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POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2016

A MEETING of the POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2016 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

4 February 2016

| BUSINESS | | | |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | | |
| 2. | Order of Business | | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest | | |
| 4. | Minute (Pages 1 - 8) Consider Minute of Meeting held on 13 November 2015. (Copy attached.) | | 10 mins |
| 5. | Progress Reports / Updates on Service Matters Consider progress reports and updates from:- | | |
| | (a) Police - Divisional Commander (DC) Chief Supt. Gill Imery. (Copy attached.) | (Pages 9 - 26) | 40 mins |
| | (b) Fire & Rescue - LSO Alasdair Perry. (Copy attached.) | (Pages 27 - 48) | 40 mins |
| | (c) Safer Communities - Safer Communities Team Manager, Chief Inspector Tony Hodges. (Copy attached.) | (Pages 49 - 58) | 30 mins |
| 6. | Presentation on Rural Crime Prevention - Presentation Safer Communities. | | 30 mins |
| 7. | Any Other Items Previously Circulated. | | |
| 8. | Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent | | |
| 9. | Dates of Future Meetings. | | |

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, 13 November 2015 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors D. Moffat (Chairman), S. Aitchison (for para 6.1) , B. Herd, A. Nicol, G. Turnbull. Mr G. Higgs, Voluntary Sector, Mr. H. Walzl.

Apologies: Councillor R. Stewart, Mr J Raine, NHS Borders.

In Attendance: Chief Superintendent G. Imery, Police Scotland, Chief Inspector A. McLean, Police Scotland, Inspector T. Hodges, Safer Communities Team Manager, Mr P. Rooney, Scottish Police Authority, A. Perry, LSO, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Group Manager A. Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Mrs J. Mulloy, Scottish Borders Housing Association, Mr D. Scott, Senior Policy Adviser SBC, Ms S. Smith, Communities & Partnership Manager, SBC, K. Mason, Democratic Services Officer, SBC.

1. WELCOME

The Chairman extended a welcome to those present.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

3. MINUTE

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 28 August 2015.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 With reference to paragraph 3.2, Councillor Turnbull advised that he had received a letter dated 2 July 2005 from the Rt Hon David Mundell MP advising that Section 33 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 contained a refund mechanism to ensure that VAT was not a cost borne by local taxation. To qualify for this, a body must have the power to draw funding directly from local taxation. The previous local police forces and fire and rescue services qualified for this reduction, because they were partly funded through the council tax precept. In 2012 following the merge into single national bodies, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were funded directly by the Scottish Government rather than through any local taxes, and so did not fit under that criteria. In 2011 the Scottish Government was warned of this consequence of changing from regional police and fire services to a single authority. The Scottish Government's own business case predicated that the benefits of merger outweighed the loss of any VAT refunds, and so the Scottish Government continued restructuring with that in

mind. The restructuring was the decision of the Scottish Government, made with the full knowledge of the VAT consequences of their decisions.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 4.2 With reference to paragraph 4.1 (b) (i) it was confirmed that Councillor Stewart would liaise with David Mallin regarding road signs in car parks.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 4.3 With reference to paragraph 4.1 (b) (ii) it was confirmed that the target figure for Priority 5 would be dealt with in the Police report.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 4.4 With reference to paragraph 4.3 it was noted that at the meeting of Council of 7 October 2015 the recommendation in that a report be prepared for the Council on the Future of the Pathways Project and that Officers would promote the young drivers initiative and a communications plan would be put together to ensure all avenues of communication were covered, had been approved.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 4.5 With reference to paragraph 6.2 (b) (i) a report on decriminalisation of parking enforcement in the Scottish Borders would be dealt with at this meeting.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 4.6 With reference to paragraph 6.2(b)(ii) information on parking tickets would be dealt with in the Police report.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

- 4.7 With reference to paragraph 6.4(b)(i) information relating to cardiac arrests would be dealt with in the Fire and Rescue Service report.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

5. DECRIMINALISED PARKING

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Commercial Services presenting an update on the progress of the Council in relation to Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. The report explained that following the withdrawal of the traffic warden service there had been a much reduced monitoring and enforcement service of vehicular waiting and loading restrictions within the area's towns and villages. This in turn had led to reduced compliance, poorer traffic management and increased public complaints. An officer/member Working Group was set up in the summer of 2014 to explore the options available to the Council. The Working Group had identified that the best way forward for

the Council in terms of traffic management in Scottish Borders towns was to apply to Scottish Ministers to introduce Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. Mr Brian Young, Network Manager emphasised however that Scottish Borders Council had yet to determine its position on a preferred way forward. Mr Young answered questions relating to legislation and on suggested other methods of controlling parking. Chief Inspector McLean gave assurance that Police Officers enforced legislation and parking tickets were issued in all towns in the Scottish Borders.

