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## POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST, 2015

A MEETING of the POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HQ, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS, MELROSE TD6 0SA on FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST, 2015 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,  
21 August 2015

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4.	<b>Minute.</b> (Pages 1 - 8)  Consider Minute of meeting held on 15 May 2015. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
5.	<b>Progress Reports. Consider progress reports from:-</b>	60 mins
	(a) <b>Police - Supt. Angus MacInnes (Copy attached.)</b> (Pages 9 - 26)	
	(b) <b>Fire &amp; Rescue - LSO Alasdair Perry (Copy attached.)</b> (Pages 27 - 50)	
	(c) <b>Safer Communities - Safer Communities Team Manager, Chief Inspector Paula Clark (Copy attached.)</b> (Pages 51 - 60)	
6.	<b>Presentation - Coastguard Service - Impact on Berwickshire Coast.</b>  Robbie Robertson, Area Commander and Joe Mitchell, Senior Coastal Operations Officer, HM Coastguard.	20 mins
7.	<b>Updates on Consolidation and Sustainability. Updates from:-</b>	20 mins
	(a) <b>Supt. Angus MacInnes (Police); and</b>	
	(b) <b>LSO Alasdair Perry (Fire &amp; Rescue) (Copy attached.)</b> (Pages 61 - 62)	
8.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated.</b>	
9.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent</b>	

10.	<b>Dates of Future Meetings.</b>	
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**NOTES**

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors D. Moffat (Chairman), S. Aitchison, B. Herd, A. Nicol. R. Stewart, G. Turnbull, Vacancy.  
J. Raine, NHS Borders; J. Mulloy, Scottish Borders Housing Network; F. Young, Lothian & Borders Community Justice Authority; G. Higgs, Voluntary Sector; H. Walzl, Business Sector.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD**

MINUTE of MEETING of the  
POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND  
SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD  
held in the Council Headquarters,  
Newtown St. Boswells on Friday, 15  
May 2015 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors D. Moffat (Chairman), B Herd, A. Nicol, R. Stewart, G. Turnbull, Mr G. Higgs, Voluntary Sector,  
Apologies: Councillor S. Aitchison, Mr H. Waihl, A. Perry, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Ms F. Young, Lothian & Borders Community Justice Authority.  
In Attendance: Chief Superintendent G. Imery, Police Scotland; Chief Inspector A. McLean, Police Scotland; Chief Inspector P. Clark, Safer Communities Team Manager, Mr P. Rooney, Scottish Police Authority, Group Manager A. Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Inspector J. Scott, Safer Communities Team; Mr D. Cressey (Service Director Strategy and Policy) Mr D. Scott, Senior Policy Adviser SBC, Ms S Smith, Communities & Partnership Manager, SBC; K. Mason, Democratic Services Officer.

**WELCOME**

1. The Chairman extended a welcome to those present.

**MINUTE**

2. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 13 February 2015.

**DECISION**

**APPROVED the Minute.**

**MATTERS ARISING**

3. (a) With reference to paragraph 5 (b)(i) of the Minute, Chief Inspector McLean advised that ages were not recorded in relation to the statistics for older people in the age hate crime category.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

- (b) With reference to paragraph 5(b)(ii) of the Minute, Inspector Scott advised that the flyer relating to SB Alert had been issued to Members.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

- (c) With reference to paragraph 7(b) of the Minute, Mr Scott advised that a representative from the Ambulance Service would be invited to a future meeting to give a presentation on their operations and how they linked in with Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue Service and the NHS.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (d) With reference to paragraph 11(a) of the Minute, Chief Supt Imery advised that it was difficult to quantify the contribution of CCTV to criminal proceedings, and to the wider prevention of crime and community reassurance. Criminal Justice colleagues confirmed that the highest volume of productions, i.e. evidence for court, came from CCTV recorded evidence, and it was a fundamental tool for all investigating officers. One of the first actions on all crime reports was to confirm that CCTV had been checked. There was no central monitoring facility for CCTV in the Scottish Borders, and officers interrogated systems locally to glean evidence for criminal cases. There was such a centralised monitoring facility in Edinburgh, and the data collated there gave an indication of the value of CCTV. Over the calendar year 2014, the central monitoring facility logged 15,255 incidents, and monitored 1,618 arrests, 860 of which resulted directly through the actions of the central monitoring facility. The facility received 4,389 requests from officers to view CCTV, and prepared 1,654 court and further enquiry packages. No figures were available from the Crown and Procurator Fiscal Service to show the number of convictions resulting from CCTV evidence. It was a fact that criminal proceedings had been taken against offenders in cases of serious violence where the victim was unwilling to report the crime, but where the offender and his/her actions could be seen on CCTV. Most commonly, the CCTV formed part of the evidence in a case, and could lead to an offender pleading guilty at an early stage, saving victims and witnesses from giving evidence in court and reducing the impact on court and police time. It was noted that Members of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum had agreed that quality of life funding be used to upgrade and extend the existing CCTV system in Hawick. This was now housed in a suitable building which the Police had access to 24 X 7 by means of a punch code entry system enabling them to extract the necessary information.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (e) With reference to paragraph 12(b)(i) of the Minute, Members were advised that Councillors Moffat, Turnbull and Herd together with Mr Scott had visited Bilston Glen on 13 May 2015. The visit had been first class, and Members noted that there had been huge progress made over the last few weeks. Background information was given on the visit in relation to the operation of the centre and an updated report would be presented to the Board in 3 months' time because the establishment was not fully complemented in relation to staffing at the present time. A suggestion was made that staff from Bilston Glen attend a meeting of Council to give a power point presentation on the operation of the facility but it was agreed that a more appropriate way forward would be for an open invitation for any Councillors or colleagues, to visit Bilston Glen in person. Anyone wishing to do so should liaise with Chief Supt. Imery or Mr Scott to enable arrangements to be made for a visit. The Chairman encouraged Members to take up this offer.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (f) With reference to paragraph 12(b)(ii) of the Minute, Inspector Scott advised that a consultation with stakeholders in relation to by-laws in the Scottish Borders was ongoing. After Scottish Ministers had been consulted he would bring a report on by-laws to a future meeting.

**DECISION**

**NOTED that Inspector Scott would bring back a report on by-laws in the Scottish Borders to a future meeting.**

- (g) With reference to paragraph 12(b)(iii) Chief Supt. Imery advised that since the introduction of Police Scotland, arrangements for Diversity Lay Advisors/Community Advisors remained as they were under legacy police forces. The process was reviewed by the national Safer Communities Unit with a view to identifying existing arrangements and creating a national scheme. The Lothian and Borders Police scheme operated under an arrangement with Edinburgh City Council. On 13 April 2015 a letter was issued to Lay Advisors across Scotland, including those in the Scottish Borders, inviting them to be part of the national scheme for Community Advisors. Once all the replies were received, any gaps in specialities or geography would be identified and efforts made to recruit and train additional Advisors accordingly. In the meantime, current arrangements continued to apply.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

4. **Police**

There had been circulated copies of the Police Progress report covering the period January 2015 to March 2015. The report detailed the figures for the six Priority areas to date and compared them to the figures for the same period in 2013/14. Chief Inspector McLean highlighted key areas of the report and noted that there had been a reduction of 6.7% in the detection rate for Groups 1 – 5 crimes. He went on to detail the figures in the context of the report and noted that Adults at Risk referrals made to partner agencies had increased by 27.4%, from 1,267 to 1,614 compared to the same period in 2013/14. The number of Domestic Abuse initial checks that had been conducted within 24 hours had increased by 2.7%. Chief Inspector McLean also advised Members that the number of common assaults compared to the previous year had decreased by 15.8% and that this trend was mirrored across crimes of violence as a whole in the Scottish Borders, equating to 135 fewer victims in the area compared to the previous year. The report noted that there had been an increase of 2.2 % in the number of Antisocial Behaviour incidents. Chief Inspector McLean reported that there had been a welcome decrease of 21.8% in the reporting of hate crime compared to the same period in 2013/14. The report detailed the trends in relation to the type of prejudice and noted that incidents for Race crime had reduced from 53 to 43, Homophobic had decreased from 18 to 13, and there had been 1 report of Transgender crime and Disability crime was the same. There had been a decrease of 1 incident of Religious Hatred compared to the same reporting period last year. In relation to Stop and Searches for drugs, the report noted a decrease of 0.5% in the proportion of positive searches. It was noted that visits to Licensed Premises had reduced by 22.5% this year to date and this was mainly attributed to the focus of activity in this area in the previous year. It was encouraging that the figures in relation to making our roads safer had decreased. There had been a reduction in the number of people seriously injured from 66 to 62 and the number

of people killed in road traffic incidents had increased by 75%. The report noted that no children had been killed or seriously injured and this was extremely encouraging. Members noted that there had been an increase in the number of people detected for drug supply over the same period in 2014/15. The report identified an increase of £733,777 in the amount of Assets referred for Restraint. Both housebreakings to dwelling houses and thefts of motor vehicles had decreased by 17.3% (21 fewer victims) and 20.5% (16 fewer victims) respectively.

5. Chief Insp. Imery referred to the impact the Commonwealth Games and the Referendum had had on Police Scotland. Moving into year three of the new structure she was optimistic that local areas would have more autonomy and more bespoke Policing for different parts of the Country.
6. A request was made for statistics relating to race crimes to be split from hate crimes for eastern Europeans, and it was agreed that a breakdown of figures would be presented and embedded in future reports. In response to questions raised about tackling serious and organised crime with the assets referred for restraint, Members were advised that by the time monies went through the system all monies retained were reinvested through the Scottish Communities Budget. The Chairman advised that correspondence had been sent to the Scottish Government expressing concern in that cash seizures should be returned to local communities, it was indicated a check would be made to see if a response had come from the Scottish Government.
7. Concern was expressed in relation to the significant VAT bill facing Police Scotland and it was agreed that Councillor Turnbull, on behalf of the Board, write to Mr Mundell MP and the Chairman, Councillor Moffat to make contact with Calum Kerr MP on behalf of the Board asking that the VAT bill be abandoned.

#### **DECISION**

**(a) NOTED the report.**

**(b) AGREED that**

**(i) that figures would be presented and embedded in future reports showing a breakdown of figures for race crimes and hate crimes for eastern Europeans; and**

**(ii) a letter from Councillor Turnbull on behalf of the Board be sent to Mr Mundell MP and the Chairman to make contact with Mr Calum Kerr MP on behalf of the Board expressing concern about Police Scotland's VAT payments and for these to be discontinued.**

#### **Fire and Rescue Service**

8. There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report covering the period April 2014 to March 2015. In summarising the report, Group Manager Girrity advised that with regard to Priority 1: Reduction of Dwelling Fires, the SFRS had attended 84 dwelling fires during this reporting period, this represented a 27% decrease from the previous year. Priority 2: Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties, the report noted that there had been no fire fatalities during the quarter however 15 people had been recorded as fire related casualties, this was a 31% reduction in comparison to the same reporting period last year. Priority 3: Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting indicated an increase of twelve from the previous year and it was noted that the trend line per 10,000 head of population regarding this type of incident continued

to be well below that of the East Service Delivery area and Scotland as a whole. The main causes continued to be grass/scrubland and refuse. One incident involved serious damage to kennels at Hawick and resulted in a partnership approach to anti-social behaviour issues in that particular area. Priority 4: Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) indicated that the SFRS attended 92 incidents during the quarter; this represented a 21% increase in comparison to the same period in the previous year. There had been 40 RTC related casualties in this period; tragically this included 4 fatalities recorded in the months of November and December 2014. Priority 5 related to the Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and it was noted that there had been 215 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) during this quarter, representing an increase in 32 incidents compared to Quarter 4 in 2014. Discussions took place in regard to sheltered housing complexes and Group Manager Girrity advised that a SFRS local liaison authority officer worked closely with local crews and other partners to ensure that vulnerable persons were identified and the appropriate actions were taken.

