

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

Date: Monday, 21 August 2023

Time: 11:00

Executive Director : Place

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1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

2 Order of Business

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

3 Declaration of Interest

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

4 Minute of Previous Meeting

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No items for discussion

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th of November 2023.

Minute of Meeting

Police, Fire and Rescue Board
Monday 21 August 2023
Item No: 4.1



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 15 June 2023	13.00 pm	Virtual Meeting by MS Teams

Present:

Councillor McKenzie (Chair)
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Curran
Councillor McEwan

In Attendance:

Midlothian Council	Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place
	Saty Kaur, Chief Officer Corporate Solutions (Acting)
Police Scotland	Chief Inspector James Robertson
	Community Inspector David Reilly
	Superintendent Andy Hall
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Hilary Sangster, Area Commander
	David Morrison, Prevention, Enforcement and Community Engagement Lead
	Mark Landels, Group Commander

Others Present:

Marie Sharp, Local Democracy Reporter

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair, Councillor McKenzie welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Smaill.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was as set out in the Agenda Pack previously circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

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

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting held on 6 February 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	SFRS Midlothian Scrutiny Performance Report Quarter 4 2022-23	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Chair welcomed David Morrison as the new Prevention, Enforcement and Community Engagement Lead.

SFRS updated that there was a positive progress on recruitment within the service, and recognition to Davy Gibson on long service and the development of partnerships and initiatives. SFRS went on to explain that there has been the deployment of bank hours which has enabled capacity to carry out more partnership working and intelligence gathering which is critical to operational delivery. Midlothian and East Lothian now have a wildfire tactical advisor.

The Board were updated that from 1 July the law will change on unwanted fire alarm signal response which is a significant change for partners and duty holders. The Board were asked to remind staff and an offer of support was given.

Mark Landels presented the Q4 performance report and provided information on the 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. Mr Landel took the Board through the performance information presented in the report referring 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. These included a discussion on how SFRS are managing the unintended consequences of non-attendance of alarms. SRS advised that this will be kept under observation and discussed at area and national level if there are concerns and is subject to regular review. SFRS have observed that engagement has shown that responsible persons not aware of their responsibilities. It was confirmed that if SFRS receive a call they will attend. The service continues to work under its Code of Practice and undertake fire safety audits.

Mr Oliver confirmed to the Board that the Council's Health & Safety Team and Fire Safety Officer have engaged with relevant affected Council services, and have developed a suite of supporting documentation, process flows etc for Midlothian Council as an employer and are ready for 1 July change.

A request for an update on the success of the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) sharing crewed and uncrewed stations was made. It was confirmed that this was working well, and feedback showed a positive response on sharing resources, facilities and buildings and closer working. This model also provides welfare for other blue lights services especially in rural areas when they are on the beat. Other benefits include being able to work out of key strategic stations to meet CAT 1 requests and reduce costs. Cross sharing skills and ideas and have seen positive outcomes. It's an ongoing priority of the service to co-locate for environmental and financial efficiencies, and there is a tri-service working group that continually looks at this. Councillor McEwan asked if Penicuik would continue and passed on that this is seen as a fruitful development and the community are appreciative of it.

Decision

The Board noted the content of the report

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Police Scotland Midlothian Quarter 4 Scrutiny Report 2022/23	Police Scotland (PS)
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Inspector James Robertson, introduced the report and went on to provide an update on each separate category as detailed within the report, giving examples of the position in Midlothian -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 highlighted that the end of the report is a duplication and apologised for the confusion.

Councillor Curran expressed his thanks to Arron Clinkscales who recently retired from Police Scotland. He acknowledge his service to the community and the positive difference that he made to policing in Midlothian.

The Board proceeded to discuss points from the report, including the number of domestic abuse crimes reported (635) and the creation of the domestic PAC team to enable Police Officers to focus on top end level. PS stated that convictions are not often realised in domestic violence crimes.

The Board asked about the anti-social behaviour at Tesco Hardengreen and whether the Young Scot free bus travel is contributing to this. PS responded that this is difficult to answer. PS advised that there has been really good support/engagement from the business and staff around the Hardengreen area and Lothian Buses and over the last few weekends they have seen a vast improvement, and there are advance plans in place for the summer holidays.

There was a discussion on speeding. It was raised that there is public anxiety regarding the reduction on speed limits through signage but lack of enforcement, and it was asked whether more cameras were being erected installed. PS explained the current protocol for speeding include enforcement and the criteria that is required to be met, specifically where there is greatest risk and action would result in casualty reduction. There is limited resource to deploy and is allocated through this criterion and using data on RTCs.

Mr Oliver talked about the behavioural change that is required from drivers and feedback from the Council's speed policy consultation. He stated that Road Safety and speeding are interlined but different. The MCAT SLA includes this area of concern, and he reiterated that this is not only a police matter, and there are there engineering solutions to be considered, and the Council works in partnership with PS. Where there are areas of concern then this would be discussed and proposed actions reviewed in line with a safety audit. Past concerns have been responded to by doing spot checks and if that requires

further intervention then discuss with PS to escalate if required. Evidence base and intelligence informed.

The Board was advised that Amanda Johnston has replaced Michelle Lindsay. The Board thanked Michelle Lindsay for her successful engagement with partners and the community and her long service of 11 years.

PS provided information on Operation Jewel which is ongoing during the summer months balanced against PS presence at local community events. There was also a discussion on the reports of knives recovered with PS confirming that there is no significant increase across Midlothian in the carrying of weapons. The Board queried the reported epidemic of fentanyl use and whether PS can proactively manage illegal drugs such as this. PS advised that they work with MELDAP and there are no recent fentanyl related incidents, and they will continue to monitor. They also advised that SFRS class fentanyl as a HAZMAT issue due to the significance of it.

Decision

The Board noted the contents of the Report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Protective Services	Chief Officer Place
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Officer Place, Derek Oliver addressed 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 4.</p> <p>The Board asked if there is any public promotion regarding actions against vape selling. Mr Oliver confirmed that a press release was issued and surveillance locations are communicated.</p> <p>The Board asked how often food and license premises are inspected and who monitors them. Mr Oliver advised that this varies under the licensing policy and food safety policy. Trading Standards and Food Health and Safety monitor, assess and enforce on a risk-based approach and work with PS for licensing to meet ensure licence holders meet licensing objects.</p> <p>The Board discussed the increase of Public Entertainment Licences and whether the engagement with the Safety Advisory Group has increased. Mr Oliver confirmed it had and was positive and reiterated the SAG was there to facilitate and support events to be delivered successfully.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the use of the mobile CCTV and the Board queried whether these were fully utilised by the Council as well as the police. Mr Oliver</p>		

confirmed the process for deployment and examples of use include ASB and environmental crime, responding to public safety concerns e.g. large scale event and that there is also a power tower available that is more remote. 99% are used overtly and covert is subject to RIPSA. PS agreed this is invaluable and gave a recent example of use to disprove an allegation which was key in this circumstance.

Councillor Smaill submitted a question to be discussed in his absence regarding a serious accident that took place on the A68 and whether there is to be any signage realignment/road safety works? The Board queried the location of the incident. The Board were advised of Midlothian road safety governance and that this would be taken through the divisional group attended by partners (highways agencies) who discuss immediate issues, trends and agreed course of action.

Decision

The Board noted the Report.

6. Private Reports

No private items for discussion

7. Date of Next Meeting

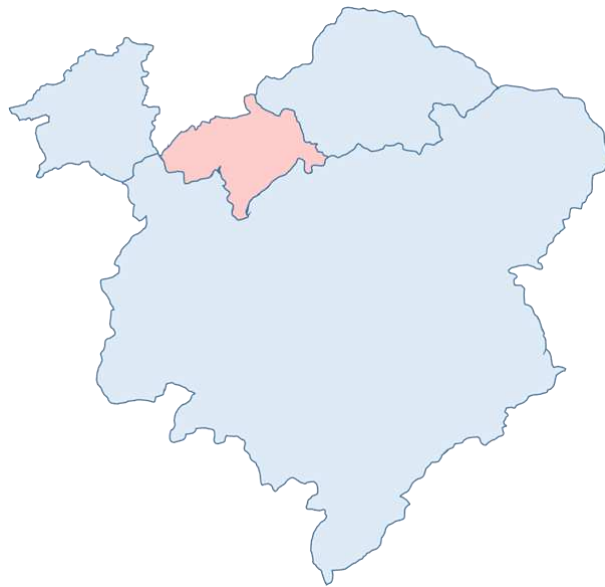
The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 August 2023 at 13.00pm

The meeting terminated at 14.37 pm.



Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 1 – 2023/2024

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.



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Sustained excellence in service and protection.

