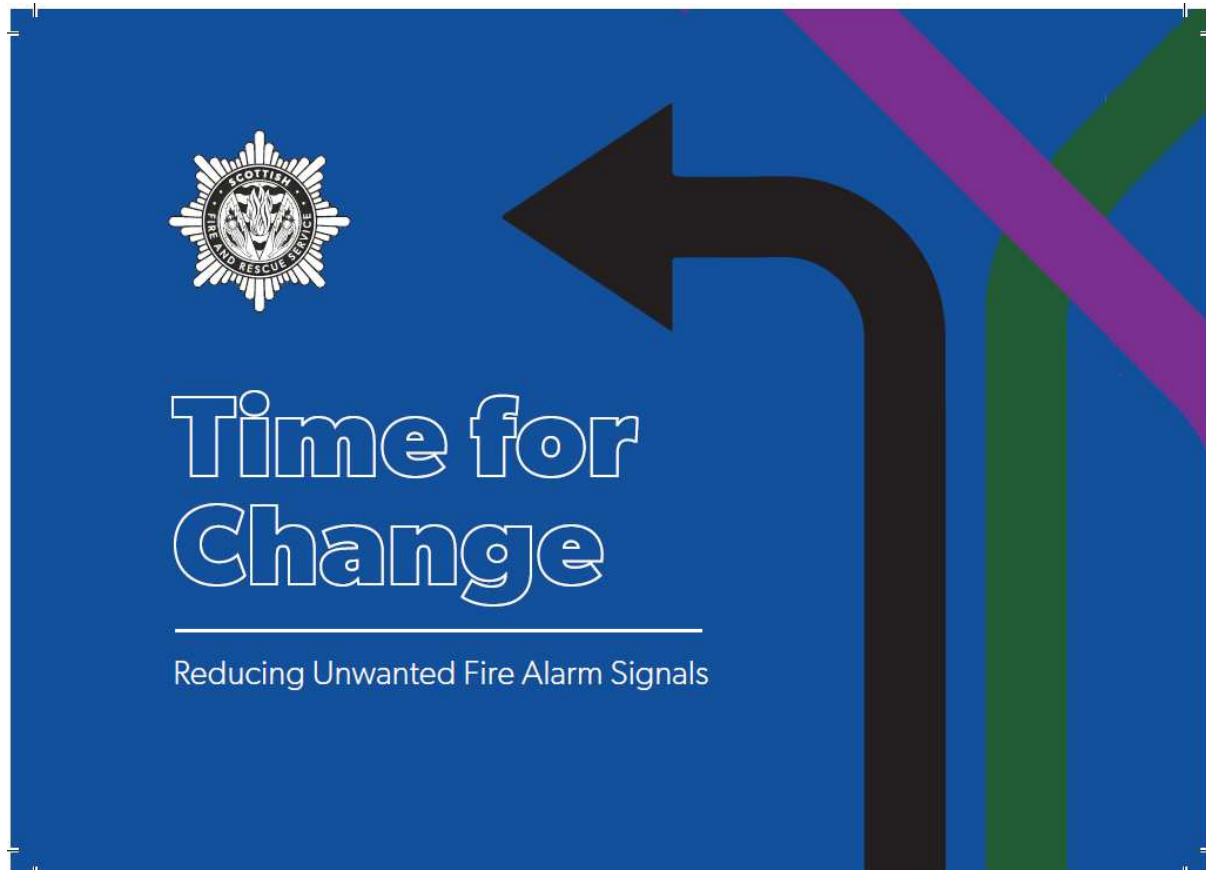
Our Local Community Action Team have also been involved with delivery and promotion of the following initiatives during the reporting period;

- Safety at Home
- Cooking Safety
- Fire & Alcohol
- Grass & Wildland Fires

The Local CAT attends various multi-agency forums within Midlothian. This includes Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), Midlothian Alcohol Partnership and Midlothian Voluntary Sector. We are also delivering courses and sessions to support our Corporate Parenting responsibilities within Midlothian.

## Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

As reported previously, SFRS introduce changes to the way we respond to the above incident type from 1st July 2023. Full information can be accessed using the link below.



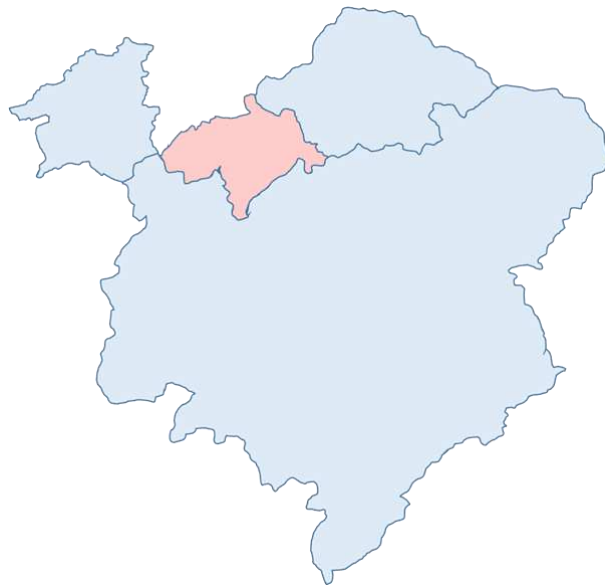
[Scottish Fire & Rescue Service: Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals \(UFAS\) \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](https://firescotland.gov.uk)

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## Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



### Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 4 – 2022/2023

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. This report has been generated to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.



## **Our Vision**

Sustained excellence in service and protection.

## **Our Purpose**

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

## **Our Values**

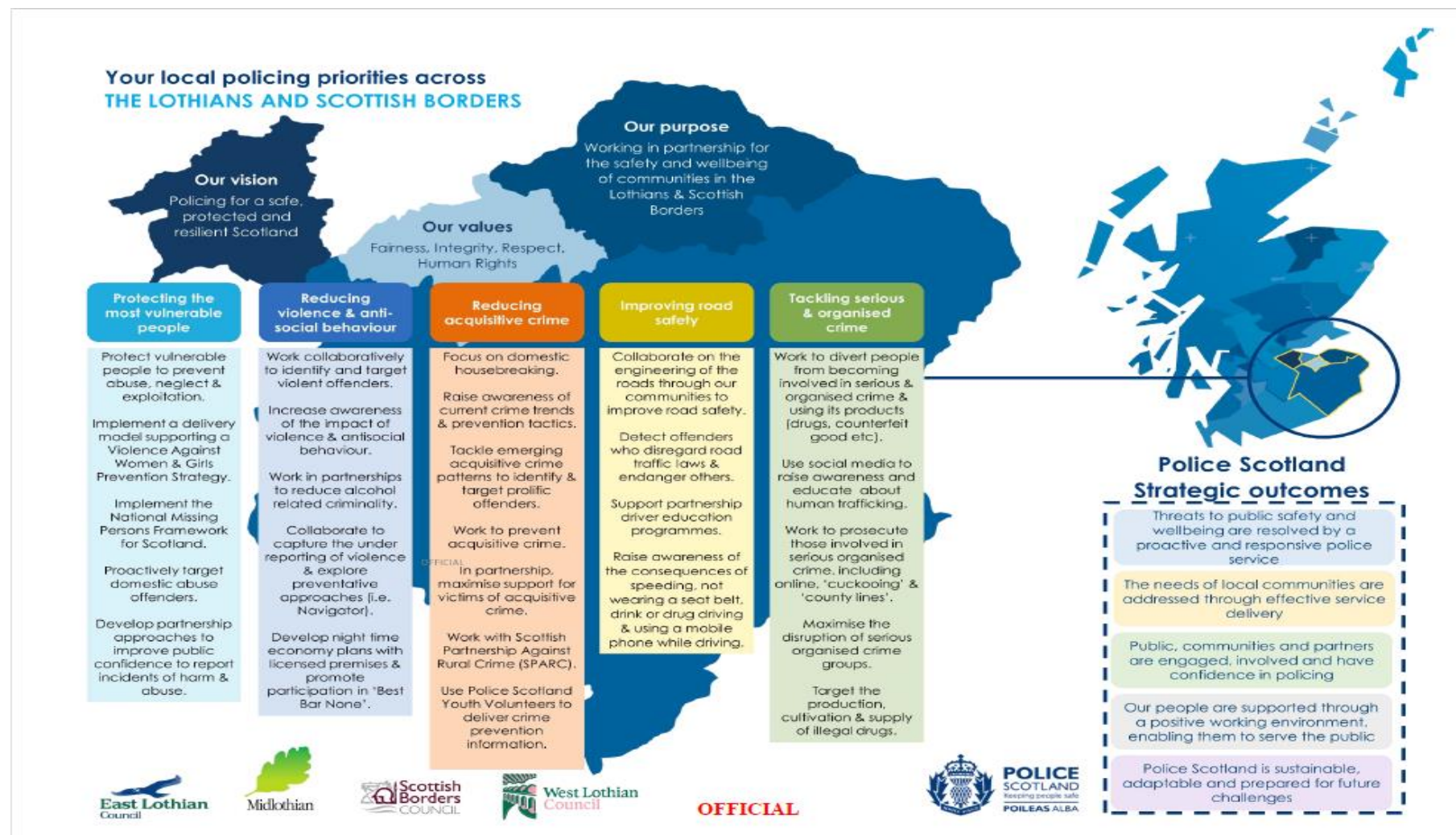
Integrity, Fairness and Respect.



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## Lothian and Scottish Borders Division Policing Priorities



## Introduction

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories, as follows;

- Group 1 – Non Sexual Crimes of Violence
- Group 2 – Sexual Crimes
- Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
- Group 4 – Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc.
- Group 5 – Other (Pro-activity) Crimes
- Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland's commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all of these reports on the 'Our Performance' section of the Police Scotland website. The reports can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The Midlothian Policing Plan uses the following Police performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people;
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour;
3. Reducing acquisitive Crime;
4. Improving road safety;
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime.

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2022 to March 2023 and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on Midlothian's population of **92,460 in 2019** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2020).

## Midlothian Performance Summary



## Executive Summary

As highlighted during Police Scotland's quarterly briefing to Midlothian Elected Members in May, Policing in Midlothian has recently completed a resource restructure supporting our response to our Policing Priorities documented within The Lothians and Scottish Borders Local Policing Plan 2023 -26, namely Protecting Vulnerable People, Tackling Crime in the Digital Age, Working in Communities and Support for Operational Policing.

Following increased reports of speeding within the Eskbank, Hardengreen and Bonnyrigg areas additional MCAT and Roads Policing patrols have been arranged to mitigate this problem and reassure local residents. Local Community and MCAT officers have undertaken hand held radar checks at these and other hotspot areas. This has led to good results and positive feedback from our local communities.

Road Casualty figures have been drastically reduced by 25% from the previous year demonstrating Midlothian Police's commitment to Improving Road Safety.

Midlothian Community Action Team supported by the streamlined Community Policing Team continue to deal effectively with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) with a particular focus during Q4 on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) involving off road motorbikes. As part of Operation Jewel we have utilised successful new investigative techniques. This operation is currently ongoing across Midlothian and to date MCAT officers have seized 4 motorbikes that had been driven without insurance or license, with the drivers reported for various offences. A further 3 no MOT driving tickets were issued by MCAT officers during routine patrols of Midlothian following proactive traffic stops.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank police officers and staff working within Midlothian for their unselfish dedication and devotion to duty over the last year, which at times has been testing both mentally and physically.

### **Missing Person**

During Q4 2022/2023 20 Adults, 10 Cared for Adults, 33 Children and 13 Looked After Children were reported as missing, however all were traced safe and well by Midlothian Officers.