## **DECISION**

**NOTED the report.**

### **Safer Communities**

9. There had been circulated copies of the Safer Communities Performance Report covering the period April 2014 to 31 March 2015. Inspector Scott highlighted the key points in the report and it was noted that, in respect of domestic abuse, there had been an increase in the number of reported incidents, including those to the dedicated Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS). The report also explained that the percentage of self-referrals to specialist support services had decreased compared to the same period the previous year. The report also identified an increase of 2% in the number of children on the Child Protection Register where domestic abuse had been identified as a risk factor. In relation to the homeless prevention service, there had been the first increase in the past two years. The report noted that there had been minor reduction in the number of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents. Members were advised that youth-related incidents had decreased by 178 (10.1%). Early interventions made by Anti-Social Behaviour partners resulted in an increase of 3.4% (36 cases) which demonstrated a very positive and proactive approach. There had been 6 less incidents of reported vandalism compared to the same period last year. There was a decrease of 2% in the number of alcohol-related ASB incidents. A rise of 17% in incidents involving needles/drugs paraphernalia was reported. In terms of Home Injury Prevention, the report recorded that the number of hospital admissions for people aged 75+ caused by falls had decreased by 212 (34.1%) and there were 3 less emergency hospital admissions due to a home accident of children under 5 years. The figures for road injuries remained the same compared to the same period in the previous year and no children had been killed or seriously injured in a road crash. It was noted that the number of persons killed had decreased by 1 compared to the same period last year. However there had been a 33.3% increase in the number of persons seriously injured during the same period. It was noted that the Skills for Life programme had been expanded through a pilot project to include a motorcycle training programme through the Institute of Advanced Motoring, this was launched on 4 April 2015 at Galashiels Fire Station, with 19 Scottish Borders bikers signing up to the course which was taking place during the summer.
10. Inspector Scott paid tribute to Kerr Scott who had been a real driving force in the Safer Communities Team. It was noted that six locality officers worked hand in hand in community development with pastoral support staff in education, this was embedded with a localities approach with care and social work which resulted in meetings taking place around the child in question to discuss best options for keeping the child at

school, giving the right level of intervention and support. This was now routine business for the partnership which was working well.

**MEMBER**

Councillor Nicol left the meeting.

11. In discussing figures provided for the number of hospital admissions for the over 75s, Inspector Scott advised that future reports could show a breakdown of those hospital admissions resulting from incidents within the person's home or outside the home. In referring to "highs" and reports that children as young as 12 had been admitted to hospital, Inspector Scott advised educational materials were delivered to school pupils by pastoral care staff in Schools supported by the alcohol development partnership.

**DECISION**

(a) **NOTED the report.**

(b) **AGREED**

- (i) **to record the Board's thanks to Kerr Scott for all his good work and also to the domestic abuse team; and**
- (ii) **that future reports would show a breakdown of those hospital admissions for the over 75s and whether they resulted from incidents within the person's home or outside the home.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11.20 a.m. and reconvened at 11.30 a.m.

**PRESENTATION –LOCAL POLICE PLANS AND LOCAL POLICING IN THE SCOTTSH BORDERS**

12. Chief Inspector McLean presented information on the 2015 Multi Ward Police Planning Process which included consultation with Community Councils, Area Forums and included wider engagement with communities. The results of the survey had been analysed to identify the top priorities in each multi member ward. Ward plans could be found on the Police Scotland Website under Your Community.

**DECISION**

**NOTED the presentation.**

**UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**Police Scotland**

13. Chief Supt. Imery provided a verbal update. She advised of the success in getting interim legislation for legal powers to control ingredients relating to legal highs. In the next year the Government would be looking to legislate on this matter. Officers had attended a meeting in London regarding the misuse of drugs and there was positive development nationally. She advised that PC Jamie Hood, Wildlife Crime Officer had provided figures which showed that from end of October 2014 to 1 May 2015, 24 incidents fell into category of wild life crime, the biggest proportion of which related to deer, hare coursing and poaching. There was a national focus on wild life crime and rural crime and this Division was the first in Scotland to establish a forum chaired by a Detective Superintendent. The Board would be provided with updates as time progressed. The Police were continuing to experience budgetary constraints and VAT issue had already been

referred to. There was a significant saving to be made this financial year. Police estate was being looked at across Scotland to ascertain what buildings the previous forces had and what properties could be identified for release or for sharing with partner agencies. This exercise would not be conducted solely by Police Scotland but in partnership with Councils and key partners to make better use of estate, although the first property was to make services more accessible to the public.

14. Chief Supt. Imery referred to some negative press publicity given to Police Scotland and advised she was not picking up public concerns about the service the local community was receiving. She advised whatever was written in the papers, local Police were keen to listen and do their best to address any concerns. Priorities for the year going forward had been agreed and included areas such as early intervention to avert escalation of criminal behaviour. An operation was on going with colleagues in Edinburgh seeking to deal with the phenomenon of people stealing car keys from hall tables after having identified houses with high performance vehicles, a day of action had taken place recently and some of the crimes relating to stolen vehicles, including two from this area, had been solved.
15. A request was made for the Police Wildlife Officer to attend meetings of two Community Councils in the Hawick area to discuss the problems of hare coursing but it was noted that updates of wildlife crime would be received at future meetings of the Board.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the report.**

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

16. Group Manager Girrity advised on forthcoming board engagement events and advised that invitations would be issued for the Board meeting on 28 May 2015. Unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) were a significant issue across Scotland and a project team was being initiated to investigate the situation. The Service adopted an incremental approach to UFAS incidents with an emphasis placed on working with repeat offenders in order to educate and reduce reoccurrence. A specialist appliance review implementation group had been established. He had attended one meeting, the next was scheduled to be held on 26 May 2015 to discuss changes coming into line in the next one to three years and he would keep the Board updated on progress. As Incident Commander he had attended a fire at the Gordon Arms Hotel, Yarrow. Four appliances had been present and there had been extensive damage to the roof and upper floor because of location issues for water and high winds. No one had been injured. Investigations into the cause of the fire would take place but there was nothing so far to indicate that this had been a malicious incident. Group Manager Girrity then gave information into current staffing levels in the Borders. Invitations would be issued to a multi station exercise to be held at Floors Castle on 27 September 2015.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED.**

#### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

17. Future meetings of the Board were scheduled to take place at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on:

Friday 28 August 2015;  
Friday 13 November 2015;  
Friday 12 February 2016; and  
Friday 13 May 2016.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**URGENT BUSINESS**

18. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the items dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to keep Members informed.

**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE**

19. In regard to the situation regarding British Transport Police, Members were advised that discussions were ongoing in relation Police Scotland taking over policing of the rail network from British Transport Police and the Chairman would be kept updated.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

20. **BOARD PROGRAMME OF VISITS ETC.**

Mr D. Scott suggested that Board Members visit Hawick Fire Station. He advised that a presentation on the Coastguard Service and how it impacted on the Berwickshire Coast would be given at the next Board meeting.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

*The meeting concluded at 12.20 p.m.*

## Scrutiny Report June 2015

# Scottish Borders



*The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.*

*There may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final statistics – for example: due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, road crashes or incidents. It would not therefore be accurate or appropriate to refer to, quote or use the data in this report as official statistics.*

(figures that relate to Scottish Borders as a whole and the combined data for all Scottish Borders wards can show disparity due to date extraction and should be used to show trend only)

Abbreviations used: LYTD = Last year to date      TYTD = This Year to Date

**Priority 1 – Protecting People**  
**Indicator - Increase the number of Adult at Risk Referrals made to partner agencies**  
**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

First quarter referrals for 2015/16 are showing only a slight reduction on 2014/15 figures, 3 fewer referrals made which equates to 0.8% difference.

**Reasons**

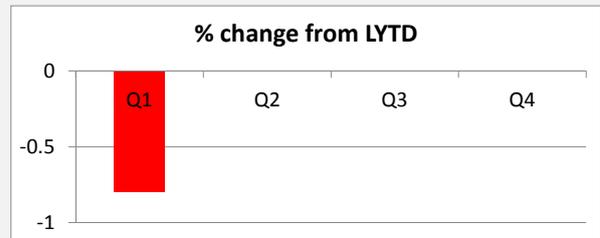
Similar performance to the same quarter last year therefore the continued awareness raising among officers to identify vulnerabilities and raise adult concern referrals is proving effective.

**What are we doing**

- The Vulnerable Persons Database (VPD) was implemented in March 2014 and is now fully established making it easier to raise a referral for adults.
- A new process is in place whereby those at risk from fire (e.g. due to age, ill health, alcohol) will be referred to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	359	362	-3



**Priority 1 – Protecting People**

**Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse Initial Checks are conducted within 24 hours**

**Target - 95%**

**Current situation**

A decrease in performance on the same time last year, but 2.1% better than target.

**Reasons**

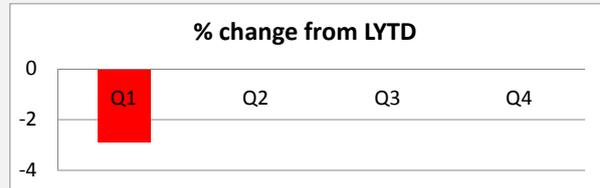
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and a disciplined process is in place between the courts and the police.

**What are we doing**

- Thorough compliance processes are in place.
- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks are undertaken.

**Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse Initial Checks are conducted within 24 hours**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
97.3	95.3	97.1	100	-2.9



**Priority 2 – Reducing Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**  
**Indicator - Reduce the levels of common assaults**  
**Target - Reduce from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A very positive picture with a 10.8% reduction in common assaults in the first quarter of 2015/16 compared to the same time period in 2014/15. This equates to 21 fewer victims.

**Reasons**

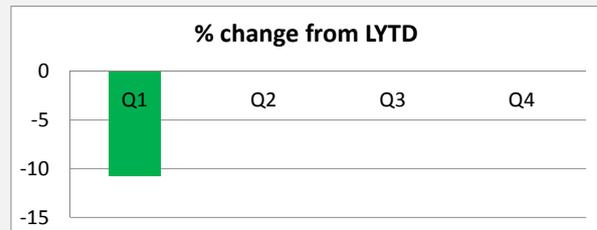
Close liaison with licensees of local festivals and promoting responsible drinking has had a positive impact and helped reduce the level of assaults in the quarter.

**What are we doing**

- "Best Bar None" has been launched in the Scottish Borders which encourages licensed premises to adopt recognised best practice in and around premises.
- Monitoring bail conditions of known offenders
- Officer development through Campaign Against Violence (CAV).

**Indicator - Reduce the levels of common assaults**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	173	194	-21



**Priority 2 - Reducing Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**  
**Indicator - Reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents**  
**Target - Reduce from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A 12.7% reduction (185 incidents) in the first quarter when compared to the same time period last year.

**Reasons**

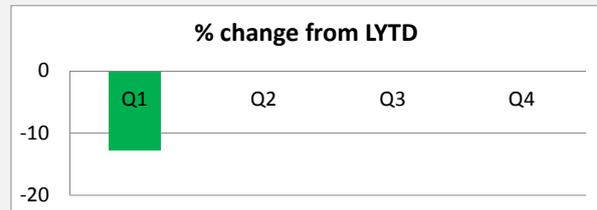
Scottish Borders continues to take a proactive multi-agency approach to combatting antisocial behaviour through early identification of potential issues and targeted interventions with individuals.

**What are we doing**

- We will continue to target individuals and locations to try and further reduce instances of antisocial behaviour through early intervention of hotspot locations leading to party house letters and formal ASB interventions.
- Expansion of diversionary projects (e.g. Rural Urban Training Scheme) gives challenging young people a positive experience and recognised skills.