Our Purpose

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

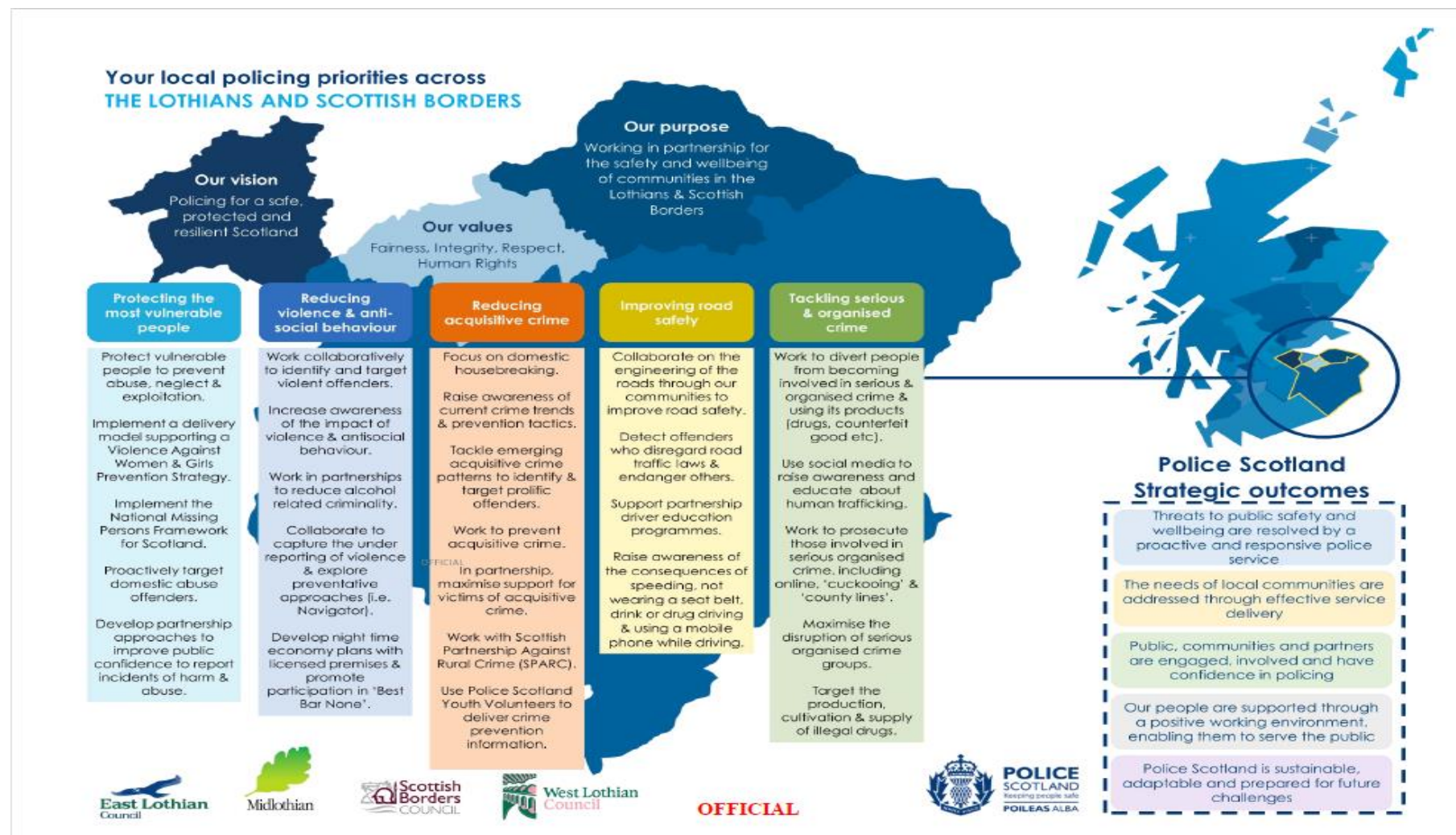
Our Values

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

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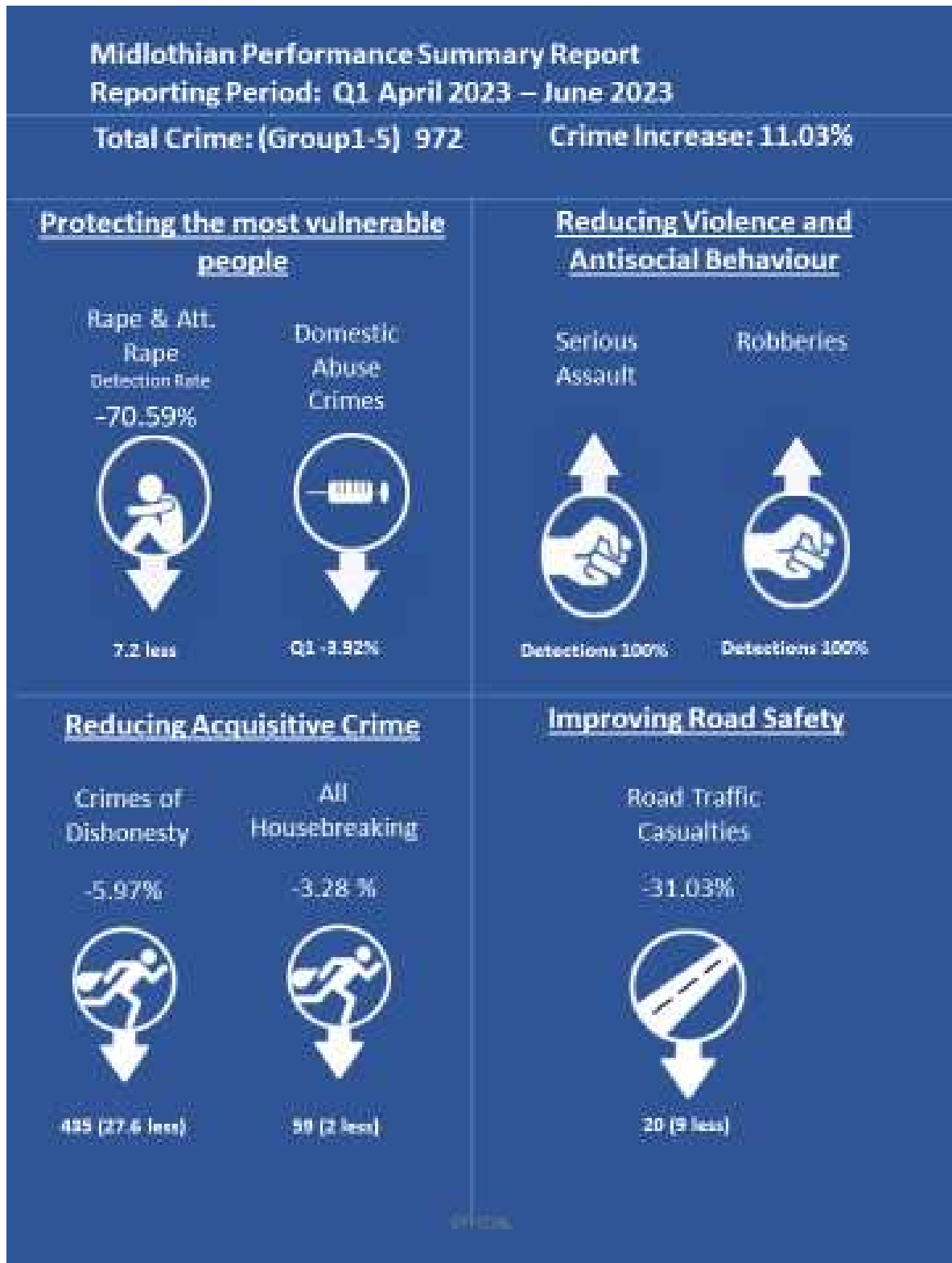
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

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 2023 to June 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

This Quarter 1 2023/24 Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel Report, demonstrates the ongoing commitment that Midlothian Police has to keeping Midlothian communities safe. During Q1 2023/24, working in partnership with Midlothian Council and other partners we have safely policed various successful community events such as 'Lets Rock' within Dalkeith Country Park and numerous other Local Community Gala Days.

Following increased reports of speeding within the Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg Road, Cockpen Road, Stobhill Road, Powdermill Brae and Dalhousie Road areas, additional Roads Policing and Speed Camera Van patrols were completed to mitigate this problem and reassure local residents. Local Community Officers together with MCAT have undertaken hand held radar checks at these and other areas identified as problematic. This has led to good results and positive feedback from our local communities. Importantly, this action has also resulted in a 31.03% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads, compared to the same period last year.

Midlothian Community Action Team and the Community Policing Teams continue to deal effectively with Anti-Social Behaviour through focused patrols within hotspot areas and effective community engagement diverting young people towards alternative activities and community groups.

As Midlothian Local Area Commander I will continue to focus on the current Policing priorities, and I can confirm that all Local Policing Plans 2023-26, have now been uploaded to the "Your Community" section of the Police Scotland Website. They should also have an easy read version alongside the accessible version.

The Midlothian Local Policing Plan 2023-26 can be accessed via the following hyperlink :[Your Community - Police Scotland](#)

Missing Person

During Q1 2023/24 23 Adults, 6 Cared for Adults, 39 Children and 5 Looked After Children were reported as missing, however all were traced safe and well by Midlothian Officers

Domestic Abuse

By the end of Q1 2023/24 there were 298 incidents reported, an increase of 0.95% on the 5 year average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes reported (147 reports) is 3.92% lower than the 5 year average. From these reports the percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted was 5.96% more compared to the five year average

Hate Crime

There has been an increase of 1.8 Hate Incidents reported in Q1 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. Whilst there has been a reduction of 3.2 Hate Crimes reported in Q1 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q1 2023/24 is 31.25%.

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. By the end of Q1 2023/2023 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 35.66% to 70 reports against a 5 year average of 51.6 reports. By the end of Q1 2023/2024 there had been 3 reports of Rape, this is down 70% on the 5 year average of 10 reports. The detection rate for Rape and Attempt Rape during Q1 was 100 %. By end of Q1 2023/2024 there had been 20 reports of Indecent/Sexual Assault which is a 6.38% increase on the 5 year average of 18.8 reports. The detection rate for Indecent/Sexual Assault during Q4 was 55%.

Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation

The detection rate relating to the 'Production, Manufacture or Cultivation of Drugs' during Q1 2023/24 is 100%. During Q1 2023/24 there were 45 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 100%. During Q1 2023/24 there were 6 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 133%, which statistic includes Supply of Drugs enquiries from previously reported quarters that were awaiting forensic analysis that has now been undertaken and completed.

Crimes Of Violence

During Q1 2023/2024 there were 13 serious assaults within Midlothian this represents a 12.07% increase against the 5 year average. The detection rate is 100%. During Q1 2023/2024 there were 262% reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 114.29% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 100%. During Q1 2023/2024 there were 262 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting a 21.41 % increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 67.94%. There were 14 assaults on Emergency Workers during Q1 2023/24 reflecting a positive 33.33% reduction on the 5 year average.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

There were 1207 incidents reported to Police during Q1 2023/24, ASB continues to record levels below the five year average, with a 23.53% reduction on the 5 year average. During Q1 2023/24 a total of 172 Vandalism type offences were recorded, mirroring the 5 year average. Midlothian also recorded further decreases in the number of Threatening & Abusive Behaviour (10.90% reduction), and Stalking (37.5% reduction) type incidents during Q1 2023/24.

Dishonesty

During Q1 2023/24, a total of 435 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 27.6 fewer crimes or a 5.972% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate of 29.89% still remains above the wider Lothian and Scottish Borders Division detection rate of 23.14%. Reported Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) similarly remains below the 5 average with 59 incidents reported during Q1 2023/24, representing a 3.28% reduction. During Q1 2023/24 there were reductions in reported Opening Lockfast Places – Motor Vehicle (41% reduction), and Theft from an insecure Motor vehicle (65.51% reduction). During Q1 2023/24 we have also recorded a 215 increase in Theft of Motor Vehicles.

Housebreaking

During Q1 2023/24, there were 3.2% fewer reports of all Housebreaking (including Dwelling House, Non-Dwelling House or Other Premises) in Midlothian compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate for Midlothian during Q1 2023/24 is 16.95%. A total of 22 Housebreaking (Dwelling House) were recorded, this figure is 19.57% or 3.6 more incidents than the 5 year average. The detection rate is 13.64%. A total of 18 Housebreaking (Non-dwelling House) were recorded, this figure is 28.57% below the 5 year average or 7.2 fewer incidents.

Road Safety

During Q1 2023/24 there have been 9 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q1 2022/ 23 return. This represents a 31.03% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

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	
<p>The Lothians & 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. 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>		
Missing Person Type – APRIL 2023		
Adult	5	31.25%
Cared for Adults	2	12.50%
Child	7	43.75%
Looked After Children	2	12.50%
Missing Person Type - MAY 2023		
Adult	11	30.55%
Cared for Adults	3	8.33%
Child	19	52.77%
Looked After Child	3	8.33%
Missing Person Type – JUNE 2023		
Adult	7	33.33%
Cared for Adults	1	4.76%
Child	13	61.90%
Looked After Child	0	0
<p>During Q1 2023/24 23 Adults, 6 Cared for Adults, 39 Children and 5 Looked After Children were reported as missing, but I am pleased to confirm 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.</p> <p>Some of the 73 incidents reported during Q1 2023/24 included 13 Missing Person Reports involved Neurodiversity concerns, 49 reports involved the subject being reported missing from their home address, 1 involved the subject reported missing from a Young Persons Unit, a further 2 involved the subject reported missing from School.</p>		

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents		
	5yr Average	Q1 2023/24	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	295.2	298	0.95
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	153	147	-3.92
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	37.33	43.29	5.96
Total crimes and offences detection rate	66.15	61.90	-6.42
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	14.6	14	-0.11

Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q1 2023/24 there were 298 incidents reported, an increase of 0.95% on the 5 year average.

The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes reported (147 reports) is 3.92% lower than the 5 year average. From these reports the percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted was 5.96% more compared to the five year average.

The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted was 5.96% more than 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.

Refresher training has been fully rolled out to partner and third sector agencies by our Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit highlighting the DSDAS scheme and reiterating how partners and professionals can refer any concerns they have about clients or service users. Training is devised by our DARA and Safeguarding Team covering signs of domestic abuse and potentially abusive relationships to be alive to when attending meetings and carrying out home visits. The training has led to an increase in referrals over last two months across Division which has allowed Police to disclose the risks perpetrators pose should individuals remain in a relationship with them. The training packages have been identified as best practice and being rolled out in other council areas.

The team are linking in with National Unit to support a forthcoming CPD event which has been approved to take place, the aim of which is to enhance the knowledge and skills of the current cadre of Domestic Abuse Champions across Police Scotland. The intention is that officers attending the event will be recognised with a DA specialism on their training record. In addition, 6 CPD modules have been devised with Safe Lives as a general refresh. Launch date is pending but demonstrates our continued commitment to VAWG and Safe Lives Priorities.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Hate Crime		
Midlothian			
	5 year average	Q1 2023/24	Q1 Per 10,000
Hate Incidents	21.2	23	2.49
Hate Crimes	20.8	16	1.73
Hate Crime Detection Rate	71.15	31.25	

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 1.8 Hate Incidents reported in Q1 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average
- There has been a reduction of 3.2 Hate Crimes reported in Q1 2023/24 compared to the 5 year average.
- The detection rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q1 2023/24 is 31.25%.

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.

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.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Sexual Crimes (Group 2)
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Crime Type	5 Year average	Q1 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q1 2023/24 Detection Rate
Group 2	51.6	70	35.66%	7.57	42.86%
Rape & Attempt Rape	10.2	3	-70.59%	0.32	100.00%
Indecent/Sexual Assault	18.8	20	6.38%	2.16	55.00%
Other Group 2	22.4	47	109.82%	5.08	34.04%

Reducing 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.

By the end of Q1 2023/2023 reports of all Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 35.66% to 70 reports against a 5 year average of 51.6 reports.

By the end of Q1 2023/2024 there had been 3 reports of Rape, this is down 70% on the 5 year average of 10 reports. The detection rate for Rape and Attempt Rape during Q1 was 100 %.

By end of Q1 2023/2024 there had been 20 reports of Indecent/Sexual Assault which is a 6.38% increase on the 5 year average of 18.8 reports. The detection rate for Indecent/Sexual Assault during Q1 was 55%.

As per previous quarters, we continued to utilise social media to elevate awareness of “sextortion” scams where fraudsters befriend individuals online, entice them into performing sexual acts/send explicit photographs and thereafter blackmail them into sending money. Despite raising awareness, more and more social media users are falling for this type of scam. We continue to support victims and direct them to appropriate third party agencies.

In addition to reviewing vulnerabilities and supporting victims, we continue to support national work, including, national “Online safety - sexual abuse of children online” and “Domestic Abuse” campaigns. We continue to look at Bystander training when possible.

During Q1, increases have been observed against the 5 year average in further GROUP 2 offences namely Communicating Indecently (95.65% increase) and Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children (76.47% increase). These increases are driven by online offending where we continue to see patterns impacting on all age groups and that highlight a continued increase in favour of offending online.

Seeking to raise awareness of how to remain safe within the cyber arena, Midlothian Community officers delivered internet safety and cyber bullying inputs to raise awareness of how to remain safe within the cyber arena and will continue to deliver these inputs to all Midlothian school age young persons throughout to upcoming School year.

The detection rate for Communicating Indecently during Q1 2023/24 was 66.67%, a 20% improvement on the Q4 2023/24 rate of 46.67%. Similarly the detection rate for taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children during Q1 2023/24 was 83.33% reflecting a further 3% improvement on the Q4 2022/23 rate of 80%.

Both these increases in detection rates demonstrates our commitment to protecting vulnerable people in a physical and digital world.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation
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Drugs Supply	5 year average	Q1 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q1 2023/24 Detection Rate
Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation	14.2	6	-57.75%	0.65	133.33%

Drugs supply has a close link to Organised Crime Groups (OCG), and is a blight on any community. We focus on those who bring harm to our communities, and particularly those who are involved in drugs supply, cultivation/production and the sale of Class A (such Heroin or Cocaine) and Class C (such Valium or Xanax) drugs, as it has been identified that these have led to an increase in drug related deaths. 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).

