

Notice of meeting and agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

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Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
15 November 2016	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Parry (Chair)	Councillor Baxter
Councillor de Vink	Councillor Montgomery
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Wallace

In attendance:

Kevin Anderson – Head of Customer and Housing Services	
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Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall (Police Scotland)	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson (Police Scotland)
David Farries – Area Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)	Steve Gourlay – Group Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)
Dean Mack - Group Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)	

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

It was noted that no apologies had been received.

2. Order of Business

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

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were noted.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board meeting of 23 August 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Reports

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

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard from David Farries from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who introduced the Quarter 2 Local Plan Performance Report for Midlothian, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda.

In his introduction, David spoke of some of the current pressures facing the Service, making particular reference to the budgetary uncertainty; the challenge of exploring alternative delivery models; and the increasing/changing demands placed on the Service. In response to Members' questions, he confirmed that the budget position should hopefully be clarified by the end of the calendar year, but that annual budgeting would prove challenging going forward; that a review of all staff not working on frontline fire fighting duties was likely to be in place by April; and that technological advances meant it was vitally important when investing in new equipment to ensure that it was fit for purpose.

Following David Farries' introductory remarks Dean Mack and Steve Gourlay then took Members through the performance and prevention/protection activities elements of the report respectively. Dean highlighted details in respect of performance in meeting the targets set for each of the priorities i.e. the reductions of Accidental Dwelling Fires; Fire Casualties and Fatalities; Deliberate Fire Setting; Road Traffic Collisions; and Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, and Steve provided details on the Fire Safety Enforcement Audits and Home Fire Safety Visits delivered in Midlothian during Q2.

Kenny Simpson remarked on a very positive meeting with retailers and management at Straiton Retail Park regarding a wide range of issues including measures that could be taken in relation to deliberate secondary fires in waste bins.

The Board welcomed the focus given to targeting high risk households in the delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits, and the other preventative work being undertaken by Service generally.

Decision

After further discussion, the Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Scrutiny Report April 2016 – September 2016	Police Scotland

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard initially from Ivor Marshall who presented a Divisional overview of some of the current issues facing Police Scotland. These including budgetary pressures similar to those faced by colleagues in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; the ongoing review of Police Stations; and the increasing/changing demands placed on the Service.

Following this the Board then heard from Kenny Simpson who presented the Scrutiny Report for Midlothian, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda. Kenny highlighted details in respect of performance in meeting the targets set for each of the priorities i.e. Tackling Substance Misuse; Protecting People; Reducing Violence; Making our Roads Safer; Reducing Antisocial Behaviour; Tackling Serious and Organised Crime; and Reducing Housebreaking.

In response to Members' questions and comments, Kenny confirmed that Officers would continue to search people on an intelligence led basis; that the antisocial behaviour currently being experienced in Dalkeith town centre was more to do with a particular spike than for any particular reason and Officers would continue to use intelligence led information to address it; and that the potential impact of National/International events was being carefully monitored, as where the likely effects of more local events, that may require targeted early interventions.

Decision

Following further discussion, the Board agreed to note the content of the report.

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

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Board heard from Kenny Simpson who presented a report summarising the activities of the Community Policing Team during the period July to September 2016, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Board in welcoming the report discussed whether it would be possible to incorporate details of the outcomes of the incidents and also details of any reoffending. In response Ivor Marshall advised that he was not sure if this would be possible but that he welcomed the comments and would take them on board.

Concerns in relation to the ability of Police Scotland being able to sustain the level of performance in Midlothian once the Community Action Team funding was withdrawn were expressed, albeit there was some disagreement over the impact that it would potentially have on performance levels.

Decision

Following the discussion, the Board agreed to note the content of the report

The date of the next meeting was Tuesday 21st February 2017.

The meeting terminated at 12.36pm.



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MIDLOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
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Quarter 1 Report, 1st October – 31st December, 2016

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 3 of 2016-17 (1st October – 31st December 2016) including information on the year to date.

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

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-2019 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 contributes towards the priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

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

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

- Priority 1. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,
- Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,
- Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,
- Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,
- Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

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Performance Summary

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

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Dec					RAG rating
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	62	47	45	40	51	◆
All accidental dwelling fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c	11	11	8	6	8	◆
All deliberate secondary fires	116	246	167	188	235	◆
Special Service - RTCs	32	34	35	34	31	●
Special Service Casualties - All	32	57	36	46	40	●
False Alarm - UFAs	207	213	198	246	276	◆

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.

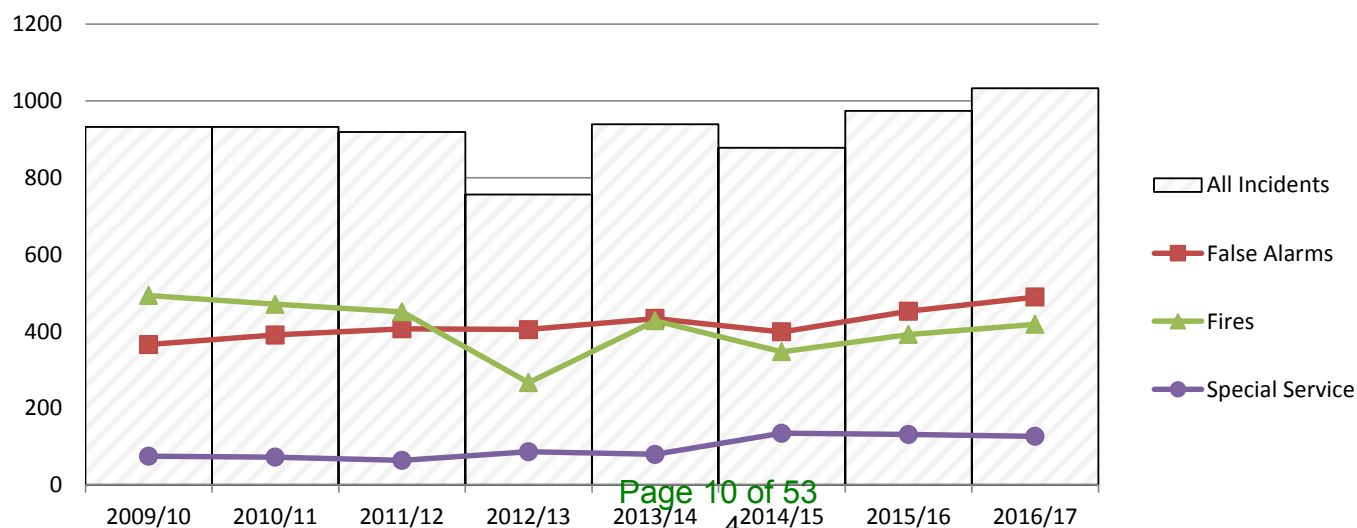
Note

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 (1 April-31 Dec 2016), the SFRS responded to 1033 incidents in Midlothian, which is an increase of 59 incidents compared with Q3 of the last reporting year (2015/16).

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 8 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities

Local Risk Management and Preparedness

The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.

We said we would:

- train our staff to deal with our local risks
- gather and analyse risk information
- work with partners to mitigate risks
- deal with major events

Train our staff to deal with our local risks

All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.

Gather and analyse risk information

All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.

We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.

We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.

Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.

We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.

Deal with major events

There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Accidental dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in their homes. We share information with partners to make sure that the right people get the right information they need, particularly those who are vulnerable due to age, isolation or addiction. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires contributes to The Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

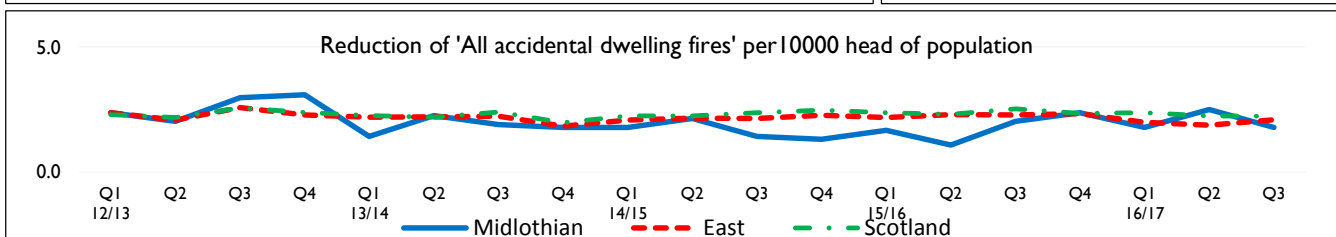
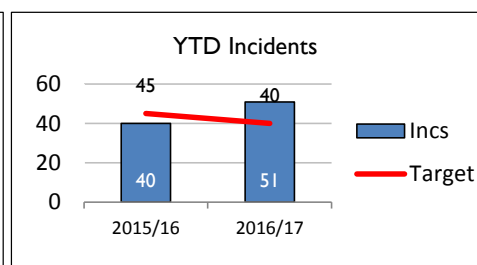
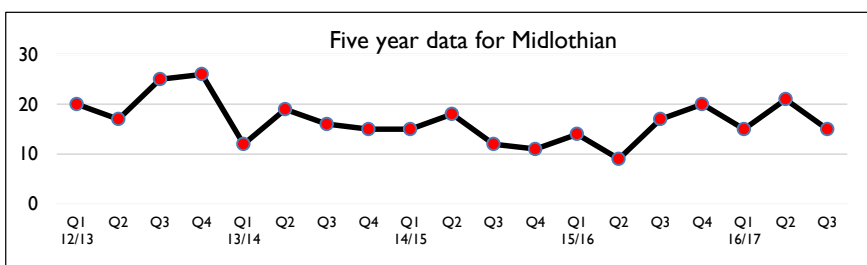
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 16 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is a decrease of 1 incident from the same period last year. We attended 5 less accidental dwelling fires in comparison to Q2, 2016/17. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population is slightly less than the Scottish and above East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 16 accidental dwelling fires attended, nearly 87% occurred in single occupancy households. 19% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were accidental and were mainly attributable to cooking (19%), faults in appliances (19%) and electricity (19%). 9 fires (56%) were confined to the item ignited first and therefore, minor in nature. 1 fire was confined to the room where the fire started and a further 2 extended out with the initial room of origin. It is clear from this evidence for the need in continuing to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households as well as the need to continue to ensure those properties have working smoke detection.