**Indicator - Reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	6646	1266	1451	-185



**Priority 2 – Reducing Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**  
**Indicator - Increase the reporting of hate crime**  
**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A slight increase in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in this quarter.

**Reasons**

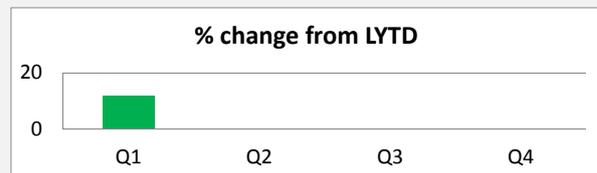
Race related hate crime continues to be the most frequent type of hate crime recorded. This quarter there have been 12 reported racial crimes with 3 repeat victims, each reporting 2 offences.

**What are we doing**

- We will continue to increase the confidence in reporting this type of crime with our minority groups throughout the Scottish Borders.
- A Hate Crime Month is commenced on 17th August 2015 to raise awareness of hate crime and provide signposting to ways to report.
- Development of the Keep Safe scheme with an initial focus on learning disability.
- Migrant worker engagement events are planned.

**Indicator: Increase the reporting of hate crime**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	19	17	2



**Priority 3 - Tackling Substance Misuse**  
**Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop and searches for drugs**  
**Target - increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

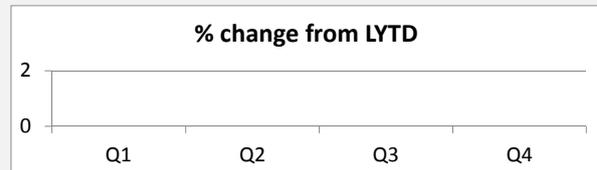
Police Scotland is undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search database that went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is still ongoing and data collected will appear in later reports.

**Reasons**

**What are we doing**

**Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop and searches for drugs**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



**Priority 3 - Tackling Substance Misuse**  
**Indicator - Increase the number of licensed premise visits**  
**Target - increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A 6.1% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equates to 29 fewer visits.

**Reasons**

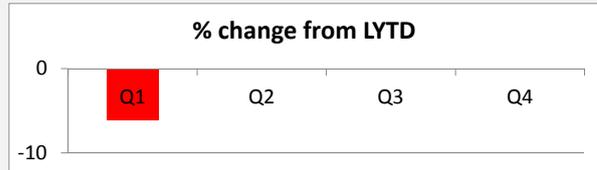
- On a positive note we have no problematic premises which would incur regular visits due to the excellent working relationship between Police, the trade and partner agencies.
- An area for improvement is that receiving returns from officers can be challenging and the actual number of licensed premise visits may be higher than recorded figures suggest.

**What are we doing**

- Continuing to develop working relationships with the trade and partner agencies to improve premises management.
- Actively seeking accurate licensed premise visit information from officers.

**Indicator -Increase the number of licensed premise visits**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	447	476	-29



**Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer**  
**Indicator - Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads**  
**Target - Decrease from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A 50% reduction (15 fewer casualties) in the first quarter of 2015/16. The number of people killed in the first quarter of 2015/16 is 3, the same as for the first quarter of 2014/15. The number of serious injuries is significantly reduced, there have been 15 fewer seriously injured casualties compared to the same point last year. No children were killed or seriously injured in the first quarter, which is positive.

**Reasons**

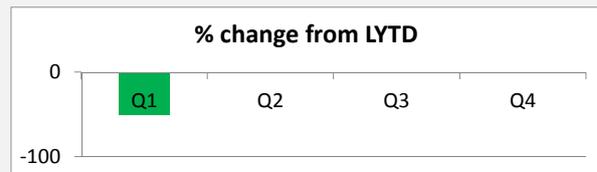
There is concern regarding the number of 17-25 year olds killed or seriously injured in the first quarter of 2015/16. There was a Fatal VA where one passenger was killed and one seriously injured in a vehicle where the driver was slightly injured. All casualties were under 25. There was also another Fatal VA where the driver of a vehicle aged under 25 was killed in a collision with a farm vehicle, the driver of the farm vehicle sustained only minor injuries but was also under 25.

**What are we doing**

- A young driver training programme "Skill for Life" is currently being rolled out. The programme aims to create positive driving behaviour in young people.
- Continuing programme of school age events including Countryside Day, Crucial crew, Safe T and Driving into the Future.
- Supporting Junior Road Safety Officers via an annual conference and ongoing school work.

**Indicator - Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	44	15	30	15



**Priority 5 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**  
**Indicator - Increase the number of cash seizures through POCA**  
**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A promising start with cash seizures exceeding the value seized at the same point last year.

**Reasons**

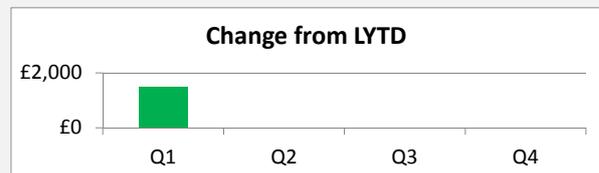
1 seizure from an individual accounting for the full amount for the quarter.

**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 Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) involved in the Scottish Borders.

**Indicator - Increase the number of cash seizures through POCA**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	£30,174	£2,898	£1,398	£1,500



**Priority 5 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**  
**Indicator - Increase the number of assets referred for restraint through POCA**  
**Target - increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A promising start to the year with £105,025 in assets referred for restraint in the first quarter.

**Reasons**

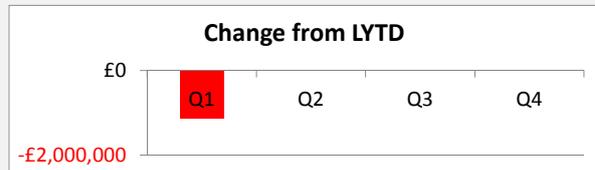
In early 201/15 there was a significant asset referral made and it will be challenging to match this total in the current year.

**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 Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs involved in the Scottish Borders

**Indicator - Increase the number of assets referred for restraint through POCA**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	£741,524	£105,025	£1,252,000	-£1,146,975



**Priority 5 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**  
**Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for drug supply**  
**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

It is positive to see there is a 9.1 % increase in the detections for drug supply, with 12 detected offences for drug supply.

**Reasons**

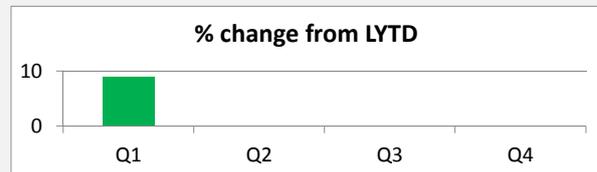
Police have made 35 arrests of SOCG nominals throughout the Lothians and the Scottish Borders YTD, up from 20 LYTD, with 64 offences recorded.

**What are we doing**

- Divisional Intelligence Unit officers are aligned to the Scottish Borders
- The intelligence led approach adopted in the Scottish Borders is producing positive results.

**Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for drug supply**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	94	12	11	1



**Priority 6 - Tackling Acquisitive Crime**  
**Indicator - Reduce the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses**  
**Target - Reduce from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A decrease in the number of housebreaking to dwellings has led to 3 fewer victims of this type of crime in the first quarter of 2015/16 when compared to the same time period in 2014/15.

**Reasons**

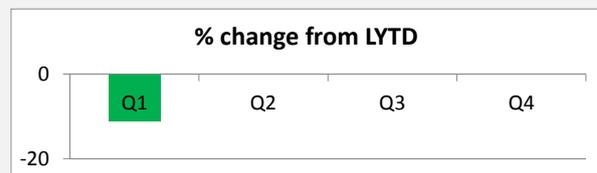
We continue to raise awareness of the need for home security and to actively pursue a programme of prevention activities.

**What are we doing**

- Successful funding bid which will result in 200 farms being visited and receiving Crime Prevention and Fire Safety advice.
- Funding is being sought for a housebreaking prevention road show.
- Farm walk and talk events are also planned to provide practical crime prevention and fire safety advice at a working farm.
- Crime prevention advice offered to all victims.

**Indicator - Reduce the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	24	27	3



**Priority 6 - Tackling Acquisitive Crime**  
**Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts of motor vehicles**  
**Target - Reduce from LYTD**

**Current situation**

A 23.8% reduction in theft of motor vehicles in the first quarter of 2015/16 which equates to 5 fewer victims of this type of crime.

**Reasons**

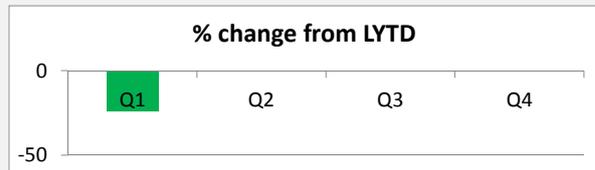
We continue to raise awareness of the need for vehicle security.

**What are we doing**

Funding is being sought for a housebreaking prevention road show which will also cover motor vehicle theft.

**Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts of motor vehicles**

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	16	21	5



## Overall Crime

Indicator - Increase the Group 1-5 Detection Rate  
Target - Increase from LYTD

### Current situation

A 1.7% increase in detection rate in this quarter compared to the same quarter in 2014, which is positive.

### Reasons

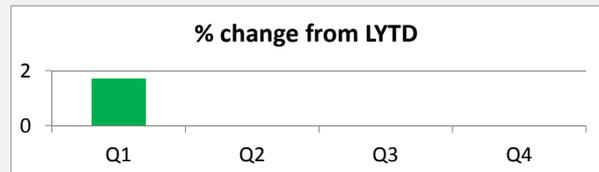
Vandalism and malicious mischief still have lower detection rates than other crime groups but the detection rate for this type of crime improved in the first quarter by 4.8% and has contributed to the overall improvement in performance.

### What are we doing

A continued drive and focus on priorities.

### Indicator - Increase the Group 1-5 detection rate

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	54.1	52.4	1.7



**Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police : YTD 2015**

Number of complaints Scottish Borders	21	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - Borders	30.8
Number of complaints J Division	101	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - J Division	31

	On duty	off duty	Quality of service allegations	Total Number of allegations
Total allegations recorded	19	0	3	22

# Scottish Borders



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**REPORTING PERIOD: April 2015 to June 2015**

## Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board

Performance Update 01/04/15 – 30/06/2015					
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	<b>Increase the reporting of Hate Crime</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	UNIFI	<b>+11.8%</b>

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**SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015-16**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date performance report from April to June 2015-16 and quarterly performance data in addition to the performance report for Prevention and Protection activities for the same period.

**2. OUTPUTS**

- 2.1 The following identifies the headline outputs from April to June 2015-16.

**Dwelling Fires**

The Fire and Rescue Service have attended 32 dwelling fires in comparison to 24 for the same YTD reporting period last year, this represents a 33% increase. Four dwelling fires were started deliberately.

Cooking continues to be the main cause of dwelling fires. Investigations highlighted that the occupier started a serious fire at Galalaw Road in Hawick, this resulted in severe damage to the top floor flat of origin and required medical intervention for the occupier.

Tyres set alight in a common stair in Galashiels was the cause of another deliberately started fire. This coincided with the spate of deliberately started fires in the Galashiels area in early June. Fortunately, no one was injured.

**Fire Casualties/Fatalities**

There was seven fire related casualties in this reporting period, this is in comparison to five for the same period last year.

During this reporting period, there was one fire fatality. This was a 62-year-old male who had been helping renovate the old village hall near Nenthorn. The cause of the fire continues to be subject to investigation. There were a further six fire casualties for this reporting period with the most seriously injured being the occupier of the flat at Galalaw Road in Hawick.

### **Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).**

There was an increase of 12 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. That said the trend line per 10,000 head of population regarding this type of incidents continues to be well below that of the East Service Delivery area and Scotland as a whole.

The ward areas of Galashiels and District and Tweeddale East showed significant increases for this period.