DECISION

NOTED the updated position in regard to the on-street parking control and thanked Mr Young for his attendance.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON CONSOLIDATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

6.1 Police

Chief Superintendent G. Imery referred to the early retirement of the Chief Constable and advised the process was ongoing to identify his replacement and interviews would take place next week. The Chair of the SPA was keen that the newly appointed Chief Constable would be identified by the beginning of December. She went on to give information relating to the outcomes of the First National Staff Survey which had been published at the beginning of October. Engagement of staff in the survey amounted to over 50%. There were issues identified during the survey many of which were already being addressed. A portion of staff indicated they were considering leaving the service and the factors for this were not within the control of the organisation but were because of changes in the pension scheme. She referred to the publication of HMIC's Review of Call Handling at Bilston Glen and advised that Police Scotland would continue to work with HMIC on the recommendations contained within the report. In referring to a gap in the Police Scotland budget she advised that locally contributions would be made towards the shortfall. She advised that from 1 April 2015 until the present 230 parking tickets had been issued with 152 warnings. In certain circumstances leaflets were put on car windscreens advising parking was not permissible.

Chief Inspector A. McLean presented the Police Progress report covering the period April 2015 to September 2015 which had been circulated. The report detailed the figures for the six Priority areas to date and compared them to the figures for the same period in 2014/15. In relation to Priority 1 – Protecting People figures showed a small increase in performance on the same time last year, and 2.5% better than target. Priority 2 – showed a 3.4% increase in common assaults in the year to date compared to the same time period in 2014/15. This equated to 3 more victims than at the same point last year. In respect of reducing the number of antisocial behaviour incidents there had been a 9% reduction (258 incidents in the year to date compared to the same time period last year). With regards to increasing the reporting of hate crime – there had been a significant increase in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in the year to date and it was noted that this was most likely due to the hard work by police and partners to raise awareness of hate related issues and the awareness campaign entitled 'No Place for Prejudice', this was seen as a positive increase. Priority 3 Tackling substance misuse – Police Scotland were undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search data base which went online on 1 June 2015, validation and testing of the data was ongoing and data collected would be detailed in future reports. There had been a 26.5% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equated to 293 fewer visits. Priority 4 – Making

our roads safer – there had been a 15.6% reduction (5 fewer casualties) in the year to date; the number of people killed in the year to date was 5, which was 2 more fatalities than at the same point last year. The number of serious injuries was reduced by 7. Two children were seriously injured on the roads in the second quarter. Priority 5 – Tackling serious and organised crime – cash seizures had exceeded the value seized at the same point last year. No further asserts had been referred for restraint in quarter 2. It was positive to note that there was a 33.3% increase in the detection for drug supply, with 36 detected offences for drug supply for the year to date. Priority 6 – Tackling Acquisitive Crime – there had been a decrease in the number of housebreaking to dwellings leading to 13 fewer victims of this type of crime in the year to date when compared with the same time period in 2014/15. There had been a 23.4% reduction in theft of motor vehicles in the year to date which equated to 8 fewer victims of this type of crime.

In relating to the call centre at Bilston Glen, Councillor Moffat felt the Board should have been more proactive in sharing its concerns with the SPA. In respect of changes in anti-social behaviour it was noted that early intervention working in partnerships benefitted members of the community. Chief Inspector McLean would report at a future meeting on (a) whether any hate crime was directed towards people who used wheelchairs and, (b) to advise whether there was a suitable facility in the Tweeddale area for young driver courses.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED the report.**
- (b) **AGREED that Chief Inspector McLean would report at a future meeting (a) on whether any hate crime was directed towards people who used wheelchairs and, (b) on whether there was a suitable facility in the Tweeddale area for young driver courses**

MEMBER

Councillor Aitchison joined the meeting at 10.25 a.m. during discussion of the above item and left at 11.10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 11.10 a.m. and reconvened at 11.20 a.m.

6.2 Fire and Rescue Service

LSO, A. Perry thanked Board members for their attendance at Hawick Fire Station. He gave background information relating to the reduction in control rooms from 8 to 3 and advised that once all the changes had been made an invitation would be made to members of the Board to visit the new state of the art facility in Edinburgh. Fire safety advice had been given recently to farmers at two local farms. He confirmed that firefighters in selected areas had received enhanced training in life-support through a joint partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service. The trial was running at seven stations, three of which were located in the Scottish Borders. Consultation had taken place with the Ambulance Service in setting up the pilot and where the pilot schemes would be located. The Fire and Rescue Service had held an event 15 October 2015 which had been supported by the British Heart Foundation, when CPR was taught by using mannequins and a self-teaching DVD programme.

There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2015. In summarising the report, Group Manager A. Girrity advised that with regard to

Priority 1: Reduction of Dwelling Fires, the SFRS had attended 55 dwelling fires in comparison to 41 for the same YTD reporting period last year, this represented a 35% increase although the previous 2015 quarterly comparison showed a 28% decrease. Five of the fires had been started deliberately with one this quarter, this occurred in a tenement on Hawick High Street. The kitchen continued to be the most common room of origin for fires; this was followed by the living room.

Priority 2: Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties, the report noted that there had been nine fire related casualties in this reporting period, and this was an increase of two compared to the same period last year. In contrast, 2015 quarterly comparison showed a decrease with seven casualties in the first quarter and three this quarter. The year to date period had seen one fire fatality. There had been three non-fatal fire casualties this quarter all suffering from slight smoke inhalation. There were no fire fatalities this quarter.