Actions

During this reporting period, 260 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian with free smoke alarms fitted in 106 of these households. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. Front line crews continue to work within the previously introduced 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix 1 provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 9	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	62	47	45	40	51	
Penicuik	11	11	5	8	10	
Bonnyrigg	8	2	5	6	9	
Dalkeith	12	13	13	12	16	
Midlothian South	12	9	8	6	6	

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

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

Results

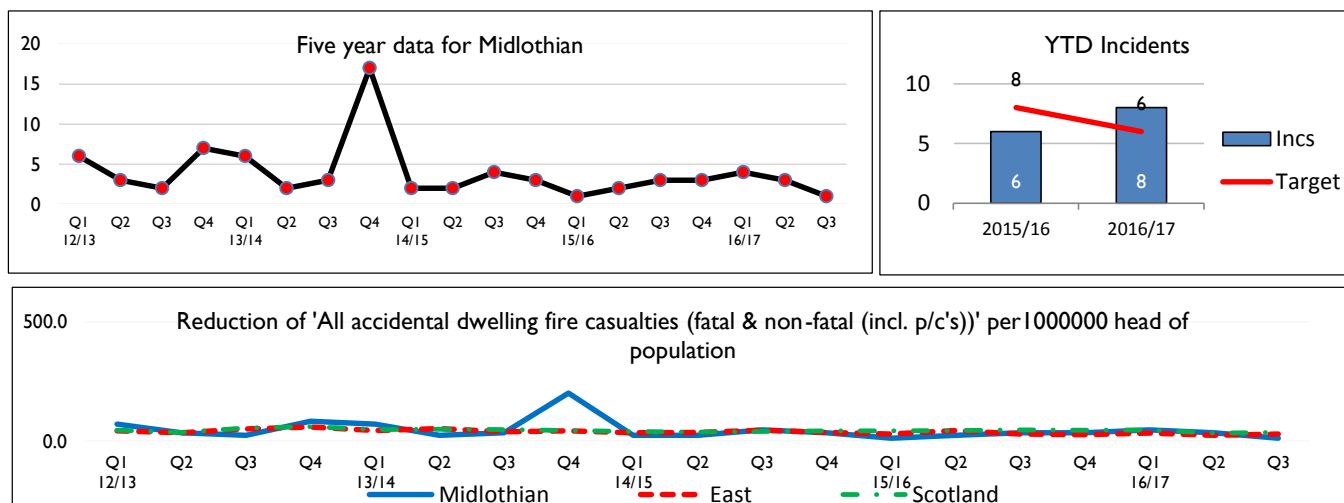
There were no fire fatalities in this reporting period. We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 1 casualty due to fire within a dwelling. This was a decrease of 2 from the same reporting period last year. Furthermore, in comparison to Q2, 2016/17. There were 2 less fire casualties. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend remains low. The casualty involved was an adult (18-64) who went to hospital for a precautionary check up. The main contributory factor was that the adult had fell asleep and was impaired due to alcohol/drugs. Smoke detectors were fitted within the property concerned and alerted the occupant.

Actions

During this reporting period, 260 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 106 households were fitted with free smoke detectors. In addition, we continue to work with our partners, particularly Midlothian Council, Social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



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

Reduction of 'All deliberate secondary fires'

Although deliberate fire setting is not a significant problem for the SFRS in Midlothian there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

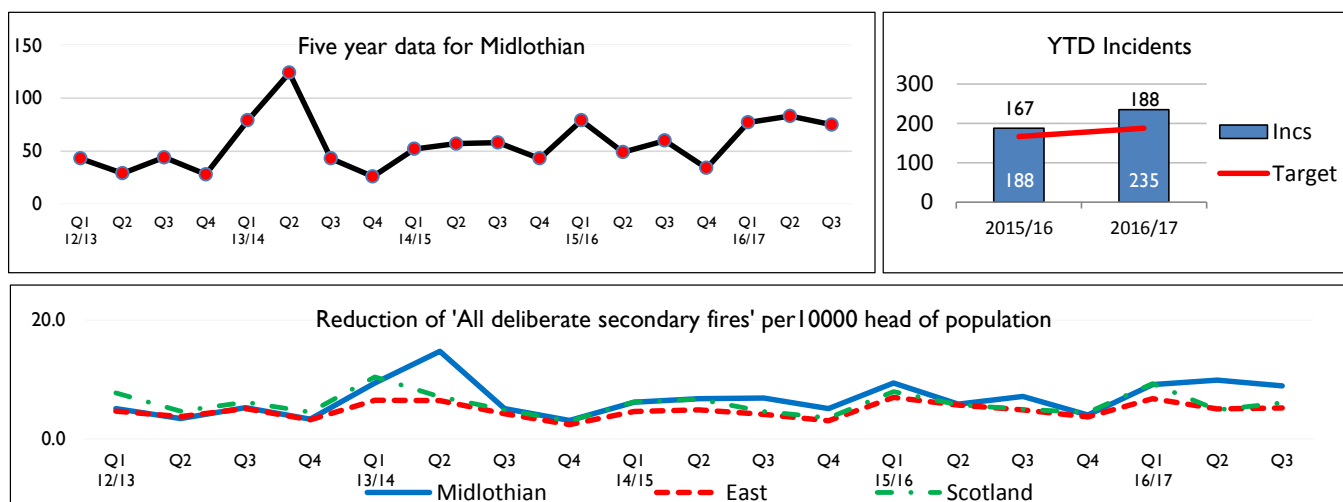
There were 93 deliberate fires within the reporting period. Of these, 75 were deliberate secondary fires which is an increase of 15 on the same period as last year. We attended 4 deliberate vehicle fires within the reporting period. The Wards most likely to suffer from this type of fire are Dalkeith, Midlothian East, West and South. The long-term trend based upon Deliberate Fire Setting /10,000 population shows Midlothian above both the East Service Delivery area and Scottish average.

Reasons

Nearly 81% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 20% in waste or scrubland, 39% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins.

Actions

SFRS continues to work with partner agencies attending the weekly TACG meetings and provision of monthly tactical assessments by the Midlothian Partnership Analyst. Emerging patterns were and continue to be monitored and prevention activities were planned for those locations. Various on-going preventative activities have been undertaken throughout the year targeting the issue of deliberate fire-raising. This includes various youth engagement events (Cooldown Crew and Challenge Projects), Stair Aware activity, visits to schools and other partnership work.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 39	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	116	246	167	188	235	
Penicuik	10	14	15	11	10	
Bonnyrigg	9	23	13	21	15	
Dalkeith	34	51	39	50	43	
Midlothian South	18	44	24	45	56	

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

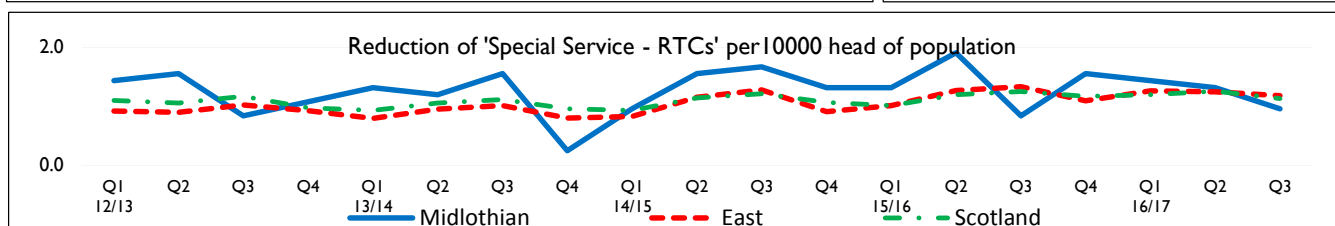
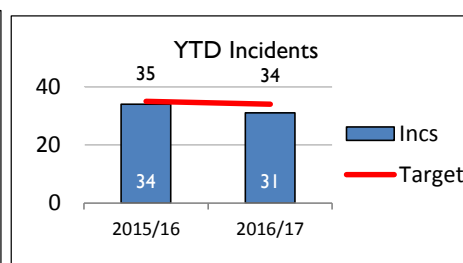
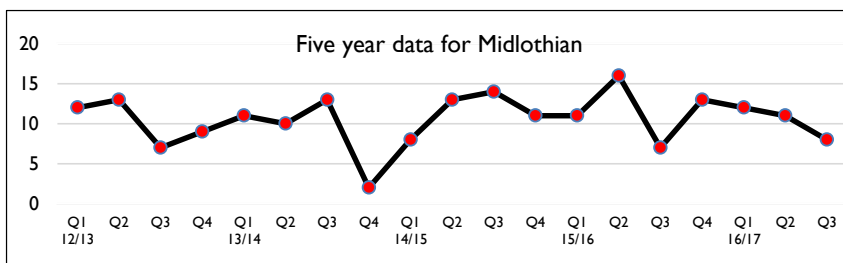
We attended 8 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is an increase of 1 on the same period last year. 2 of the incidents attended required extrication of casualties with the remaining 6 as making the scene/vehicle safe only. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is slightly below the Scottish and East Service Delivery delivery area trend.