Further analysis showed that woodland fires and camping accounted for the majority of fires in the Tweeddale East ward. Most fires in the Galashiels District ward occurred over a five-day period with probably one or a group of individuals responsible for all. These fires ranged from tyres in a common stair to refuse and garden fences.

The deliberate fires in the Galashiels resulted in a high profile campaign by the SFRS and the Safer Communities team via local radio and social media. Local crews also carried out reassurance visits to affected areas.

### **Road Traffic Collisions**

During this YTD reporting period, the Fire and Rescue Service attended 18 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), this was in comparison to 24 we attended in the same period last year.

There have been 11 RTC related casualties in this YTD period with two fatalities. One fatality was an 18-year-old girl on the A6105 at Chirnside, the other fatality was a 47-year-old male on the Lauder to Stow road.

The Service used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on eight occasions in order to extricate casualties.

### **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**

UFAS calls consist of Equipment failure, False alarm good intent and False alarm malicious. The figure contained within the main report relates to Equipment failure only as this is the cause of the majority of UFAS incidents. The figures below represent all UFAS incidents.

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Q1, 2014-15</b>	<b>Q1, 2015-16</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	24	32	+8
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	5	7	+2
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	29	41	+12
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### **3. PREVENTION & PROTECTION**

See attached report

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board is invited to consider and otherwise to note the contents of the performance report.

**ALASDAIR PERRY**  
**Local Senior Officer**  
**Scottish Borders**  
**14<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

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# LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



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Year to Date Report, 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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## Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Scottish Borders area during the Year to Date period of 1st April to 30th June 2015-16.

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision is 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 SFRS can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for the Scottish Borders by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2013-2016 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 and our strategies for service delivery are clearly aligned to the Community Planning Structure, which supports the delivery of the Community Planning Partnership priorities and activities in the Scottish Borders. The priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan also contribute to Scottish Governments National Outcome, O9: We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in the Scottish Borders are to reduce fire deaths throughout the Scottish Borders area 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.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-2017, five objectives for the local Fire and Rescue Service to work towards have been identified for 2014-17 (listed below).

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting (not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Road Traffic Collisions
5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Area Manager Alasdair Perry, Local Senior Officer for the Scottish Borders

## 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
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	YTD
Dwelling fires	20	30	23	24	32	◆
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	11	5	1	5	7	◆
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	48	20	21	29	41	◆
Special Service - RTCs	19	11	14	24	18	●
Special Service Casualties - All	22	9	18	17	19	◆
False Alarm - Equipment failure	150	137	162	146	139	●

### 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.
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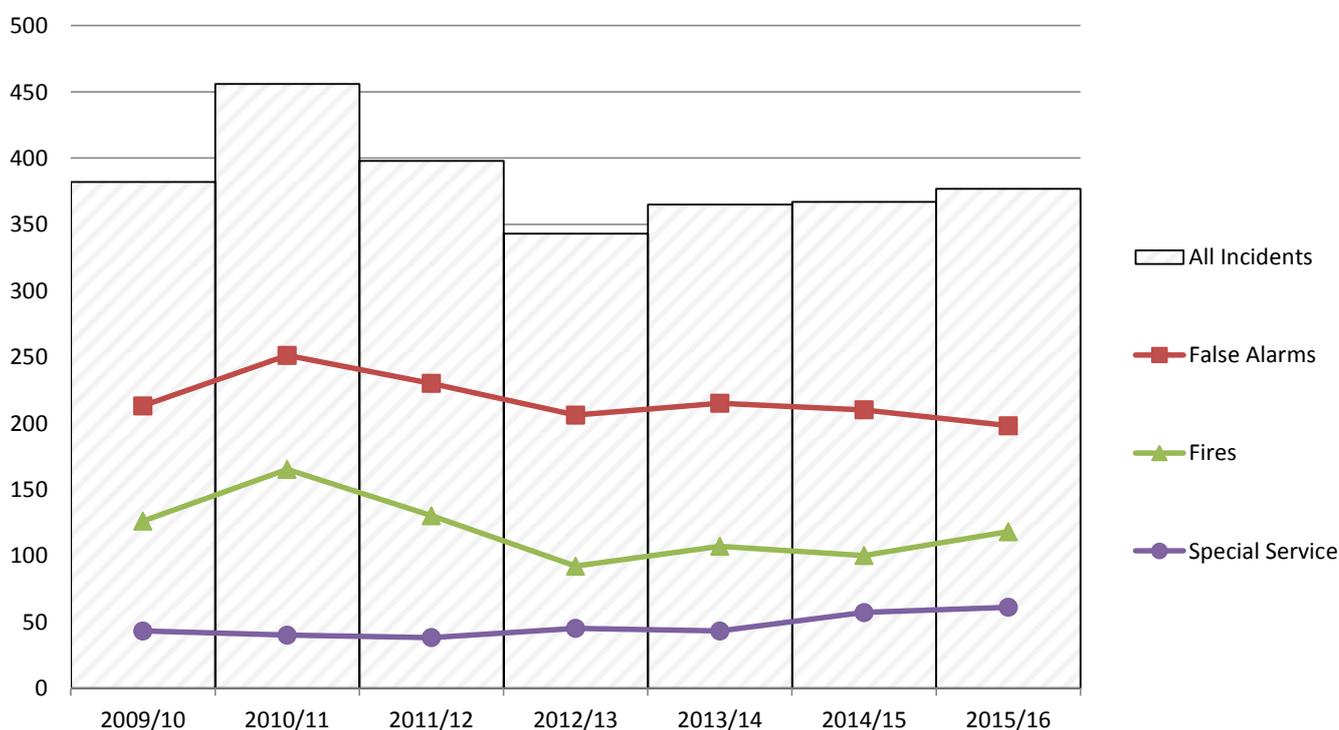
### Note

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 the previous year.

### Incident Overview

During the Year to Date period 2015-16 (April to June) the SFRS have responded to a total of 377 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is an increase of 10 compared to the same reporting period last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Scottish Borders council over the last 6 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

Our operational staff have continued to undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.

During 2015-16 all firefighters in the Scottish Borders will participate within the Maintenance Phase Development Programme. Current modules for the year to date period include incidents on Farms, Road Traffic Collisions, Marine Incidents and Health and Safety.

### Gather and analyse risk information

Our operational staff continue to gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence which is used in our preparations to resolve incidents.

We conduct Post Incident Debriefs through the use of a Structured Debrief Process to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.

### Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the Lothian and Borders Local Resilience Partnership.

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

### Deal with major events

During this reporting period the Service did not deal with incidents that can be regarded as 'Major'.

## Reduction of 'Dwelling fires'

Dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The reduction of dwelling fires, accidental or deliberate, continues to be a priority for the SFRS in the Scottish Borders. We adopt a targeted approach whilst sharing information with partners in order to drive down the risk of fire within local communities with an emphasis on those who are particularly vulnerable through age, isolation or addiction.

### Results

We will seek a year on year reduction in dwelling fires, which will contribute towards the Scottish target of a 10 % reduction, over a three-year rolling period.

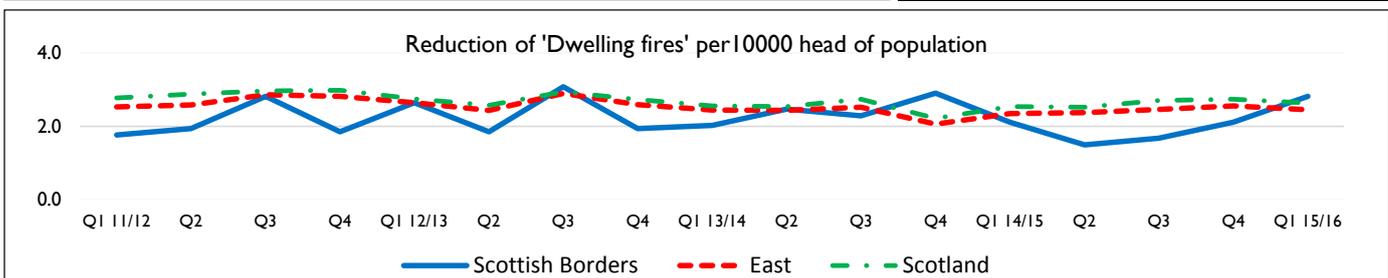
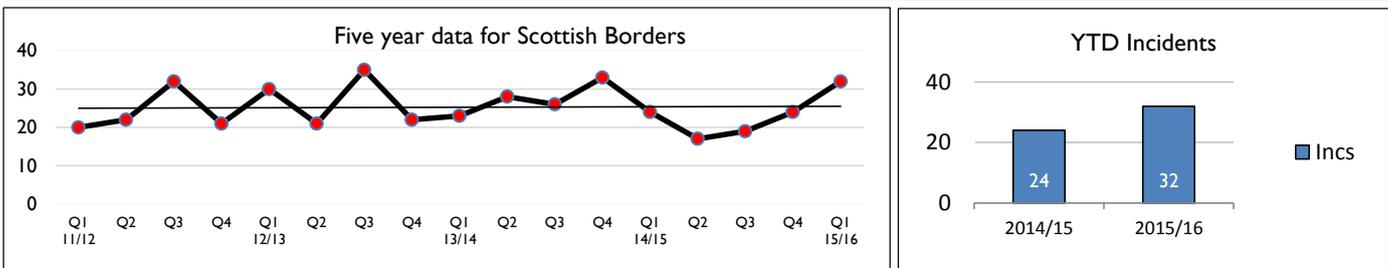
There has been a 33% increase in this type of incident compared to the same Year to Date period last year. Further analysis shows that the majority of these fires were accidental with four being recorded as deliberate.

### Reasons

Analysis of causes of dwelling fires in this Year to Date period shows that cooking continues to be the main reason for the majority of dwelling fires. Most incidents required limited intervention ranging from Breathing Apparatus being used to the fire found to be extinguished on arrival. Hawick attended a deliberately ignited fire at Galalaw Road that resulted in extensive damage to a top floor flat.

### Actions

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service conduct a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following all domestic dwelling fires. This involves fire crews offering reassurance and fire safety advice to all households within the vicinity of the incident immediately or soon after the incident. Figures relating to home fire safety visits completed can be found in the Prevention and Prevention activities report for this period.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 3	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	20	30	23	24	32	
Tweeddale West	3	2	2	2	2	
Tweeddale East	0	3	2	1	2	
Galashiels and District	3	5	5	4	6	
Selkirkshire	0	1	1	3	2	
Leaderdale and Melrose	3	3	0	3	2	
Mid Berwickshire	1	3	4	4	3	
East Berwickshire	4	2	1	2	2	
Kelso and District	2	2	5	0	3	
Jedburgh and District	1	4	1	0	3	
Hawick and Denholm	1	3	1	4	1	
Hawick and Hermitage	2	3	1	1	6	

## 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

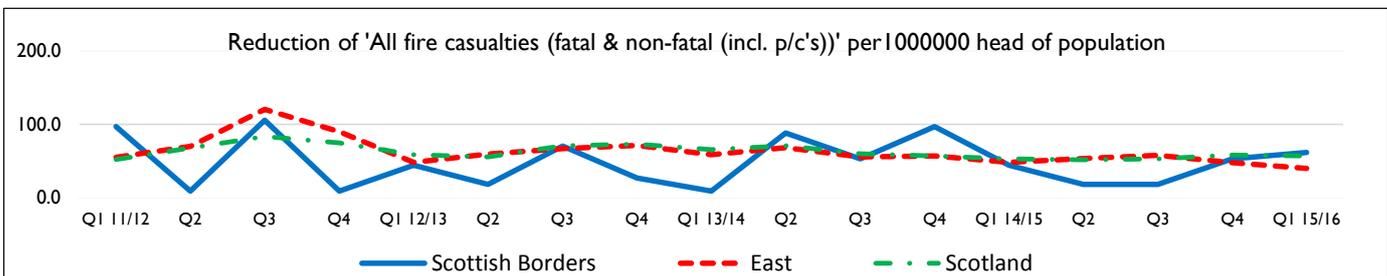
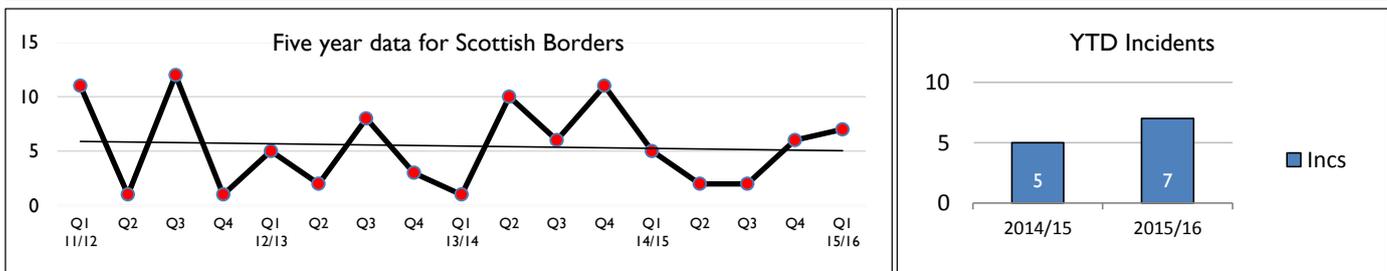
We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in the Scottish Borders year on year that contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. Unfortunately, there was one fatality and six fire related casualties in this reporting period, this is an increase of two in relation to the same period last year.