Our divisional approach is now well established which introduces multi-agency engagement and recording of all Non-Fatal Overdoses. 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.

This pro-active approach is reflected in the Detection rate relating to the 'Production, Manufacture or Cultivation of Drugs' during Q1 2023/24 is 100%

During Q1 2023/24 there were 45 Possession of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 100%.

During Q1 2023/24 there were 6 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, with a detection rate of 133% which statistic includes Supply of Drugs enquiries from previously reported quarters that were awaiting forensic analysis that has now been undertaken and completed.

Examples of proactive enquiries with Midlothian include:

- Interception of 3kg of Cannabis intended for delivery to an address in Danderhall.
- A total of 7 Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed by MCAT officers during Q1 2023/24, resulting in the following recoveries with the upper street value totalling:

Class A: £15200
Class B: £30131
- A Misuse of Drugs warrant was executed in Gorebridge. This resulted in the recovery of 170g of Cocaine and 8 offensive weapons of varying descriptions. A male was cautioned and charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine and possession of said weapons.

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)			
Crime Type	5 year average	Q1 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q1 2023/24 Detection Rate
Group 1	27.8	59	112.23%	6.38	67.80%
Serious Assault	11.6	13	12.07%	1.41	100.00%
Robbery	4.2	9	114.29%	0.97	100.00%
Common Assault *	215.8	262	21.41%	28.34	67.94%

*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 Q1 2023/2024 there were 13 serious assaults within Midlothian this represents a 12.07% increase against the 5 year average. The detection rate is 100% and compares well against the divisional solvency rate of 75.31%.

During Q1 2023/2024 there were 262% reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 114.29% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 100% and compares well against the divisional solvency rate of 64.71%.

To provide wider context increases against the 5 year average have been observed in three of the four area commands within the Lothians & Scottish Borders Division during Q1 2023/24. In three of four Local Authority Areas, the number of robberies has at least doubled, however as the overall number of incidents remain small, this results in large percentage increases, as experienced in Midlothian. Despite having the largest percentage increase in crime numbers, Midlothian also has the highest detection rate at 100%, with all robberies solved.

During Q1 2023/2024 there were 262 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting a 21.41 % increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 67.94% which compares against the divisional solvency rate of 59.72%.

There were 14 assaults on Emergency Workers during Q1 2023/24 reflecting a positive 33.33% 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			
Indicator	5 Year Average	2023-24 Q1	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q1 2023/24 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	1578.6	1207	-23.54		
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	172.8	172	-0.46%	18.6	22.67%
Fire-raising	10.4	13	25.00%	1.41	15.38%
Breach of the Peace and S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	195.8	168	-14.20%	18.17	72.02%

Midlothian Police continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in its various forms with our partners. At 1207 incidents reported to Police during Q1 2023/24, ASB continues to record levels below the five year average, with a 23.53% reduction on the 5 year average.

During Q1 2023/24 a total of 172 Vandalism type offences were recorded, mirroring the 5 year average.

Midlothian also recorded further decreases in the number of Threatening & Abusive Behaviour (10.90% reduction), and Stalking (37.5% reduction) type incidents during Q1 2023/24.

MCAT attended 81 youth incidents throughout Midlothian wards, this represents an increase of 13 youth related incidents on the last quarter. This reflects the summer months and school holidays.

Proactive patrols have continued at hot spot areas including Tesco/McDonalds Hardengreen, the terminus Gorebridge terminus, and Rosewell. MCAT ensure these are monitored and patrolled daily. During these patrols a group of youths were traced and charged for using threatening, abusive and racial language towards staff at McDonalds. Different youths were identified for smashing a bus window in Gorebridge, charged and returned home.

A male youth was traced after attempting to evade police following breaking into Buccleuch House in Dalkeith. The youth was also found in possession cannabis. He was charged with both offences.

Operation Juke was 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. These deployments have had a positive impact reducing similar incidents.

For example, on the 30th May 2023, MCAT and Community officers completing operation Juke patrols identified 4 youths who were subsequently charged with damaging the interior and exterior of an LRT bus and abusing the driver. These youths were returned home and charged in front of their parents and youth offending referrals were submitted to Youth Justice Partners to progress.

Throughout Q1 2023/24 MCAT and Community Policing Officers have continued to target Anti-Social Behaviour involving off road motorcycles (Operation Jewel). This operation to date has resulted in 13 motorcycles being seized by police and 8 individuals being reported to Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service for various different motorbike related traffic offences.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (group 3)			
5 Year Average	Q1 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q1 2023/24 Detection Rate
462.6	435	-5.97%	47.05	29.89%

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 Q1 2023/24, a total of 435 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 27.6 fewer crimes or a 5.972% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate of 29.89% still remains above the wider Lothian and Scottish Borders Division detection rate of 23.14%.

Reported Theft Housebreaking (including attempts) similarly remains below the 5 average with 59 incidents reported during Q1 2023/24, representing a 3.28% reduction.

During Q1 2023/24 there were reductions in reported Opening Lockfast Places – Motor Vehicle (41% reduction), and Theft from an insecure Motor vehicle (65.51% reduction).

However during Q1 2023/24 we have also recorded an increase in Theft of Motor Vehicles (21% increase). This statistic includes stolen motorcycles and in response to this increase, specialist officers from our Criminal Investigation Department assisted by MCAT officers, successfully completed Operation Jetty a pro-active enquiry resulting in 3 persons being reported to the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service for various Group 3 offences. I am confident will be reflected in the next Q2 return.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime		Housebreaking			
Crime Type	5 Year Average	Q1 2023/24	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q1 2023/24 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	18.4	22	19.57%	2.38	13.64%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	25.2	18	-28.57%	1.95	16.67%
Other (Business) HB	17.4	19	9.20%	2.05	21.05%
All HB	61	59	-3.28%	6.38	16.95%

During Q1 2023/24, there were 3.2% fewer reports of all Housebreaking (including Dwelling House, Non-Dwelling House or Other Premises) in Midlothian compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate for Midlothian during Q1 2023/24 is 16.95%. This 1.15% is below the wider detection rate for The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division.

During Q1 2023/24, a total of 22 Housebreaking (Dwelling House) were recorded, this figure is 19.57% or 3.6 more incidents than the 5 year average. The Q4 detection rate of 13.64%, remains 3.89% below the wider Lothian and Scottish Borders Division detection rate of 17.53%.

During Q1 2023/24, a total of 18 Housebreaking (Non-dwelling House) were recorded, this figure is 28.57% below the 5 year average or 7.2 fewer incidents.

Improving road safety

Road Casualties

	Q1 2022/23	Q1 2023/24	Change
Fatal	0	0	-
Serious	7	10	43%
Slight	22	10	-55%
Total	29	20	-31.03
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	0	-100%

	5 Year Average	Q1 2023/24	Change
Dangerous driving	12	11	-8.33%
Speeding	10.8	24	122.22%
Disqualified driving	7.4	3	-59.46%
Driving Licence	28.8	19	-34.03%
Insurance	69.8	54	-22.64%
Seat Belts	3	19	533.33%
Mobile Phone	7.8	15	92.31%
Drink/Drug Driving Detections	28.2	30	6.38%

Throughout Q1 2023/24 there have been 9 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q1 2022/ 23 return.

This represents a 31.03% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

Throughout Q1 2023/24 there have been zero fatalities, mirroring the previous year's Q1 2022/23 return.

There has however been a 43% increase in the number of people Seriously Injured (up to 10 from 7), reflecting a 43% increase on same period last year.

On a positive note, the number of Children Seriously Injured during the same period is zero, reflecting a 100% improvement on the previous year Q1 2022/23, where 1 incident was recorded.

There continues to be an encouragingly significant 55% decrease in the number of people Slightly Injured (down to 10 from 22) during Q1 2023/24 compared to the previous year.

There has been similar percentage decreases in dangerous driving (8.3%), disqualified driving (59.46%) and licence (34.03%), and insurance (22.64%) offences against the five year average.

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

This road safety commitment is reflected in the significant increase in penalties issued for Speeding (up 122%), Use of mobile phones (up 92%), and Seat Belt (533%) offences, compared to the 5 year average.

MCAT continue to resource static road checks utilising Radar Speed Gun. These checks were carried out in areas identified as a concerns by local residents and Midlothian Council including Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg Road, Cockpen Road, Stobhill Road, Powdermill Brae and Dalhousie Road. A number of tickets were issued in relation to identified offences.

Road checks were completed at Sheriffhall Park and Ride on a number of evenings. These checks were completed in response to reports of car enthusiasts driving in an anti-social manner which impacted nearby residents. Our Community Policing Team continue to engage with Midlothian Council regarding this issue.

MCAT completed extra patrols at Croft Street, Dalkeith and Lasswade Primary school. These patrols were completed at school drop off and pick up times in relation to parking on restricted roads at these times. MCAT engaged with and provided advice to drivers, pedestrians and local businesses where appropriate. Three vehicles were seized in terms of Section 165 (no insurance / no licence) of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The drivers were cautioned and charged with the relevant offences.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
<div data-bbox="156 407 794 931"> <h3>UK terror threat levels</h3> <p>(as of February 9 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRITICAL An attack is highly likely in the near future SEVERE An attack is highly likely SUBSTANTIAL An attack is likely MODERATE An attack is possible, but not likely LOW An attack is highly unlikely <p><small>PA graphic. Source: Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre</small></p> </div>	<div data-bbox="826 407 1410 896"> <p>The UK National Threat Level is</p> <p>SUBSTANTIAL: an attack is likely.</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>Midlothian continue to work closely with partner agencies to actively target "County Lines" nominals that use Midlothian as a base to distribute drugs throughout our community.</p>	
<p>During Q1 2023/24, MCAT officers assisted and National Crime Agency enquiry, after UK Border Force seized a package containing black toy gun realistic imitation firearm (RIF), addressed to a Midlothian address. After forensic examination the device is found to be a viable firearm. During a subsequent thorough search of the address no further weapons were found. A male has been reported to Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service.</p>	

Complaints	Executive Summary
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April 2023 – June 2023				
	Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
Complaints received about the Police	16		23.84	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations Recorded	15		10	25

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Midlothian area command as at 30th June 2023.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 32.4% 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	Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
	On Duty - TOTAL	21	15	-28.6%
	Assault	3	2	-33.3%
	Discriminatory Behaviour	0	1	x
	Excessive Force	5	1	-80.0%
	Incivility	6	5	-16.7%
	Irregularity in Procedure	7	6	-14.3%
	Quality Of Service - TOTAL	16	10	-37.5%
	Policy/Procedure	0	2	x
	Service Delivery	10	4	-60.0%
	Service Outcome	6	4	-33.3%

	Grand Total	37	25	-32.4%	

Midlothian CAT team – Q1 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 Q1, this included high visibility static road checks outside 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 and Lasswade Primary School at school drop off and pick up times in relation to the restricted roads at these times. Of particular note in June foot patrols were conducted at Paradykes Primary School, Loanhead after reports were made that uncapped needles were found in the school playground.

MCAT officers also conducted mobile patrols at Gladhouse Reservoir engaging with visitors and making sure the clearway restrictions were adhered to.

Mobile, Foot and Quad bike patrols were conducted in the town centers and hot spots for youth disorder and anti-social behavior (ASB) in Dalkeith, Loanhead, Bonnyrigg, Penicuik and Mayfield to deter and engage with groups of youths. Initiatives and joint working were executed focusing on Lothian Bus routes specifically those between Tesco, Hardengreen, Dalkeith, Gorebridge terminus, and Rosewell working in conjunction with Lothian Buses.

Reassurance and Dispersal patrols were completed in Penicuik during the Hunter and Lass event which passed without incident.

In relation to the continued impact of anti-social behaviour caused by off-road bikes in the Midlothian area, Operation Jewel has continued throughout the month of June. Officers were deployed on Quadbikes to target specific areas known to be used by those responsible. These officers have been able to target and disrupt those involved. Specific areas have been identified as hotspots of this activity and targeted, areas including chosen around Penicuik, Easthouses and Mayfield.

Regular patrolling of and visits to all licensed premises in Midlothian continued. These patrols and visits are completed to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for those using hospitality venues and enjoying the weekend night life.

- 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 204 Bail Curfew checks were carried out with a compliance rate of 91%, demonstrating how the continued use of this tactic curtails criminal behavior.

31 individuals were arrested on warrant by MCAT over this quarter. This is an increase of 11 arrests in comparison to the last quarter.

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.

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MCAT Officers responded to an incident involving a repeat offender who chased a group of youths in Mayfield whilst in possession of a knife, causing distress to those involved. Thanks to their swift deployment, MCAT officers traced, arrested and charged the male.

Another incident involved well-known offenders entering a care home in possession of, and attempting to sell stolen property to the residents. MCAT officers traced both suspects who were found in possession of various items of stolen property including bottles of alcohol, razor blades and toiletries.

Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT	187
Bail Curfew Check FAILED	17
Arrest on warrant	31
Search Person MDA Positive	12
Search Person MDA Negative	7
Search Property MDA Positive	3
Search Property MDA Negative	4
Search Weapons Positive	1
Search Weapons Negative	1
Search Stolen Property Positive	3
Search Stolen Property Negative	2

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.*

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

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Youth Calls Attended	81
Alcohol Seizures	0
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	6

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 and visited by MCAT officers.