### **Domestic Abuse**

By the end of Q4 2022/23 there were 1127 incidents reported, an increase of 0.05% or 0.6 incidents on the 5 year average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes reported (635 reports) is 4.75% higher than the 5 year average. From these reports the percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted was 1.72% fewer compared to the five year average.

### **Hate Crime**

There has been an increase of 3.2 Hate Incidents reported in Q4 compared to the 5 year average. There has been a reduction of 13.6 Hate Crimes reported in Q4 compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q4 is 63.24, which represents a 7.43 % improvement on Q3.

### **Sexual Crimes**

By the end of Q4 2022/23 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 5.68% to 212 reports against a 5 year average of 200.6 reports. There had been 38 reports of Rape, this is up 13.47 % on the 5 year average of 33.4 reports. The detection rate for rape and attempt rape during Q4 was 33.4 %.

By end of Q4 2022/23 there had been 76 reports of Indecent/Sexual Assault which is an 8.21% decrease on the 5 year average 82.8 reports. The detection rate for Indecent/Sexual Assault during Q4 was 82.8 % reflecting a 33% improvement on the Q3 rate.

During Q4, increases have been observed against the 5 year average in further Group 2 offences namely Communicating Indecently (10.1% increase) and Threatening / Disclosure of Intimate Image (15.5% increase). The detection rate for these Other Group 2 crimes during Q4 2022/2023 was 84.2 % reflecting a 45.3% improvement on the Q3 rate.

### **Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation**

The detection rate relating to the 'Production, Manufacture or Cultivation of Drugs' during Q4 2022/23 is 82.05%. There were 226 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 99.12%. Similarly during Q4 2022/23 there were 33 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 75.76%.

### **Crimes Of Violence**

During Q4 2022/23 there were 44 Serious Assaults within Midlothian representing a 3.08% decrease against the 5 year average. Solvency sits at 70.97% which is an 1.76% increase on Q3 2022/23. There were 20 reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 10% increase on the 5 year average, 70% solved.

During Q3 2022/2023 there were 848 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting a 13.7 % increase on the 5 year average, with a detection rate of 58.84%.

There were 63 Assaults on Emergency Workers during Q4 2022/2023 reflecting a positive 16.67% reduction on the 5 year average.



### **Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour**

At 4,854 incidents reported to Police during Q4 2022/23, ASB remains a volume complaint, however continues to record levels below the five year average, with a 17.49% decrease on the 5 year average. During Q4 2022/23 a total of 670 Vandalism type offences were recorded. This reflects 71 fewer reports than the 5 year average, representing a 9.68% reduction compared to the 5 year average.

Midlothian continued to record a decrease in the number of Threatening & Abusive Behaviour type incidents, with 564 recorded during Q4 2022/23, compared to the 5 year average of 715.4. This represents a 21.16% reduction in this type of incident and during Q4 the detection rate for Threatening & Abusive Behaviour remained high at 72.52%.

### **Dishonesty**

During Q4 2022/23, a total of 1730 overall Group 3 crimes have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 242 fewer crimes or a 12.2% reduction compared to the 5 year average. Reported Theft of Vehicles remains below the 5 average with 90 incidents reported during Q4 2022/23, this represents 10.89% reduction.

During Q4 2022/23 there were 49 Thefts from Insecure Vehicles, reflecting 59 fewer incidents or a 54.5% reduction on the 5 year average. Similarly overall motor vehicle crime decreased by 82 incidents or 32% compared to the 5 year average. A total of 458 Common Theft incidents were recorded during Q4 2022/23, an 5% increase or 23 more incidents compared against the 5 year average.

A total of 522 Theft Shoplifting incidents were recorded during Q4 2022/23, a 21% reduction or 146.2 fewer incidents compared against the 5 year average.

### **Housebreaking**

During Q4 2022/23, there were 90 fewer reports of all Housebreaking (including Dwelling House, Non-Dwelling House or Other Premises) in Midlothian compared to the 5 year average, continuing this positive trend. This represents a 30.93% reduction compared against the 5 year average.

During Q4 2022/23, a total of 72 Housebreaking (Dwelling House) was recorded, this figure is 15.49% or 13.2 fewer incidents than the 5 year average.

During Q4 2022/23, a total of 84 Housebreaking (Non-dwelling House) was recorded, this figure is 34.98% below the 5 year average or 45.2 fewer incidents.

### **Road Safety**

During Q4 2022/23, one further fatality occurred in Midlothian, demonstrating a 50% increase on the 5 year average. There has been an overall 25.81% reduction in the number of road casualties compared to the 5 year average. The number of Children Seriously Injured during Q4 2022/ 23 remains the same as the previous years statistic.

### **Tackling Serious Organised Crime**

Continued efforts to disrupt organised crime groups by targeting drugs supply offences, gathering intelligence and generating enforcement opportunities

| Protecting the most vulnerable people.  | Missing Persons |        |
|---|-----------------|--------|
| <b>Missing Person Type – JANUARY 2023</b>   |                 |        |
| Adult   | 11              | 35.48% |
| Cared for Adults  | 5               | 16.12% |
| Child   | 9               | 29.04% |
| Looked After Children   | 6               | 19.35% |
| <b>Missing Person Type - FEBRUARY 2023</b>  |                 |        |
| Adult   | 6               | 22.22% |
| Cared for Adults  | 5               | 18.51% |
| Child   | 10              | 37.04% |
| Looked After Child  | 6               | 22.22% |
| <b>Missing Person Type – MARCH 2023</b>   |                 |        |
| Adult   | 3               | 16.66% |
| Cared for Adults  | 0               | 0%     |
| Child   | 14              | 77.77% |
| Looked After Child  | 1               | 5.55%  |
| <p>The Lothians &amp; Scottish Borders (J) Division and the communities of Midlothian recognise that protecting people, particularly those considered vulnerable, is a policing priority. Within the remit of protecting people is the work and investigations carried out to trace people who are reported missing. To put the scale of this work into context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police Scotland, on an annual basis undertake over 22,000 investigations into missing people;</li><li>• In the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division this equates to the following;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 2017 / 2018 – 2390 missing person investigations;</li><li>• Year 2018 / 2019 – 2581 missing person investigations;</li><li>• Year 2019 / 2020 – 1786 missing person investigations.</li><li>• Year 2020 / 2021 – 1468 missing person investigations.</li><li>• Year 2021/ 2022 - 1573 missing person investigations.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Recognising the vulnerability associated with missing people, particularly those that are young or suffering from mental health challenges, Police Scotland has adopted a rigorous investigation structure and management approach to incidents involving missing people.</p> <p>During Q4 2022/23 20 Adults, 10 Cared for Adults, 33 Children and 13 Looked After Children were reported as missing, however all were traced safe and well by Midlothian Officers.</p> <p>We continue to work with partners to support individuals where a risk is identified. During this quarter 26 Missing Person Reports were Mental Health related, 48 reports involved the subject being reported missing from their home address, whilst 12 involved the subject reported missing from a Young Persons Unit and 5 involved the subject reported missing from school. The remaining 1 subject was from an NHS establishment.</p> |                 |        |



| Protecting the most vulnerable people.                  | Domestic Abuse Incidents |            |          |
|---|--------------------------|------------|----------|
|   |                          |            |          |
|   | Syr Average              | Q4 2022/23 | % Change |
| Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents                      | 1126.4                   | 1127       | 0.05     |
| Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents   | 606.2                    | 635        | 4.75     |
| Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime | 39.79                    | 38.07      | -1.72    |
| Total crimes and offences detection rate                | 71.76                    | 60.63      | -15.51   |
| Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences             | 59.4                     | 41         | -30.98   |

Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q4 there were 1127 incidents reported, an increase of 0.05% or 0.6 incidents on the 5 year average.

The number of reported domestic abuse crimes reported (635 reports) is 4.75% higher than the 5 year average. From these reports the percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted was 1.72% less compared to the five year average. This reflects the continued confidence of the public to report incidents or contact the Police at an early stage in disagreements.

Continuing our commitment to tackling domestic violence in 2023, the East & Midlothian Domestic Pack Team (DPT) provided daily designated resources focused upon progressing domestic violence enquiry packs throughout Midlothian. During Q4 the DPT made 16 arrests, reinforcing our assurance towards bringing domestic offenders to justice.

Planning is underway for a summer Domestic Abuse Prevention campaign and is set to commence Monday 12th June 2023. Each day will feature and highlight differing elements of domestic and sexual offending. Police SPOCS across local authorities will be reaching out to community and partner contacts to assist in promoting and/or inviting to become involved.

The Domestic Abuse Coordination Unit have also launched a new Victim Survivor Feedback form to allow victims and survivors of domestic abuse, rape and other sexual crime to feedback directly to the Police on the service provided to them. This will help Police understand what we are getting right and what we could do better. The feedback form will be accessible from the home page of Police Scotland's website, by clicking on the 'Help us improve' link to the left column.

| Protecting the most vulnerable people. | Hate Crime     |            |               |
|--|----------------|------------|---------------|
|  |                |            |               |
| Midlothian                             |                |            |               |
|  | 5 year average | Q4 2022/23 | Q4 Per 10,000 |
| Hate Incidents                         | 86.6           | 90         | 9.73          |
| Hate Crimes *                          | 81.6           | 68         | 7.35          |
| Hate Crime Detection Rate              | 74.51          | 63.24      |               |

This section refers to Hate Crime and Hate Incidents. Hate Crimes are offences under:

-Section 50a (1) (A) and (B) and (5) Criminal law consolidation Act 1995 (racial harassment and abuse )

And any other crimes which include a Hate Crime aggravator- i.e where a crime has been committed and is aggravated by hate. These aggravators are disability, race, religion, sexual orientation and transgender identity.

Hate incidents are incidents where the facts do not identify as a recordable crime but the victim, or any other person, perceives the incident to be hate related.

- There has been an increase of 3.2 Hate Incidents reported in Q4 2022/23 compared to the 5 year average
- There has been a reduction of 13.6 Hate Crimes reported in Q4 2022/23 compared to the 5 year average.
- The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q4 2022/23 is 63.24 which represents a 7.43 % improvement on Q3.

Midlothian Police continue to work with partners to encourage the reporting of Hate Crimes. All crimes are reviewed by the Community Policing Inspector to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed.

Hate Crime awareness and the impact upon victims is discussed with secondary school children and Community Police Officers deliver such inputs to classes. The reduction in the number of crimes may be to do with the greater education within the population as to the impact of these offences.

The vast majority of victims of Hate Crime continue to be shop workers, Police officers and other emergency workers who are most often abused in the course of their daily duties.

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b> | <b>Sexual Crimes (Group 2)</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|

| Crime Type              | 5 Year average | Q4 2022/23 | Change | YTD Per 10,000 population | Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Group 2                 | 200.6          | 212        | 5.68%  | 22.93                     | 200.6                     |
| Rape & Attempt Rape     | 33.4           | 38         | 13.77% | 4.11                      | 33.4                      |
| Indecent/Sexual Assault | 82.8           | 76         | -8.21% | 8.22                      | 82.8                      |
| Other Group 2           | 84.2           | 98         | 16.39% | 10.6                      | 84.2                      |

Tackling Rape and Sexual Crime remains an area of focus for officers in Midlothian. This focus includes working with partner agencies to provide confidence to report offences, undertaking professional investigations, providing victim support, pursuing perpetrators and managing offenders. The investigation of sexual crimes and the management of offenders, in particular, is achieved through close collaborative working with partner agencies and local communities.