### Reasons

The fatality occurred in a non-residential building that was being renovated. One non-fatal fire casualty was a result of a fire they themselves had deliberately started. The remaining casualties suffered slight injuries due to cooking.

### Actions

SFRS will be involved in the case conference process regarding the fatality. SFRS led a case conference regarding the casualty involved in the deliberately started fire, this resulted several preventative actions in order to reduce the risk of reoccurrence. SFRS carry out post incident home safety activities after all domestic fires.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - I	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	11	5	1	5	7	
Tweeddale West	1	0	0	0	1	
Tweeddale East	0	1	0	0	0	
Galashiels and District	1	0	0	0	1	
Selkirkshire	0	0	0	0	0	
Leaderdale and Melrose	3	1	0	0	1	
Mid Berwickshire	1	1	1	3	0	
East Berwickshire	4	0	0	1	0	
Kelso and District	0	0	0	0	1	
Jedburgh and District	0	1	0	0	2	
Hawick and Denholm	0	0	0	1	1	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	0	0	0	0	

## Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting continues to be a priority for the SFRS in the Scottish Borders. Deliberate fires of this nature typically involve grassland, refuse or derelict buildings. Evidence shows that there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and anti-social behaviour.

### Results

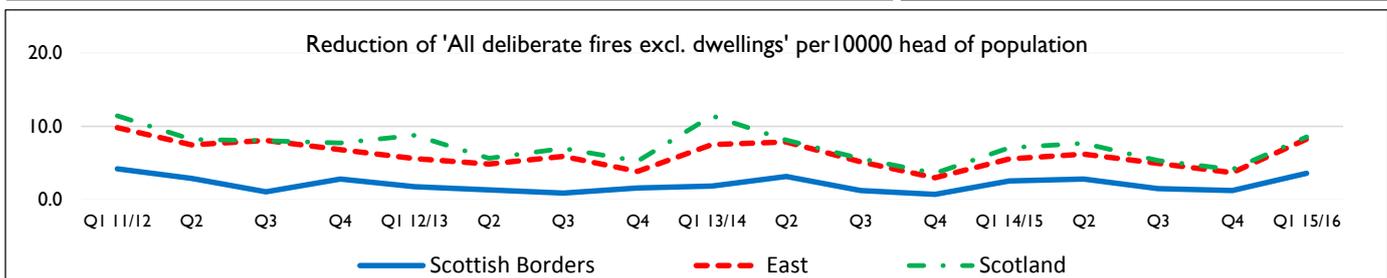
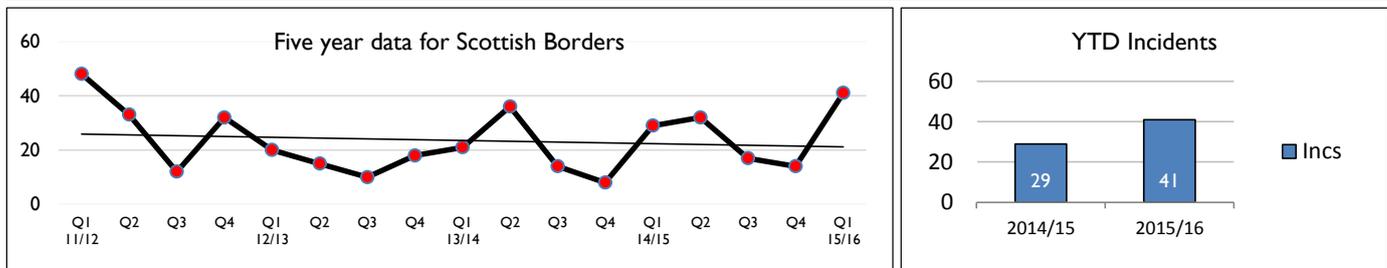
The Fire and Rescue Local Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-17 aims to continually reduce Deliberate Fire Setting against the three-year average. There have been 41 incidents of this nature in this reporting period. These figures represent a 41% increase in relation to the corresponding period last year.

### Reasons

The majority of fire setting in Tweeddale East Ward involved trees and woodland, this involved activities like camping and cooking outdoors. The high incidence of incidents at Gala were of a malicious nature and in all likelihood contributable to one or two persons.

### Actions

In relation to the incidents at Galashiels the SFRS LALO worked closely with Police Scotland colleagues in the Safer Communities team in order to raise awareness, reduce opportunities for wilful fire raising and identify the perpetrators. This involved safety messages to the community via local radio and social media as well as home safety visits in the affected areas.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 4	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	48	20	21	29	41	
Tweeddale West	6	4	0	3	4	
<b>Tweeddale East</b>	3	1	1	2	<b>11</b>	
<b>Galashiels and District</b>	11	3	4	4	<b>15</b>	
Selkirkshire	3	3	1	6	0	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	0	3	3	3	
Mid Berwickshire	5	1	1	1	0	
East Berwickshire	2	0	1	1	0	
Kelso and District	2	3	5	1	2	
Jedburgh and District	8	1	2	2	3	
Hawick and Denholm	4	3	3	4	2	
Hawick and Hermitage	2	3	0	2	1	

## Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to Road Traffic Collisions is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders in order to reduce the amount of RTC's that occur in the Scottish Borders.

### Results

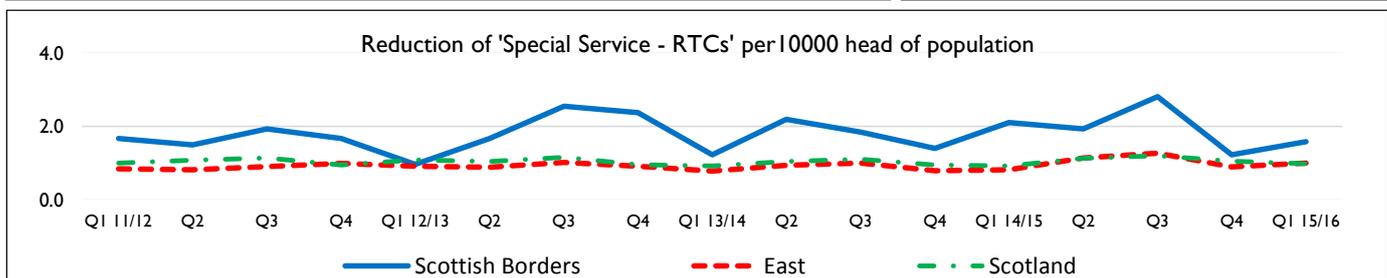
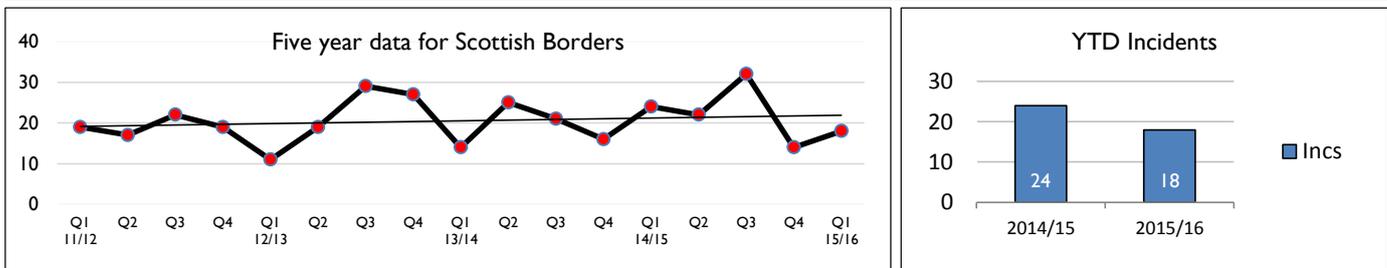
There were 18 RTC's in the Scottish Borders compared to 24 in the same reporting period last year. In total there were 11 casualties from these incidents, two were fatalities with one other classed as serious. The Service had to utilise Hydraulic Rescue Equipment to extricate persons on 8 occasions.

### Reasons

A recent change in the way the SFRS responds to RTC's can be attributed to the increase in incidents attended. In an agreement with the Scottish Ambulance Service and the Police we are now mobilised to RTC's at all times persons are involved rather than being trapped which was formerly the case.

### Actions

The SFRS are part of the Safer Communities Unit and a member of the Road Safety Working Theme Group. CAT and operational staff attend educational establishments such as schools and the Borders College to deliver inputs to young drivers regarding the consequences of RTC's. We also participate in partnership initiatives such as the Scottish Borders Young Drivers Event. Reduction of RTC's also forms part of the SFRS action plan regarding the Reducing Inequalities Group within the CPP.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	19	11	14	24	18	
Tweeddale West	4	3	2	7	2	
Tweeddale East	3	0	2	5	2	
Galashiels and District	4	1	1	3	5	
Selkirkshire	2	0	1	1	0	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	2	2	2	2	
Mid Berwickshire	2	3	2	2	2	
East Berwickshire	1	0	0	1	4	
Kelso and District	0	1	0	0	0	
Jedburgh and District	1	1	2	3	1	
Hawick and Denholm	0	0	1	0	0	
Hawick and Hermitage	0	1	1	0	0	

## Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

Unfortunately many RTC's result in injury or death to persons involved, the SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders in order to reduce the amount of RTC related Casualties and Fatalities that occur in the Scottish Borders. The figures below relate to all Non-Fire Emergency casualties although this report will only focus on casualties resulting from RTC's.