Reasons

The SFRS only attend those RTC's they are requested to attend this number does not reflect the total number within Midlothian.

Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 5	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	32	34	35	34	31	
Penicuik	5	6	7	7	8	
Bonnyrigg	3	2	1	0	3	
Dalkeith	6	2	3	4	5	
Midlothian South	2	6	7	5	4	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

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

Results

We attended a total of 9 fatal/non fatal casualties. Of those nine, 3 were fatalities (3 Incidents) in road traffic collisions (RTCs) although 2 were medical emergencies whilst in a vehicle on the public road. The remaining fatality was attributable to the road traffic collision. This is an increase of 3 fatalities in comparison to the same period last year but a decrease of 2 from Q2 in the current reporting year. There were 4 RTC non fatal casualties that we attended to during the reporting period which is a reduction of 3 in comparison to the same period last year and a decrease of 4 from Q2 in the current reporting year.

We attended 1 fatality due to suicide and 1 non fatal casualty that involved effecting entry only for Scottish Ambulance Service.

Overall figures for special service casualties indicate a reduction of 3 compared with the previous year

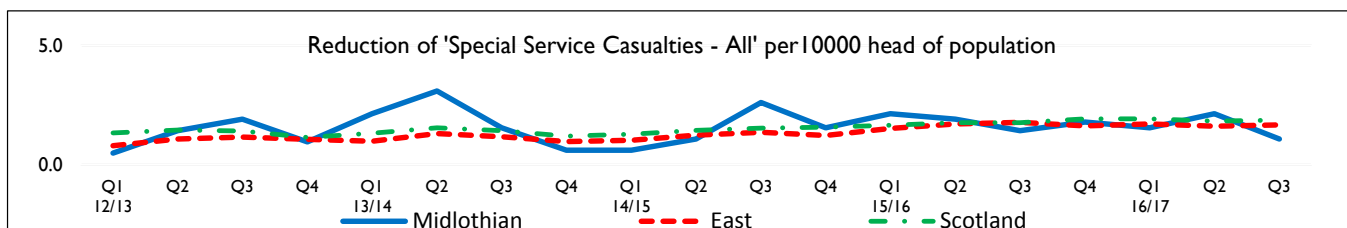
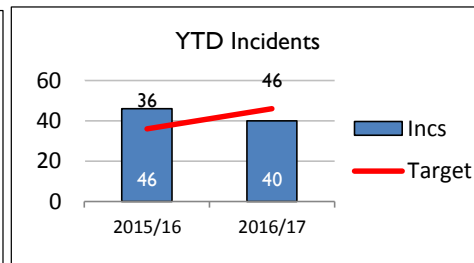
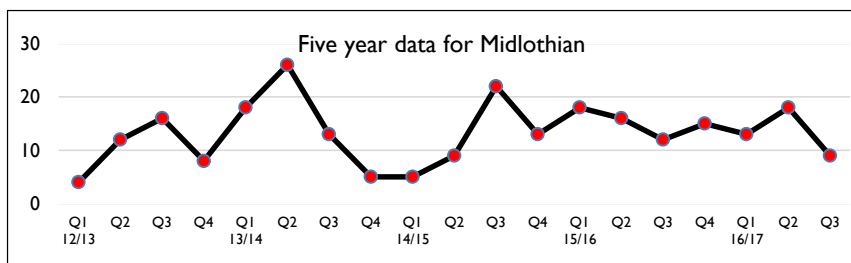
Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for 3 fatalities and 4 injuries (non fatal) although 2 of the 3 were medical emergencies only. 1 fatality was due to a suicide and 1 casualty recorded whilst effecting entry to assist the Scottish Ambulance Service with a medical emergency

Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian work in partnership with the Midlothian Rapid Response Team to care for people who fall in the home. We will also continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within Midlothian.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 7	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	32	57	36	46	40	
Penicuik	6	6	5	13	8	
Bonnyrigg	4	1	4	3	3	
Dalkeith	1	4	1	2	11	
Midlothian South	6	17	7	6	7	

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

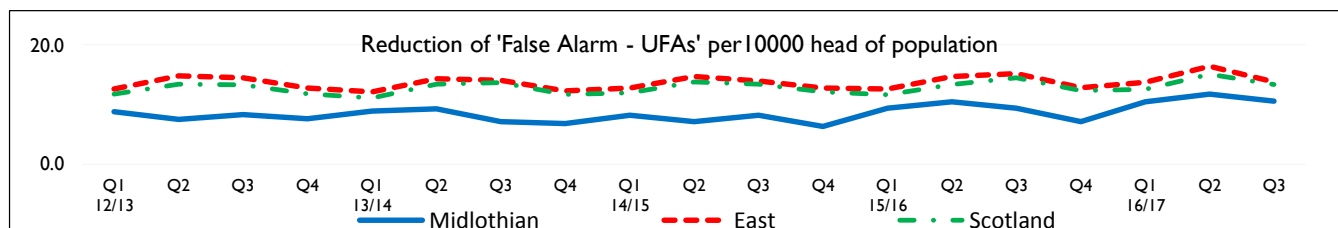
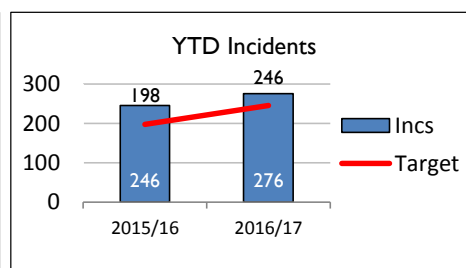
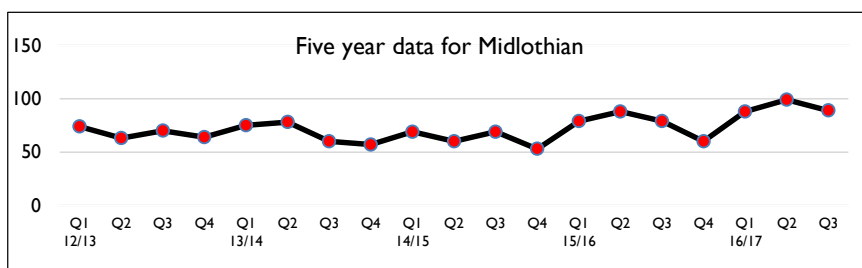
SFRS attended 89 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 10 from the same period last year. In comparison to Q2, 2016/17, it is pleasing to note a slight decrease of 10 in mobilisations. Midlothian trend line is significantly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area. In line with the rest of Scotland, this is on the increase and is the highest half-year figure in the last 5 years

Reasons

32% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 4% were malicious calls and 30% caused by people, cooking, testing, smoking, aerosols etc.

Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. In Midlothian, we are currently engaging with various premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 46	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Midlothian	207	213	198	246	276	
Penicuik	11	12	21	26	40	
Bonnyrigg	29	32	36	31	32	
Dalkeith	58	34	39	44	59	
Midlothian South	12	25	16	20	27	

Appendix 1

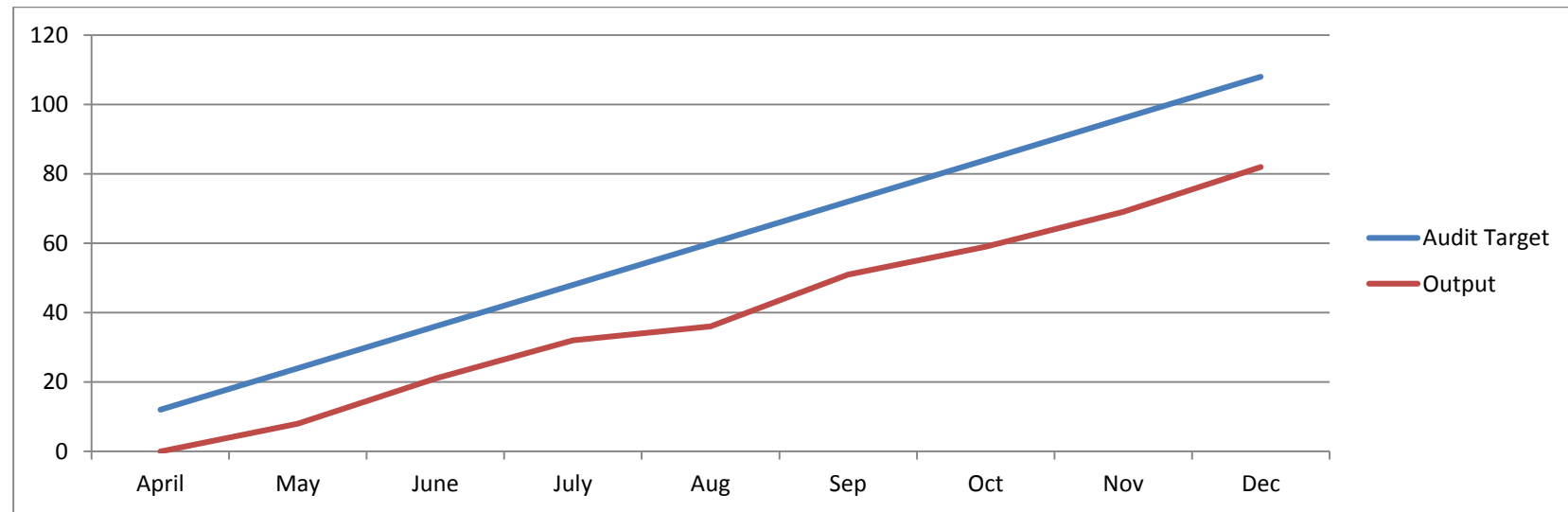
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3: October 1st 2016--December 31st 2016

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. Although the audit total is below target the workload has been very much focused on the higher risk premises which can often result in more time spent. Two hospital premises, nine care homes and eleven schools were audited during the period. Midlothian schools are, and shortly other council premises will be, part of a themed approach to reducing risk and reducing unwanted fire alarm signals.