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During Q4, increases have been observed against the 5 year average in further Group 2 offences namely Communicating Indecently (10.1% increase) and Threatening / Disclosure of Intimate Image (15.5% increase). These increases are driven by online offending where we have observed patterns impacting on all age groups and that highlight a continued increase in favour of offending online.

The detection rate for these Other Group 2 crimes during Q4 2022/23 was 84.2 % reflecting a 45.3% improvement on the Q3 rate, demonstrating our commitment to protecting vulnerable people in a physical and digital world.

| Protecting the most vulnerable people.   | Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation |            |         |                           |                           |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|  |                                       |            |         |                           |                           |
| Drugs Supply                             | 5 year average                        | Q4 2022/23 | Change  | YTD Per 10,000 population | Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate |
| Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation | 60.8                                  | 39         | -35.86% | 4.22                      | 82.05%                    |

We recognise the national Drugs Deaths statistics in Scotland and are committed to targeting drug dealers, whilst working in partnership along with the Midlothian and East Lothian Drugs Partnership (MELDAP). As a result we continue to focus upon the supply of Class C Benzodiazepine street drugs (such Valium or Xanax) as it has been identified that these have led to an increase in drug related deaths when used in a cocktail mixed with Class A drugs.

Our divisional approach is now well established which introduces multi-agency engagement and recording of all Non-Fatal Overdoses (NFO). We send notification of any NFO to the local addiction services who ensure the individual is offered support. This programme is seeing an increased engagement with local drug support groups and is allowing for intelligence streams around developing drug trends and potentially harmful products.

The detection rate relating to the ‘Production, Manufacture or Cultivation of Drugs’ during Q4 2022/23 is 82.05%

During Q4 2022/23 there were 226 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 99.12%.

During Q4 2022/23 there were 33 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 75.76%.

Throughout Q4, MCAT officers continued to spearhead Midlothian’s activity targeting the Supply, Production and Cultivation of Drugs. A Misuse of Drugs search warrant was executed in Mayfield recovering 100 grams of diamorphine (worth approx. £3,000), 800 diazepam tablets and a small cannabis cultivation (3 plants) and resulted in 4 persons being charged with being concerned in the supply of a Class A drug and production of cannabis. A firearm was also recovered during this search with relevant additional charges being proffered.

A parcel destined for an address in Midlothian was intercepted by MCAT and found to contain 7 grams of cannabis.

We continue to developed drugs intelligence from the local community. Drugs enforcement requires information from sources to build a picture and fill in the pieces of the jigsaw. We rely upon community intelligence, and encourage reporting direct to police by phone, online, in person, via remote reporting sites and / or anonymously through Crimestoppers (0800 555111).

| Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour | Crimes of Violence (Group 1) |
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| Crime Type      | 5 year average | Q4 2022/23 | Change | YTD Per 10,000 population | Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Group 1         | 114            | 155        | 35.96% | 16.76                     | 64.52                     |
| Serious Assault | 45.4           | 44         | -3.08% | 4.76                      | 72.7                      |
| Robbery         | 18             | 20         | 11.11% | 702.16                    | 70                        |
| Common Assault  | 731.4          | 848        | 13.75% | 91.72                     | 58.84                     |

\*Common assaults are not recorded as group 1 crimes.

Reducing violence and the impact on our communities is a priority for The Police Service of Scotland and within Midlothian we work with partners to reduce the circumstances that can lead to violence while endeavouring to identify and arrest perpetrators as swiftly as possible.

All Serious Assaults and Robberies are investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department and solvency for these offences remains high within Midlothian.

During Q4 2022/2023 there were 44 serious assaults within Midlothian this represents a 3.08% decrease against the 5 year average. The detection rate is 70.97% which is a 1.76% increase on Q3 2022/23.

During Q4 2022/2023 there were 20 reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 10% increase on the 5 year average, 70% of these reports were solved. This compares well against the divisional solvency rate of 60%.

During Q3 2022/2023 there were 848 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting a 13.7 % increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 58.84% which reflects against the divisional solvency rate of 57.3%.

There were 63 assaults on Emergency Workers during Q4 2022/23 reflecting a positive 16.67% reduction on the 5 year average. However any assault on an Emergency Worker is unacceptable. This remains a Force Focus with the Chief Constable previously publishing his commitment to reduce the impact of violence and to improve the safety of officers and staff in his 'Your Safety Matters Assault Pledge'. The Chief Constable has made it clear that aggressive or threatening behaviour or verbal abuse against Police Scotland personnel is simply not part of the job and has provided improved safety and welfare support.

| Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour |                | Reducing Antisocial Behaviour |         |                            |                           |
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| Indicator                                  | 5 Year Average | 2022-23 Q4                    | Change  | TYTD Per 10,000 population | Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate |
| Antisocial Behaviour Incidents             | 5883           | 4854                          | -17.49  |                            |                           |
| Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)   | 741.8          | 670                           | -9.68%  | 72.46                      | 23.73%                    |
| Fire-raising                               | 44.2           | 51                            | 15.38%  | 5.52                       | 19.61%                    |
| Breach of the Peace and S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010 | 755.4          | 602                           | -20.31% | 65.11                      | 73.09%                    |

We continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in its various forms with our partners. At 4,854 incidents reported to Police during Q4 2022/23, ASB remains a volume complaint, however continues to record levels below the five year average, with a 17.49% decrease on the 5 year average.

During Q4 2022/23 a total of 670 Vandalism type offences were recorded. This reflects 71 fewer reports than the 5 year average, representing a 9.68% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate remains on par with the wider rate of 22.86% for The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division.

Midlothian continued to record a decrease in the number of Threatening & Abusive Behaviour type incidents, with 564 recorded during Q4 2022/23, compared to the 5 year average of 715.4. This represents a 21.16% reduction in this type of incident and during Q4 the detection rate for Threatening & Abusive Behaviour remained high at 72.52%.

Recognising feedback from Midlothian Communities regarding Anti-Social Behaviour involving off-road motorbikes, MCATS officers supported by the streamlined Community Policing Team continue to deal effectively with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) with a particular focus during Q4 on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) involving off road motorbikes. As part of Operation Jewel we have utilised successful new investigative techniques. This operation is currently ongoing across Midlothian and to date MCAT officers have seized 4 motorbikes that had been driven without insurance or license, with the drivers reported for various offences. A further 3 no MOT driving tickets were issued by MCAT officers during routine patrols of Midlothian following proactive traffic stops.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Dishonesty (group 3)

| 5 Year Average | Q4 2022/23 | Change  | YTD Per 10,000 population | Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate |
|----------------|------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1972.2         | 1730       | -12.28% | 187.11                    | 27.28%                    |

Given the wide range of ‘Acquisitive Crimes’ this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report:

- Dishonesty (covered in this section)
- Housebreaking (covered in next section)

Dealing with Acquisitive Crime to protect people by reducing the impacts of theft on individuals and communities remains a priority

During Q4 2022/23, a total of 1730 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 242 fewer crimes or a 12.2% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate of 27.28% remains above the wider Lothian and Scottish Borders Division detection rate of 23.93%.

Reported Theft of Vehicles remains below the 5 average with 90 incidents reported during Q4 2022/23, this represents 10.89% reduction. The detection rate for this offence is 33.33%.

During Q4 2022/23 there were 49 Thefts from Insecure Vehicles, reflecting 59 fewer incidents or a 54.5% reduction on the 5 year average. Similarly overall motor vehicle crime decreased by 82 incidents or 32% compared to the 5 year average.

Common Theft and Theft by Shoplifting remain volume crimes under the Dishonesty heading.

A total of 458 Common Theft incidents were recorded during Q4 2022/23, a 5% increase or 23 more incidents compared against the 5 year average.

A total of 522 Theft Shoplifting incidents were recorded during Q4 2022/23, a 21% reduction or 146.2 fewer incidents compared against the 5 year average. The detection rate of 51.92% remains above the wider Lothian and Scottish Borders Division detection rate of 45.47%.

| Reducing Acquisitive Crime   | Housebreaking  |            |         |                           |                           |
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| Crime Type   | 5 Year Average | Q4 2022/23 | Change  | YTD Per 10,000 population | Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate |
| Dwelling HB  | 85.2           | 72         | -15.49% | 7.79                      | 85.2                      |
| Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB   | 129.2          | 84         | -34.98% | 9.09                      | 129.2                     |
| Other (Business) HB  | 76.6           | 45         | -41.25% | 4.87                      | 76.6                      |
| All HB   | 291            | 201        | -30.93% | 21.74                     | 291                       |
| <p>During Q4 2022/23, there were 90 fewer reports of all Housebreaking (including Dwelling House, Non-Dwelling House or Other Premises) in Midlothian compared to the 5 year average, continuing this positive trend. This represents a 30.93% reduction compared against the 5 year average. The detection rate for Midlothian during Q4 2022/23 is 17.91%.</p> <p>During Q4 2022/23, a total of 72 Housebreaking (Dwelling House) was recorded, this figure is 15.49% or 13.2 fewer incidents than the 5 year average. The Q4 detection rate of 25%, remains above the wider Lothian and Scottish Borders Division detection rate of 19.05%.</p> <p>During Q4 2022/23, a total of 84 Housebreaking (Non-dwelling House) was recorded, this figure is 34.98% below the 5 year average or 45.2 fewer incidents.</p> <p>Much of our focus towards reducing Acquisitive Crime is around raising awareness, offering crime prevention advice, recommending target hardening strategies and enhanced security provision, and trying to improve the likelihood that residents will not become victims. We continue to publicise advice to householders through our social media accounts.</p> <p>Throughout Q4 2022/23, Community Policing officers conducted an initiative regarding the promotion of the new 'Bike Register' App. This involved visiting all local shops that sell or service bicycles and making them aware of the app, handing out posters and leaflets raising awareness of bike thefts whilst encouraging persons to register their bike. The app can be accessed by police and helps to identify stolen bicycles and return them to the owner. This new tactic has already proven successful.</p> <p>MCAT officers executed a stolen property search warrant was executed at the home address of a prolific offender in Gorebridge, following a high value housebreaking in the Scottish Borders. Upon entry to the address the male became violent and threatened to set an aggressive dog upon officers. A police taser was deployed in response to the level of violence and resistance presented towards officers. A large amount of stolen property including a</p> |                |            |         |                           |                           |



high value mountain bike linked to the original housebreaking in the Scottish Borders was recovered within the address, and subsequently returned to its owner. Additional stolen property was also recovered, linked to various thefts across Midlothian, along with cannabis and cash. The male was arrested and charged with numerous thefts and remanded in custody.

During an early shift pro-active patrol MCAT officers responded to a reported Business Housebreaking to a Newbattle based restaurant, involving the theft of a large amount of alcohol. En route officers observed an intoxicated and suspicious male. He was stopped and searched and found in possession of the stolen alcohol. He was arrested and charged with the offence.

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During Q4 2022/23 there has been an overall 25.81% reduction in the number of road casualties compared to the 5 year average. The number of Children Seriously Injured during Q4 2022/ 23 remains the same as the previous years statistic.

There has been a 38% increase in the number of people Seriously Injured (up to 33 from 24), reflecting the increased number of journeys taken by road compared to recent global pandemic and lockdown impacted years.

Inversley there has been an encouragingly significant 38.76% decrease in the number of people Slightly Injured (down to 79 from 129).

There has been similar percentage decreases in dangerous driving (10.03%) , disqualified driving (26.38%) and licence (29.84%), and insurance (14.23%) offences against the five year average.