Priority 3: Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting indicated an increase of 17 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. 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 ward areas of Galashiels and District and Tweeddale showed significant increases for this period. The spate of fire raising carried out in Galashiels earlier this year had been detailed in the last report. Wood, scrubland, refuse and straw bales accounted for the majority of these incidents. The increase was consistent with warmer drier months in the summer and could often be contributed to members of the public being careless rather than malicious.

Priority 4: Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) indicated that the SFRS attended 45 Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs), this was a decrease of one compared to the same period last year. There had been 28 RTC related casualties in this YTD period. There had been four fatalities, two occurring this quarter at the same incident on the A7 north of Stow. The Service used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 25 occasions during this year to date period to extricate casualties.

Priority 5 related to the Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and it was noted that there had been 407 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals during this quarter, representing a decrease of 36 incidents compared to the same period last year.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

6.3 Safer Communities

There had been circulated copies of the Safer Communities Performance Report covering the period 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015. Inspector T. Hodges advised he was delighted to have recently taken up post as the Manager of the Safer Communities Team following Chief Inspector Paula Clark's recent retirement. The Safer Communities Team were in the process of finalising a Strategic Assessment to direct its action plan for the coming years and an internal Review of that service would soon commence. He hoped this would assist in moving forward in a positive manner and improving on the preventative services the team delivered and facilitated in partnership across the Scottish Borders. He would be looking to improve the reporting mechanism to the Board in an effort to provide a more meaningful context to the performance within Safer Communities. He then went on to highlight some of the key areas in his report and advised in respect of Gender Based Violence the Team's Pathway Project had been subject of a comprehensive external evaluation which had in general terms been extremely positive. This would be incorporated into current funding bids to hopefully secure the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Services future years and an initial report on this

would be considered by the Council's Corporate Management Team the following week. The figure in red (37%) under Service User satisfaction was in reality not a negative one but represented very constructive feedback from 4 service users who had been supported by the service. This feedback was appreciated and allowed continuous improvements in service delivery. The training currently being delivered to professionals in respect of Gender Based Violence had a very positive effect. He was aware that there were limitations in respect of how much training was being delivered. The Team was working closely across agencies through the Violence Against Women Partnership to ensure this issue was continued to be incorporated into other training media such as Child and Adult Protection. DAAS advocacy workers had started providing briefings to front line Police Officers across the Borders to improve understanding of the services they could offer victims of Domestic Abuse. In relation to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) through the ASB Partnership Group he had initiated a review of current policies and procedures to ensure they were fit for the future. Whilst numbers of reported incidents were slightly higher than predicted, he was satisfied that these were being addressed at the appropriate level, whether via mediation or by more formal ASB processes. Early intervention and partnership working in this area remained the key. In relation to alcohol and drugs, the increase shown in vandalism (a crime often linked to the night-time economy) was currently being robustly addressed by the Local Area Commander via the daily tasking and co-ordinating process. It should however be noted that the current rates were below the three-year average for this type of crime. The Team was in the early stages of working with local churches with a view to introducing Street Pastors to the Borders. These schemes were very successful across the country often resulting in a decrease of alcohol related incidents such as vandalism in town centres at weekends. Strong partnership working was bearing fruit in respect of incidents being reported in licensed premises, and the success of festivals, common ridings and rugby sevens were excellent examples of how old issues relating to alcohol abuse at these events was being addressed. Schools officers and health partners were actively involved with young people in preventative work in respect of alcohol and substance misuse. He advised that the Community Planning Partnership had commissioned a multi-agency Living Safely in the Home Working Group which would be chaired by Group Manager A. Girrity from the Fire and Rescue Service to ensure the best use was made of all partners to improve the safety of vulnerable persons in their home. Finally, in relation to road safety, the Scottish Borders Road Safety Working Group continued along with the Police Scotland Road Safety Board to coordinate resources to educate and enforce legislation in an effort to address poor driver behaviour. A request was made that all Members of the Council should be invited to attend exercises such as the one recently held at Floors Castle.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED.**
- (b) **AGREED that all Members of Scottish Borders Council should be invited to attend future events such as the one recently held at Floors Castle.**

7. UPDATE FROM THE SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

Mr Rooney advised that he was pleased to attend these joint meetings and he considered that the team was an excellent one. One of his key Scottish Police Authority (SPA) responsibilities was to liaise with members of local scrutiny committees – in his case with Scottish Borders, and North and South Lanarkshire which allowed a two way dialogue. The new Chair of the SPA, Andrew Flanagan started at the

beginning of September and one of his key priorities was to undertake a review of the Governance of Policing in Scotland. This review was announced on 3 September by the Cabinet Secretary, and a report on this was expected in March 2016. The review would ensure that accountability arrangements for policing could be built on the lessons learned during the operation of the single force to date and those robust arrangements were in place for the future. Recommendations should take account of the outcome of the local scrutiny summit which had taken place on 23 September. All 32 local authorities were being actively invited to contribute and he explained how this would happen. Mr Flanagan had committed the SPA to taking forward a joint meeting with COSLA and local senior council officers, with support from Police Scotland. This meeting was taking place on 16 November and would consider findings from the summit; both Douglas Scott and Shona Smith would attend the meeting. A follow up meeting would be offered, and an invitation issued to local scrutiny committee conveners to participate. The Chair would report the findings of the review in March 2016. The SPA had other pieces of engagement underway or in the pipeline including consulting on the SPA Gaelic Language Plan; and there would be more local engagement from the SPA in coming months on the new Strategic Plan for Policing. He concluded by advising that the SPA were facing significant budgetary challenges and work around the governance review was designed to ensure the SPA could build on the lessons learned during the operation of the single force to date, and ensure that the right and most robust arrangements were in place to meet these challenges.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