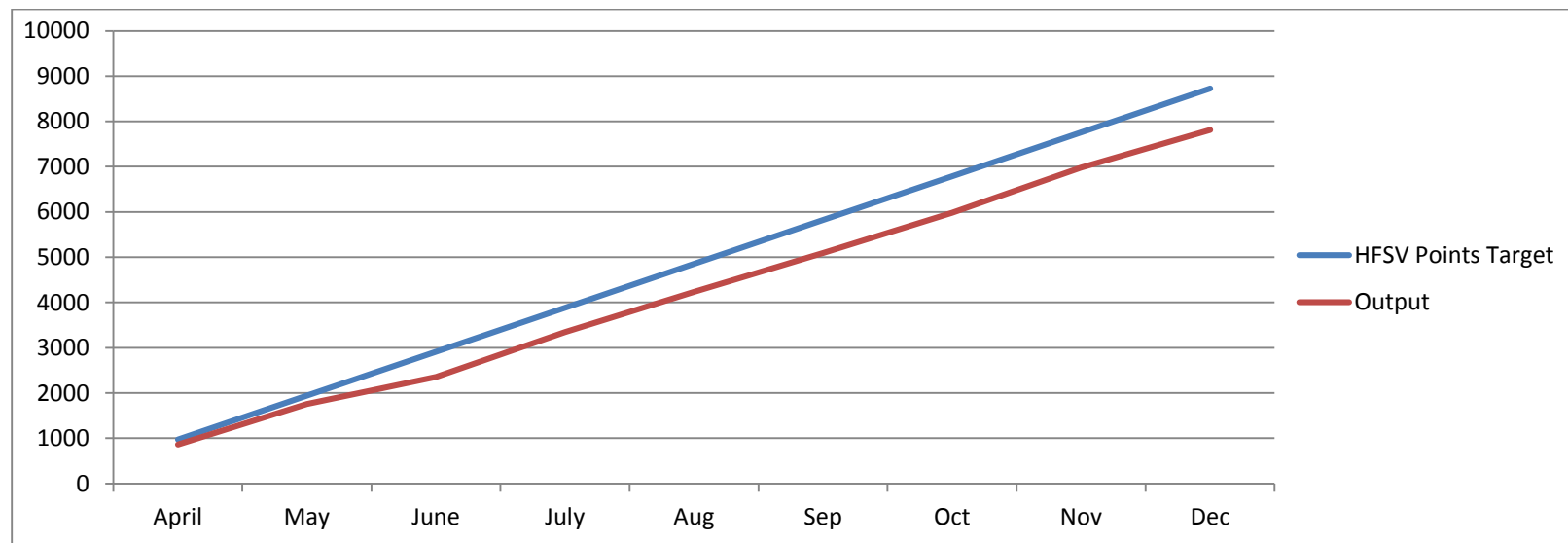
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	0	8	21	32	36	51	59	69	82				



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). The current output is below target but will be monitored through a new internal performance framework and work will centre on referral routes for higher risk visits. **A total of 260 (243 Q2) HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q3 with free smoke alarms being fitted in 106 (72 Q2) of these.**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	970	1940	2910	3880	4850	5820	6790	7760	8730	9700	10670	11640	11640
Completed	864	1756	2356	3344	4232	5096	5980	6980	7812				



Total visits delivered in Q3 2016/17 by ward area of Midlothian:

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

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q2 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q3 2016/17
Bonnyrigg	35	41	24
Dalkeith	34	58	50
Midlothian East	32	31	50
Midlothian South	31	37	47
Midlothian West	45	41	42
Penicuik	29	35	47
TOTAL	206	243	260

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

- The Phoenix programme based at Dalkeith Fire Station continues to run on Thursday evenings 7 sessions with 15 young people attending were delivered. Those attending continue to work towards an accredited qualification.
- 7 young people from St David's were given the opportunity to attend the Cooldown Crew Youth Engagement Programme in November.
- A road safety event was delivered at Glencourse barracks targeting young drivers was delivered in quarter 3.

Community Engagement Events

Operational fire crews from Dalkeith Fire Station actively promoted the following:

- Bonfire/Firework safety presentations across all Midlothian primary schools
- Firework safety promoted via local retail units including issue of firework safety leaflets with all firework sales
- Bonfire/Firework safety poster competition involving all primary schools across Midlothian
- Festive safety promoted via local libraries and retail units focusing on the reduction of deliberate secondary fires and targeting hotspot areas such as Newtongrange and Gorebridge
- Monitoring and identification of derelict properties promoting security and uplift of combustible materials across Midlothian

Partnership developments

- The SFRS Midlothian LALO now works within the Community Safety Delivery Group (CSDG) at Fairfield House, minimum one day a week. Attends weekly tasking and coordinating group (TACG) and is attending the Problem Solving Partnership meetings for Bonnyrigg and Woodburn.
- The Midlothian Anti-Social Behaviour Officer now attends one afternoon of Cooldown course to allow an opportunity to discuss ASB matters with the young people involved.
- Information sharing with SFRS and Police Scotland working particularly well, high risk vulnerable identified persons are been seen urgently e.g., Witnesses under threat from deliberate fire raising.
- Police officers within the CSDG have now been trained so that they can refer directly to the SFRS Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (CSET), which is used to risk assess and manage referrals for home fire safety visits.
- Joint police and fire service visits continue at Straiton Retail Park in regard to fire setting and anti-social behaviour activities.
- Autumn and Winter TAP focusing on bonfire/Firework safety and Festive safety. Joint visits with Trading Standards re Firework sales and storage. Promotion of Festive safety via local libraries and retail units (posters, leaflets, community engagement, etc)

- CSET training has been delivered for the Midlothian Council Contact Team enabling staff to directly refer people to SFRS for HFSV

Living Safely in the Home Project (falls prevention)

Holistic approach to home safety incorporating a falls screen process

- The Midlothian pilot commenced on the 25th August 2016 after training had been delivered to fire crews at Dalkeith and Penicuik. Up to the end of December crews have referred 32 individuals via the referral pathway to **MERRIT** (Midlothian Enhanced Rapid Response and Intervention Team).
- An evaluation of the pilot will commence towards the end of February

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Mid/East Lothian and Scottish Borders Prevention and Protection

Scrutiny Report April 2016 - December 2016

Midlothian



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(Figures relate to Midlothian as a whole for the date period 1 April 2016 - 31 December 2016 (YTD) with comparisons made to the previous year 1 April 2015 - 31 December 2015 (LYTD))

YTD = Year to Date LYTD = Last Year to Date

Priority 1 – Tackling Substance Misuse
Indicator - Reduce the volume of crime aggravated by alcohol
Target - Reduce from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD alcohol aggravated crime accounted for 9.8% of all group 1-7 crime recorded by Police in Midlothian, down from 9.9% LYTD, and compares favourably with the 3 year average figure of 10.9%.

Reasons

Compared to the previous year, there were 552 more crimes recorded overall in Midlothian YTD (+12.4%), and an increase in alcohol aggravated crime of 51 crimes (11.6%). YTD there were 5019 group 1-7 crimes recorded in Midlothian, 492 were tagged with the aggravator 'alcohol'. LYTD there were 4467 crimes recorded of which 441 were aggravated by alcohol.

Violence is inextricably linked to alcohol abuse with over a third (38.6%) of alcohol aggravated crime acts of violence. A further 27.6% of alcohol aggravated crime YTD related to threatening and abusive behaviour and breach of the peace. Vandalisms accounted for 6.9% of all alcohol aggravated crime. Hotspots for alcohol related crime YTD were observed in Dalkeith Town Centre and the residential area of Woodburn, also Penicuik and Bonnyrigg Town Centres, and Mayfield. Substance misuse among youth people continues to be a challenge for police with 186 alcohol related youth calls recorded by police across Midlothian YTD, up from 130 LYTD.