Midlothian continues to focus on Road Safety, and in response to complaints from the community a number of initiatives have been run throughout Midlothian using Community Policing, MCAT and specialist Road Policing resources targetting Road Safety via pop-up roadside initiatives.

This commitment is reflected in the 207.38% increase in offences identified during Q4 2022/23 compared to the 5 year average. These initiatives have also recorded similar significant increase in penalties issued for use of mobile phones (191.67%), and seat belt (525%) offences.

A number of static road checks employing the radar speed gun, were carried out at Eskbank Road, Hardengreen Industrial Estate and Bonnyrigg Road. Extra attention was given to Croft Street, Dalkeith and Rosewell Road, Bonnyrigg at school drop off and pick up times. Drivers, pedestrians and local businesses were engaged with, with tickets being issued where appropriate. 9 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued during initiatives in at these locations.

As part of MCAT activity targetting Drink and Drug Driving offences they frequently complete proactive patrols throughout Midlothian. In January MCAT officers stopped a motor vehicle with regards to the manner of driving. The driver subsequently failed a roadside drugs wipe and was also found in possession of Cannabis. The driver was arrested and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal pending confirmation of the amount of drugs in their system

As a result of the MCAT patrols, throughout Q4 2022/23 there has been a 18.93% increase in the number of Drink or Drug Driving offences detected compared to the 5 year average (up from 119.4 to 142).

Midlothian officers have been supported by the specialist Road Polcing department who completed a number of campaigns and initiatives including Seatbelt Campaign, Mobile Phone enforcement, Speeding and activity focused on Vulnerable Road Users (defined as 'pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists, with children, older adults and disabled people being more at risk'). The A68 and A7 are priority routes for Road Policing which pass through Midlothian which were subject to multiagency road checks.

Midlothian will continue to receive specialist support with noteworthy upcoming activity including 'National Seatbelt Campaign' and 'Child Safety Week' involving patrols and road checks around schools at drop off and pickup times, with a focus on the use of appropriate child seats & seatbelts, vehicle condition and driving standards (appropriate speed etc). 'Summer Drink Drive Campaign' involving patrols and activity around licenced premises in evenings and early morning road checks for 'morning after' drivers. Also Commercial Vehicle week, focus on HGVs, goods vehicles and bus/coaches. 'Operation Close Pass' targeting dangerous driving behaviour around cyclists and appropriate passing distances.

| Tackling Serious & Organised Crime   | Tackling Serious & Organised Crime  |
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| <div data-bbox="156 407 794 927"> <h3>UK terror threat levels</h3> <p>(as of February 9 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CRITICAL</b> An attack is highly likely in the near future</li> <li><b>SEVERE</b> An attack is highly likely</li> <li><b>SUBSTANTIAL</b> An attack is likely</li> <li><b>MODERATE</b> An attack is possible, but not likely</li> <li><b>LOW</b> An attack is highly unlikely</li> </ul> <p><small>PA graphic. Source: Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre</small></p> </div>   | <div data-bbox="826 407 1410 927"> <p>The UK National Threat Level is</p> <p><b>SUBSTANTIAL: an attack is likely.</b></p> <p>On Wednesday, 9 February 2022, the Home Secretary announced that the UK's Terrorist Threat Level has been lowered from Severe to Substantial.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams said: "At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, I would remind the people of Scotland that they should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland."</p> </div> |
| <p>The UK threat level remains at Substantial as it has done since February 2022.</p>  |   |
| <p>During Q4 2022/23, Midlothian Police worked in partnership with investigators from the Specialist Crime Division investigating a series of violent incidents that occurred predominantly in the North and South of Edinburgh, but also to a far lesser extent within Midlothian. This involved two known feuding criminal gangs. A significant investigative team was assembled involving officers from both the Edinburgh City Division and our own officers from The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division, supported by a parallel operational disruption plan specifically designed to target and disrupt the activities of these gang members. As a result of this action eight persons were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for various offences continuing our excellent record of detecting, disrupting and deterring those involved in Serious and Organised Crime. Five of the eight persons reported have been remanded in custody.</p> |   |
| <p>In total £5,588 worth of controlled substances have been seized during Q4 2022/23 by the MCAT. The practice of targeting those dealing above the street level will continue.</p>  |   |
| <p>Between the 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April Community Policing and MCAT officers carried out Operation Jacanna with partner agencies including Midlothian Council, Department of Work and Pensions and DVLA. This initiative involved roadside checks targeting 'Bogus Workmen' type criminals operating throughout Midlothian and resulted in the detection of various offences including 4 x no MOT Conditional Offer Fixed Penalty Tickets, 7 x immediate prohibitions (due to tyre, brake, suspension defects), 2 x further delayed prohibitions (due to steering and suspension defects), and 2 x persons being arrested on outstanding arrest warrants.</p>  |   |

| Complaints | Executive Summary |
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| April 2022 – March 2023              |                                       |                      |  |                             |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|                                      | Number of Complaints about the Police |                      | Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents |                             |
| Complaints received about the Police | 84                                    |                      | 34.90  |                             |
|                                      | On Duty Allegations                   | Off Duty Allegations | Quality of Service Allegations                   | Total Number of Allegations |
| Total Allegations Recorded           | 63                                    | -                    | 55   | 118                         |

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Midlothian area command as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been 25.3% decrease in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

| Area               | Allegation Category and Type  | LYTD      | YTD       | % change      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Midlothian Council | <b>On Duty - TOTAL</b>        | <b>87</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>-27.6%</b> |
|                    | Assault                       | 8         | 6         | -25.0%        |
|                    | Discriminatory Behaviour      | 0         | 1         | x             |
|                    | Excessive Force               | 10        | 6         | -40.0%        |
|                    | Incivility                    | 17        | 20        | 17.6%         |
|                    | Irregularity in Procedure     | 43        | 23        | -46.5%        |
|                    | Oppressive Conduct/Harassment | 0         | 1         | x             |
|                    | Other - Criminal              | 1         | 0         | -100.0%       |
|                    | Other - Non Criminal          | 0         | 3         | x             |
|                    | Traffic Irregularity/Offence  | 3         | 1         | -66.7%        |

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|  | Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention | 1          | 0          | -100.0%       |
|  | <b>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</b>        | <b>71</b>  | <b>55</b>  | <b>-22.5%</b> |
|  | Policy/Procedure                         | 8          | 5          | -37.5%        |
|  | Service Delivery                         | 22         | 22         | 0.0%          |
|  | Service Outcome                          | 41         | 28         | -31.7%        |
|  | <b>Grand Total</b>                       | <b>158</b> | <b>118</b> | <b>-25.3%</b> |

## Midlothian CAT team – Q4 Update

### 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.

**More specific details under each heading can be found in the monthly reports already submitted.**

#### 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.*

MCAT officers continued to conduct high visibility patrols across the Midlothian area. Throughout the quarter this included high visibility static road checks outside of local Primary schools promoting road safety and also ensuring the safety of children and guardians during school opening and closing hours. In addition a number of static road checks employing the radar Speed gun were carried out at different locations across the county. Extra attention was given to Croft Street, Dalkeith at school drop off and pick up times in relation to the restricted roads at these times. Drivers, pedestrians and local businesses were engaged with, with tickets being issued where appropriate.

Foot patrols conducted in the town centers of Dalkeith, Bonnyrigg and Penicuik were carried out to deter any anti-social behaviour and engage with groups of youths.

Extra attention was also given to the Lothian Bus routes, predominantly at Hardengreen, Dalkeith and Gorebridge terminus, in conjunction with Lothian Buses.

An initiative on the promotion of the Bike Register Application was implemented. Visiting all local shops selling or service bicycles and making them aware of the application, handing out posters and leaflets to encourage persons to register their bike. The application can be accessed by Police and helps to identify stolen bicycles and return them to the owner.

In relation to the Celtic v Rangers football additional high visibility patrols visiting all licensed premises in Midlothian at least once assisted in prevention of disorder and ensuring safety for patrons of these establishments.

Regular patrolling of and visits to all licensed premises in Midlothian continued and ensured an on the whole safe and enjoyable experience for those using hospitality venues and enjoying the night life at the weekends.

**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).*

All opportunities are taken to challenge recidivist offenders, often historically responsible for a large number of offences.

In total 258 Bail Curfew checks were carried out with a compliance rate of 94%, demonstrating how the continued use of this tactic curtails criminal behavior. This was also a higher number of bail checks than the last 2 quarters.

Twenty individuals were arrested on warrant over this quarter by the MCAT. This is a similar number to the last quarter, although that was an increase on previous quarters.

Where there is a legislated reason, MCAT officers search individuals for controlled substances, stolen property, and weapons, progressing these to house searches if the circumstances allow.

House searches under warrant have continued and have been successful in recovering drugs, cash and weapons. A number of reports have been submitted and details are in the monthly reports. These searches do rely on a steady flow of intelligence from the community, as well as proactivity by the team.

A total of 5 Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed by MCAT officers during Q3 2022/23, resulting in the following recoveries with the upper street value totaling:

Class A: £4,100

Class B: £1370

Class C: £118

A Misuse of Drugs warrant in Mayfield recovered 100 grams of diamorphine (heroin), 800 Diazepam tablets and a small Cannabis cultivation (3 plants) and resulted in 4 nominals being charged with being concerned in the supply of the Class A drug and production of cannabis. At this time a firearm was also discovered and is currently undergoing analysis.

MCAT Officers responded to a call from a member of the public in Penicuik regarding a male seen with a large knife within his bag. A machete and axe were subsequently recovered and the male arrested and charged with carrying bladed articles.

In addition MCAT responded to the report of a robbery with a Homophobic aggravation, traced the offender and upon arrest found him to be in possession of a knife in Rosewell. The offender resisted arrest and the case was taken on petition and the accused remanded.

A total of 3 stolen property warrants were executed- during one of these, at the home address of a prolific and well known offender, in Midlothian the suspect became violent and utilized a dog in an offensive manner towards the officers present, Taser required to be deployed by attending officers in response to the violence and resistance presented. A large amount of stolen property including a high value mountain bike was found within the house.



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| Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT     | 258 |
| Bail Curfew Check FAILED        | 14  |
| Arrest on warrant               | 20  |
| Search Person MDA Positive      | 8   |
| Search Person MDA Negative      | 2   |
| Search Property MDA Positive    | 8   |
| Search Property MDA Negative    | 0   |
| Search Weapons Positive         | 5   |
| Search Weapons Negative         | 4   |
| Search Stolen Property Positive | 2   |
| Search Stolen Property Negative | 0   |

**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.*

Throughout Q4 2022/23, MCAT attended 68 youth incidents throughout Midlothian wards, this represents a very small increase on the last quarter. This reflects better weather after winter but also additional issues/concerns in localised areas- such as Hardengreen with youth disorder.

In response to this patrols in that area have been stepped up, there has been a lot of positive work with McDonalds and Tesco and LRT to address issues.

A number of multi-agency days were held designed to divert youth away from anti-social behaviour and towards sports/other activities. This involved local youth and sports groups assisting Police in engaging with youths.

Of note was an incident during which a 13 year old male was stopped riding an off road bike in contravention of a plethora of sections of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The bike was seized and the offender reported via the youth offending reporting process.

Of note 3 youths were charged and reported for culpable and reckless conduct after they had thrown stones into a garden in Bonnyrigg which struck a small child. Fortunately no injury was caused.

MCAT continually liaise with local Community and School Link officers in order to engage with youths and identify offenders.