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

LP Visit Public House	8
LP Visit Off Sales	5

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

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.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	0
Joint Activity Local Council	6
Joint Activity SFRS	0
Joint Activity Public Event	9

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 Community Policing Team continue to deal effectively with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) with a particular focus during Q1 on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) involving off road motorbikes. As part of Operation Jewel, high visibility and unmarked patrols continued in relation to theft of motor vehicles and anti-social use of off road bikes throughout Midlothian.

MCAT completed static road checks utilising Radar Speed Gun. These checks were carried out in areas identified as a concerns by local residents and Midlothian Council including Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg Road, Cockpen Road, Stobhill Road, Powdermill Brae and Dalhousie Road. A number of tickets were issued in relation to identified offences.

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Three vehicles were seized in terms of Section 165 (no insurance / no licence) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 by MCAT officers. The drivers were cautioned and charged with the relevant offences.

Static Road Checks	14
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	15
Section 165 Seizures	3
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	10
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	0
S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)	0
S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)	0
ASBO Seizures	0

Other Incidents and Arrests of Note

MCAT attended an address in Dalkeith following concerns that he been raised for a pupil who had not been attending school. The pupil and mother were traced and concerns were identified in relation to the child's welfare and living conditions. Social work were contacted, VPD submitted and ongoing assistance arranged with partner agencies.

MCAT Officers seized £30,000 worth of Cannabis attempted to be imported from the US state of Arizona to an address in Midlothian. An enquiry is ongoing to identify those responsible.

MCAT Officers engaged with the Mosque in Bonnyrigg after they reported youths had thrown sausages at their door, which was looked at as a potential hate crime. It was established that the sausages had been left outside the mosque at a bus stop and youths found these by chance. Reassurance was provided to the Mosque and increased passing attention given.

MCAT Officers also progressed numerous ongoing enquiries in relation to high risk domestic abuse investigation packs. In addition, MCAT officers provided assistance to the Public Protection Unit helping to arrest those suspected of committing serious offences against vulnerable people in Midlothian.

MCAT Officers provided assistance with searching a number of addresses looking for a male who absconded from Castle Huntly prison and suspected to be in Midlothian.

Planned Activity

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

In addition, MCAT will continue focused patrols, speed checks and Operation Jewel initiatives planned to target any specific issues that are brought to the attention of the MCAT by residents, partners, and colleagues or indeed discovered during usual proactive patrol and engagement with our communities. MCAT officers are gaining intelligence on a continued basis creating a picture of off-road bike issues and particularly where problem hot spots appear to be forming.

MCAT Officers are working in partnership with Midlothian Council, Amberstone Security (Tesco Security), Tesco and Lothian Buses as part of Operation Juke to address increased youth anti-social behavior occurring around the bus terminus outside Tesco at Hardengreen.

Throughout Q2 2023/24, MCAT officers will continue to work alongside Police Scotland's Special Constable Enquiry Team (SET) to enhance police resources in Midlothian addressing ASB and Speeding offences.

Appendix

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	2023/24 Q1	Per 10,000 Q1 2023/24	Detection Rates 2023/24
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	157	288	5.78	50.69
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0.6	0	0	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	0	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	0.8	1	0.02	100.00
Attempted murder	4.2	4	0.08	150.00
Serious assault	66.2	81	1.63	75.31
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	21	34	0.68	64.71
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	38	0.76	81.58
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	0	0	-
Domestic Abuse (Total)	N/A	38	0.76	81.58
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	17	15	0.3	66.67
Threats and extortion	17	99	1.99	1.01
Other group 1 crimes	10	16	0.32	87.50
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	275.6	369	7.41	56.64
Rape	50.2	50	1	80.00
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	2.8	2	0.04	0.00
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	53	52	1.04	76.92
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	2.2	0	0	-
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	77.8	100	2.01	52.00
Lewd & libidinous practices*	23.4	14	0.28	64.29
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	103.4	114	2.29	54.39
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	0.2	0	0	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	13.4	19	0.38	100.00
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	25	46	0.92	63.04
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	4.2	10	0.2	50.00
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	9.2	21	0.42	66.67
Public indecency (common law)	3	1	0.02	100.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	39.6	78	1.57	37.18
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	3.6	2	0.04	200.00
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	21	26	0.52	23.08
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	0	-
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	119	203	4.07	52.71
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	2099.8	2126	42.68	23.14
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	85.6	97	1.95	17.53
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	72.2	63	1.26	11.11
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	90.8	61	1.22	26.23
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	248.6	221	4.44	18.10

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Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	54.2	44	0.88	6.82
Theft of a motor vehicle	106.4	106	2.13	34.91
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	121	55	1.1	16.36
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	8	14	0.28	7.14
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	289.6	219	4.4	22.83
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	29.2	23	0.46	4.35
Common theft	588	607	12.18	18.12
Theft by shoplifting	543.8	598	12	33.61
Fraud	248.4	363	7.29	15.15
Other Group 3 Crimes	152.2	95	1.91	36.84
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	1020.2	1095	21.98	24.75
Fireraising	63.4	88	1.77	13.64
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	902.4	930	18.67	24.73
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0.8	2	0.04	50.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	52.2	68	1.37	36.76
Other Group 4 Crimes	1.4	7	0.14	42.86
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	1132.8	1153	23.15	90.81
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	47.2	43	0.86	81.40
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	46.8	48	0.96	89.58
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	36.6	56	1.12	67.86
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	18	33	0.66	75.76
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	148.6	180	3.61	78.33
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	16.4	12	0.24	83.33
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	61.8	63	1.26	80.95
Bringing drugs into prison	4.2	0	0	-
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	82.4	75	1.51	81.33
Possession of drugs	498.4	304	6.1	93.75
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	4	1	0.02	200.00
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	584.8	380	7.63	91.58
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.8	12	0.24	100.00
Bail offences (other than absconding)	203.6	368	7.39	92.93
Other Group 5 crimes	195	213	4.28	95.77
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	2604.6	2958	59.38	64.13
Common Assault	1068.2	1425	28.61	59.72
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	108	111	2.23	97.30
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	1176.2	1536	30.83	62.43
Breach of the Peace	34.6	16	0.32	100.00
Threatening & abusive behaviour	933.4	944	18.95	69.07
Stalking	29.8	26	0.52	73.08
<i>BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	997.8	986	19.79	69.68
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	35.8	22	0.44	90.91
Drunk and incapable	10.6	8	0.16	87.50
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	11.6	11	0.22	109.09
Other alcohol related offences*	7.2	11	0.22	109.09

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<i>Drunkness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	29.4	30	0.6	103.33
Wildlife offences*	12	27	0.54	22.22
Other Group 6 offences	353.4	357	7.17	54.34
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	1885.4	2036	40.87	83.79
Dangerous driving offences	64	65	1.3	86.15
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	141	147	2.95	104.76
Speeding offences	176	132	2.65	97.73
Driving while disqualified	31	18	0.36	100.00
Driving without a licence	157.4	107	2.15	100.93
Failure to insure against third party risks	392	310	6.22	101.29
Seat belt offences	32.8	68	1.37	100.00
Mobile phone offences	52.4	55	1.1	89.09
Driving Carelessly	148.6	176	3.53	87.50
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	48.8	224	4.5	92.86
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	198.4	197	3.95	102.03
Other Group 7 offences	443	537	10.78	46.00

Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

Midlothian	5 Year Average	2023/24 Q1	Per 10,000 Q1 2023/24	Detection Rates 2023/24
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	27.8	59	6.38	67.8
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	0	0	-	-
Attempted murder	0.6	3	0.32	133.33
Serious assault	11.6	13	1.41	100
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	4.2	9	0.97	100
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	6	0.65	100
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	0	-	-
Domestic Abuse (Total)	N/A	6	0.65	100
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	6	4	0.43	100
Threats and extortion	1.8	19	2.05	0
Other group 1 crimes	1	5	0.54	80
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	51.6	70	7.57	42.86
Rape	10	3	0.32	100
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	0.2	0	-	-
Rape and attempted rape - Total	10.2	3	0.32	100
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	0.6	0	-	-
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	13.4	16	1.73	50
Lewd & libidinous practices*	4.8	4	0.43	75
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	18.8	20	2.16	55
Prostitution related crime - Total*	0.2	0	-	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	3.4	6	0.65	83.33
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	4.6	9	0.97	66.67
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	0	2	0.22	0
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	1.6	4	0.43	25
Public indecency (common law)	1.2	0	-	-
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	6.8	21	2.27	9.52
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	0.6	1	0.11	100
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	4.2	4	0.43	25
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	-	-
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	22.4	47	5.08	34.04
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	462.6	435	47.05	29.89
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	18.4	22	2.38	13.64
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	25.2	18	1.95	16.67
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	17.4	19	2.05	21.05
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	61	59	6.38	16.95
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	6.8	4	0.43	25
Theft of a motor vehicle	23.8	29	3.14	17.24

Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	23.2	8	0.87	0
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	1	1	0.11	0
Motor vehicle crime - Total	54.8	42	4.54	14.29
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	5.2	6	0.65	0
Common theft	106.2	104	11.25	40.38
Theft by shoplifting	151.8	150	16.22	36
Fraud	49	64	6.92	20.31
Other Group 3 Crimes	34.6	10	1.08	50
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	195.4	204	22.06	23.04
Fireraising	10.4	13	1.41	15.38
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	172.8	172	18.6	22.67
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0	0	-	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	11.8	19	2.05	31.58
Other Group 4 Crimes	0.4	0	-	-
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	227.8	204	22.06	96.08
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	9.4	6	0.65	50
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	8.8	8	0.87	100
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	5.6	11	1.19	90.91
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	2.4	7	0.76	85.71
Total offensive/bladed weapons	26.2	32	3.46	84.38
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	2.6	1	0.11	100
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	11.6	5	0.54	140
Bringing drugs into prison	0	0	-	-
Supply of drugs - Total	14.2	6	0.65	133.33
Possession of drugs	105.8	45	4.87	100
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0.2	0	-	-
Total drugs crimes	120.2	51	5.52	103.92
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.2	3	0.32	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	44.2	81	8.76	95.06
Other Group 5 crimes	37	37	4	97.3
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	493.8	511	55.27	69.08
Common Assault	194.8	248	26.82	63.31
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	21	14	1.51	150
Common Assault - Total	215.8	262	28.34	67.94
Breach of the Peace	5.8	0	-	-
Threatening & abusive behaviour	185.2	165	17.85	72.12
Stalking	4.8	3	0.32	66.67
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	195.8	168	18.17	72.02
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	5	3	0.32	100
Drunk and incapable	1.6	1	0.11	100
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	5	4	0.43	100
Other alcohol related offences*	2.2	1	0.11	100
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	8.8	6	0.65	100
Wildlife offences*	1.6	1	0.11	100

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Other Group 6 offences	66.8	71	7.68	61.97
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	319.4	376	40.67	84.31
Dangerous driving offences	12	11	1.19	90.91
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	28.2	30	3.24	130
Speeding offences	10.8	24	2.6	95.83
Driving while disqualified	7.4	3	0.32	100
Driving without a licence	28.8	19	2.05	110.53
Failure to insure against third party risks	69.8	54	5.84	105.56
Seat belt offences	3	19	2.05	100
Mobile phone offences	7.8	15	1.62	100
Driving Carelessly	24.2	33	3.57	78.79
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	7	13	1.41	92.31
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	24.2	43	4.65	100
Other Group 7 offences	96.2	112	12.11	43.75



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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within Midlothian for Quarter 1 of 2023-24 (1st April – 30th June 2023) including information on the year to date figures.