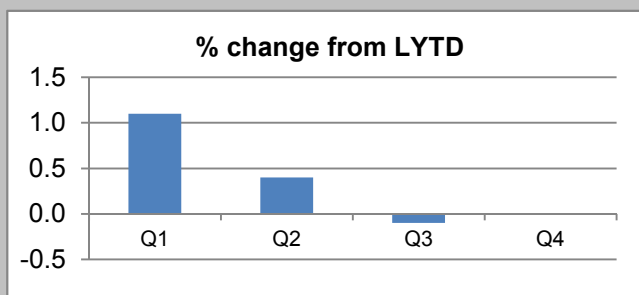
What are we doing

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

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Police visits to problem and monitored licensed premises (currently there are 3 monitored and no problematic)
- Early intervention meetings with licensees and their staff following incidents with Licensed premises
- Revised dispersal detail within Dalkeith and Penicuik Town Centres.
- Local Days of Action continue across the division
- Two Community Beat Officers have been tasked with attending licensed premises to recruit for the Best Bar None awards. Five applications have been received to date
- Monthly proactive joint visits being carried out by Police Licensing Officer and Licensing Standards Officer Midlothian Council.
- Pilot arrest referral project now live in conjunction with Community Justice partners
- Seeking exclusion orders from licensed premises as part of a sentence for alcohol related offences
- Structured plan under Operation Jigsaw in place following the review of violent crime undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit embedding recommendations of best practice/procedures in an effort to reduce levels of alcohol related violence
- Proactive joint visits by Police Licensing officers and Council Licensing Standards officers

Indicator - Reduce the volume of crime aggravated by alcohol

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	9.8%	9.9%	-0.1%



Priority 1 – Tackling Substance Misuse

Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs

Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

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

Reasons

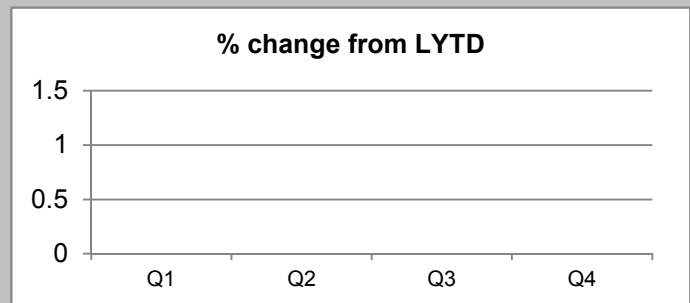
YTD there were 203 stop and searches (total including drugs, weapons and stolen property) carried out by police in Midlothian, 65 of which were positive (32.0%).

What are we doing

- Officers in Midlothian continue to search people on an intelligence led basis.
- All officers have now been trained in the provisions of new stop and search legislation.

Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop searches for drugs

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Priority 2 – Protecting People:

Indicator - Increase the number of Adult at Risk referrals made to partner agencies

Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. There were 951 incidents concerning adults at risk and vulnerable adults referred to partnership agencies YTD, down from 1013 LYTD (6.1%).

Reasons

In total between April and December YTD there were 951 referrals made to partnership agencies YTD, down 62 from LYTD (1013). In April 2016 a new process pilot (Incident Crime Management Unit) initiated in J Division; within the unit are a number of experienced officers trained in the vulnerable persons database and in the justification for when/where the sharing of vulnerable adults is required.

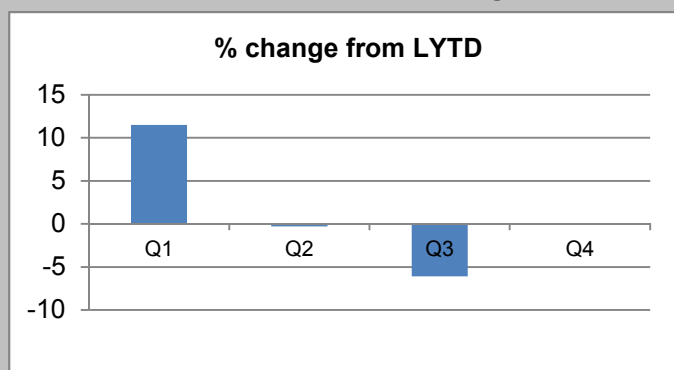
Overall the number of adult concern reports submitted by police decreased by 52 YTD compared to PYTD. Through training there is now improved awareness among police officers of the risk factors involved and necessity for informed consent to share with partnership agencies.

What are we doing

- Continued awareness-raising among police officers regarding criteria for submission of adult concern referrals.
- Development of Risk and Concern Hub within the division to improve the quality, standard and compliance aspects of adult protection VPDs and identify those most vulnerable in our communities.
- All officers undertaking mental health awareness training

Indicator - Increase the number of Adult at Risk referrals made to partner agencies

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	951	1013	-6.10%



Priority 2 - Protecting People

Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24 hours)
Target - 95%

Current situation

On target. YTD 100% of domestic abuse initial bail checks were conducted within the prescribed timeframe of 24 hours - above the 95.0% target.

Reasons

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

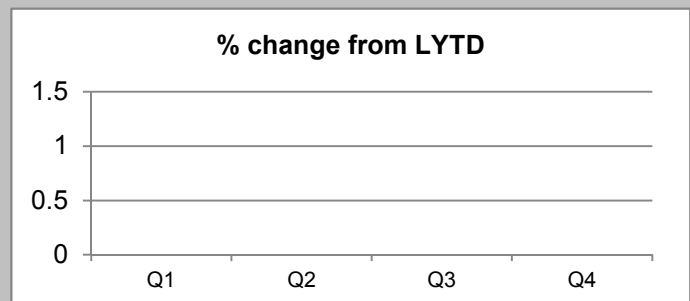
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and the disciplined process that is in place between the courts and the police.

What are we doing

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks.
- Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC): responsible for identifying and targeting High Risk Domestic Offenders

Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24 hours)

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	99.4%	100.0%	n/a	n/a



Priority 2 - Protecting People:

Indicator - Domestic Abuse crimes and offences – achieve a detection rate of at least 75.0%
Target - 75%

Current situation

Off target. Detection rate for domestic abuse crimes and offences YTD is 74%, one percentage point below the target figure of 75.0%.

Reasons

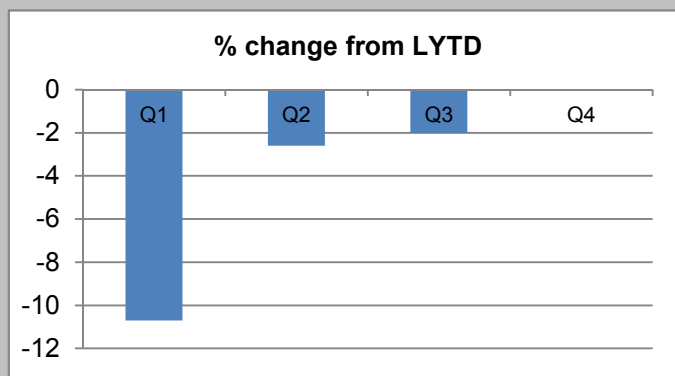
YTD there were 539 crimes and offences of domestic abuse recorded in Midlothian, up from 530 LYTD (9 crimes, +1.7%). On a positive note the number of incidents of domestic abuse reported to police decreased by 63 YTD. The solitary nature of this type of offence makes investigations complex.

What are we doing

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks for both offender and victim.
- MATAC: responsible for identifying and targeting high risk domestic offenders
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC): responsible for identifying and protecting high risk victims of domestic abuse
- Officers trained in identifying risk assessment through domestic abuse questionnaire
- Direct referral process in place to East and Midlothian Domestic Abuse Service (DAS)
- Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) in place to deal with complex and high tariff cases
- Seasonal national campaigns
- Selected officers undertaking enhanced investigation training into domestic abuse to assist operational officers

Indicator - Domestic Abuse crimes and offences – achieve a detection rate of at least 75.0%

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	74.4%	74.0%	76.0%	2.0%



Priority 3 - Reducing Violence :
Indicator - Decrease the number of violent crimes per 10,000 head of population
Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. YTD there were 9.5 violent crimes per 10,000 population, above LYTD figure of 6.9 crimes per 10,000 population.

Reasons

83 violent crimes (all group 1) were recorded YTD in Midlothian. This is 38.3% above LYTD when 60 crimes were recorded and 23.9% above the 3-year average of 67 crimes.

There were 4 fewer victims of attempted murder YTD compared to LYTD (3 and 7 respectively). Crimes of serious assault increased from 23 LYTD to 39 YTD, albeit there has been a change in the Scottish Crime Recording Standards regarding what is defined as a serious assault that has played a significant part in this rise. Crimes of assault and robbery increased by 4 crimes YTD compared to the previous year (13 and 17 respectively). Common assaults also increased YTD with 696 assaults recorded up from 640 LYTD (+8.75%).

Detection rate for all group 1 crime is 81.9% YTD, down from 98.3% LYTD.

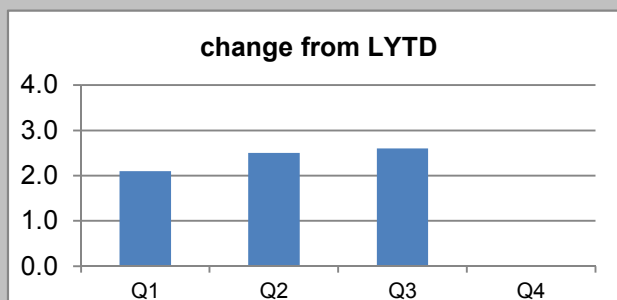
What are we doing

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

- Targeting of 'party houses' through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group
- Visits to problem and monitored licensed premises
- Dispersal detail within Dalkeith and Penicuik Town Centres
- Targeted use of Local Action Days
- Violence and licensing issues were a priority within the Divisional Festive Campaign
- Antisocial behaviour and violent offenders monitoring group - action against high profile and prolific offenders (for example for violent offences committed in the vicinity of the dwelling tenancy warnings or in cases eviction are carried out by the relevant housing association/ council)
- Robust monitoring and enforcement of bail conditions/curfew for known violent offenders
- Active early engagement with violent offenders released from prison
- Prioritising of warrants for violent offenders
- Process established to extend MAPPA to include violent offenders
- Fortnightly analysis of serious assaults/robberies to establish any trend/hot spots
- Review of violent crime was undertaken by National Violence Reduction Unit to examine practice/procedures in an effort to identify best practice and reduce levels of alcohol related violence. Operation Jigsaw now in place to address this.
- One to one work with high tariff young offenders to prevent escalation of offending.
- Youth Community Officers have been trained in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme - a project via Education Scotland training older pupils in school to mentor pupils exposed to bullying/harassment and to teach younger pupils about acceptable and unacceptable behaviours.