### Results

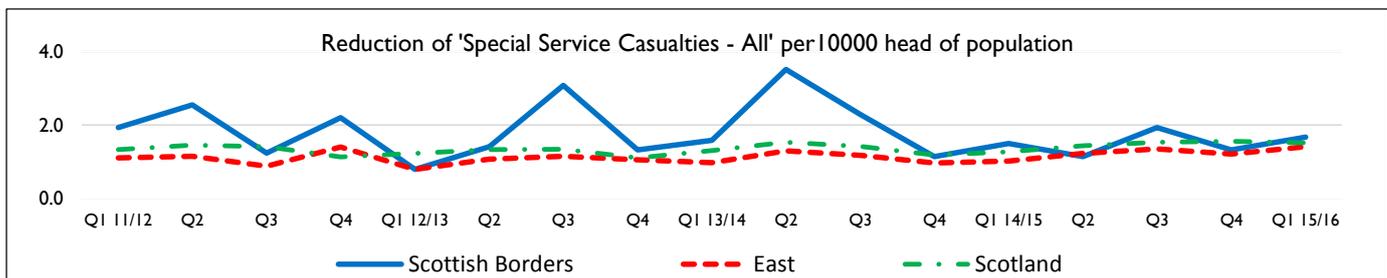
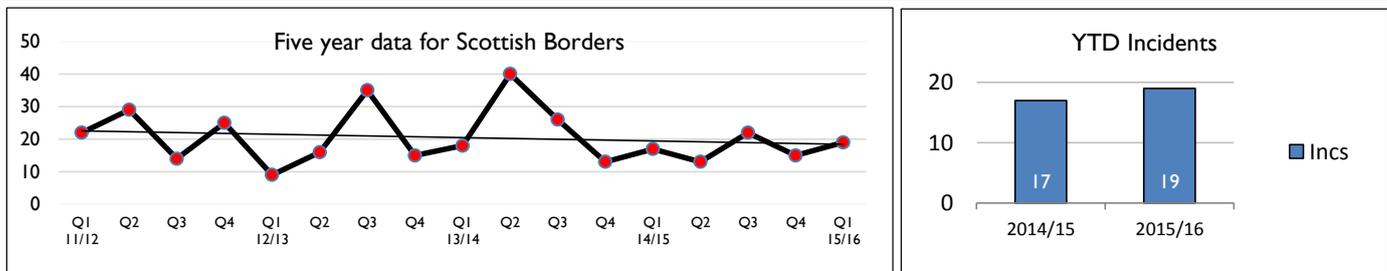
There have been 19 Non-Fire Emergency Casualties for this Year to Date period with RTC casualties accounting for 11 of these. There have been two RTC fatalities in this reporting period.

### Reasons

RTC's and related casualties and fatalities continue to be slightly above the trend line per 10,000 population in comparison to the East Service Delivery Area and Scotland as a whole. Casualties have been of varying age groups. Whilst the SFRS will offer statistics regarding RTC's, Police Scotland are the authority who deal with RTC causation.

### Actions

The SFRS can only reduce the amount of RTC related casualties and fatalities by reducing RTC's in the whole. CAT staff and operational crews participate regularly in partnership initiatives that target high risk groups with the specific aim of highlighting the potential, severe and far reaching consequences of RTC's.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	22	9	18	17	19	
Tweeddale West	6	2	0	5	2	
Tweeddale East	3	0	4	4	1	
Galashiels and District	3	1	1	0	5	
Selkirkshire	0	0	2	0	0	
Leaderdale and Melrose	3	1	2	2	3	
Mid Berwickshire	2	3	3	2	2	
East Berwickshire	3	0	1	0	3	
Kelso and District	0	0	0	0	1	
Jedburgh and District	2	1	2	3	2	
Hawick and Denholm	0	0	2	1	0	
Hawick and Hermitage	0	1	1	0	0	

## Reduction of 'False Alarm - Equipment failure'

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 something other than a fire emergency. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm signals.

### Results

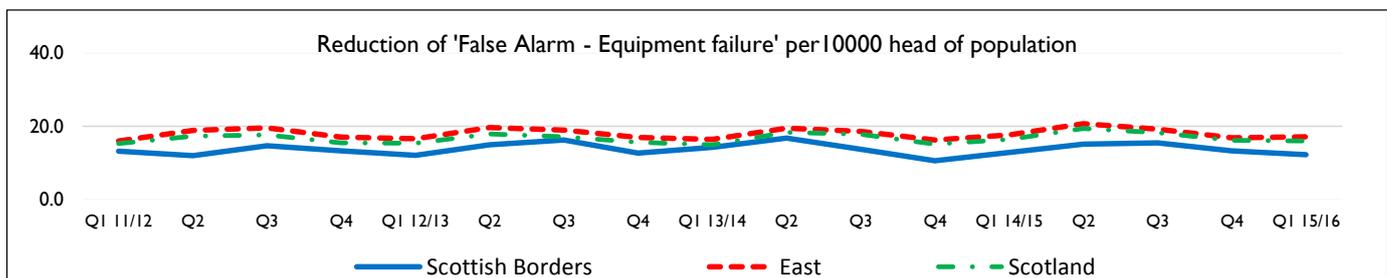
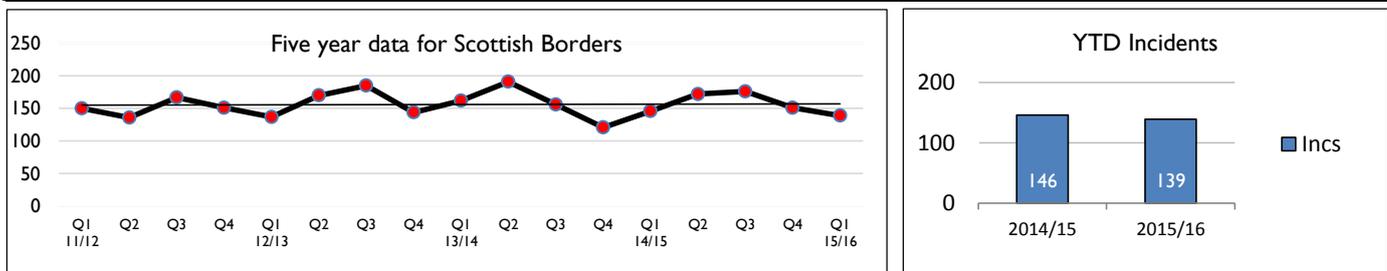
There have been 198 UFAS incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 139 of these incidents with 45 and 14 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figure referred to within this report is that of False Alarm equipment failures, this forms the majority of UFAS incidents recorded up to March 2015. The figures that have been excluded for illustrative purpose are those attributed to False Alarm good and malicious intent.

### Reasons

Equipment failure accounted for 70% of all UFAS calls in this reporting period and this continues to be the most common cause of these types of incidents.

### Actions

We continue to proactively monitor UFAS calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further UFAS incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future UFAS incidents. A SFRS project team has been initiated in order to address the issue of UFAS.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 13	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	150	137	162	146	139	
Tweeddale West	23	25	22	29	27	
Tweeddale East	8	11	11	3	5	
Galashiels and District	30	16	29	21	22	
Selkirkshire	12	25	18	15	11	
Leaderdale and Melrose	33	17	24	21	15	
Mid Berwickshire	3	3	4	15	8	
East Berwickshire	8	9	5	7	6	
Kelso and District	5	5	7	8	6	
Jedburgh and District	7	3	11	6	9	
Hawick and Denholm	7	10	17	5	8	
Hawick and Hermitage	14	14	14	16	22	

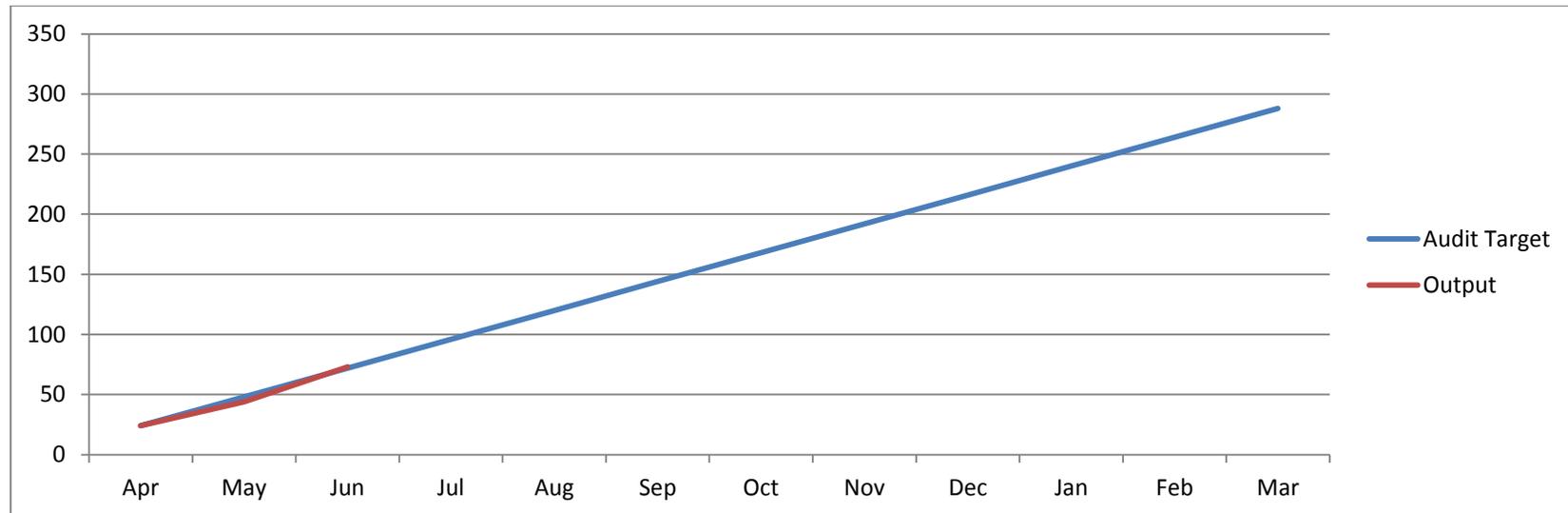
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# Prevention & Protection Activities

## Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Scottish Borders Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEOs). Following the SFRS Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. This quarter has seen us exceed target. It should be noted that during quarter one we had two FSEO's instead of our normal compliment of three, therefore targets have been adjusted to account for this. It is anticipated that we will return to three officers at the end of August.

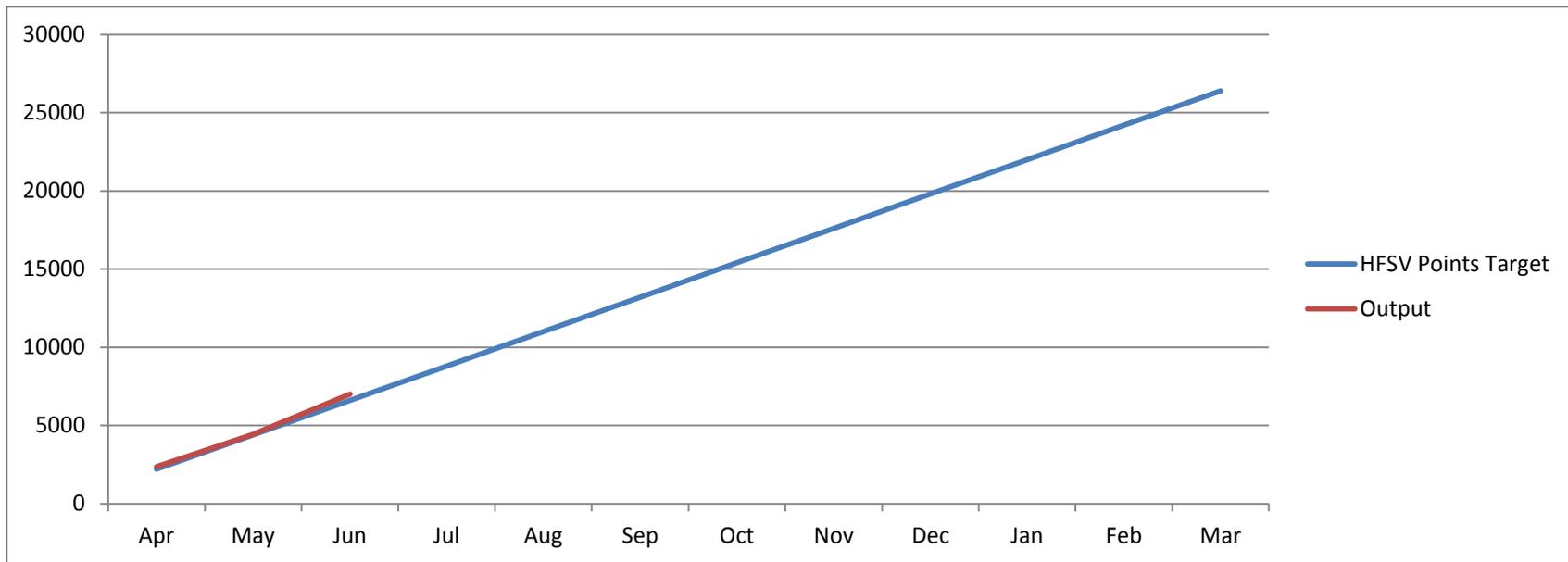
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288	<b>288</b>
Completed:	24	44	73										