Operation Juke has been instigated specifically to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour involving youths travelling along local bus routes. MCAT have been working closely with LRT to tackle youth offending and ASB on these buses. This has resulted in a strong partnership relationship and has resulted in numerous plain and uniform patrols, supported by LRT and the deployment of a decoy bus to identify those youths responsible for this behavior. These deployments have continued into Q1 2023/24 and have had a positive impact reducing similar incidents.

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| Youth Calls Attended            | 68 |
| Alcohol Seizures                | 2  |
| Children At Risk VPDs Submitted | 15 |

**Licensed Premises:** *monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behavior related incidents whenever possible.*

All Midlothian Licensed premises continued to be monitored by MCAT officers. Numerous visits to premises were conducted over Hogmanay and premises continue to be visited during the busy weekend periods.

MCAT officers carried out high visibility patrols and licensed premises visits during the Hogmanay celebrations and also for Operation Babalu (the Old Firm derby).

MCAT officers responded to a report of a housebreaking to a restaurant located in Newbattle. A search of the area located a male still in possession of stolen alcohol from the locus. He was subsequently arrested and charged. A search warrant was also served and executed at his home address.

There does appear to have been a gradual drop in incidents within licensed premises over the last few quarters.

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| LP Visit Public House | 23 |
| LP Visit Off Sales    | 0  |

**Support Partners & Colleagues:** *engage with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that are occurring in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.*

MCAT have been working closely with LRT to tackle youth offending and ASB on buses. This has resulted in a strong partnership relationship and has resulted in numerous plain and uniform patrols on the buses. This has also resulted in the deployment of the decoy bus.

MCAT continue to liaise with the Scottish Fire and Rescue service identifying areas where fires have been set but not reported to the Police, this allows MCAT to focus their patrols in these areas.

Following reports of a male sending abusive emails and communications to various Midlothian Council employees, a protracted enquiry was completed by MCAT officers to collate all incidents, correspondence and statements. This culminated in entry being forced to the suspects address in Mayfield and the male being arrested. He was issued with bail conditions preventing further abusive communications.

|                              |   |
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| Joint Activity NHS/SAS       | 0 |
| Joint Activity Local Council | 1 |
| Joint Activity SFRS          | 0 |
| Joint Activity Public Event  | 4 |

**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.*

MCATS officers supported by the streamlined Community Policing Team continue to deal effectively with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) with a particular focus during Q4 on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) involving off road motorbikes. As part of Operation Jewel we have utilised successful new investigative techniques. This operation is currently ongoing across Midlothian and to date MCAT officers have seized 4 motorbikes that had been driven without insurance or license, with the drivers reported for various offences. A further 3 no MOT driving tickets were issued by MCAT officers during routine patrols of Midlothian following proactive traffic stops.

March included a number of static road checks employing the radar Speed gun, which were carried out in Eskbank Road, Hardengreen Industrial estate and Bonnyrigg Road. Extra attention was given to Croft Street, Dalkeith at school drop off and pick up times in relation to the restricted roads at these times. Drivers, pedestrians and local businesses were engaged with, with tickets being issued where appropriate.

In Roslin a vehicle was seized by MCAT officers for having no insurance. During the same incident a passenger was found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis.

A male observed by MCAT officers driving through a red light in Bonnyrigg was stopped and found to be driving without insurance. He was reported for various road traffic offences.

A separate incident in Bonnyrigg saw a male arrested for falling a roadside drugs wipe.

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Static Road Checks               | 9  |
| Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only) | 13 |
| Section 165 Seizures             | 6  |
| Breath Tests Negative (pass)     | 3  |
| Breath Tests Positive (fail)     | 0  |
| S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)    | 1  |
| S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)    | 1  |
| ASBO Seizures                    | 0  |

#### Other Incidents and Arrests of Note

MCAT officers assisted in a number of emergency situations involving concerns for vulnerable and suicidal persons. This resulted in the swift tracing of a suicidal missing person at Gladhouse reservoir and the safe resolution and rescue of a suicidal female who was sitting on the wrong side of the barrier of a fly-over over a fast moving dual carriageway.

During an arrest on warrant in Mayfield the male subject became physically and verbally abusive towards officers and violently resisted arrest. He assaulted three officers and committed threatening and abusive behaviour with a homophobic aggravation. He was eventually removed safely from the address using appropriate restraints including leg restraints and taken to St Leonard's where he continued to be unruly.

In addition MCAT officers supported enquiries on the highest risk domestic abuse investigation packs within Midlothian.

A female from Bonnyrigg was arrested and charged following an unprovoked assault on a 13 year old female.

#### Planned Activity

MCAT officers have a number of search warrants in hand at this time to execute in the coming month and, as always, intelligence related to high tariff offenders in Midlothian is being developed and will be actioned upon both proactively and reactively.

In addition there will be specific policing patrols and initiatives planned targeting those issues that are brought to the attention of the MCAT by residents, partners, and colleagues or indeed by proactive patrol and engagement with our communities.

Operation Jewel provided a good building block for further enforcement and investigation this year and the MCAT continue to develop intelligence about drug supply within Midlothian.

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## Appendix

## Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

| Lothian and Scottish Borders Division                           | 5 Year Average | 2022/23 Q4  | Per 10,000 Q1 2022/2023 | Detection Rates 2022/23 |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>                   | <b>606</b>     | <b>838</b>  | <b>16.82</b>            | <b>57.64</b>            |
| Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)              | 3              | 1           | 0.02                    | 100.00                  |
| Culpable homicide (at common law)                               | 0.6            | 1           | 0.02                    | 100.00                  |
| Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)         | 3.8            | 5           | 0.1                     | 100.00                  |
| Attempted murder  | 16.8           | 20          | 0.4                     | 95.00                   |
| Serious assault   | 258.6          | 265         | 5.32                    | 77.74                   |
| Robbery and assault with intent to rob                          | 95             | 85          | 1.71                    | 60.00                   |
| Domestic Abuse (of female)                                      | N/A            | 160         | 3.21                    | 71.88                   |
| Domestic Abuse (of male)  | N/A            | 8           | 0.16                    | 50.00                   |
| Domestic Abuse (Total)  | N/A            | 168         | 3.37                    | 70.83                   |
| Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children                         | 63.4           | 56          | 1.12                    | 105.36                  |
| Threats and extortion   | 61             | 200         | 4.01                    | 3.00                    |
| Other group 1 crimes  | 39.6           | 37          | 0.74                    | 43.24                   |
| <b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>                                   | <b>1082.6</b>  | <b>1121</b> | <b>22.5</b>             | <b>48.53</b>            |
| Rape  | 193.2          | 213         | 4.28                    | 57.28                   |
| Assault w/i to rape or ravish                                   | 7.4            | 15          | 0.3                     | 53.33                   |
| <i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>                          | <b>200.6</b>   | <b>228</b>  | <b>4.58</b>             | <b>57.02</b>            |
| Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*                                 | 17.2           | 4           | 0.08                    | 50.00                   |
| Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*                                     | 301.2          | 328         | 6.58                    | 46.65                   |
| Lewd & libidinous practices*                                    | 95.2           | 72          | 1.45                    | 41.67                   |
| <i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>                          | <b>413.6</b>   | <b>404</b>  | <b>8.11</b>             | <b>45.79</b>            |
| <i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>                      | <b>0.8</b>     | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>                | <b>-</b>                |
| Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children | 54.8           | 58          | 1.16                    | 82.76                   |
| Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*                           | 93.4           | 104         | 2.09                    | 51.92                   |
| Communications Act 2003 (sexual)                                | 39.4           | 18          | 0.36                    | 44.44                   |
| Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*                                    | 30             | 33          | 0.66                    | 33.33                   |
| Public indecency (common law)                                   | 9.8            | 10          | 0.2                     | 70.00                   |
| Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*                                | 156.2          | 176         | 3.53                    | 35.23                   |
| Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*                            | 19             | 13          | 0.26                    | 76.92                   |
| Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*                     | 65             | 77          | 1.55                    | 37.66                   |
| Other Group 2 crimes  | 0              | 0           | 0                       | -                       |
| <i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>                             | <b>467.6</b>   | <b>489</b>  | <b>9.82</b>             | <b>46.83</b>            |
| <b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>                            | <b>8667.6</b>  | <b>8020</b> | <b>160.99</b>           | <b>23.93</b>            |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house                 | 387            | 357         | 7.17                    | 19.05                   |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling                   | 344.4          | 264         | 5.3                     | 14.02                   |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises                 | 377            | 257         | 5.16                    | 36.19                   |
| <i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>                   | <b>1108.4</b>  | <b>878</b>  | <b>17.62</b>            | <b>22.55</b>            |

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| Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle                            | 216.2  | 133  | 2.67   | 6.02   |
| Theft of a motor vehicle   | 443.8  | 425  | 8.53   | 34.12  |
| Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)                         | 532.4  | 283  | 5.68   | 7.77   |
| Attempt theft of motor vehicle                                     | 35.2   | 34   | 0.68   | 11.76  |
| <i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>                                 | 1227.6 | 875  | 17.56  | 20.46  |
| Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle                        | 145    | 128  | 2.57   | 19.53  |
| Common theft   | 2332   | 2526 | 50.71  | 15.36  |
| Theft by shoplifting   | 2347.4 | 1856 | 37.26  | 45.47  |
| Fraud  | 928.2  | 1346 | 27.02  | 11.96  |
| Other Group 3 Crimes   | 579    | 411  | 8.25   | 30.17  |
| <b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>              | 4126   | 3867 | 77.63  | 24.41  |
| Fireraising  | 222.4  | 281  | 5.64   | 26.69  |
| Vandalism (including malicious mischief)                           | 3659.4 | 3311 | 66.46  | 22.86  |
| Reckless conduct (with firearms)                                   | 5.4    | 3    | 0.06   | 66.67  |
| Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)                  | 228.6  | 266  | 5.34   | 40.60  |
| Other Group 4 Crimes   | 10.2   | 6    | 0.12   | 33.33  |
| <b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>                        | 4199.2 | 3767 | 75.62  | 94.03  |
| Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)                     | 142.2  | 149  | 2.99   | 91.28  |
| Handling bladed/pointed instrument                                 | 153.6  | 154  | 3.09   | 87.66  |
| Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*                | 123.8  | 146  | 2.93   | 71.23  |
| Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*       | 74.6   | 76   | 1.53   | 61.84  |
| <i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>                              | 494.2  | 525  | 10.54  | 80.38  |
| Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs                    | 69     | 36   | 0.72   | 91.67  |
| Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)                     | 221.8  | 200  | 4.01   | 79.50  |
| Bringing drugs into prison   | 19.6   | 9    | 0.18   | 66.67  |
| <i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>                                     | 310.4  | 245  | 4.92   | 80.82  |
| Possession of drugs  | 1811.4 | 1369 | 27.48  | 100.51 |
| Other drugs offences (incl. importation)                           | 10.8   | 13   | 0.26   | 46.15  |
| <i>Total drugs crimes</i>  | 2132.6 | 1627 | 32.66  | 97.11  |
| Offences relating to serious and organised crime                   | 1.2    | 1    | 0.02   | 100.00 |
| Bail offences (other than absconding)                              | 817.2  | 929  | 18.65  | 95.37  |
| Other Group 5 crimes   | 754    | 685  | 13.75  | 95.33  |
| <b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>                             | 9765.4 | 9966 | 200.06 | 65.23  |
| Common Assault   | 4020.8 | 4738 | 95.11  | 57.13  |
| Common Assault (of emergency workers)                              | 411    | 394  | 7.91   | 99.24  |
| <i>Common Assault - Total</i>                                      | 4431.8 | 5132 | 103.02 | 60.37  |
| Breach of the Peace  | 169.2  | 59   | 1.18   | 101.69 |
| Threatening & abusive behaviour                                    | 3509.6 | 3207 | 64.38  | 72.62  |
| Stalking   | 101.8  | 78   | 1.57   | 71.79  |
| <i>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i> | 3780.6 | 3344 | 67.13  | 73.12  |
| Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*                            | 128.6  | 77   | 1.55   | 92.21  |
| Drunk and incapable  | 46.8   | 20   | 0.4    | 100.00 |
| Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law                  | 40.4   | 12   | 0.24   | 100.00 |
| Other alcohol related offences*                                    | 40.8   | 27   | 0.54   | 103.70 |