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	9.50	6.90	2.6



Priority 3 - Reducing Violence

Indicator - Increase the percentage of positive Stop and Searches for offensive weapons
Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

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

Reasons

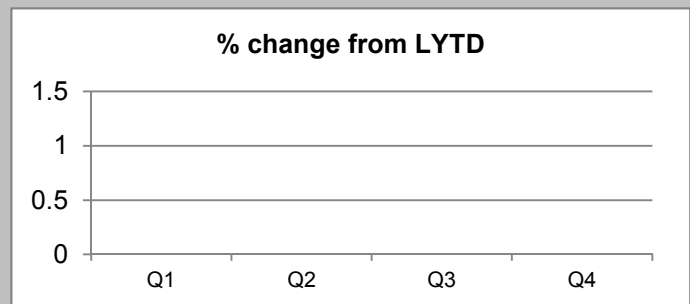
YTD there were 203 stop and searches (total incl drugs, weapons and stolen property) carried out by police in Midlothian, 65 of which were positive (32.0%).

What are we doing

- Officers in Midlothian continue to search people on an intelligence led basis.
- All officers have now been trained in the provisions of new stop and search legislation.

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer

Indicator - Decrease the number of people killed or seriously injured on Midlothian's roads

Target - Decrease from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD 33 people were killed or seriously injured (KSI) on Midlothian's roads, down 3 from 36 LYTD.

Reasons

Both the number of KSI collisions and casualties decreased YTD compared with the previous year. YTD there were 25 collisions, 10 fewer than the previous year where there were 35. There were also 21 fewer slight injuries on Midlothian's roads YTD compared to the previous YTD 144 and 165 respectively). On a less positive note the number of fatal injuries increased by 6 YTD compared with the previous year (9 fatalities YTD up from 3 LYTD).

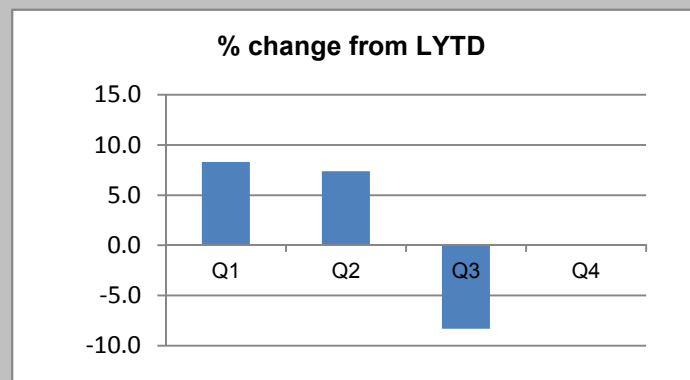
Analysis of all Killed/Seriously Injured accidents continues to be undertaken in an effort to establish causation factors or identify any "hot spot" areas. The A6094 road has raised concerns with local residents due to the number of fatalities, however analysis has not identified anything of significance. This road features highly within the local Road Policing (RP) matrix and RP officers are attending local community council meetings to address any concerns local residents have.

What are we doing

- Targeted patrol matrix used by Roads Policing which identifies hotspots for serious and fatal collisions.
- Deployment of unmarked Roads Policing vehicles and Police Motorcycles
- Community Beat Officers trained in the use of hand held radar devices are undertaking speed checks on roads identified as problematic in an effort to positively influence driver behaviour and address local Ward related matters. Results of road checks are fed back to community councils.
- Joint work with partners in VOSA (Vehicle and Operator Services Agency) to ensure road worthiness of vehicles/HGV's and that drivers are complying with standards required
- Tomorrow's driver events - aimed at S5/6 year pupils to raise awareness of the dangers on the road are held throughout the year.
- Operation Zenith seasonal operation across Midlothian targeting motorcyclists behaviour on the road
- Divisional Road Safety group established looking at education/enforcement and engineering issues
- Road safety was a divisional priority in this year's Festive campaign

Indicator - Decrease the number of people killed or seriously injured on Midlothian's roads

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	160	33	36	-8.30%



Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving

Target - Increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD there were 43 detections for dangerous driving in Midlothian, an increase of 11 (34.4%), from LYTD 32.

Reasons

Males aged 19-23 years are over represented in dangerous driving offences (42%). Dangerous Driving offences recorded in Midlothian accounted for 25% of all offences in the Lothian and Scottish Borders Division.

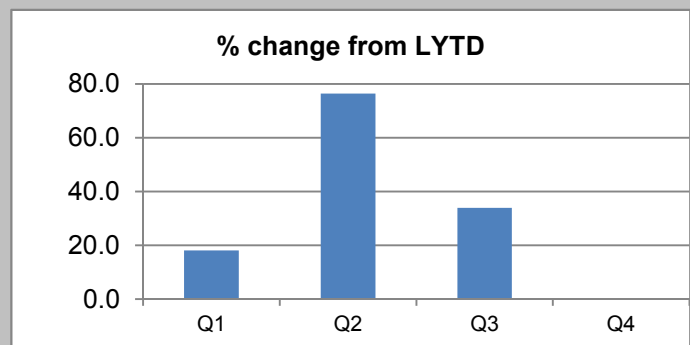
Police Scotland have also been successful in other aspects of road safety and road crime YTD within Midlothian, with increased detections in speeding offences (+250%), driving without insurance (+24%), driving without a seatbelt (+50%) and driving with a mobile phone (+11%).

What are we doing

- Roads Policing are tasked through the weekly partnership tasking and co-ordination group (TACG) in regards to patrolling antisocial / careless driving hotspots
- Deployment of unmarked Roads Policing vehicles and motorcycles
- Deployment of camera enforcement vehicles in Midlothian. There are currently three sites which form part of their deployment matrix
- Continued road checks involving Roads Policing working with local Community officers and partners
- Four new sites are now in operation for mobile and fixed cameras in identified hotspots. It is anticipated this will have a preventative effect on Road Traffic Casualties.

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for dangerous driving

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	172	43	32	34.0%



Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. The detection rate for hate crime in Midlothian YTD is 77.4% which is below LYTD 80.4% (-3.0%).

Reasons

At the end of December the Midlothian detection rate for hate crime decreased by three percentage points compared to the same period the previous year, however sits above the divisional figure of 70.2%. YTD there were 62 recorded hate crimes/offences in Midlothian, accounting for 20.3% of all crimes/offences recorded in the Lothian and Scottish Borders division.

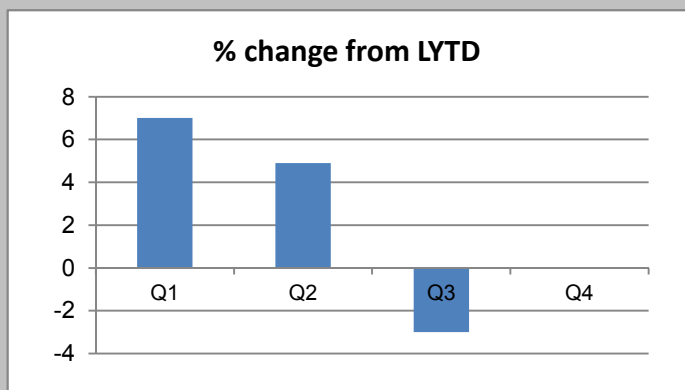
Racially aggravated hate crime continues to be a challenge in Midlothian with offences taking place between neighbours, at point of sale, and against police officers during arrest. Attitudinal issues across Midlothian continue to play a part in hate crime and education is key to changing such attitudes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

What are we doing

- Working with partners to consider tenancy matters for convicted offenders.
- Educational inputs at local schools
- A thorough and robust investigation process is in place in regards to hate crime offences
- Strong links with identified vulnerable premises
- Community Planning Partners signed a pledge in October to tackle Hate Crime as part of the Hate Crime awareness week
- Analysis was carried out in December 2016 to identify repeat hate crime offenders, a report has now been compiled and a partnership meeting set to take place with a view to multiagency intervention with recidivist hate crime offenders.

Indicator - Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	70.2%	77.4%	80.4%	-3.0%



Priority 5 - Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

Indicator - Reduce the number of incidents of Antisocial Behaviour reported by members of the public
Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. The number of complaints of antisocial behaviour (ASB) increased by 234 incidents YTD compared to LYTD.

Reasons

Between April and December 4983 incidents of ASB were reported to police by members of the public. This is an increase of 4.9% (234) from LYTD when 4749 incidents were reported. ASB calls reported in Midlothian accounted for 23.8% of all ASB calls across the Lothian and Scottish Borders division YTD, which is a reduction compared to the previous reporting period (April - September 29%).

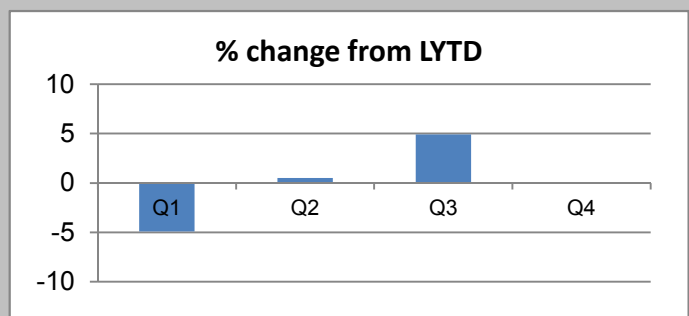
A high proportion of ASB occurs on Friday and Saturday evenings in town centres aggravated by alcohol misuse. A continuing challenge for police is youth related antisocial behaviour in the Woodburn/Dalkeith and Bonnyrigg areas. Both areas have Problem Solving Partnership Groups who meet regularly to tackle youth disorder in this area. A further challenge for police is substance misuse among young people and the detrimental effect it has on behaviour and impact on future offending.