## 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 the Scottish Borders a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). This will ensure valuable resources are put to use with greatest effect. This quarter has seen us maintain our points total ahead of target, with June including our “week of action”.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	2200	4400	6600	8800	11000	13200	15400	17600	19800	22000	24200	26400	<b>26400</b>
Completed	2360	4444	7004										



**Total Number Of Home Fire Safety Visits By Risk Category**

	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
High	59	56	64									
Medium	92	68	89									
Low	61	50	71									

**Total Number Of Smoke Detectors Fitted By Risk Category**

	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
High	54	30	17									
Medium	39	44	48									
Low	27	24	34									

## Community Safety Engagement

ACTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS
Enhanced Home Safety Visits (No. of households/occupiers visited)	11
Visits to Schools	14
Nursery Visits	7
Road Safety Education (No. of Talks)	3 (65 pupils)
Firesetters Intervention Programme (No. of sessions with youths)*	9
Community Safety Talks / Attendance at Community Events**	95
Number of students attending Crucial Crew***	0
Fire Safety Inspections (CGA) in Tenement Stairs	0

### Definitions

\*A one to one counselling session with a young person to discuss the consequences of being involved in wilful fire raising.

\*\*Comprises non-school events including: appliance visits to community groups (fetes, galas etc); group visits to fire stations; specific campaigns (Stair Aware, Cooking Safety, etc); and Community Fire-fighter talks/stall events.

\*\*\*Crucial Crew programme runs only in school Autumn term.

## Partnership Working

The Community Action Team (CAT) to three high schools in the Scottish Borders has delivered general home fire safety information in this period with a total of 428 students receiving these inputs. Safe T roadshows will recommence in the Autumn term. As part of a separate joint agency initiative involving the Scottish Prison Service and Police Scotland, the CAT has given presentations on fire-related anti-social behaviour to 124 S3 students at Berwickshire High School. In May, the CAT attended the Borders Union Agricultural Society Countryside Day with the Community Safety Vehicle and 1,250 primary school pupils received fire safety information aimed at keeping children safer in the home.

A total of 9 separate firesetter interventions were completed being a combined result of post-domestic incident work and liaison with Restorative Justice and Police Scotland. In addition to this, one primary school received a group input from Community Firefighters on the risks and potential consequences of deliberate firesetting after several pupils were involved in a serious local incident. A safety alert on the dangers of firesetting was also circulated throughout the Scottish Borders schools by way of the weekly head teachers bulletin.

The CAT continues to deliver the Firesharp programme to P6 and P7 in preparation for Crucial Crew in September 2015.

We continue to work closely with key contacts in Housing, Health and Social Services to help us engage with those at risk of harm or in need of support and to ensure these sections of the community have full access to our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) service. Of the 16 Adult Protection referrals submitted to Social Services for MELB in the last quarter, 9 of those referrals were for householders in the Scottish Borders and have been completed by local crews as part of their post incident response work.

The LALO and Station Managers have attended several case conferences, including one fatal fire conference, and the outcomes from these conferences have led to significant safety actions being taken to safeguard against further harm from fire occurring either to the individuals concerned or those who may be inadvertently affected. The fatal fire case conference was attended by a number of different agencies and through this process the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) looks to identify and deliver enhanced early and effective intervention measures, assisted by our public, private and voluntary sector partners, which can help reduce the number of dwelling fires and fatalities.

Referrals from the Borders Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and Police Scotland are on-going and as part of our Safer Communities partnership work, we provide advice to and receive referrals from the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit at the council. A weekly Safer Communities TAC is now in place, which enables a swift and focussed joint agency approach to higher end cases of adults at risk and ensures that vital information is shared with the appropriate services in a timely and proportionate manner.

The CAT has forged new links with Local Citizens Panel coordinators with the result that we have successfully delivered fire safety inputs to several learning disability groups including 2 lip reading classes. We have also attended the second International Family Open Day providing advice and taking referrals from migrants within the Scottish Borders area.

As part of the SFRS Week of Action campaign, we worked in partnership with Scottish Borders Housing Association to carry out a HFSV initiative with the residents of a large elderly amenities property achieving a high number of completed visits within this one complex. This also led to television coverage on the ITV "Lookaround" programme of our HFSV service as one resident agreed to be filmed receiving a visit from the Galashiels crew and this helped raise the profile of our campaign and promote our continuing work with vulnerable householders. The success of this initiative has led to further similar events in the area focussing on these complexes which fall outwith the sheltered housing bracket but house individuals who are at high risk from fire in their home. A media release covering the main aims of the week of action was also recorded with Radio Borders and broadcast on the first day of the campaign, in addition to which Scottish Borders Council (SBC) and several partner agencies were brought on board to assist with promoting the campaign as widely as possible including updating websites, social media sites and distributing copies of the campaign literature which SBC printed off in colour for crews and partner agencies alike.

A key piece of work was completed by the CAT after contact was made with local midwifery services dealing vulnerable and isolated young mums who required HFSVs and we are working with our Health and Social Care partners to ensure this link builds on our existing HFSV work with the "Bump to Baby" scheme.

In April, the SFRS hosted the inaugural Motorcyclists Safety Open Day at Galashiels fire station. This event was very well attended, approximately 50 attendees, with 22 motorcyclists signing up for the advanced riding skills course – four times the annual average take up on these courses within the Scottish Borders. The event was a joint agency approach with IAM, Police Scotland, Borders Advanced Motorcyclists, Scottish Ambulance Service and Safer Communities and is now planned to take place annually.

The CAT and crews at Galashiels fire station have been involved in a road safety initiative with Earlston High School covering young driver safety and responsibility. The initial event was attended by 10 S4 pupils who have not committed to taking any academic exams and who therefore have been enrolled in a learning and development course by the Learning and Development Officer. The format was a quick show round of the appliance and a discussion on the role of the Fire and Rescue Service followed by a "Make it or Break it" type presentation. The event included a road traffic collision demonstration followed by a full debrief.

Three members of the CAT have now completed a training course in the safe fitting of child car seats and we plan to take this forward together with the operational crews as

part of a wider road safety initiative focussing on the safety of parent drivers and their passengers.

Registered social landlords received refresher training on CSET system aimed at frontline staff including maintenance officers. CSET training for voluntary sector agencies including British Red Cross coordination team as well as volunteers who visit vulnerable members of the community many living alone and at high risk from fire. Further training is planned for new volunteers.

Joint initiative with Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) where the CAT attended a "New Tenant Information Day" at Eyemouth for prospective tenants on a new housing development. BHA have made a HFSV a requirement of the sign up procedure

Negotiations are under way with Police Scotland to set up a secure link to receive HFSV referrals sourced from the police Vulnerable Persons Database.

Negotiations to improve HFSV referral numbers from Social Care and Health Services are on- going at Group Manager and Station Manager level.

Station Manager (SM) and LALO held several planning meetings for the Farm Fire Safety and Crime Prevention event on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Timpendean, Jedburgh which will focus on the identification of fire risks on farms and measures to mitigate these risks as well as rural crime prevention methods. The event takes a joint agency approach with Police Scotland and NFU Scotland and seeks to engage with the often hard to reach farming community. SFRS is carrying out this prevention work as farms fall into the high risk category and with well over 1100 registered farms in the Scottish Borders the number of operational incidents we attend are relatively high. The event will also promote our HFSV service and offer guidance and advice to farmers with regard to best practice for rental accommodation that they own/ manage. The event has had seven days of radio coverage on Radio Borders, been posted on social media sites of the three services involved and promoted on the three websites. CAT also attended the local livestock auctions with a pop up stall, handing out event flyers and distributing HFSV postcards.

The LALO has joined SBC gypsy travellers working group and the CAT will be visiting the annual St Boswells gypsy fair to provide outdoor/summer fire safety advice and offer smoke detection to caravan owners.

The LALO and SM took part in the first of several multi agency estate walk rounds, an environmental type audit, in Burnfoot Hawick, which has led to links being made with further agencies in touch with vulnerable householders including Victim Support.

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## **Performance Report August 2015**

**Period Covered: 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015**

“Making the Scottish Borders a safer place to live, work and visit”

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

**Strategic Objective 1: To promote and co-ordinate an effective multi-agency response to gender based violence in line with efforts to protect, prevent and provide whilst supporting effective participation**

Indicator	Baseline	YTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of reported incidents of domestic abuse adults	2 Year Average (2010/11-2011/12) <b>789</b>	179	230	<b>-22.2%</b>	A significant reduction (51) in the number of reported incidents in the first quarter. The aim is to encourage reporting of domestic abuse therefore ideally we would like to see the number of reported incidents to be increasing not decreasing. The results will continue to be monitored in the coming months. All specialist services include "reporting to the police" as a standard item in all safety plans.
Percentage of self referrals to specialist support services	2011/12 <b>30%</b>	11.85%	8.45%	<b>3.4%</b>	DAAS have noted an increase in self referrals in the last quarter, this is due in part by signposting from other services who have become more aware of the service due to training opportunities. Since the baseline was set in 2011/2012 some clients are remaining longer in the service so there are less self repeat referrals, post incident. The average length of support per client is 69 days but this will depend upon individual need, which is in line with the expected outcomes for this service.
Total Number/Percentage of Children on the CPR where domestic abuse has been identified as a risk factor	-	12/19%	1/3%	<b>+11/+16%</b>	The increase in the numbers can be attributed to two large families with multiple children being placed on the register
Number/Percentage of Homeless Assessment Presentations due to dispute within household: violent or abusive (% of total Assessments)	3 Year Average (2008/9 -2010/11) <b>77</b>	15/8%	22/12%	<b>-7/-4%</b>	A decrease compared to the first quarter in 2014/15. The domestic abuse STEPS workers, work proactively with housing providers to maintain people in their own tenancies and reduce any further homelessness.
Number of cases on exit from specialist service that have a reduced risk	To Be Established – New Service	82% of surveyed clients report their safety has much improved, with 100% reporting an improvement			Safety (adult and child), relationship with children, housing situation and personal resilience are the four factors, which clients have unanimously reported as having much improved. On re-assessment at exit the client's safety rating has reduced on average by 5 points.
Service user satisfaction on exit from a specialist service	To Be Established – New Service	100% of surveyed clients would use DAAS again 80% of clients reported that DAAS had fully met their needs			Results of the client exit interviews undertaken to date are extremely positive. Feedback also suggests that the Service has reduced clients' reluctance to report incidents to the Police.

**Strategic Objective 2: To raise awareness of the impact of violence against women across communities to foster greater capacity and support for those affected**

Indicator	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of calls to national domestic abuse helpline (Female)	3 Year Average (2008/09-2010/11) <b>230</b>	16	38	<b>-57.9%</b>	A significant reduction in the number of calls received in the first quarter. Total call numbers to the National helpline have been declining over the past 3 years. Therefore the reduction may also be attributed to the general national shift from the centralised helpline support.
Number of calls to national domestic abuse helpline (Male)	2010/2011 <b>1</b>	2	3	<b>-1</b>	A slightly lower number of calls to the national helpline in 2015/16 when compared to the same time period in 2014/15.
Number of people reporting to be more informed about the dynamics of domestic abuse, also expressed as % of total awareness raising/training attendees	Not Available	40(100%)	51(100%)	<b>-21.6%/0%</b>	Training numbers were considerably reduced in 2014/15 and continue to remain this way as the number of courses planned has been reduced. It is encouraging however, that the effectiveness of the training and the increase in knowledge remains consistent. There is currently no dedicated VAW training resource.
Shift in attitude towards violence against women:  No of respondents reporting to strongly agree/agree that alcohol and drugs cause men to be violent to their partners  No of respondents that strongly agree/agree that it is a woman's responsibility to leave if she is in an abusive relationship	  80%  33%	  77%  36%			The baseline data shows the results of the 2013 national white ribbon campaign survey results. The latest results come from the SBH 2013 survey.

## ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

### Strategic Objective 1: Reduce the level and impact of antisocial behaviour

Indicator	Baseline	YTD	LYTD	Variance	Comment
Number of recorded ASB incidents per 1,000 population	2 Year Average (2010/11 – 2011/12) <b>134</b>	31	29.3	<b>+1.7</b>	Small increase recorded which will continue to be monitored in the coming months. Routine work continues with mentoring support from the central ASB team being provided to our Registered Social Landlord partners.
Number of youth related incidents	2 Year Average (2010/11 – 2011/12) <b>2437</b>	462	439	<b>+5.2%</b>	23 more reported incidents in the first quarter when compared to the same point last year. This will continue to be monitored in the coming months.
Percentage of people who think the following is very or fairly common:	2010 SBH Survey				All indicators from the Scottish Borders Household Survey are recording drops over the last 6 years.
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	14%	11%		<b>-3%</b>	Very positive results.
People being rowdy in public spaces	22%	18%		<b>-4%</b>	
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage	10%	7%		<b>-3%</b>	
People using or dealing drugs	22%	19%		<b>-3%</b>	
Groups or individuals intimidating or harassing others	10%	7%		<b>-3%</b>	

**Strategic Objective 2: Embed a prevention approach to antisocial behaviour by ensuring a robust and effective partnership response**

Indicator	Baseline	YTD	LYTD	Variance	Comment
Number of early interventions made by ASB partners	2010/11 918	188	203	-7.4%	A small drop in the number of early interventions that will be monitored in the coming months. There is a continued drive by the partnership to address ASB at the earliest opportunity.

**Strategic Objective 3: Increase public confidence in the way in which the partnership deals with antisocial behaviour**

Indicator	Baseline	YTD	LYTD	Variance	Comment
Percentage of people who have witnessed antisocial behaviour who had reported it	2010 SBH Survey 41.7%	41%		0	According to the Scottish Borders Household Survey 2013 the three main reason for people not reporting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fear of reprisal</li> <li>• People feeling they shouldn't report it</li> <li>• Didn't think anything would have been done about it/not a priority/not a serious issue</li> </ul>

**ALCOHOL & DRUGS**

**Strategic Objective 1: Encourage prevention activities that are delivered to maximise community wellbeing and reduce the negative impact of substance misuse**

Indicator	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of reported vandalism	3 Year Average (2009/10- 2011/12) <b>1112</b>	185	165	<b>+12.1%</b>	First quarter results show 20 more vandalism offences reported in comparison to last year at the same point.
Percentage of ASB incidents which are alcohol related	2 Year Average (2010/11-2011/12) <b>21%</b>	17.4%	20%	<b>-2.6% points</b>	A 2.6 percentage point reduction in alcohol related ASB incidents in the first quarter when compared to the same period last year.
Number of incidents relating to a licensed premises (ILP)	2 Year Average (2010/11-2011/12) <b>911</b>	81	171	<b>-52.3%</b>	The excellent working relationship between partners and licensed premises has resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of incidents at licensed premises in the quarter. Police will continue to work in conjunction with licensing support officer to address any issues in licenses premises.
Number of incidents involving needles/drugs paraphernalia	2 Year Average (2010/11-2011/12) <b>65</b>	4	5	<b>-20%</b>	A small reduction in the number of incidents recorded in the first quarter
Percentage of 15 year olds drinking on a weekly basis (once a week, twice a week or daily)	2010 SALSUS Survey <b>17%</b>	14%	17%	<b>-3%</b>	Good reduction in the frequency of drinking, although 15 year olds have not reported to have dropped the volume of what they drink with the average weekly consumption reported as being 17 units per week.
Percentage of 15 year old pupils who usually take illicit drugs at least once a month	2010 SALSUS Survey	2%	1%	+1%	Regular drug use reported to be slightly higher than the previous SALSUS survey.
Percentage of 15 year olds who report to have used drugs in the last month		10%	6%	+4%	
Number of residents reporting that people being drunk or rowdy in a public place is very common or common in their area	2010 SBH Survey <b>22%</b>	18%		<b>-4%</b>	9% drop since SBH survey in 2007.
Number of residents stating that drug use or dealing was very common or common in their area	2010 SBH Survey <b>22%</b>	19%		<b>-3%</b>	1% drop since SBH survey in 2007

Key: Green - Performance Improved, Amber – Performance Reduced <15%, Red – Performance Reduced >15%

**Strategic Objective 2: Encourage positive attitudes towards substance misuse**

Indicator	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Percentage of 13 & 15 years old who said their family don't mind them drinking alcohol – Question removed from survey. Parental attitude question as follows: Percentage of 13 & 15 years old who said their parents/guardians 'always' allow them to drink at home	<b>13yrs – 40%</b> <b>15yrs – 57%</b>	13 yrs – 4% 15 yrs – 10%	13 yrs – 2% 15 yrs – 8%	<b>+2%</b> <b>+2%</b>	In the 2014 SALSUS survey a slight parental attitudinal shift appears to be reported
Proportion of individuals drinking above daily and/or weekly recommended limits	Scottish Health Survey	43%	-	-	Combined total for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011. Comparative total for Scotland for same period is 43%. Updated data is still awaited.
Proportion of individuals drinking above twice daily (binge drinking) recommended limits	Scottish Health Survey	19%	-	-	Combined total for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011. Comparative total for Scotland for same period is 21%. Updated data is still awaited.
Percentage of young people who think that young people who take drugs are stupid	2010 SALSUS Survey	13 yrs – 68% 15 yrs – 53%	13 yrs – 74% 15 yrs – 62%	<b>-6%</b> <b>-9%</b>	In the 2014 SALSUS survey there is a slight reduction in the reported perception.
Percentage of young people who think that taking drugs is exciting	2010 SALSUS Survey	13 yrs – 6% 15 yrs – 16%	13 yrs – 4% 15 yrs – 15%	<b>+2%</b> <b>+1%</b>	In the 2014 SALSUS survey there is a Minor change suggesting the attractiveness of drug use to young people.

**INJURY PREVENTION (HOME)**

**Strategic Objective 1: Encourage uptake of prevention service, in particular those which target falls to older people**

Indicator	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of emergency hospital admissions for 75+ where a fall has been recorded as the main reason	3 Year Average (2011/12-2013/14)  <b>640</b>	126	173	<b>-27.2%</b>	A 47 fall reduction has been recorded in the first quarter. This is attributed to low numbers (13) recorded in June 2015. However the June figures are provisional at this time and may change as systems are updated.

**Strategic Objective 2: Raise public awareness of the dangers and causes of home injuries in children under 5 years old**

Indicator	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of emergency hospital admissions to children under 5 due to a home accident	2 Year Average (2012/13-2013/14)  <b>56.5</b>	10	14	<b>-28.6%</b>	Good reduction recorded for the current year. Due to the small numbers at this point in time there is no significant pattern or factors that can help to understand the reduction.

## INJURY PREVENTION (ROADS)

**Strategic Objective 1:** Ensure a robust and effective partnership response to road safety issues to achieve Scottish Government targets for reductions in the number of road users killed or seriously injured by 2020

Indicators	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of road users killed	5 year Average (2006/07-2010/11) <b>11</b>	3	3	<b>0%</b>	First quarter results for 2015/16 regarding persons killed on the roads are the same as recorded at this point in 2014/15. However, persons seriously injured on the roads in the first quarter are 15 (55.6%) lower than at the same point in 2014/15. Any injuries or fatalities are cause for concern but we are currently performing better than at the same point last year and on target for reducing casualties this year.
Number of road users seriously injured	5 year Average (2006/07-2010/11) <b>86</b>	12	27	<b>-55.6%</b>	
Number of children killed or seriously injured in a road crash	5 year Average (2006/07-2010/11) <b>9</b>	0	0	<b>-0%</b>	The figure remains at zero for the first quarter of 2015/16, which is positive.

**Strategic Objective 2: Target interventions in accordance with key risk groups i.e. young/inexperienced drivers, motorcyclists**

Indicators	Baseline	CYTD	LYTD	Variance	Comments
Number of young drivers aged 17 to 25 years killed or seriously injured in road crashes.	5 year Average (2006/07-2010/11) <b>9</b>	2	2	<b>0%</b>	Results for young drivers killed or seriously injured are the same as last year, at this time. However, the number of passengers killed or seriously injured is currently significantly higher than at the same point last year and likely to exceed the baseline figure if this trend continues. A young driver training programme "Skill for Life" is currently being rolled out. The programme aims to create positive driving behaviour in young people.
Number of passengers killed or seriously injured in cars driven by young drivers aged between 17 and 25 years of age.	As above <b>7</b>	3	0	<b>+300%</b>	
Number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured in road crashes.	As above <b>20</b>	3	11	<b>-72.7%</b>	First quarter results show a significant reduction in the number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured, when compared to the same point last year. Any injuries or fatalities are cause for concern but we are currently on target for reducing casualties this year.



### **Briefing Paper on the Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Initiative**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is committed to supporting the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) Strategy which is designed to improve survival rates for those who experience a cardiac arrest out with a hospital environment.

OHCA is a significant healthcare challenge in Scotland. Approximately 3,500 people undergo attempted resuscitation each year after OHCA, but currently only around 1 in 20 survive to hospital discharge.

The benefits and costs of co-responding; the science around the 'chain of survival' and the importance of providing early defibrillation in OHCA cases is well-understood. The Resuscitation Council (UK) advises that for every minute of delay, the chances of successful defibrillation decrease by about 10% and recommends strongly a policy of attempting defibrillation with the minimum of delay in victims of cardiac arrest.

This context presents a unique opportunity for the SFRS to develop a closer working relationship with the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS), bringing major benefit to those suffering OHCA and which could quickly make Scotland an area of best practice for joined up public services in this area.

The SFRS is currently working closely with a range of stakeholders, including trades unions and the Scottish Ambulance Service to develop plans for four OHCA pilots to take place in East Lothian, West Lothian, the Scottish Borders and Aberdeenshire later this year. The pilot will see SFRS resources being mobilised to OHCA where our resources can be in attendance before the SAS, in all cases however, the SAS will still be mobilised and shall respond as normal. The SFRS response will therefore augment not replace the SAS response.

The evaluation and outcomes from these pilot schemes will be monitored by our OHCA/Emergency Medical Response Strategic Steering Group to assess the effectiveness of SFRS's contribution in this area and identify the scope for wider implementation across Scotland.

Collaborative work with the Ambulance Service has identified the following Fire Stations as suitable locations for the pilot in the Scottish Borders. These are Hawick, Coldstream and Lauder. There shall be a 6-month review period during which it is anticipated that additional stations will be brought into the pilot.

Training of personnel at the identified stations will begin in 2015 with a view to the pilot going live in October 2015.

It should leave personnel suitably equipped (and confident) to manage the challenges of an OHCA incident

It should be a collaboratively designed and delivered programme, built and managed in association with the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS).

Clinical governance for the training and subsequent operational response will be provided by Doctor Jim Ward (Medical Director) on behalf of SAS.

I am delighted that this area will participate in a pilot for a project that in my opinion can only lead to increased safety for people within the Scottish Borders.

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