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| <i>Drunkness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>            | <b>128</b>    | <b>59</b>   | <b>1.18</b>   | <b>101.69</b> |
| Wildlife offences*   | <b>38.8</b>   | <b>32</b>   | <b>0.64</b>   | <b>115.63</b> |
| Other Group 6 offences   | <b>1257.6</b> | <b>1322</b> | <b>26.54</b>  | <b>59.76</b>  |
| <b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>              | <b>6965.8</b> | <b>7437</b> | <b>149.29</b> | <b>82.26</b>  |
| Dangerous driving offences                                       | <b>243.8</b>  | <b>239</b>  | <b>4.8</b>    | <b>79.50</b>  |
| Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen | <b>536</b>    | <b>585</b>  | <b>11.74</b>  | <b>98.63</b>  |
| Speeding offences  | <b>583.2</b>  | <b>329</b>  | <b>6.6</b>    | <b>98.48</b>  |
| Driving while disqualified                                       | <b>119</b>    | <b>84</b>   | <b>1.69</b>   | <b>96.43</b>  |
| Driving without a licence  | <b>548</b>    | <b>416</b>  | <b>8.35</b>   | <b>97.36</b>  |
| Failure to insure against third party risks                      | <b>1408.4</b> | <b>1171</b> | <b>23.51</b>  | <b>99.15</b>  |
| Seat belt offences   | <b>119.4</b>  | <b>115</b>  | <b>2.91</b>   | <b>98.62</b>  |
| Mobile phone offences  | <b>163.4</b>  | <b>199</b>  | <b>3.99</b>   | <b>96.98</b>  |
| Driving Carelessly   | <b>574.4</b>  | <b>705</b>  | <b>14.15</b>  | <b>86.67</b>  |
| Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings) | <b>121.8</b>  | <b>573</b>  | <b>11.5</b>   | <b>97.73</b>  |
| Using a motor vehicle without test certificate                   | <b>711.2</b>  | <b>842</b>  | <b>16.9</b>   | <b>99.76</b>  |
| Other Group 7 offences   | <b>1837.2</b> | <b>2149</b> | <b>43.14</b>  | <b>48.07</b>  |

## Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

| Midlothian  | 5 Year Average | 2022/23 Q4  | Per 10,000 Q1 2022/23 | Detection Rates 2022/23 |
|---|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>                   | <b>114</b>     | <b>155</b>  | <b>16.76</b>          | <b>64.52</b>            |
| Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)              | 0.6            | 0           | -                     | -                       |
| Culpable homicide (at common law)                               | 0              | 0           | -                     | -                       |
| Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)         | 1              | 0           | -                     | -                       |
| Attempted murder  | 1.2            | 3           | 0.32                  | 66.67                   |
| Serious assault   | 45.4           | 44          | 4.76                  | 72.73                   |
| Robbery and assault with intent to rob                          | 18             | 20          | 2.16                  | 70                      |
| Domestic Abuse (of female)                                      | N/A            | 26          | 2.81                  | 73.08                   |
| Domestic Abuse (of male)  | N/A            | 4           | 0.43                  | 75                      |
| <b>Domestic Abuse (Total)</b>                                   | <b>N/A</b>     | <b>30</b>   | <b>3.24</b>           | <b>73.33</b>            |
| Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children                         | 22.4           | 20          | 2.16                  | 125                     |
| Threats and extortion   | 8.2            | 33          | 3.57                  | 3.03                    |
| Other group 1 crimes  | 6.8            | 5           | 0.54                  | 80                      |
| <b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>                                   | <b>200.6</b>   | <b>212</b>  | <b>22.93</b>          | <b>50.94</b>            |
| Rape  | 32.2           | 38          | 4.11                  | 65.79                   |
| Assault w/i to rape or ravish                                   | 1.2            | 0           | -                     | -                       |
| <b>Rape and attempted rape - Total</b>                          | <b>33.4</b>    | <b>38</b>   | <b>4.11</b>           | <b>65.79</b>            |
| Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*                                 | 4.2            | 0           | -                     | -                       |
| Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*                                     | 56.6           | 66          | 7.14                  | 54.55                   |
| Lewd & libidinous practices*                                    | 22             | 10          | 1.08                  | 60                      |
| <b>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</b>                          | <b>82.8</b>    | <b>76</b>   | <b>8.22</b>           | <b>55.26</b>            |
| <b>Prostitution related crime - Total*</b>                      | <b>0.2</b>     | <b>0</b>    | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>                |
| Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children | 11.4           | 10          | 1.08                  | 80                      |
| Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*                           | 16.6           | 30          | 3.24                  | 46.67                   |
| Communications Act 2003 (sexual)                                | 7.6            | 1           | 0.11                  | 100                     |
| Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*                                    | 6.8            | 6           | 0.65                  | 16.67                   |
| Public indecency (common law)                                   | 1.6            | 1           | 0.11                  | 100                     |
| Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*                                | 24.2           | 27          | 2.92                  | 33.33                   |
| Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*                            | 2.6            | 1           | 0.11                  | 100                     |
| Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*                     | 13.4           | 22          | 2.38                  | 27.27                   |
| Other Group 2 crimes  | 0              | 0           | -                     | -                       |
| <b>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</b>                             | <b>84.2</b>    | <b>98</b>   | <b>10.6</b>           | <b>41.84</b>            |
| <b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>                            | <b>1972.2</b>  | <b>1730</b> | <b>187.11</b>         | <b>27.28</b>            |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house                 | 85.2           | 72          | 7.79                  | 25                      |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling                   | 129.2          | 84          | 9.09                  | 3.57                    |
| Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises                 | 76.6           | 45          | 4.87                  | 33.33                   |
| <b>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</b>                   | <b>291</b>     | <b>201</b>  | <b>21.74</b>          | <b>17.91</b>            |
| Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle                         | 37.6           | 25          | 2.7                   | 0                       |
| Theft of a motor vehicle  | 101.4          | 90          | 9.73                  | 33.33                   |



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| Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)                         | 108.2         | 49          | 5.3           | 8.16         |
| Attempt theft of motor vehicle                                     | 7.8           | 9           | 0.97          | 11.11        |
| <b>Motor vehicle crime - Total</b>                                 | <b>255</b>    | <b>173</b>  | <b>18.71</b>  | <b>20.23</b> |
| Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle                        | 23.8          | 32          | 3.46          | 9.38         |
| Common theft   | 434.4         | 458         | 49.53         | 15.5         |
| Theft by shoplifting   | 668.2         | 522         | 56.46         | 51.92        |
| Fraud  | 168           | 267         | 28.88         | 10.49        |
| Other Group 3 Crimes   | 131.8         | 77          | 8.33          | 36.36        |
| <b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>              | <b>846.2</b>  | <b>783</b>  | <b>84.69</b>  | <b>24.01</b> |
| Fireraising  | 44.2          | 51          | 5.52          | 19.61        |
| Vandalism (including malicious mischief)                           | 741.8         | 670         | 72.46         | 23.73        |
| Reckless conduct (with firearms)                                   | 0.6           | 0           | -             | -            |
| Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)                  | 56.2          | 61          | 6.6           | 31.15        |
| Other Group 4 Crimes   | 3.4           | 1           | 0.11          | 0            |
| <b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>                        | <b>898</b>    | <b>641</b>  | <b>69.33</b>  | <b>93.45</b> |
| Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)                     | 26.6          | 36          | 3.89          | 100          |
| Handling bladed/pointed instrument                                 | 28.6          | 27          | 2.92          | 88.89        |
| Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*                | 19.2          | 24          | 2.6           | 83.33        |
| Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*       | 12.2          | 12          | 1.3           | 41.67        |
| <b>Total offensive/bladed weapons</b>                              | <b>86.6</b>   | <b>99</b>   | <b>10.71</b>  | <b>85.86</b> |
| Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs                    | 12            | 6           | 0.65          | 116.67       |
| Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)                     | 48.6          | 33          | 3.57          | 75.76        |
| Bringing drugs into prison   | 0.2           | 0           | -             | -            |
| <b>Supply of drugs - Total</b>                                     | <b>60.8</b>   | <b>39</b>   | <b>4.22</b>   | <b>82.05</b> |
| Possession of drugs  | 409.8         | 226         | 24.44         | 99.12        |
| Other drugs offences (incl. importation)                           | 0.6           | 2           | 0.22          | 100          |
| <b>Total drugs crimes</b>  | <b>471.2</b>  | <b>267</b>  | <b>28.88</b>  | <b>96.63</b> |
| Offences relating to serious and organised crime                   | 0.4           | 0           | -             | -            |
| Bail offences (other than absconding)                              | 188.2         | 167         | 18.06         | 92.81        |
| Other Group 5 crimes   | 151.6         | 108         | 11.68         | 93.52        |
| <b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>                             | <b>1850.2</b> | <b>1828</b> | <b>197.71</b> | <b>64.93</b> |
| Common Assault   | 731.4         | 848         | 91.72         | 58.84        |
| Common Assault (of emergency workers)                              | 75.6          | 63          | 6.81          | 92.06        |
| <b>Common Assault - Total</b>                                      | <b>807</b>    | <b>911</b>  | <b>98.53</b>  | <b>61.14</b> |
| Breach of the Peace  | 24            | 18          | 1.95          | 100          |
| Threatening & abusive behaviour                                    | 715.2         | 564         | 61            | 72.52        |
| Stalking   | 16.2          | 20          | 2.16          | 65           |
| <b>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</b> | <b>755.4</b>  | <b>602</b>  | <b>65.11</b>  | <b>73.09</b> |
| Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*                            | 18.4          | 14          | 1.51          | 100          |
| Drunk and incapable  | 10.2          | 4           | 0.43          | 100          |
| Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law                  | 11.8          | 3           | 0.32          | 100          |
| Other alcohol related offences*                                    | 11.6          | 8           | 0.87          | 100          |
| <b>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</b>            | <b>33.6</b>   | <b>15</b>   | <b>1.62</b>   | <b>100</b>   |
| Wildlife offences*   | 4.2           | 6           | 0.65          | 16.67        |