Performance Summary

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

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Jun					RAG rating
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	YTD
All deliberate primary fires	13	17	11	20	18	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	2	2	1	0	2	◆
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	91	70	70	117	74	●
Special Service - RTCs	5	4	7	5	9	◆
Special Service Casualties - All	6	7	5	9	9	●
False Alarm - UFAs	88	51	90	83	75	●

RAG rating - KEY

◆	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
▲	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
●	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

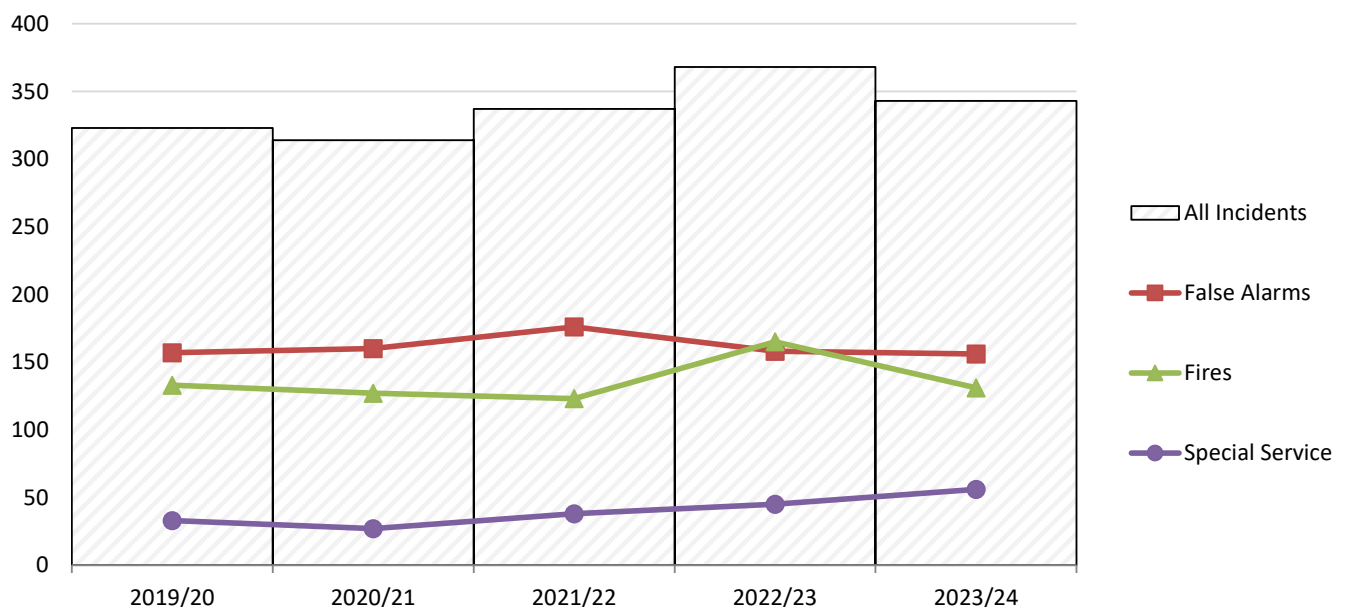
Note

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

Incident Overview

Year to date (1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023), the SFRS, responded to 347 incidents in Midlothian, which is a reduction of 20 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 'All deliberate primary fires'

Primary fires can be described as any property such as a residential house or a commercial building, road vehicle, land involving trees or external structure (fencing, garages, garden huts etc). The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in our communities. We share information with partners to make sure that we reduce the risk to members of the community as well as property. Reduction of deliberate primary fires contributes to The Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

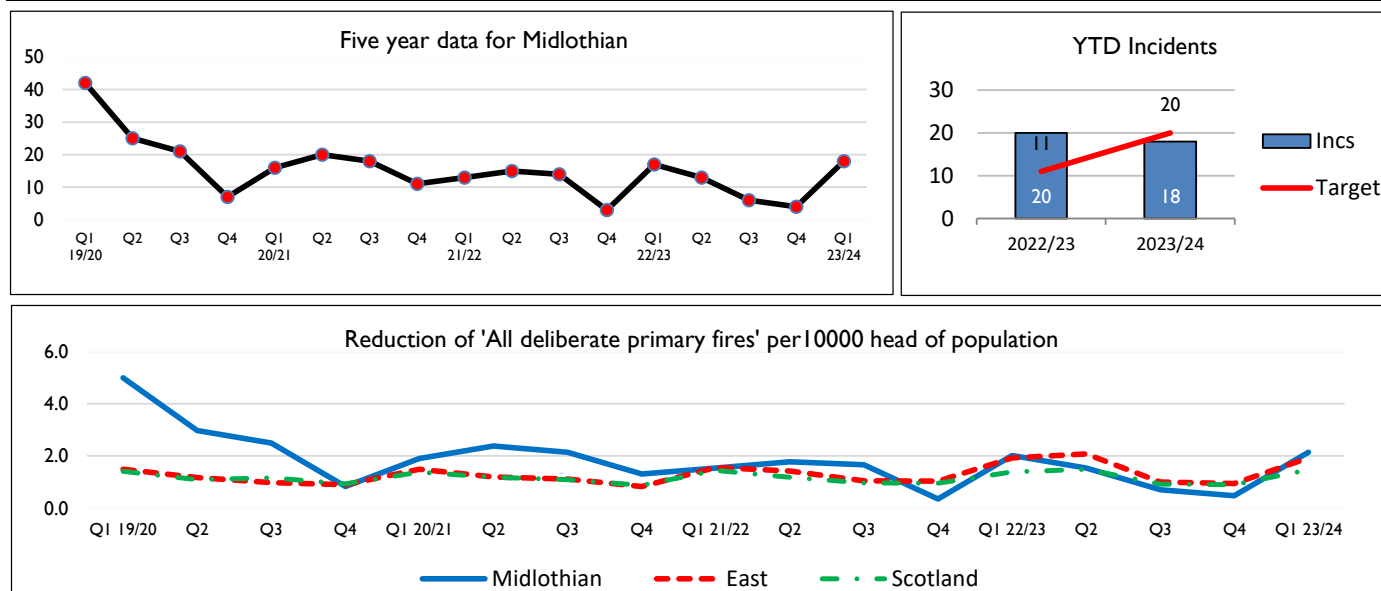
We aim to reduce deliberate Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 18 deliberate Primary Fires, which is an reduction of 2 incidents compared with the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows the number of incidents in Midlothian are above the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend lines.

Reasons

Of the 18 deliberate fires attended during the reporting period, 2 occurred in domestic dwellings and 4 vehicles were deliberately set alight.

Actions

SFRS continue to work in partnership to educate and inform people about the dangers of fire. We routinely engage with schools and target areas where anti-social behaviour involving wilful fireraising is prevalent. Appendix I 'Midlothian Prevention Q1 Report' provides further details on our prevention activities. During the reporting period, SFRS conducted a total of 107 HFSV in Midlothian.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 3	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Midlothian	13	17	11	20	18	
Penicuik	1	1	0	2	1	
Bonnyrigg	0	3	2	4	1	
Dalkeith	2	2	5	3	4	
Midlothian West	1	3	1	0	2	
Midlothian East	8	5	3	5	6	
Midlothian South	1	3	0	6	4	

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

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

Results

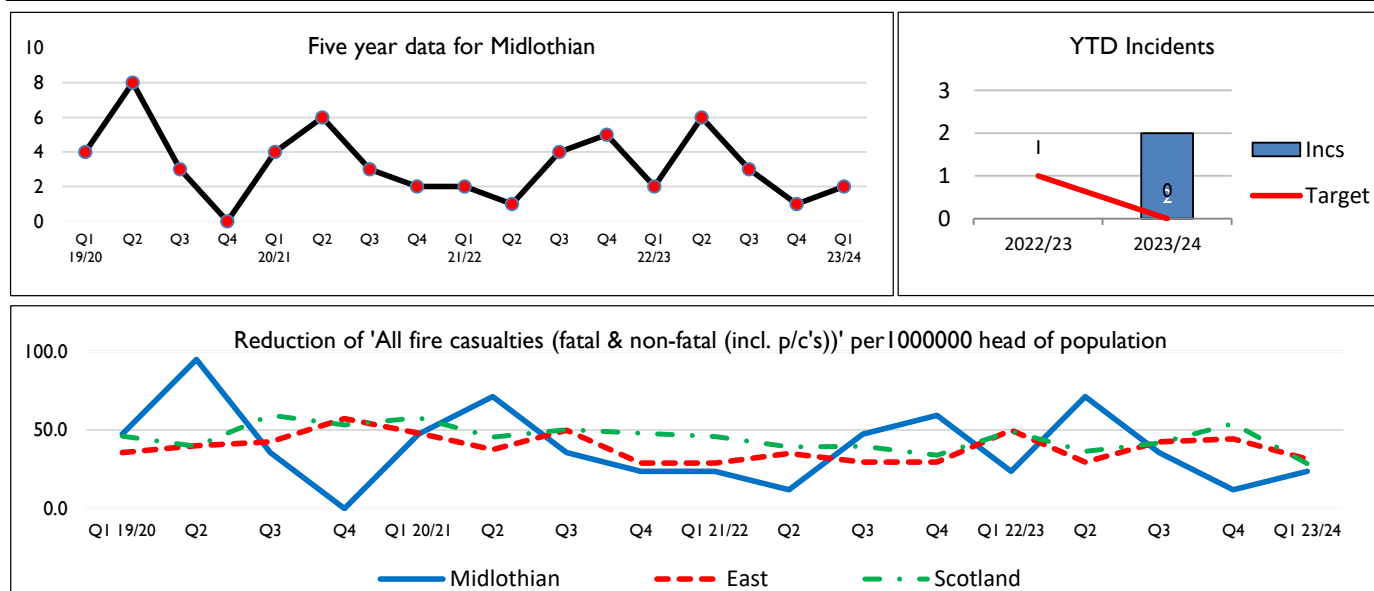
I am pleased to report there were no reported fire fatalities in the 3-month period. We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, the figures show a zero reduction when compared with the same reporting period last year which also reported 2 casualties. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows Midlothian is performing below the Scottish average and East SDA average.

Reasons

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

Actions

We continue to work with our partners in Midlothian Council and seek opportunities with social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire. Appendix I 'Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities' provides further details on current activities.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 0	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Midlothian	2	2	1	0	2	
Penicuik	0	0	1	0	1	
Bonnyrigg	1	0	0	0	0	
Dalkeith	0	1	0	0	0	
Midlothian West	0	0	0	0	0	
Midlothian East	1	0	0	0	1	
Midlothian South	0	1	0	0	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

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

Results

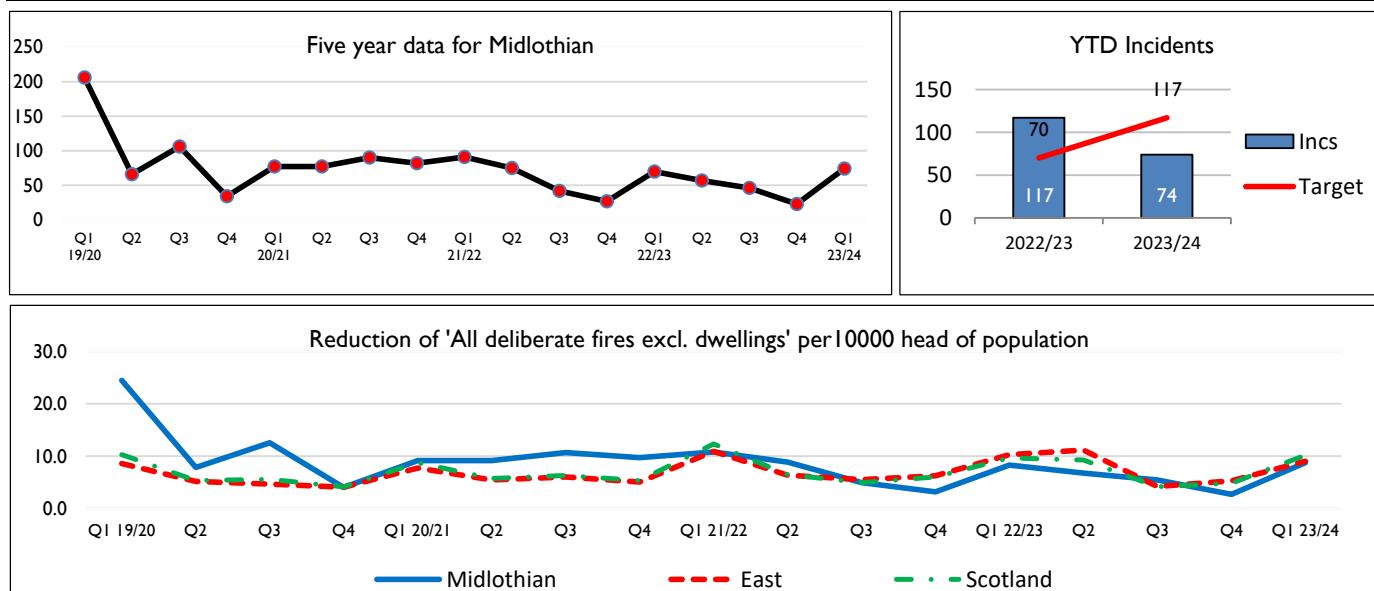
There were 76 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is a decrease of 41 when compared to the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian performing slightly above the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 76 deliberate fire incidents, were mainly 'deliberate secondary fires' involving waste or scrubland, wood or crop; refuse/bins including wheelie and recycling bins and 4 incidents involved vehicle fires.