MEMBER

Councillor Nicol left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Board were scheduled to take place at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on:-
Friday 12 February 2016; and
Friday 13 May 2016.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

The meeting concluded 12.35 p.m.

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**Policing Performance
Supplementary Information**

Scottish Borders



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REPORTING PERIOD: April 2015 to December 2015

Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board

| Performance Update 01/04/15 – 31/12/2015 | | | | | |
|---|---|----------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| | | YTD 2014/15 | YTD 2015/16 | Source | % Change |
| | Increase the reporting of Hate Crime | 42 | 68 | UNIFI | +61.9% |

| Performance Update 01/04/15 – 31/12/2015 Context Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | <p>There was a significant increase in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in quarter 2, however in quarter 3 offences have returned to similar levels recorded for 2014 . Overall for the year to date there has been a 61.9% increase in hate crime offences.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Quarter 3 (October – December) | <p>Race – In the third quarter there have been 8 reported crimes with 1 repeat victims reporting 2 offences. The repeat victim was White European</p> <p>For the race related hate crimes the ethnicity of the victims is as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">Ethnicity</th> <th style="width: 15%;">15/16</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White European</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dark European</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unknown</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Homophobic – This quarter there have been 2 crimes reported. 1 repeat victim reporting the offences who is White European.</p> <p>Transgender – 0 crimes reported in this quarter.</p> <p>Disability – 0 crimes reported in this quarter.</p> <p>Religious Hatred – 3 crimes reported in this quarter. 1 repeat victim reported 2 offences. The victim was White European. The other crime shows the Procurator Fiscal as victim.</p> <p>In addition, we have 3 reports of race related hate incidents and 1 report of a religious belief related hate incident. These are incidents that the complainer perceives to have a hate element attached to them but are not crimes.</p> | | Ethnicity | 15/16 | Asian | 4 | White European | 2 | Dark European | 1 | Unknown | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Scrutiny Report December 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

Year to date referrals for 2015/16 are showing an 11% increase on 2014/15 figures, 100 more referrals made, which is positive.

Reasons

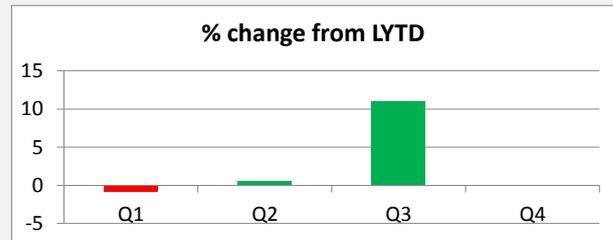
Improved performance on last year at this point therefore the continued raising of awareness among officers to identify vulnerabilities and submit adult concern referrals is proving effective.

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.
- There is greater scrutiny of referrals through the Police daily Tactical, Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TTACG).

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 | 1009 | 909 | 100 |



Priority 1 – Protecting People

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

Target - 95%

Current situation

Similar performance to the same period last year, and 2.3% better than target.

Reasons

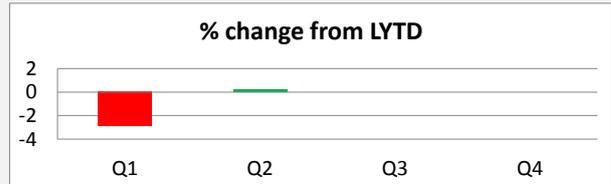
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and a disciplined process is in place between the Courts and Police allowing issues to be discussed at the daily TTACG.

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 |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | N/A | 97.3 | 97.3 | 0 |



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

Current situation

A 5.1% increase in Common Assaults reported TYTD compared to the same period last year. This equates to 28 more victims compared to last year.

Reasons

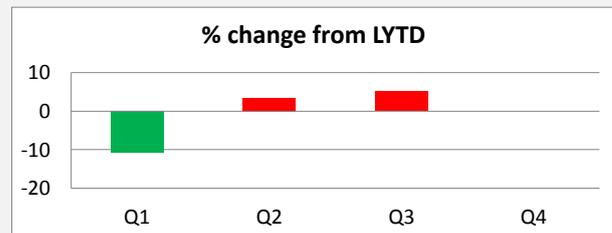
Responsible drinking has played a part along with focused patrols in town centres and work with licensees. The recent increase in assaults will be monitored.

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. Final premises assessments are currently being carried out.
- Monitoring bail conditions of known offenders
- Officer deployment through Campaign Against Violence (CAV).
- Over the festive period focused patrols were carried out and a safety campaign through local media was conducted.