What are we doing

- Weekly partnership tasking and coordination group - actions taken around repeat ASB loci and offenders
- Increased use of the Midlothian Council Mediation Service
- Antisocial Behaviour and Violent Offenders Monitoring Group (ASBVO) - a number of actions taken each meeting against high tariff ASB offenders
- ASB occurring in private and housing association tenancies are passed to the housing agency involved to ensure enforcement action is taken
- Woodburn and Bonnyrigg Problem Solving Partnerships on going and short life working group arranged to tackle ASB in Danderhall area.
- Working in partnership with youth offending and the Children's Reporter regarding a more robust use of supervision orders for youths regularly offending in the community
- Continued use of diversionary activities for young people
- Community Beat Officers/Housing officers joint visits to identified problematic premises
- Partnership work with local residential units to reduce levels of ASB from residents
- Movement and Restriction Order obtained for four recidivist young offenders resident in Midlothian.

Indicator - Reduce the number of incidents of Antisocial Behaviour reported by members of the public

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	20925	4983	4749	4.9%



Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Indicator - Increase the number of detections for drugs supply, drugs production and drugs cultivation
Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. YTD police in Midlothian detected 53 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation, which is 7 detections fewer than LYTD (-11.7%).

Reasons

Police in Midlothian detected 53 offences for drugs supply, production and cultivation YTD. 41 offences were for drugs supply and 12 offences for drug production/cultivation. Compared to LYTD police detected one more offence for drugs supply (41 compared to 40 LYTD) and 8 fewer offences for cultivation/production.

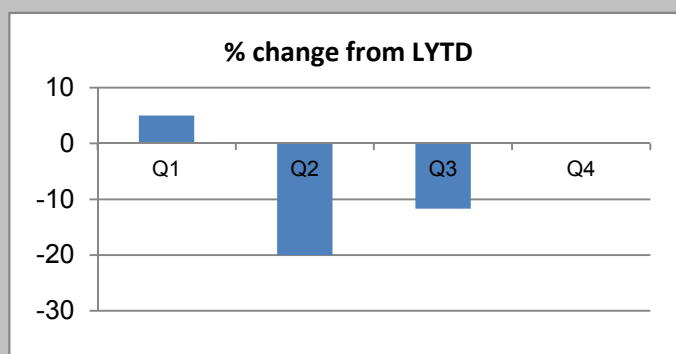
There is currently one SOCG group based in Midlothian. This network is assessed as posing a risk to the community through their involvement in dishonesty crime. Police are actively targeting the group under Operation Bistra and a number of arrests have been made.

What are we doing

- Information sharing protocol is now in place to carry out Landlord Registration checks in order to identify potential money laundering
- Operation Sandrone now in place to actively pursue any intelligence relating to drug supply/misuse by children and young people
- Joint Police and Trading Standards work continues in relation to New Psychoactive Substances in our area
- Operation Borah targeting suspected cannabis cultivations
- Midlothian Council Integrity group now have an action plan and joint work well underway.
- A local day of action is planned for early 2017 to tackle drugs misuse in Midlothian.
- Three local secondary schools looking to introduce Fearless (junior Crimestoppers) into their schools in an effort to harness intelligence of drug dealing amongst our younger members of the community.

Indicator - Increase the number of detections for drugs supply, drugs production and drugs cultivation

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	261	53	60	-11.7%



Priority 6 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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

Target - increase from LYTD

Current situation

On target. YTD police seized £176,670.46 in cash and NET assets from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act. This is an increase from LYTD (£21,984.87).

Reasons

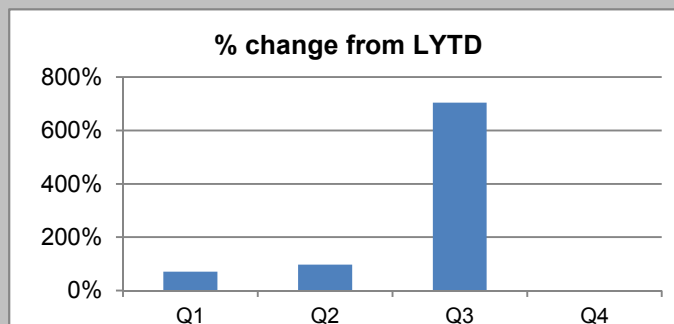
Between April and December YTD there were five cash seizures within the Midlothian area, totalling £10,467.39, and four NET assets seized totalling £166,203.07. LYTD there were two cash seizures and two NET assets seized. The value of cash seizures and NET assets seized LYTD was £21,984.87 (5 seizures). Cash and NET seizures made in Midlothian accounted for a third (33.6%) of all cash and NET seizures across the Division YTD.

What are we doing

- Police Scotland continue efforts to identify and assess the scale and impact of serious organised crime, and to manage the threat posed by those SOCGs involved in Midlothian.
- Information sharing protocol is now in place to carry out Landlord Registration checks in order to identify potential money laundering
- Joint plan in place with Midlothian Council to tackle SOCG
- Financial Investigator allocated to Lothian and Scottish Borders Division to assist in financial investigations

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	£525,690	£176,670	£21,985	704.0%



Priority 7 – Reducing Housebreaking

Indicator -Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking at domestic properties

Target - reduce from LYTD

Current situation

Off target. Police recorded 124 domestic housebreakings (incl attempts) YTD, up from 112 LYTD.

Reasons

Housebreaking to domestic properties continues to be a challenge for Police in Midlothian with 124 recorded break-ins YTD, up 10.7% from LYTD total of 112 crimes. The 3-year average for 2013/14 - 2015/16 was 94.

On a positive note, the percentage of successful housebreakings (in that the offender overcame security and accessed the property), decreased YTD compared to the PYTD, from 75.9% in 2015/16 to 71.0% in 2016/17. In a higher percentage of housebreakings the offender failed to overcome security (29.0% YTD were attempts compared to 24.1% LYTD). This is likely in part due to increased crime prevention messages through local social media and road shows.

A recidivist group of young males continue to commit high numbers of housebreakings throughout the Midlothian area and dedicated police resources are being directed to this SOCG under the banner Operation Bistra.

What are we doing

- Police continue to gather intelligence and deploy resources to housebreakings under Operation Greenbay and Operation Bistra. A team of officers are dedicated to Operation Bistra preventing and detecting housebreaking across Midlothian. A number of tactics are being used (including movement restriction orders for known young offenders), proactive bail/curfew checks on offenders, and a number of arrests have been made including three young males charged with multiple crimes of dishonesty including housebreakings to homes and sheds/garages.

- Midlothian Community Safety Partnership and Police Scotland are raising awareness of crime prevention by informing local residents about the best ways to help eradicate the ongoing threat of housebreakings – under the banner Lock Down Crime in Midlothian which was formally launched in November. A number of road show events have taken place and home security kits (containing a property marking DNA kit and shed alarm) are available to purchase from Police Scotland at the road shows.

Other tactics include:

- General crime prevention advice is given by recording officers at victims of domestic housebreakings. More detailed crime prevention surveys are offered to victims of domestic housebreaking who appear vulnerable or who are repeat victims.

- Increase in the use of social media by Community Policing Sgts in promotion of home security and personal safety advice

- Consideration for action taken at the ASBVO where stolen property is detected in Council or social housing tenancies where tenant was convicted of housebreaking in the vicinity of their tenancy

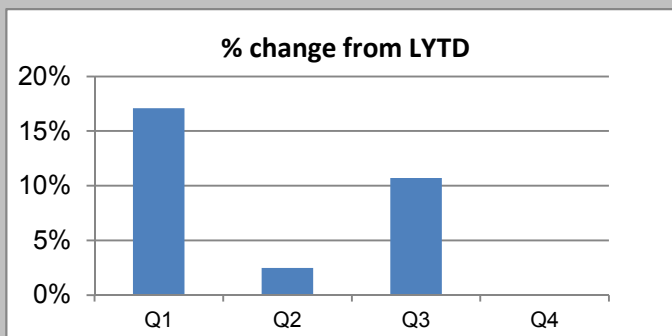
- Housing officers have been educated around the reporting of intelligence to Police (e.g. gardening tools stored within a flat without a garden)

- Deployment of plain clothed officers in problematic areas

- Introduction of a crime car, joint initiative between local and road policing officers with a key priority of disrupting and detecting housebreaking.

Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking at domestic properties

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	428	124	112	10.7%



Priority 7 – Reducing Housebreaking

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

Current situation

Off target. The detection rate for crimes of domestic housebreaking YTD is 38.7%, below LYTD total of 46.4%.

Reasons

Despite high levels of housebreaking police continue to make arrests with well over one third of domestic housebreakings detected YTD. Despite a reduction compared to LYTD (46.4%) the detection rate is above the three-year average of 35.9%. The Midlothian detection rate is also above the average for Lothian and Scottish Borders Division (34.3%, 428 recorded, 147 detected).

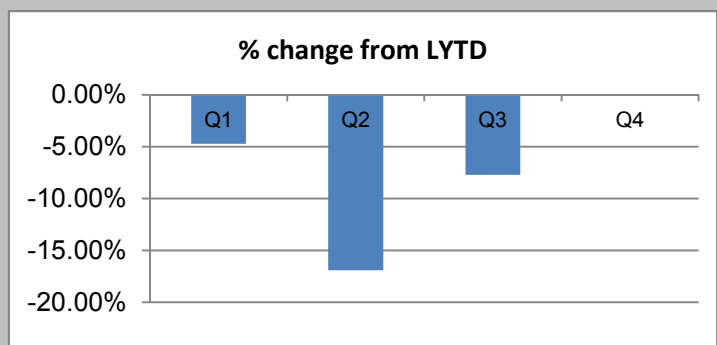
YTD 42 individuals have been charged with a domestic housebreaking offence committed in Midlothian with details passed by police to Midlothian Council Community Safety Team for follow up enforcement action.