Actions

The SFRS continue to work with our Partners and any emerging themes are managed in Partnership with relevant intervention and prevention activities carried out. Various on-going preventative activities have been undertaken throughout the year targeting the issue of deliberate fire-raising. This includes various youth engagement events, thematic actions, information sharing/visits to schools and other partnership work.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 12	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Midlothian	91	70	70	117	74	
Penicuik	1	5	1	14	10	
Bonnyrigg	10	14	9	16	7	
Dalkeith	18	11	11	26	10	
Midlothian West	15	12	7	12	11	
Midlothian East	36	18	27	32	14	
Midlothian South	11	10	15	17	22	

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

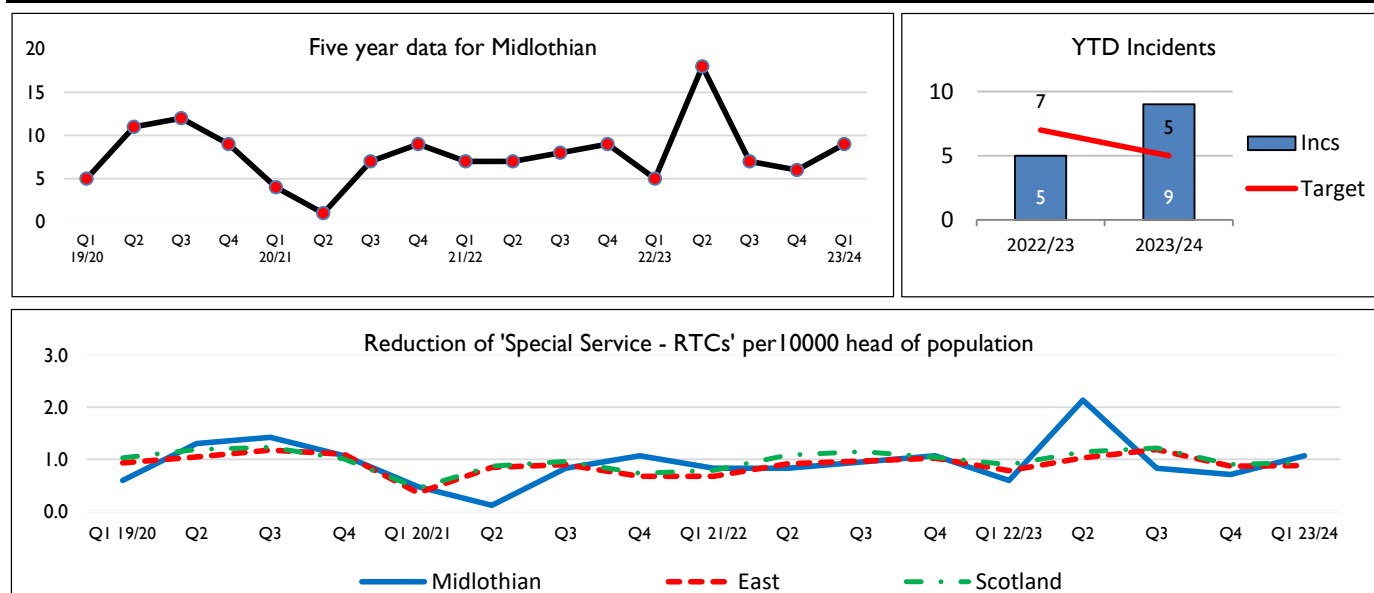
We attended 9 Road Traffic Collisions during this period, which is an increase of 4 when compared with the same reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

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 - 2	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Midlothian	5	4	7	5	9	
Penicuik	1	2	1	1	1	
Bonnyrigg	0	0	0	0	0	
Dalkeith	0	0	2	1	2	
Midlothian West	0	1	2	1	4	
Midlothian East	3	1	1	2	1	
Midlothian South	1	0	1	0	1	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

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

Results

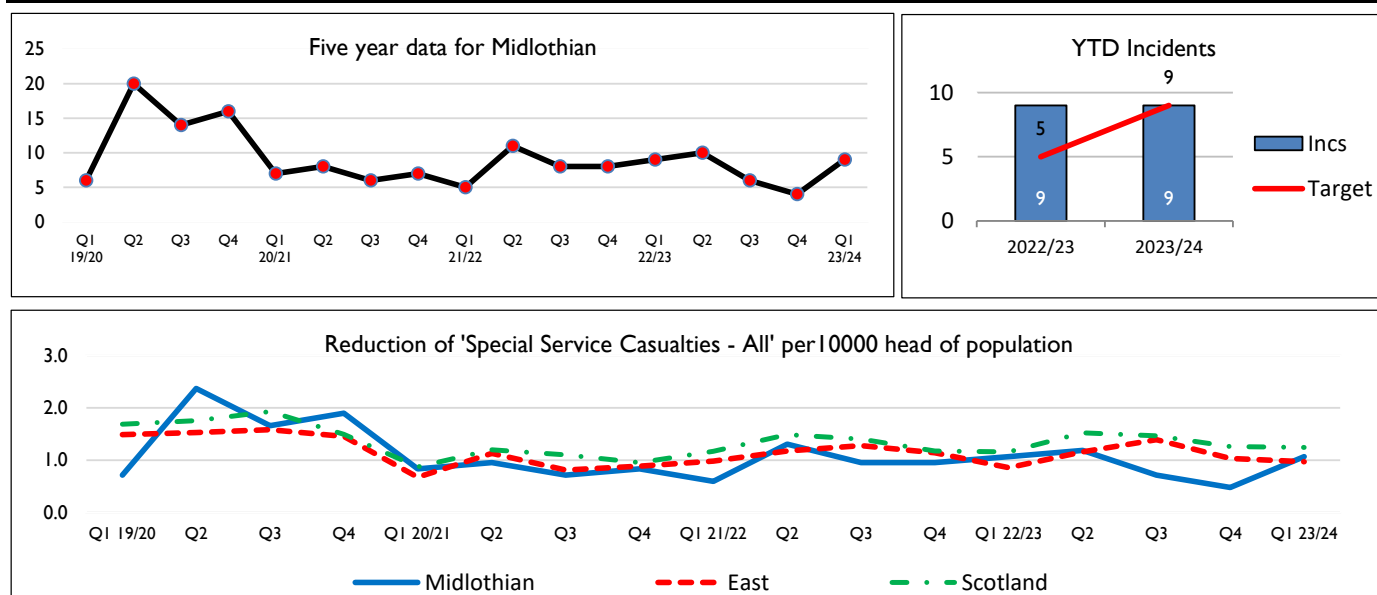
SFRS attended 57 Special Service incident types in the last quarter an increase of 12 incidents from the same reporting period last year. There were a total of 9 casualties (4 fatal and 5 non-fatal casualties). This is a increase of 4 special service casualties when compared with the same reporting period. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is performing below the Scottish and in line with the East Service Delivery area trend lines.

Reasons

There were 4 fatal casualties from co-responding or assisting other agencies at incidents involving water, effecting enty and OCHA.

Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian will continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within Midlothian.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 2	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Midlothian	6	7	5	9	9	
Penicuik	0	2	0	3	3	
Bonnyrigg	2	0	0	1	1	
Dalkeith	0	3	0	2	2	
Midlothian West	1	2	2	2	2	
Midlothian East	2	0	2	1	1	
Midlothian South	1	0	1	0	0	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

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

Results

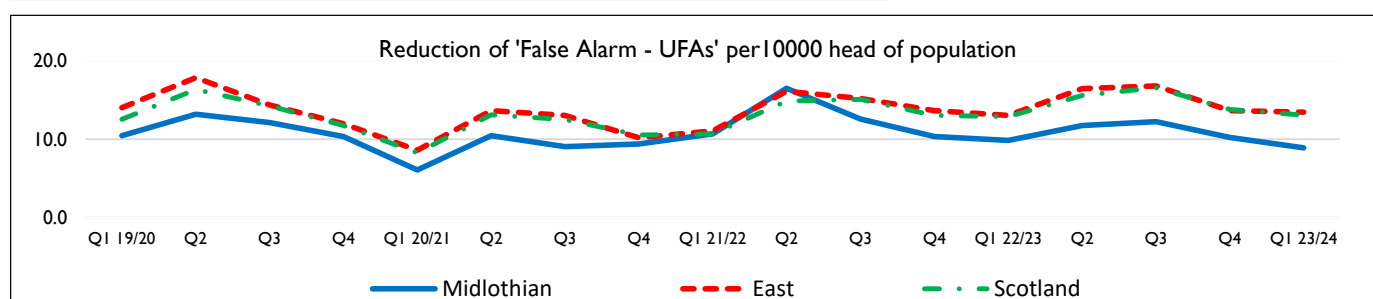
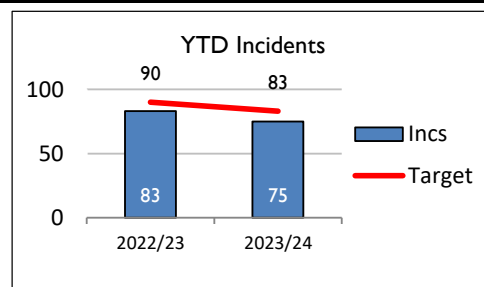
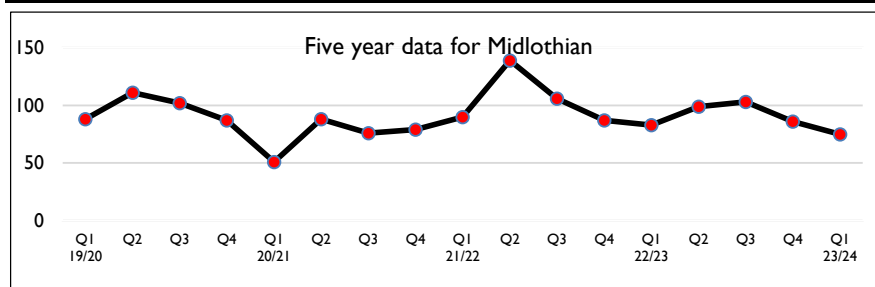
SFRS attended 55 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 23 incidents when compared to the same reporting period last year. The implementation on 1st July of SFRS not attending fire alarms in non-sleeping risk properties will result in a decrease moving forward. Midlothian trend line is performing below the Scotland and the East delivery area trendline.

Reasons

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals were caused by the following: 22% faults/Defects & cause of actuation unknown, 15% accidental or good intent, 14% Testing of system and 11% caused by fumes from people smoking, cooking or burnt toast.

Actions

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 incident. From 1st July 2023 SFRS will not attend fire alarms activations in non-sleeping properties - unless the caller reports smoke or fire. In Midlothian, we are currently engaging with various premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 13	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Midlothian	88	51	90	83	75	
Penicuik	7	8	8	11	9	
Bonnyrigg	17	8	14	11	18	
Dalkeith	17	5	16	11	12	
Midlothian West	30	17	27	27	18	
Midlothian East	9	6	18	10	12	
Midlothian South	8	7	7	13	6	

Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: 1st April – 31st June 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 23/24	JAN- MARCH	YTD
	23	23

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 23/24	YTD
Ward						
Bonnyrigg	4	7	5	16		
Dalkeith	5	12	7	24		
Mid East	5	14	2	21		
Mid South	3	10	7	20		
Mid West	6	4	4	14		
Penicuik	5	4	3	12		
TOTALS	27	51	28	107	98	107

Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)	33	YTD
British Red Cross	6	
EMPPPO	8	
Housing providers	2	
Midlothian Falls Team	2	
Melville Housing	5	
Midlothian Reablement	2	
Other	7	
Police	3	
Police Concern	1	
Self-referral	30	
SP Energy Networks	0	
Social Services	0	
Woman's Aid	1	
Woman's Aid East & Mid	5	
Total	103	103

Partnership Working/Youth Engagement

Fire Safety and Support Education (FSSE) engagement- Although no fire setters have been carried out, Cat have been involved with 3 pupils that have been showing risk taking behaviour and been involved with damage to school's firefighting equipment.

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 4 referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested 33 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;

Working with Y2k in Dalkeith delivering intervention to youth groups. CAT have also been working with the Nurture club at Dalkeith High school delivering several intervention and safety talks to a group of 60 youths.

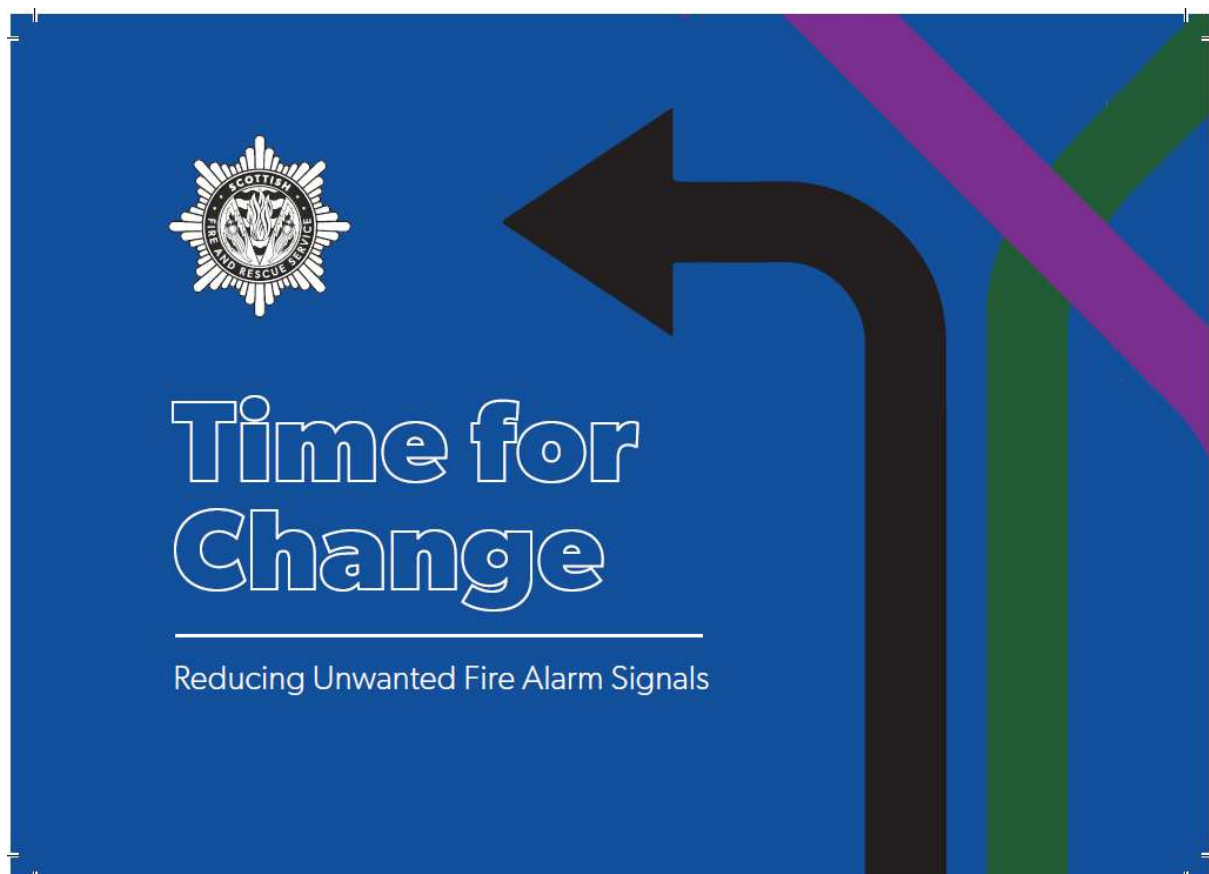
We have also delivered a 2-day Fire skills course to pupils from Newbattle High. This is a key engagement/intervention activity in our partner working to collectively reduce anti-social behaviour.