Indicator - Reduce the levels of common assaults

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | 3188 | 581 | 553 | 28 |



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

Current situation

A 7.7% reduction (311 fewer incidents) this year to date when compared to the same period last year.

Reasons

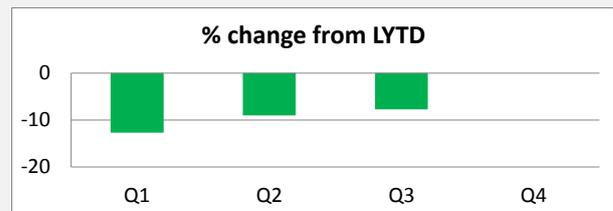
The Scottish Borders continues to take a proactive multi-agency approach to combatting antisocial behaviour through early identification of potential issues and targeted interventions with individuals.

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) provides challenged young people with a positive experience and recognised skills.
- Hotspot identification is currently being undertaken.

Indicator - Reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | 19917 | 3715 | 4026 | -311 |



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

Current situation

A significant increase in the number of recorded victims of Hate Crime this year to date has been largely due to the spike in offences occurring in Quarter 2.

Reasons

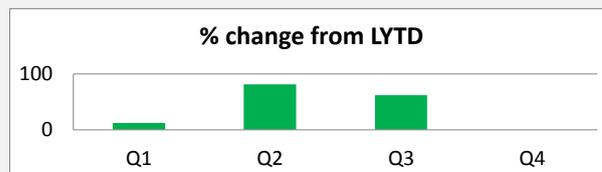
Race related hate crime continues to be the most frequent type of hate crime recorded. This quarter there have been 8 reported racial crimes with 1 repeat victim reporting 2 offences. There were 3 reported offences relating to religious belief with 1 victim reporting 2 offences. There were also 2 reported offences relating to sexual orientation from the same complainer.

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* took place in 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 continuing.

Indicator: Increase the reporting of hate crime

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | N/A | 68 | 42 | 26 |



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

Current situation

During the period 01/06/2015 to 03/01/2016, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 249 stop and searches, of which 57 proved positive (22.9%). Unfortunately due to current reporting methods, further breakdown of stop and search activity into individual categories is impossible, therefore the number of searches conducted under the Misuse of Drugs Act cannot be reported.

Reasons

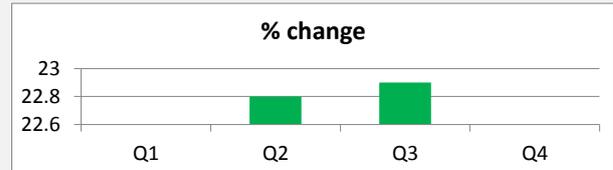
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1st June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes to the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data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

What are we doing

We are continuing to ensure we target the right people at the right time in the right places with intelligence led policing and also encouraging the public to use crimestoppers to provide information confidentially.

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 | 22.9 | N/A | N/A |



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

Current situation

A 21.8% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equates to 342 fewer visits.

Reasons

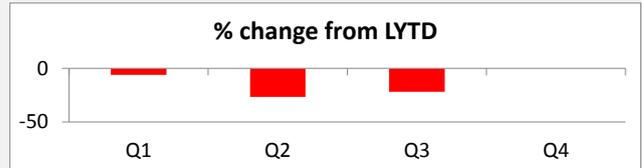
- On a positive note we have no problematic premises which would incur regular visits due to the excellent working relationship between Police, the trade and partner agencies.
- The premises visits continue to go down as officers are not tasked to make visits as it is no longer a requirement.

What are we doing

- Continuing to develop working relationships with the trade and partner agencies to improve premises management.
- All licensed premises are scrutinised to identify any necessary interventions.

Indicator - Increase the number of licensed premise visits

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | N/A | 1230 | 1572 | -342 |



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 1.6% reduction (1 fewer casualty) in the year to date. The number of people killed this year to date is 6, which is 1 fewer fatality than the same period last year. The number of serious injuries is unchanged compared to last year.

Reasons

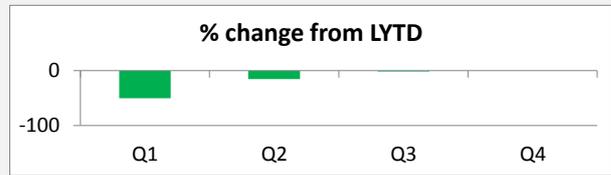
1 further fatality on Scottish Borders roads in the third quarter of 2015/16. There was 1 child seriously injured on the roads in the third quarter, bringing the total for the year to date to 3.

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.
- Road Safety awareness raising for older drivers is currently being planned.

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 | 170 | 63 | 64 | -1 |



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

Current situation

Cash seizures are currently lower than the value seized at the same point last year.

Reasons

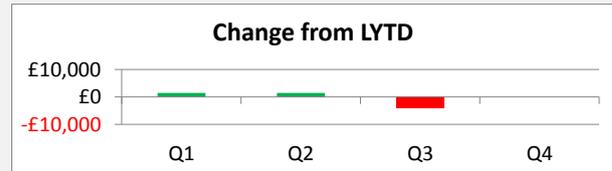
No further seizures in Quarter 3.