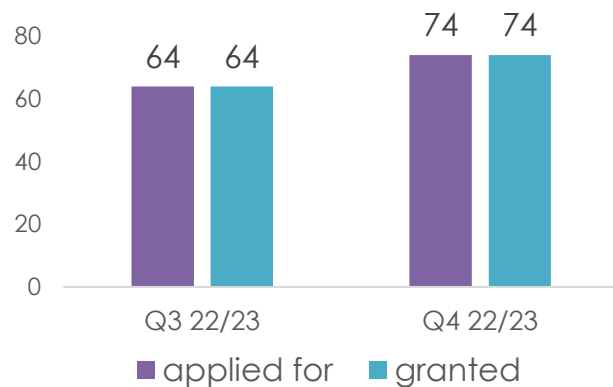
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| Other Group 6 offences   | 231.6         | 280         | 30.28         | 57.14        |
| <b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>              | <b>1270.6</b> | <b>1529</b> | <b>165.37</b> | <b>80.71</b> |
| Dangerous driving offences                                       | 57.8          | 52          | 5.62          | 76.92        |
| Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen | 119.4         | 142         | 15.36         | 91.55        |
| Speeding offences  | 24.4          | 75          | 8.11          | 100          |
| Driving while disqualified                                       | 32.6          | 24          | 2.6           | 91.67        |
| Driving without a licence  | 112.6         | 79          | 8.54          | 97.47        |
| Failure to insure against third party risks                      | 274           | 235         | 25.42         | 98.72        |
| Seat belt offences   | 8             | 50          | 5.41          | 100          |
| Mobile phone offences  | 21.6          | 63          | 6.81          | 100          |
| Driving Carelessly   | 100.2         | 154         | 16.66         | 87.01        |
| Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings) | 13            | 94          | 10.17         | 100          |
| Using a motor vehicle without test certificate                   | 89            | 118         | 12.76         | 100.85       |
| Other Group 7 offences   | 418           | 443         | 47.91         | 44.7         |

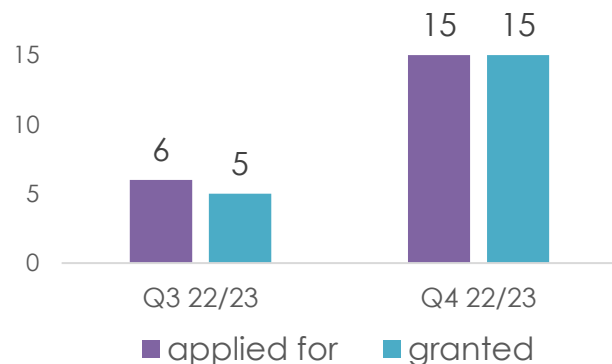
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## Licensing

### Number of liquor licences



### Number of public entertainment licences

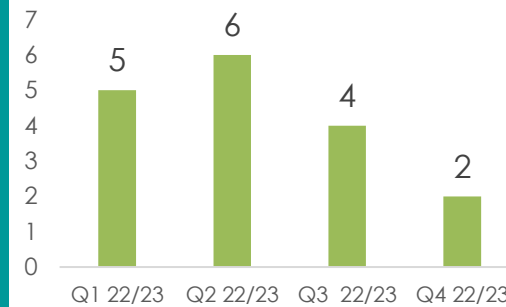


### Other civic licences applied for during Q4:

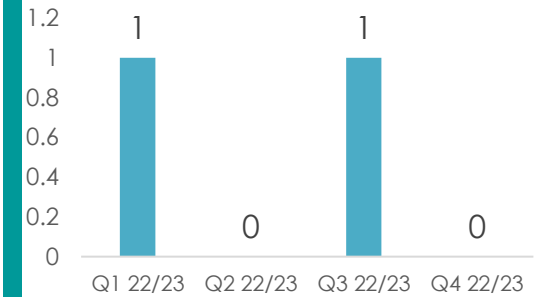
- 2 Market Operator's Licence
- 2 Tattoo Licences
- 2 Window Cleaning Licences
- 7 Street Trader Licences
- 0 Public Indoor Sport Licence
- 2 Second Hand Licences
- 2 Second Hand Car Dealer Licences

## Workplace Health and Safety

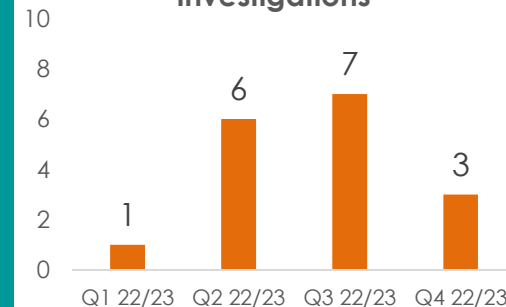
### Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety proactive inspections



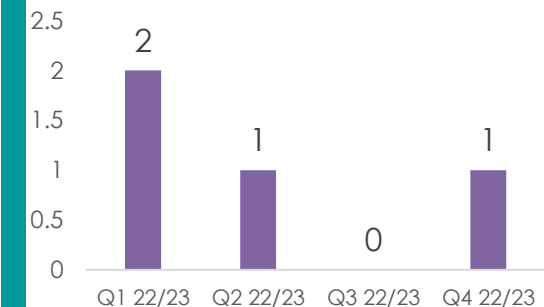
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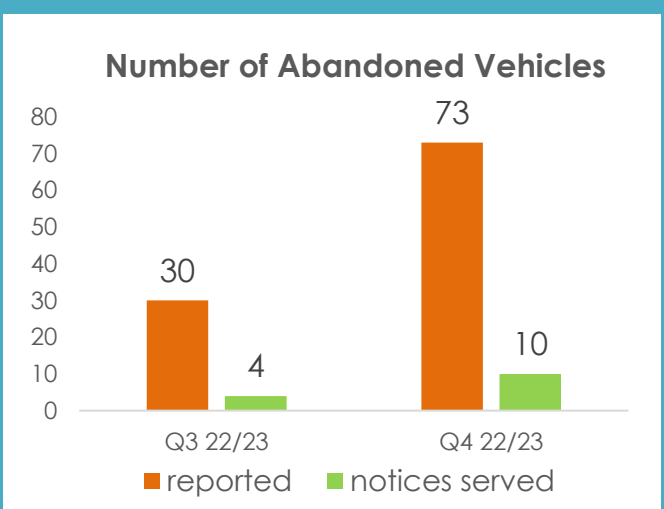
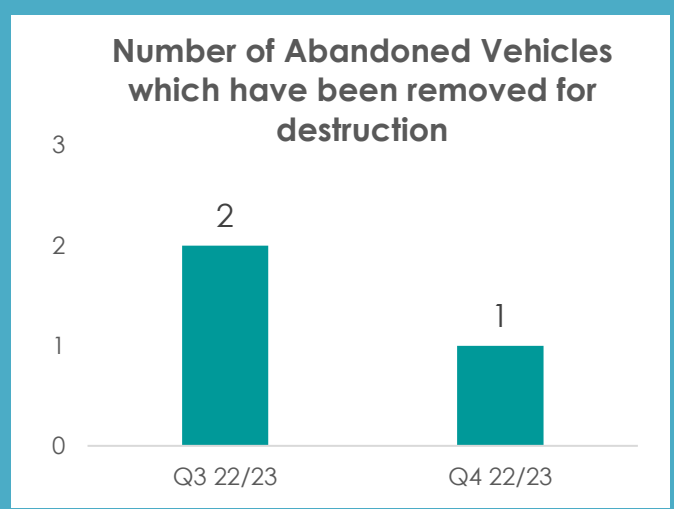
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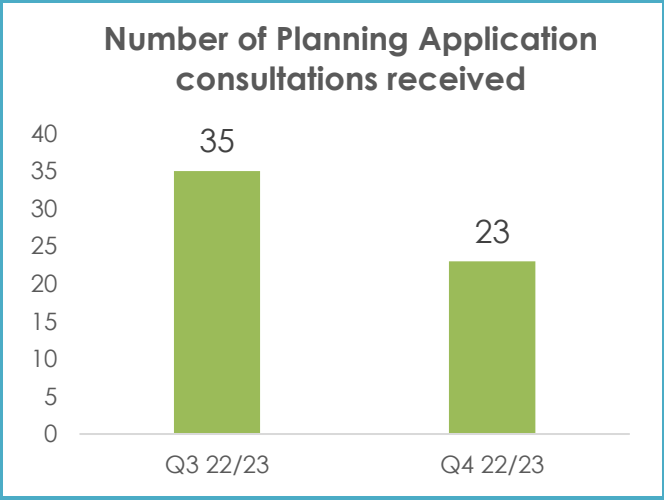
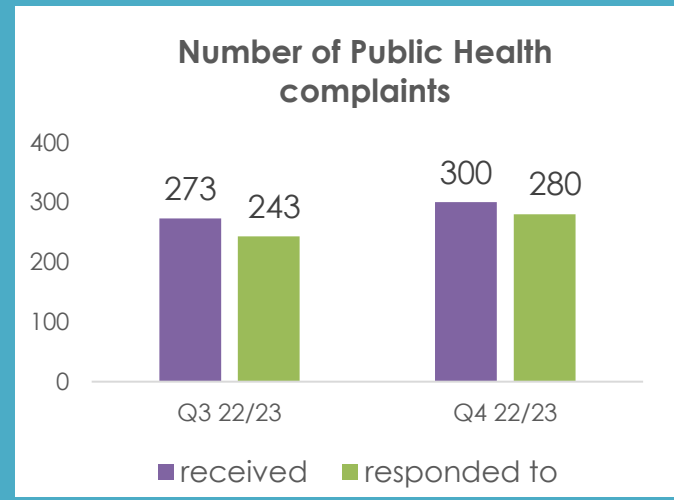
### Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety Prohibition notices served



# Public Health



**58** Licensing visits took place



**1** Environmental Protection Abatement notice was served

**1** private water supply inspection took place this quarter

**5** private water supply samples were obtained in Q4

## Plans and Procedures:

Plans updated and issued:

- Emergency Contacts Directory

Plans updated and awaiting approval:

- Major Accident Hazard Pipelines
- Torness Off-site Emergency plan – summary document for Midlothian Council

Plans in progress:

- Op UNICORN updating in respect of new Monarch. This will tie in with national guidance, when issued. Midlothian Emergency Plan (generic document outlining response structures, roles and responsibilities, links to multi-agency arrangements).

## Business Continuity Plans

- The development of these plans are the responsibility of individual services as they are closest to the work and can better assess needs and practicalities, but ongoing engagement and assistance will be given by the Health, Safety & Resilience Team. To encourage BC plan development a process of initial engagement with responsible managers is currently being finalised.
- A report is being drafted for CMT in respect of a range of measures to enhance the organisation's preparedness for emergency response.

## Multi-agency Exercises, Training and Presentations:

Team Members Participated in:

- Exercise JANUS 23 – Notification exercise relating to a Torness Off-Site Emergency. This type of exercise occurs on an annual basis.
- Scottish Risk Assessment Challenge Workshop 3, Pandemic, Emerging Infectious Disease, Failure of the National Electricity Transmission System, ie major power outage.
- Exercise SAFE STEEPLE, Counter Terrorism exercise involving participants from the Lothian and Borders CONTEST Group and Lothian and Borders Local Resilience Partnership – plus additional, some senior, representatives from partner organisations, including Midlothian Council. Team was also involved in the planning for this exercise.
- Exercise MIGHTY OAK, national exercise to examine impacts and mitigations in relation to a National Power Outage. Midlothian Council participated in discussions involving the three Local Resilience Partnership within the East of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership area.
- Familiarisation sessions on the use of Airwave handsets, utilising the Interoperability Bronze handsets held by Police Scotland.
- A number of briefing sessions on the Protect Duty/Martyn's Law, UK legislation currently being developed. A Draft Bill is expected to be put before Parliament in spring 2023.
- An ongoing series of briefing/training sessions offered by the Met Office.
- Resilient Communities virtual conference facilitated by Scottish Government.
- "Show and Tell" sessions facilitated by the EoS RRP Coordination Team and consisting of bite-sizes presentations covering a range of resilience topics.

## Team facilitated:

- Total of 2 attendees on the Feb 23 multi-agency Crisis Management Course organised by the EoS RRP (attendance was expected to be higher but there were a number of withdrawals and changes of preference). More nominations have been submitted for the period Apr – Dec 23 so will be included in future reports.