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.

SFRS have been delivering Risk recognition training to partners to continue to promote the HFSV referral pathways. We have been engaging with Ukrainian visitors at a refugee hotel in Dalkeith to deliver fire safety information and are working with Scottish water Gladhouse reservoir and Pentland hills rangers to deliver water safety and wild fire education to visitors but also to local youths who are historically at risk from Water activities during the summer months at these locations.

Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

From the 1st July SFRS have successfully introduced the new UFAS policy. Since the introduction, we have seen a 61% decrease in UFAS calls attended. This amounts to around 1600 less Blue light journeys undertaken across Scotland and therefor improving road safety for communities and decreasing our carbon footprint as a direct result. We will continue to identify non sleeping accommodation premises and work with duty holders to ensure businesses are given our support.

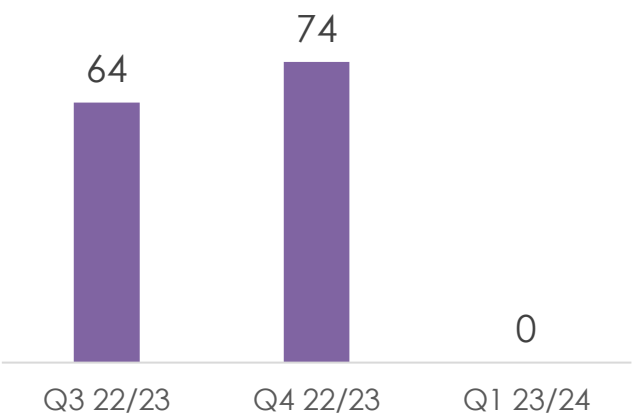


[Scottish Fire & Rescue Service: Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals \(UFAS\) \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](https://firescotland.gov.uk)

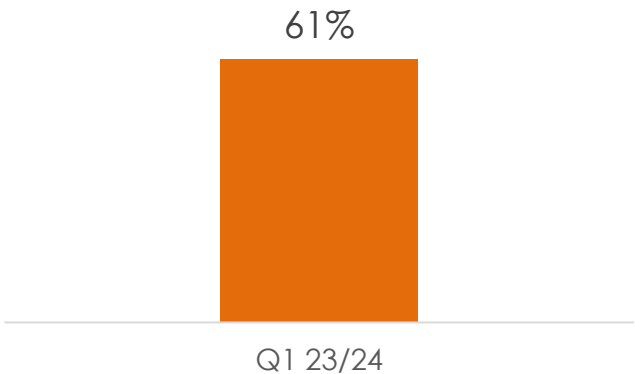
Protective Services - Police and Fire Board Quarter 1 report

Licensing

Number of Liquor Licence applications received

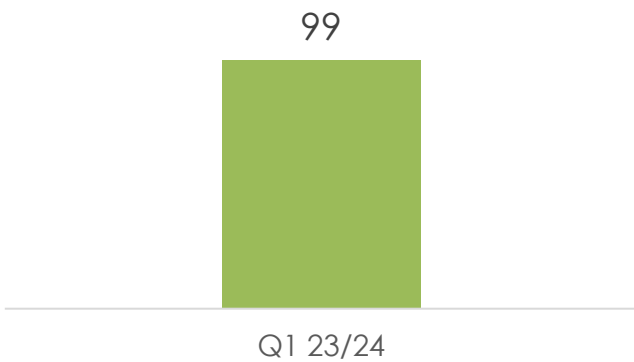


Percentage of Civic Government Licence applications determined

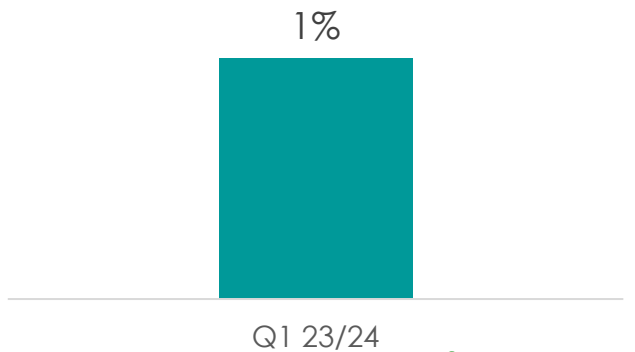


There were no liquor license applications determined or referred to the Licencing board this quarter.

Number of Civic Government Licence applications



Percentage of Civic Government Act applications referred to the General Purposes Committee

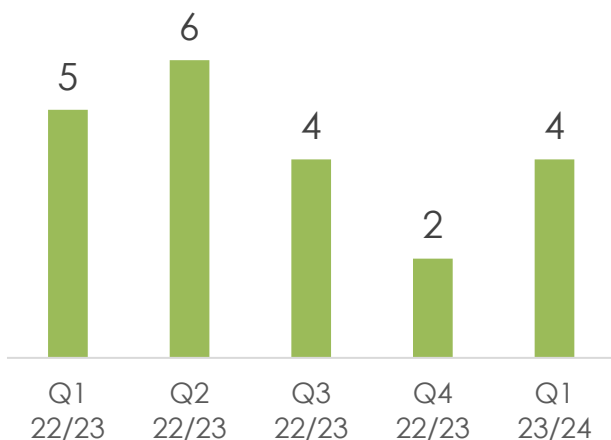


Other civic licences applied for during Q1:

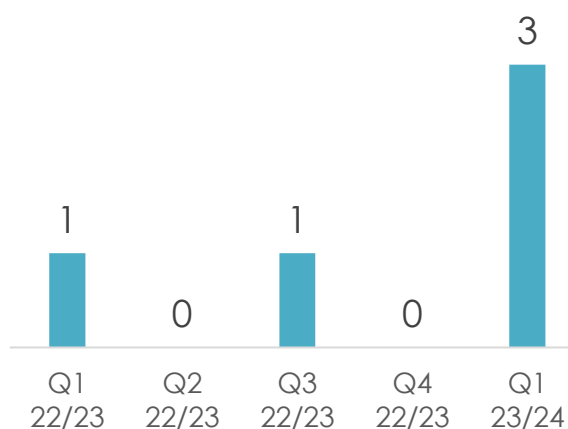
- 2 Housing in Multiple Occupation
- 2 Market Operator's
- 4 Street Trader (Roving)
- 4 Street Trader (Static)
- 4 Tattoo
- 3 Public Entertainment
- 6 Temporary Public Entertainment
- 7 Taxi Vehicle
- 8 Taxi Driver
- 28 Private Hire Car Vehicle
- 29 Private Hire Car Driver

Workplace Health and Safety

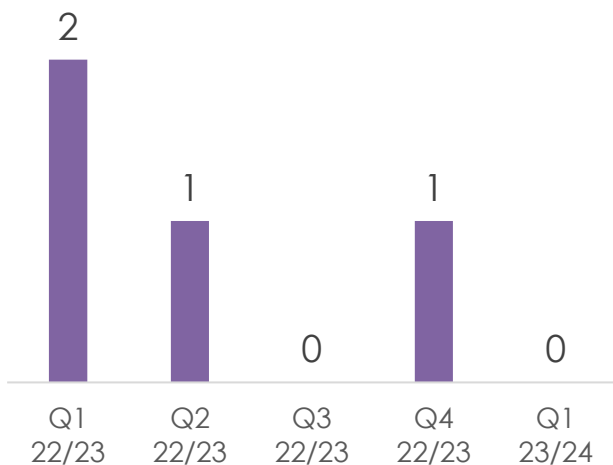
Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety proactive inspections



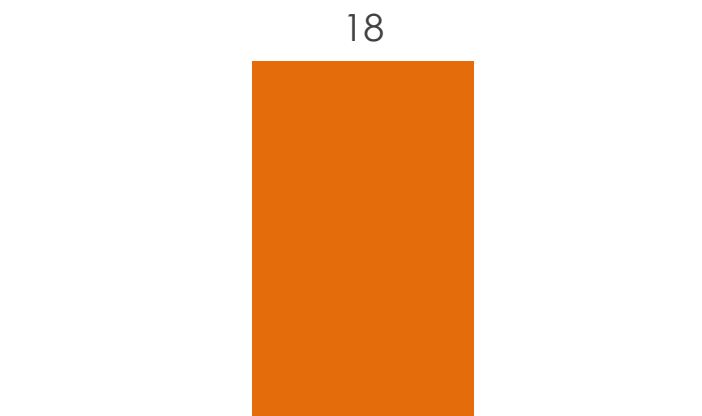
Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety Improvement notices served



Number of Business Workplace Health and Safety Prohibition notices served



Number of workplace safety RIDDOR reports received

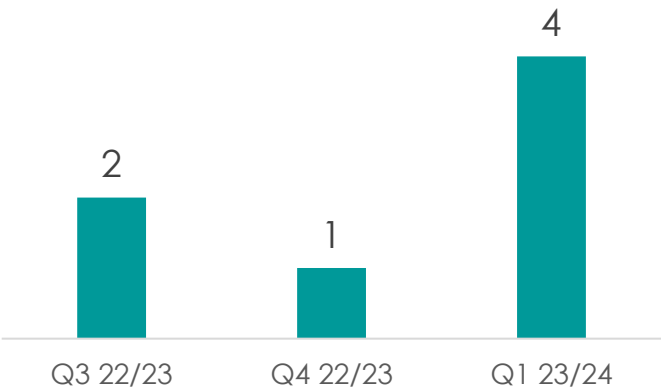


1 RIDDOR related visit took place to investigate business workplace health and safety incidents.

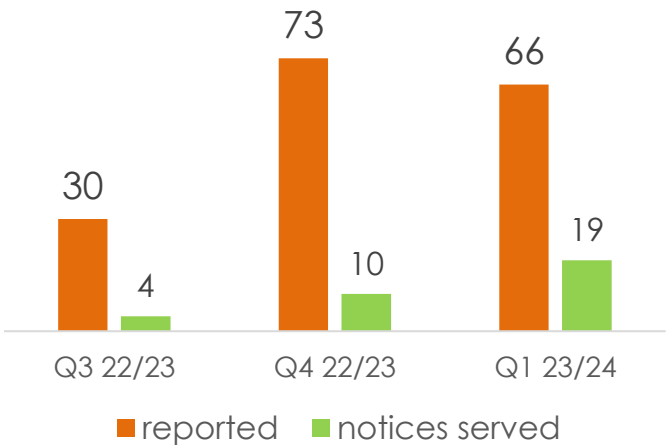
The majority of reported incidents did not meet our incident selection criteria.

Public Health

Number of Abandoned Vehicles which have been removed for destruction



Number of Abandoned Vehicles



345 Public Health Service requests were received from Midlothian residents and businesses

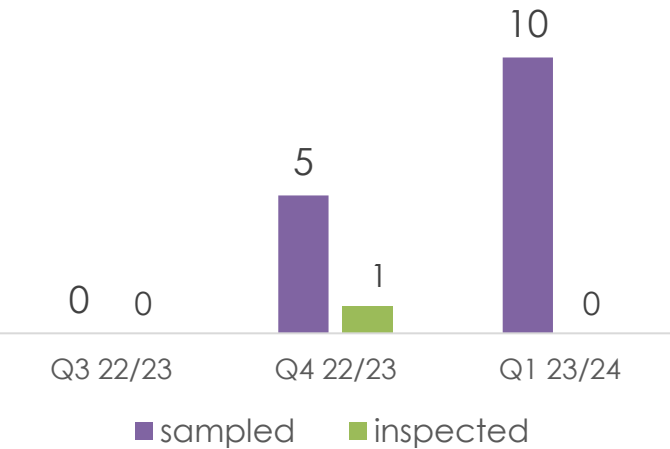
52% of Public Health complaints received a first response within timescales

55 Public Health Service requests were received from internal sources

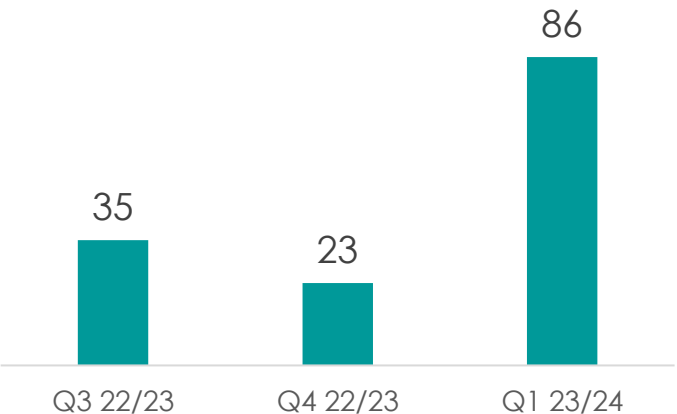
56% of Public Health complaints from internal sources received a first response within timescales

2 Environmental Protection Abatement 1990 Notices were served

Number of Private water supplies



Number of Planning Application consultations received



9 short term let Applications received

4 short term let licences issued

Civil Contingencies and events

Plans and Procedures:

Plans updated and issued:

- Emergency Contacts Directory

Plans updated and awaiting approval:

- Major Accident Hazard Pipelines (carried forward from last quarter due to departure of lead officer).
- Torness Off-site Emergency plan – summary document for Midlothian Council (carried forward from last quarter due to departure of lead officer).