What are we doing

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

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

Force YTD	Divis'n YTD	ML YTD	ML LYTD	ML Change
N/A	34.3%	38.7%	46.4%	-7.7%



Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police:

In September 2014 the Professional Standards Department introduced a change in process for streamlining the handling, investigation and response to all complaints about the police. As a result, year on year comparisons are not possible.

Number of complaints - Midlothian	82
Number of complaints - J Division	402

Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	34.3
Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	37.4

	Midlothian	J Division
Total allegations recorded	117	545



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(Month - October, November & December - 2016)

ASB:

Time spent on allocated patrol relevant to tasked ASB hotspots and areas of concern (total officer hours):	1401
Party house visits	0
Number of ASBO visits	2
Number of ASBO breach calls attended	2
Number of ASBO breach charges	4
Number of youth ASB calls attended	221

Alcohol and Drug misuse

Searches:	Drugs (Persons) + ve	15
	Drugs (Persons) - ve	33
	Drugs (Houses) + ve	12
	Drugs (Houses) - ve	13
	Alcohol (Persons) + ve	6
	Alcohol (Persons) - ve	0
Alcohol Recovered:	Vodka (Bottles)	2
	Cider (Bottles/Cans)	0
	Lager (Bottles/Cans)	2
	Buckfast (Bottles)	3
	Other	2
Visits:	Number of Licensed Premises Visits (on and off sales):	82

Violent crime

Searches	Weapons + ve	0
	Weapons - ve	2
Visits	Violent offender visits	0

Crimes of dishonesty

Searches	Stolen property +ve	0
	Stolen Property -ve	3

Re-offending

Number of Bail Curfew Checks & Offenders Reported:	Bail Curfew Check + ve (traced in)	141
	Bail Curfew Check - ve (not traced)	29
	Bail Curfew SPRs submitted	15
Number of Warrant Checks & Arrests:	Warrant Checks	89
	Persons Arrested on Warrant	22
	Number of Arrests (other than warrants):	20

Supporting children at risk of harm

Number of Child Referrals (VPDs):	59
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Supporting adults at risk of harm

Number of Adult Referrals (VPDs):	10
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MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(Month - October, November & December - 2016)

Road Safety

Fixed Penalty Notices & Standard Police Reports	Number of ASB FPNs Issued (excluding RTA):	2
	Number of Road Traffic full SPRs Submitted:	8
	Number of RTA FPNs (excluding ASB):	8
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	5
Recorded Police Warnings	Number of RPWs issued	10
Breath tests	Breath Tests - negative	64
	Breath Tests - positive	3
Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	1
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	1

Community Involvement in setting and delivering outcomes

Joint communication/ engagement activities undertaken	0
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Cross cutting indicators

Full Standard Police Reports Submitted (excluding RTA and Bail Offences):	Adult	12
	Juvenile	8
Intelligence	Number of SID Intelligence Submissions:	90
Number of Incidents/ visits attended with partners:	Fire Service	5
	Ambulance Service	2
	Visits with Council staff	0
Abstracted Officer Hours (Non Core Duties):	Hours	
	%	

Additional Information & Incidents of Note

- On 5th October 2016, MCAT officers progressed information regarding Cannabis plants being present at an address in the Rosewell area. On attendance, the officers recovered evidence of Cannabis Plants being grown within the garden and thereafter searched the house with the occupiers consent. 3x Cannabis Plants, a quantity of Cocaine and Cannabis Resin were recovered. The occupier was charged and reported for production and possession offences.
- On 6th October 2015, MCAT officers executed a search under the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in the Penicuik area. A quantity of Diamorphine (Heroin) was recovered with an estimated street value of £1200. 3x persons were detained, charged and reported for being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. They were held in Police custody to appear in court.
- On 8th October 2016, MCAT officers received information regarding the presence of a Cannabis Cultivation within an address at North Middleton, Gorebridge. A search warrant was obtained and 5x Cannabis plants recovered. The occupier was traced and admitted producing the Cannabis and was charged with Production offences.
- On 8th October 2016, MCAT officer conducted a Road Traffic stop in a vehicle of interest, being driven by a recidivist offender. The officers immediately detected a strong smell of Cannabis within the vehicle and the driver and passenger were detained and searched. A quantity of Cannabis, Cash and paraphernalia associated with drugs supply was recovered. Both parties were conveyed to Police custody, where, a further search recovered a quantity of Cocaine and a crystal substance believed to be MDMA. A subsequent house search resulted in the recovery of more crystal substance, paraphernalia and a significant quantity of cash. The driver of the vehicle was charged and reported for the supply of Cannabis and Cocaine (Further enquiry is being conducted regarding the possible MDMA).
- On 13th October 2016, MCAT officers conducted a Road Traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by a known offender. Police checks revealed the driver to have no driving licence, insurance or MOT certification for the vehicle or a valid VEL. The driver was charged with these offences and reported. The vehicle was seized under Section 165 Road Traffic Act 1988
- On 15th and 16th October 2016, MCAT officers conducted locus protection duty and community re-assurance patrols following the death of a local teenager.
- On 17th October 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs act at an address in Loanhead. A quantity of Cocaine, Cannabis, Cash and paraphernalia associated with drug supply was recovered. Further enquiry is being conducted into supply offences.

- On 31st October 2016, MCAT officers traced and arrested a recidivist offender for breaching set bail conditions and on 3x outstanding arrest warrants.
- During the Month of October 2016, MCAT officers conducted foot and mobile patrols, including plain clothes aimed at tackling significant Youth anti-social behaviour in Dalkeith town centre. This resulted in identification of several ringleaders, arrests and charges for various offences.
- On 3rd November 2016, following a protracted enquiry, a resident from the Bonnyrigg area was charged and reported for breaching an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) following reports of loud music being played within their residence over a period of time.
- On 5th November 2016, MCAT officers were dedicated to the Halloween and Guy Fawkes campaign 2016. Officers attended and conducted Hi-Vis patrols at organised fireworks/bonfire events in Bonnyrigg and Mayfield, providing re-assurance and deterring ASB.
- On 6th November 2016, MCAT officers attended an address in Dalkeith to carry out a bail compliance check. As they approached the address, they observed the subject seated within a car, in obvious breach of their conditions. They were arrested and searched and found in possession of an amount of controlled drugs. They were reported from Police custody.
- On 6th November 2016, MCAT officers conducting foot patrols in the area of Birkenside, Gorebridge traced and arrested a recidivist offender for a breach of bail curfew. They were reported from Police custody.
- On 6th November 2016, following a protracted investigation, MCAT officers identified person (s) responsible for the Theft of German tourist motorcycles the previous summer. An incident that was well publicised at the time. 1x Person has been charged and reported to date and the investigation is continuing.
- On 8th November 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs act at an address in the Mayfield area. A quantity of drugs and counterfeit cigarettes were recovered. The occupier has been charged and reported for possession and offences under the Trademark Act 1994.
- On 10th November 2016, following protracted enquiry, MCAT officers identified, traced and charged 2x local youths in relation to incidents of Fire-raising in the Loanhead and Straiton retail park areas. They were reported via the Youth Justice officer.
- On 17th November 2016, MCAT officers executed a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs act 1971 at an address in Penicuik. A quantity of class A drugs were recovered and enquiry is being conducted to prove charges of supply against the occupier.
- On 3rd December 2016, following a spate of Housebreaking's in the local area, MCAT officers were tasked with the interviews and enquiry following 3 persons being brought into custody. 1x persons was charged and reported for Housebreaking, Theft motor vehicle and Road Traffic offences. Further

investigation was made into the incidents and a number of positive lines of enquiry identified.

- On 3rd December 2016, MCAT officers observed an unmarked quad bike being driven in the Dalkeith area. The driver made off from Police and following a short foot chase was apprehended. The driver was charged and reported for a number of Road Traffic offences and the vehicle seized.
- On 7th December 2016, following enquiry, MCAT officers identified and traced a local youth responsible for a hate crime at a local shop premises. They were charged and reported via the Youth Justice officer.
- On 7th December 2016, MCAT officers traced and arrested a recidivist offender on an outstanding arrest warrant. They were also charged and reported for breach of bail curfew offences.
- On 10th December 2016, MCAT officers traced a well-known violent offender who was arrested on an outstanding petition arrest warrant.
- On 11th December 2016, MCAT officers noted a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner in the Dalkeith area and stopped the vehicle. The driver was found to be well over the legal drink/drive limit and was charged and reported for relevant offences.
- On 14th December 2016, MCAT officers conducted a static road safety checks in the areas of Auchendinny, Bilston and Roslin. A number of drivers were warned regarding their speed and 2x drivers were reported for speeding offences.
- Between 15th and 18th December 2016, numerous calls were received in the Mayfield area regarding an off road motorcycle being driven erratically. MCAT officers conducted enquiries and identified the driver, tracing and seizing the offending vehicle and reporting the driver for various road traffic offences.
- On 24th December 2016, MCAT officers observed a vehicle being driven with no listed insurance. The vehicle made off from officers, who, identified and traced the driver a short time later. The driver was charged with numerous road traffic offences and the vehicle seized.

Appendix

CPTM VISION & ACTIVITIES

Vision

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

Activities

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