## Returns to Scottish Government/EoS RRP/Lothian and Borders LRP (and others), including:

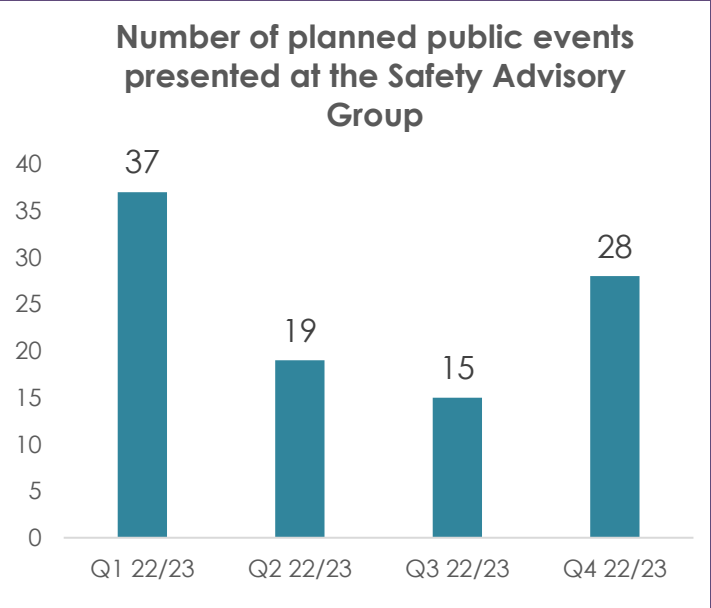
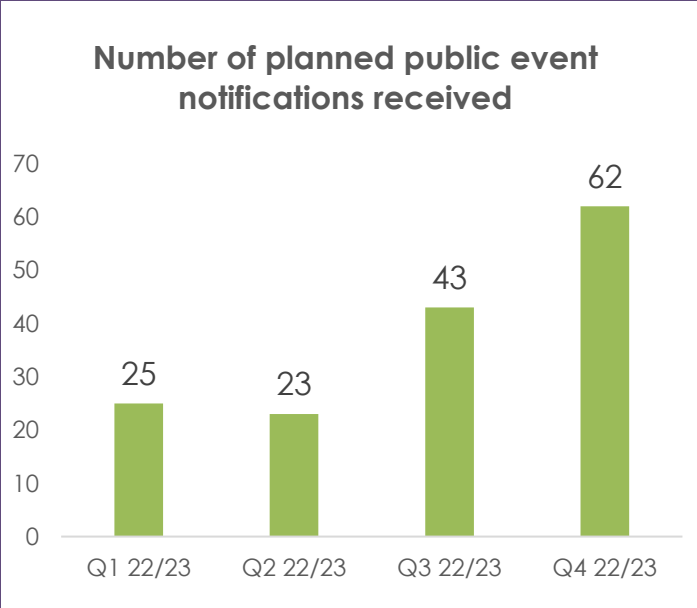
Ongoing, routine representation at/participation in:

- Local Resilience Partnership meetings – core group and sub groups.
- Local Resilience Partnership special work streams – Severe Weather Framework, National Power Outages Framework, Mass Fatalities Framework
- Lothian and Borders CONTEST group
- COSLA “All Council” EU-Exit meetings
- Internal meetings requiring a Contingency Planning presence, including Care for People, Estates Management, internal CONTEST Group, Safety Advisory Group, Business Continuity.
- Local Authority Resilience Group Scotland (LARGS) networking meetings.

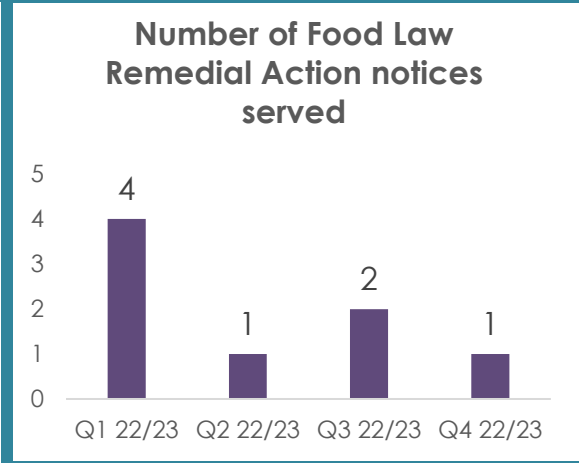
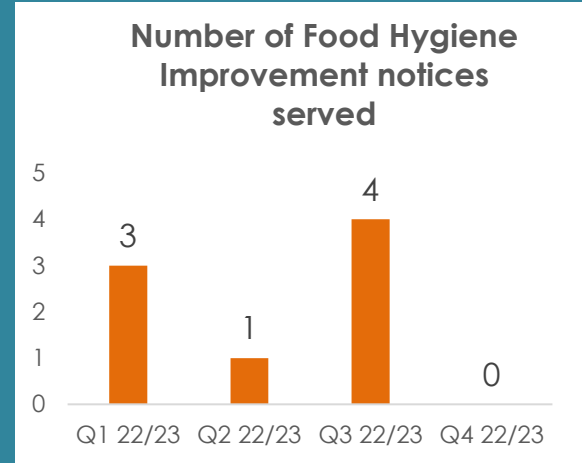
Ongoing monitoring of events and/or live incidents – disseminating information internally and liaison with external organisations as required.

To note: Following attendance at meetings, seminars, presentations, training sessions, a summary of all pertinent information is shared to senior managers and other colleagues as appropriate and invitations to shared where the subject might be direct interest to other services/partners.

Public events



# Food Hygiene and Standards

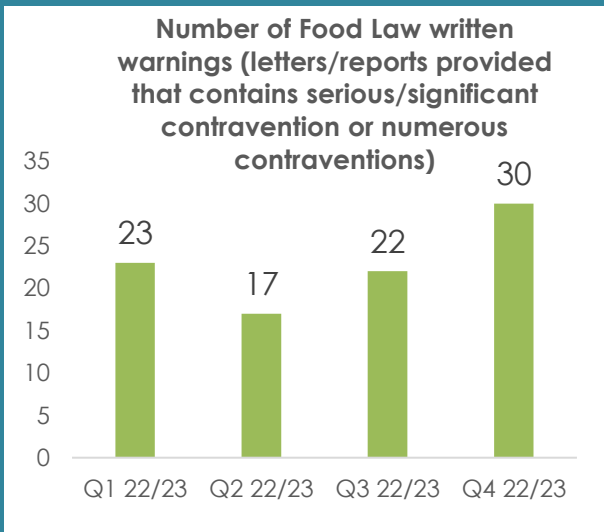
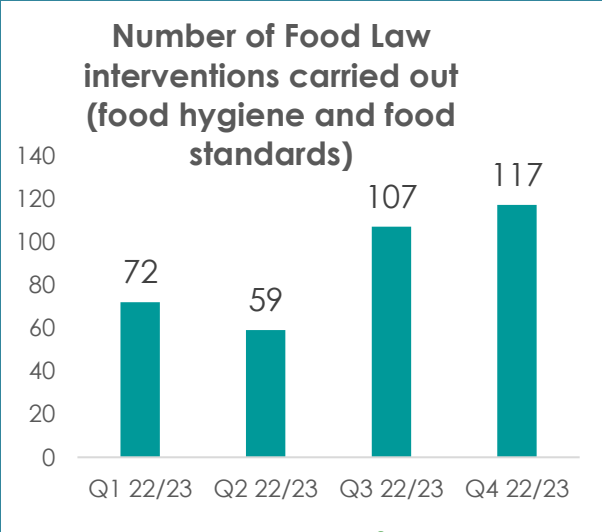


**Any other Food Hygiene and standard notices served:**

No Notices served in Quarter 4

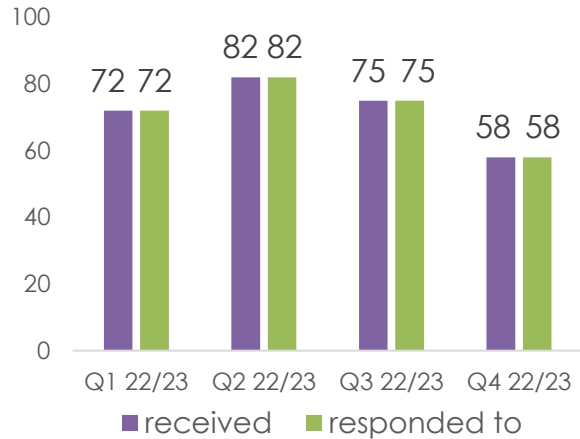
**13** Food/non-food Samples were taken in Q4

**93%** of Food Law interventions were completed in line with the Food Service Plan in Q4

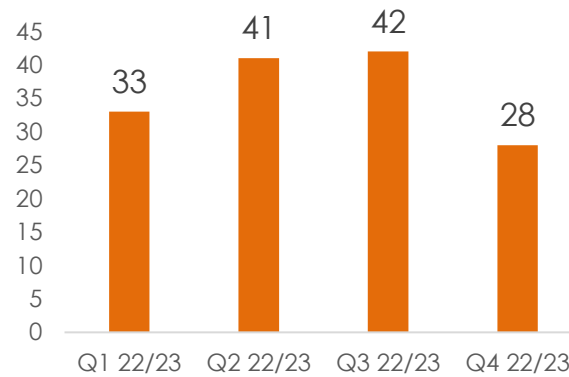


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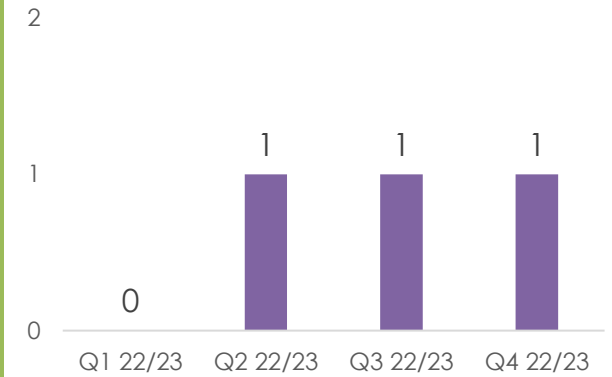
Number of consumer complaints



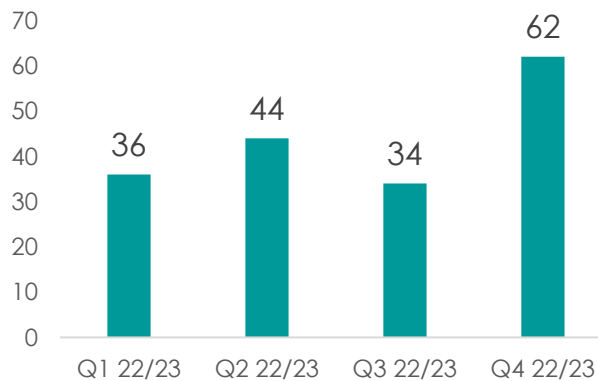
Number of intelligence logs received



Number of reports to Procurator Fiscal



Number of inspections/interventions



## Trading Standards Campaigns/Joint working/Initiative details:

1. 135 disposable vapes said to have 3,500 puffs each were seized from two shops. They all vastly exceeded the 2ml nicotine content permitted in the UK. All small shops in Midlothian received a letter from Trading Standards advising of this problem which also identified 10 brand codes of Elf bars which had to be removed from sale.
2. As part of a Scotland-wide project, Trading Standards signed up, and provided certificates to, 5 self-storage businesses who will comply with a Code of Practice to prevent the storage of counterfeit goods.
3. Continued to contact residents, 17 this quarter, who have responded to scams according to historic information supplied by the National Scams Team.