What are we doing

Police Scotland continues in its 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) operating 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 | £45,746 | £2,898 | £7,058 | -£4,160 |



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

Current situation

£92,965 in assets referred for restraint in Quarter 3.

Reasons

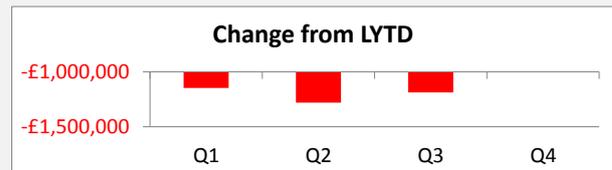
In early 2014/15 there was a significant asset referral made and as a result it will prove challenging to match this total in the current year.

What are we doing

Police Scotland continues 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) operating 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 | £1,934,601 | £197,990 | £1,385,177 | £1,187,187 |



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 encouraging to see an 11.8% increase in the number of detections for drug supply, with 57 offences detected this year to date.

Reasons

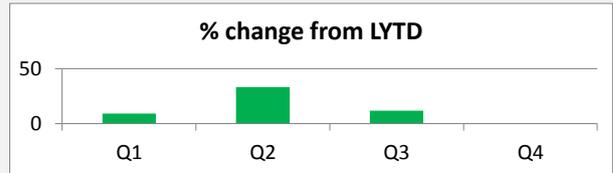
Ongoing proactive tactics continue to be implemented in the Borders to deter, disrupt and detect SOCG activity. These activities continue to achieve very positive results, particularly with regards to drug supply. Work is continually ongoing in this area.

What are we doing

- Divisional Intelligence Unit officers are aligned to the Scottish Borders
- There is a focus on actionable intelligence in relation to drug supply at the TTACG.

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for drug supply

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | 310 | 57 | 51 | 6 |



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 10 fewer victims of this type of crime this year to date when compared to the same period in 2014/15.

Reasons

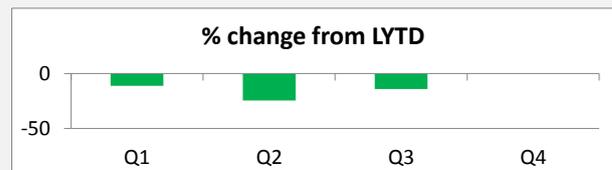
We continue to raise awareness of the need for home security and to actively pursue a programme of prevention activities.

What are we doing

- Successful funding bid which will result in 200 farms being visited and them receiving Crime Prevention and Fire Safety advice.
- Farm walk and talk events are also taking place to provide practical crime prevention and fire safety advice at a working farm.
- Crime prevention advice offered to all victims.
- Currently investigating the potential for property marking schemes for a whole (small) settlement.

Indicator - Reduce the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | 412 | 61 | 71 | -10 |



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

Current situation

A 2.1% reduction in theft of motor vehicles this year to date which equates to 1 fewer victim of this type of crime.

Reasons

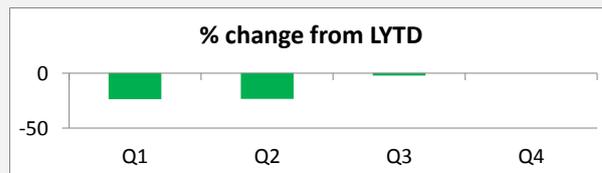
We continue to raise awareness of the need for vehicle security.

What are we doing

Currently investigating the potential for property marking schemes specifically linked to commercial vehicles.

Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts of motor vehicles

| Force TYTD | Division TYTD | SB TYTD | SB LYTD | SB Change |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| N/A | 358 | 26 | 34 | 8 |



Overall Crime

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

Current situation

A 3.9 percentage point increase in detection rate this year to date compared to the same period last year, which is positive.

Reasons

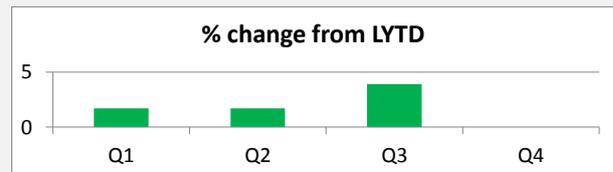
Vandalism and malicious mischief still have the lowest detection rates than any other crime groups, however the detection rate for this type of crime has improved this year, contributing to an overall improvement in performance.

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 | 44.4 | 55.9 | 52 | 3.9 |



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

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|------|
| Number of complaints Scottish Borders | 84 | Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - Borders | 39.6 |
| Number of complaints J Division | 352 | Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - J Division | 34.8 |

| | On duty | Off duty | Quality of Service allegations | Total Number of allegations |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total allegations recorded | 77 | 0 | 18 | 95 |



Report to:
Scottish Borders Council
Police, Fire and Rescue & Safer Communities Board

**SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER
2015-16**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date performance report from April to December 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 December 2015-16.

Dwelling Fires

The Fire and Rescue Service have attended 82 dwelling fires in comparison to 60 for the same YTD reporting period last year, this represents a 35% increase.

Six of these fires have been started deliberately although none in the last quarter.