Plans in progress:

- Operation UNICORN. Details still awaited from Scottish Government on the arrangements for the new Monarch. A start has been made to the document and it will be updated as soon as information is received. Work is in progress to replenish items used.
- Midlothian Emergency Plan (generic document outlining response structures, roles and responsibilities, links to multi-agency arrangements). Whilst some progress has been made, outcome of discussions on changes to Resilience Partnership multi-agency framework had been awaited. This has now been agreed so work has resumed.

Business Continuity Plans:

The development of Business Continuity plans are, by necessity, the responsibility of individual services as they are best placed to determine their priorities, resource requirements, dependencies on other services and suppliers and how they can work around the loss of essential components. However, advice and assistance is available from the Health, Safety & Resilience Team. To encourage BC plan development on a consistent basis across services, engagement has been carried out with a number of services. The intention is to roll this out wider once a decision has been made regarding the future of our current business continuity software which is due to lapse in December 2023.

Multi-agency Exercises, Training, Presentations and Work streams:

Team Members Participated in the following. Where appropriate to their areas of work, invitations were extended to colleagues in other services and partners:

- Lothian and Borders Local Resilience Partnership Short Life Working Groups to develop multi-agency frameworks in relation to National Power Outages, Severe Weather, Care for People, Mass Fatalities (Work ongoing).
- Scottish Government virtual workshops on Community Resilience (series of events).
- National Protective Security Agency briefings.
- Torness Local Liaison Committee.
- Exercise Sub appressed – CBRN related workshop.
- East of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership Cyber Security workshop.
- Series of Met Office briefing sessions on Severe Weather scenarios (ongoing).
- Aircraft Post Crash Management workshop.
- Familiarisation sessions on the use of Airwave handsets, utilising the Interoperability Bronze handsets held by Police Scotland (Carried out on an ongoing basis).
- Briefings on the Protect Duty/Martyn's Law (ongoing).

Team members facilitated:

- Total of 6 attendees on the April and June 2023 multi-agency Crisis Management Course organised by the EoS RRP. More nominations have been submitted for the period July – Dec 23 so will be included in future reports.

Report to Divisional Management Teams/Corporate Management Team:

The last quarterly report noted that a report was being drafted for submission to the Corporate Management Team regarding proposed steps to enhance the organisation's preparedness for emergency response. As there were other exercises and discussions on the horizon, this was held over. The amended draft report has been re-circulated for initial comment prior to going to Divisional Management Teams in the first instance.

Ongoing, routine representation at/participation in:

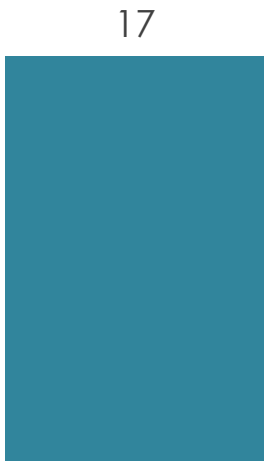
- Local Resilience Partnership meetings – core group and sub groups. Also Short Life Working Groups as detailed above.
- Lothian and Borders CONTEST group.
- East of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership Additional Deaths Group.
- Internal meetings requiring a Contingency Planning presence, including 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 forwarded to senior manager(s) and other colleagues as appropriate. Invitations are also forwarded where the subject might be of direct interest to other services/partners.

Public events

Number of organisations engaged with the Safety Advisory Group or similar



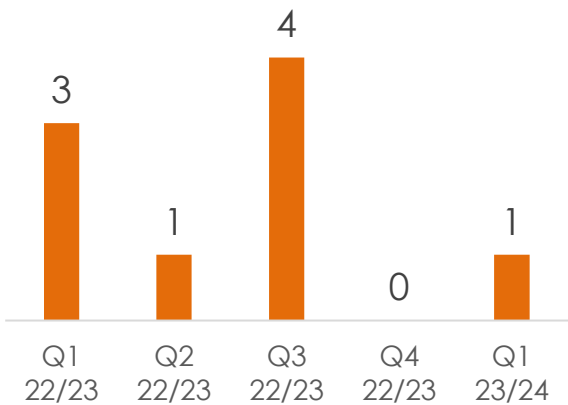
Q1 23/24

The majority of the **17** Safety Advisory Group attendances related to the main Q2 Gala Days, plus a number of larger events at Dalkeith Country Park.

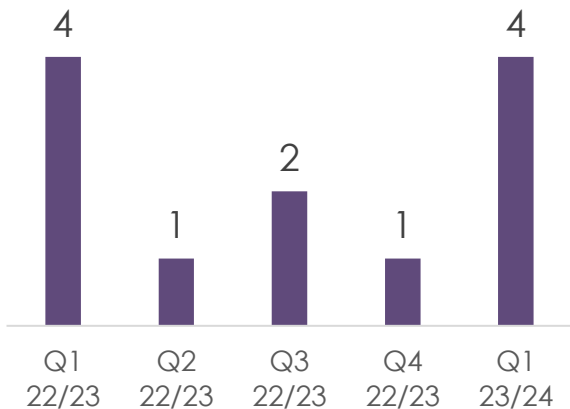
Q2 Safety Advisory Groups will complete the late summer Galas, plus, amongst other matters, 4 planned public Fireworks displays scheduled for October and November. Gala Day Grants were allocated during this quarter.

Food Hygiene and Standards

Number of Food Hygiene Improvement notices served



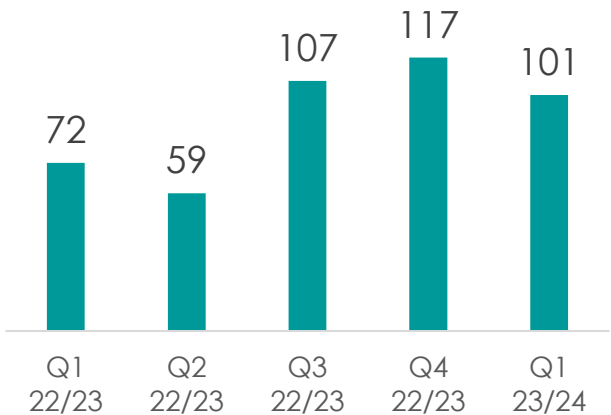
Number of Food Law Remedial Action notices served



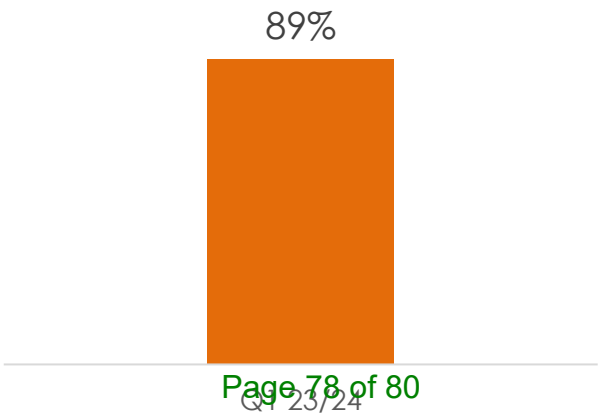
60 Food law service requests were received from Midlothian residents and businesses. (Includes food safety and food standards).

87% of food related service requests from Midlothian residents and businesses were responded to within the target response time of 5 working days. (Includes food safety and food standards).

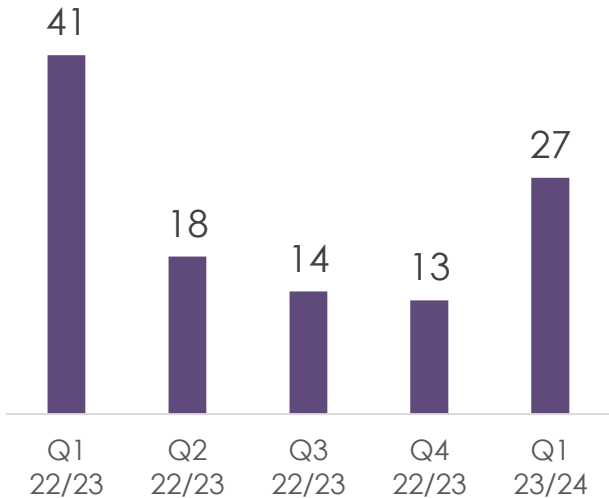
Number of Food Law interventions carried out (food hygiene and food standards)



Percentage of priority 1 and 2 premises receiving completed food law interventions in line with the Service Plan

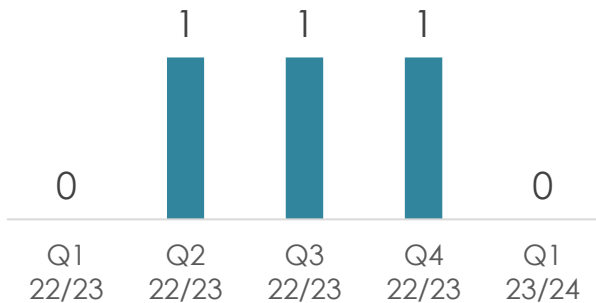


Number of Food/non-food samples taken

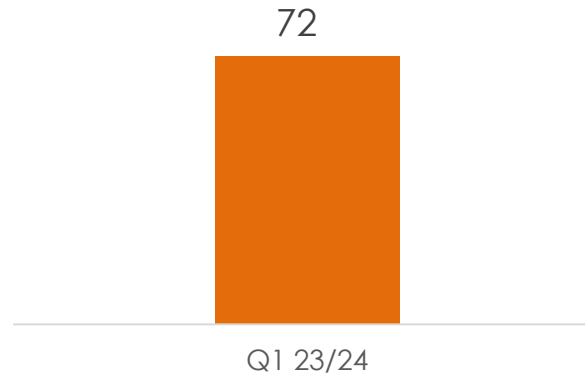


Trading Standards

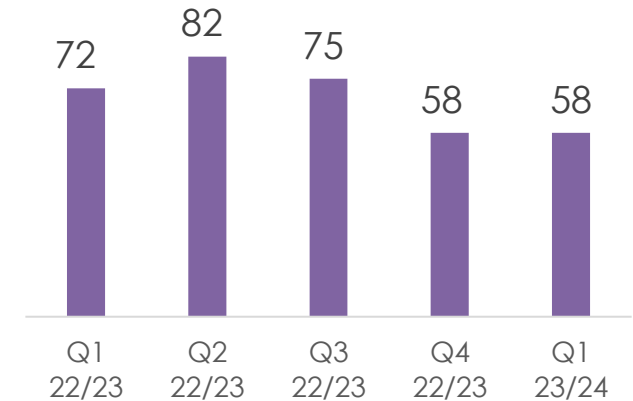
Number of cases reported to Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service



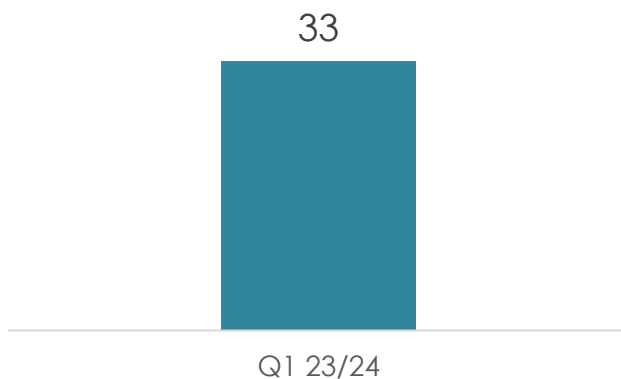
Number of business advice requests received by Trading Standards



Number of consumer complaints received by Trading Standards



Number of intelligence logs input to Intelligence Database (IDB)



100% of Business advice requests were responded to within 5 working days.

100% of Business advice requests were completed within 14 days.

100% of Consumer complaints were responded to within 5 working days.

80% of Consumer complaints were completed within 14 days.

Develop and implement a Trusted Trader Scheme:

Following a meeting with the trusted directory service (TDS), who provide schemes for Edinburgh & East Lothian, approval obtained to pay for a Midlothian scheme.

Trading Standards Campaigns/Joint working/Initiative details:

On Good Friday and Easter Monday, Trading Standards joined Police at respectively two road stops and roving patrols of the area for rogue traders etc.

Over 1,500 disposable vapes have been seized following visits to a dozen shops. Visits were prompted by complaints and officer suspicion.

Trading Standards

Percentage of planned inspections achieved in line with the Service Plan

20%



Q1 23/24

56 Trading Standards Primary Inspections were carried out this quarter including 6 under Animal Health and Welfare.

Number of interventions carried out regarding tobacco and nicotine containing products

16



Q1 23/24

Percentage of businesses registered for tobacco/vapes in Midlothian visited

11%



Q1 23/24

A total of **145** premises are believed to be registered and selling tobacco and/or vapes at 01/04/23.

16 were visited this quarter.

Percentage of businesses registered for tobacco/vapes in Midlothian where a test purchase was carried out

1.4%



Q1 23/24