

Scottish Borders



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REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 2014 to June 2014

Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board

Performance Update 01/04/14 – 30/06/2014					
		YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	Source	% Change
1	Detection Rate: Group 1 – 5	55.6%	52.3%	ScOMIS	-3.3%
Priority 1 – Protecting People					
2	Increase the number of Adult at Risk Referrals made to partner agencies	352	525	ScOMIS	+ 49.1%
3	Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse initial checks are conducted within 24 hours	97.6%	100%	ScOMIS	+ 2.4%
Priority 2 - Reducing Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour					
4	Reduce the levels of common assaults	246	203	ScOMIS	-17.5%
5	Reduce the number of Antisocial Behaviour incidents	1304	1431	ScOMIS	+ 9.7%
6	Increase the reporting of Hate Crime	19	18	ScOMIS	-5.3%
Priority 3 – Tackling Substance Misuse					
7	Increase the proportion of positive stop and searches for drugs	26.3%	25.4%	ScOMIS	-0.9%
8	Increase the number of licensed premise visits	637	476	Local Licensing	-25.3%
Priority 4 – Making our Roads Safer					
9	Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads	20	31	ScOMIS	+55.0%
	People Killed	1	3	ScOMIS	+200%
	People Seriously injured	19	28	ScOMIS	+47.4%
	Children Killed/Seriously Injured	1	0	ScOMIS	-100%
Priority 5 – Tackling Serious and Organised Crime					
10	Increase the number of cash seizures and restraints through POCA				
	Cash Seizures under POCA	£2419.74	£0.00	FIU	-£2419.74
	Assets referred for Restraint	£17,767	£1,252,000	FIU	£1,234,233
11	Increase the number of people detected for drug supply	17	11	ScOMIS	-35.3%
Priority 6 – Tackling Acquisitive Crime					
12	Reduce the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses	28	28	ScOMIS	-
13	Reduce the number of thefts of motor vehicles	23	21	ScOMIS	-8.7%

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1	It is disappointing to note a drop in the detection rate, however we are confident that this will improve as the year progresses. What is pleasing to note is that we have 55 fewer crimes this year to date (2013/14 – 808 Crimes, 2014/2015 – 753 crimes) and we will continue to work hard on preventing crime throughout the year to ensure this trend continues.																								
2	A new Vulnerable Persons Database was implemented on the 26 th of March 2014 and this will have played a significant part in the increase seen over this period. This was introduced to ensure all vulnerabilities are identified and addressed at the earliest opportunity, thereby providing those most at risk with adequate support.																								
3	Extremely pleasing to note that all checks have been complied with.																								
4	A very positive picture and pleasing to note that serious violent crime is also down on the same period last year.																								
5	Figure is up 127 incidents on the same period last year. The main factors behind this increase relate to social media/communication disputes (up 27%), drinking in public (up 22%) and general noise (up 26%). There is little doubt that the prolonged spell of good weather has had an effect on these figures, and this coupled with a continued drop in ASB over a five year period play a part in the percentage rise being recorded.																								
6	<p>It is pleasing to note we have fewer recorded victims of hate crime, however we will continue to increase the confidence in reporting this type of crime with our minority groups throughout the Scottish Borders.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Prejudice type</th> <th style="text-align: center;">13/14</th> <th style="text-align: center;">14/15</th> <th style="text-align: center;">+/-</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Race</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homophobic</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transgender</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religious Hatred</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ 2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Race – Pleasing to note the drop in reported crimes. There was one repeat victim (previous years incident). No incidents are connected and no patterns or areas of concern emerging.</p> <p>Religious Hatred – Both low level incidents (unlinked) involving sectarian comments.</p> <p>Homophobic – 2 Incidents relate to a juvenile making derogatory homophobic remarks towards a youth. Other incidents isolated and unrelated.</p> <p>Disability – Isolated incident involving verbal abuse towards an adult male with learning difficulties and registered disabled.</p> <p>In addition, we have four reports (two via remote reporting) of hate incidents. These are incidents that the complainer perceives to have a hate element attached to them but are not crimes. Two of these were transgender related (same complainer) and one homophobic and disability related incident.</p>	Prejudice type	13/14	14/15	+/-	Race	15	11	- 4	Homophobic	2	4	+ 2	Transgender	1	0	- 1	Disability	1	1	-	Religious Hatred	0	2	+ 2
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7	<p>Figures very comparable with last year and continues to show that we are adopting an intelligence led approach.</p>
8	<p>While the figures show a significant decrease in the number of visits this year to date, this is largely due to the real drive and focus of this activity last year. What is pleasing to note is the fact that the Borders have very rarely had a licensed premise that has been deemed problematic and this is down to the excellent working relationships that have been forged over the last year and the diligent management of premises by licensees and their staff.</p>
9	<p>Following a very successful year in 2013/14, it has been a particularly challenging and disappointing start to the current year. There has been a rise of 11 KSI's with one accident alone accounting for five of these.</p> <p>Analytical work is carried out to establish any trends or "hot spots" with the only trend identified being the high volume of motorcyclists (14) that are involved in these figures. Again the prolonged period of good weather and attractive Borders roads has seen a large increase in both motor and pedal cyclists this year. The Borders benefits from additional motorcyclist support to patrol popular routes over the summer months and a targeted patrol matrix is in place for Road Policing officers on identified routes in an effort to reduce the number of accidents.</p>
10	<p>It is very pleasing to note the value of assets referred for restraint. This is a very complex and time consuming process, however it is extremely gratifying when positive results are achieved.</p>
11	<p>Whilst the number of people detected has dropped, there have been a several good detections regarding cannabis cultivations in the area.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to raise awareness within our communities on the dangers of New Psychoactive Substances (Legal Highs) and intelligence led enforcement activity will continue to take place over the coming months to disrupt the supply of drugs within our communities.</p>
12	<p>There is a lot of work ongoing both locally and nationally through our dedicated team of officers under the banner of Op RAC.</p> <p>This Operation has received a lot of media attention and it is hoped that members of the community will be vigilant and report suspicious activity or come forward with information relating to such crimes.</p>
13	<p>A pleasing first quarter that saw the arrests of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) from the West Coast who actively targeted rural farm locations for 4 x 4's and quad bikes.</p> <p>We have developed a strong working relationship with the NFU in order to pass on information and crime prevention advice on such matters.</p>