Cooking and cooking appliances continue to be the most common cause of dwelling fires with the majority occurring in single occupancy dwellings. 25% of accidental dwelling fires involved persons over 65 years old.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

There was 15 fire related casualties in this reporting period, this is an increase of six compared to the same period last year.

The YTD period has seen one fire fatality. There have been six non-fatal fire casualties this quarter all suffering from slight smoke inhalation with one requiring hospitalisation. There have been no fire fatalities this quarter.

Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).

There were 89 deliberate fires in this YTD reporting period, an increase of 12 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. Conversely, comparison with the previous quarter has seen this type of activity reduce almost 60%.

As discussed in previous reports the ward areas of Galashiels and District and Tweeddale showed significant increases in the first two quarters

Wood, scrubland, refuse and straw bales accounted for the majority of these incidents. The decrease in the last quarter is consistent with the months of autumn and winter.

Road Traffic Collisions

During this YTD reporting period, the Fire and Rescue Service attended 79 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), this is an increase of one compared to the same period last year. Over a third of these RTC's occurred in the last quarter.

There have been 43 RTC related casualties in this YTD period with five of these being fatalities. The most recent fatality involved an adult male on the A7 south of Hawick in December 2015.

The Service used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 31 occasions during this YTD period 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.

| Priority | YTD 2014-15 | YTD 2015-16 | +/- |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Reduction of Dwelling Fires | 60 | 82 | +22 |
| Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties | 9 | 15 | +6 |
| Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting | 78 | 89 | +11 |
| Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions | 78 | 79 | +1 |
| Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals | 690 | 617 | -73 |

| Priority | Q3, 2014-15 | Q3, 2015-16 | +/- |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Reduction of Dwelling Fires | 19 | 26 | +7 |
| Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties | 2 | 6 | +4 |
| Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting | 17 | 12 | -5 |
| Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions | 32 | 34 | +2 |
| Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals | 247 | 210 | -37 |

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.

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Local Senior Officer
Scottish Borders
3rd February 2016

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LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



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Year to Date Report, 1st April – 31st December 2015

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DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

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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 31st December 2015.

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.) Dec | | | | | RAG rating |
|---|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | YTD |
| Dwelling fires | 74 | 86 | 77 | 60 | 82 | ◆ |
| All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's)) | 24 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 15 | ◆ |
| All deliberate fires excl. dwellings | 93 | 45 | 71 | 78 | 89 | ◆ |
| Special Service - RTCs | 58 | 59 | 60 | 78 | 79 | ▲ |
| Special Service Casualties - All | 65 | 60 | 84 | 52 | 85 | ◆ |
| False Alarm - Equipment failure | 453 | 492 | 509 | 494 | 436 | ● |

RAG rating - KEY

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

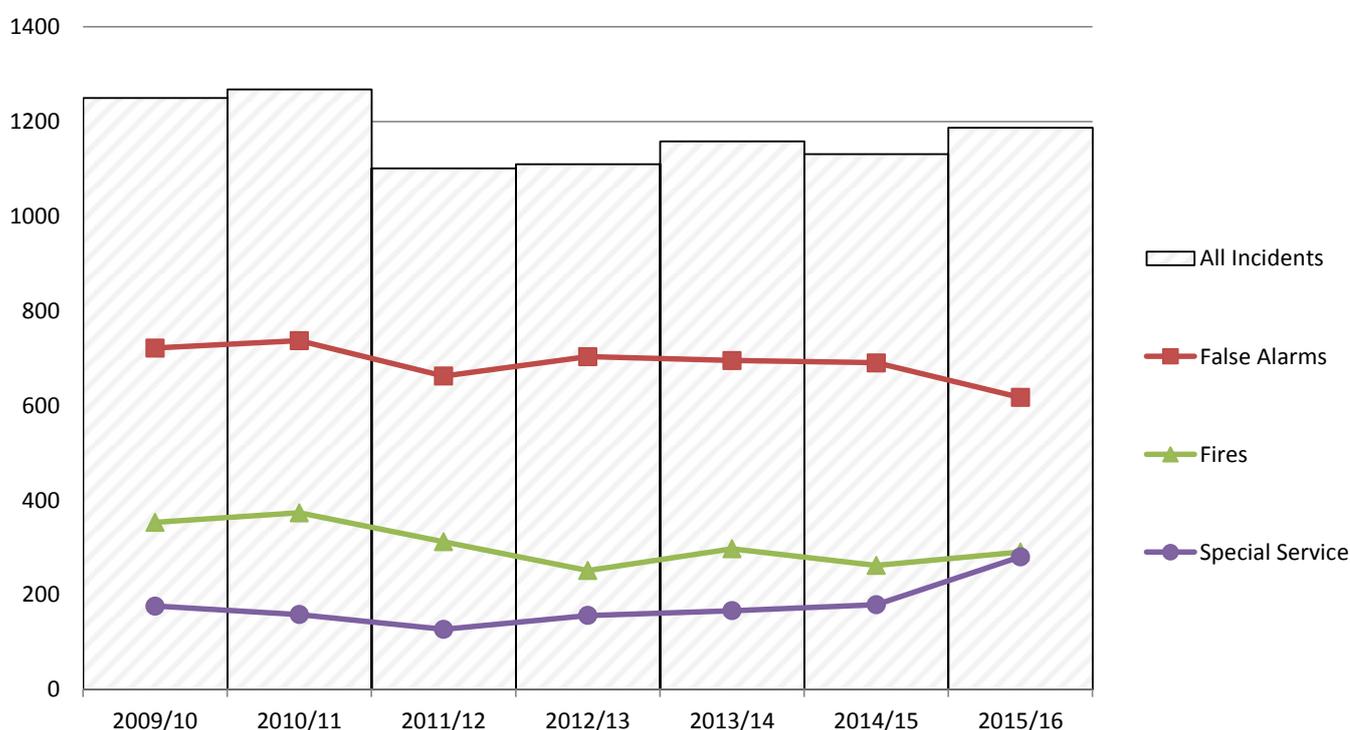
Note

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

Incident Overview

During the Year to Date period April-December 2015, the SFRS have responded to 1187 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is an increase of 56 compared to the same reporting period last year. UFAS account for 52% of all SFRS calls.

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, Health & Safety and Fire Behaviour, Ice and Unstable Ground and Sleeping Risks.

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. This has recently included information relating to the new Borders Railway.

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. The Service are currently carrying out an internal debrief regarding intervention activities during Storm Frank.

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

The Service contributed to a multi-agency response to flooding across the Scottish Borders late December. Police Scotland declared a major incident for flooding at Peebles.

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 have been 82 dwelling fires recorded compared to 60 for the same Year to Date period last year with 26 of these fires occurring in the last quarter. Further analysis shows that 7% of all dwelling fires in the YTD period were started deliberately.

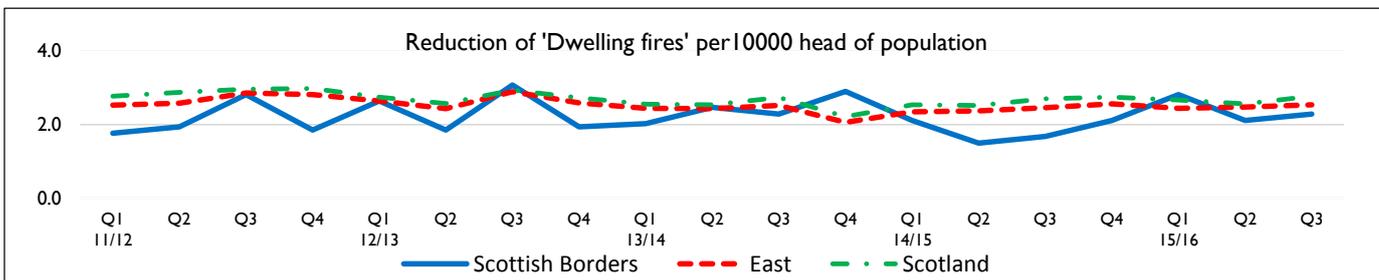
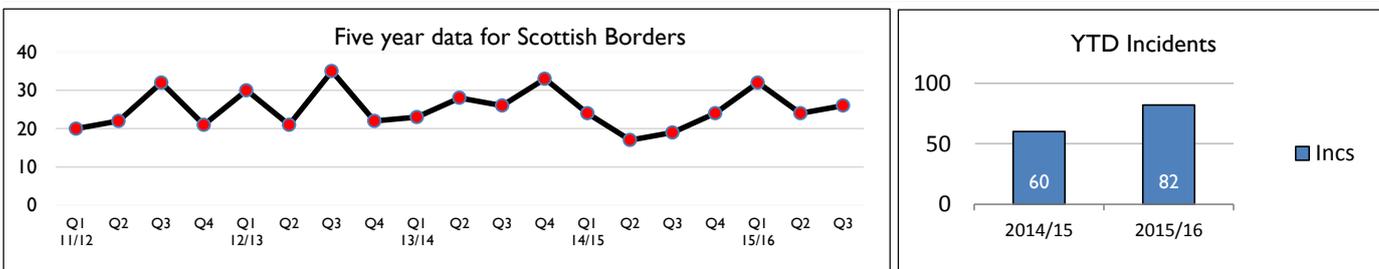
Reasons

The kitchen is the most common room of origin with cooking and cooking appliances accounting for over 80% of these fires. Of all accidental dwelling fires 25% of these involved persons over 65 years of age. 50% of all fires started in single occupancy dwellings.

Actions

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service conduct a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following all domestic dwelling fires. We also work closely with partners in order to identify persons at risk from fire, this can result in cross agency referrals or joint home safety visits.

Serious fires are subject to fire investigation and depending on the circumstances, multi agency case conferences.



| YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 7 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | Sparklines |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Scottish Borders | 74 | 86 | 77 | 60 | 82 | |
| Tweeddale West | 4 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 5 | |
| Tweeddale East | 3 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | |
| Galashiels and District | 15 | 15 | 9 | 12 | 16 | |
| Selkirkshire | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | |
| Leaderdale and Melrose | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 7 | |
| Mid Berwickshire | 7 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 6 | |
| East Berwickshire | 8 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 13 | |
| Kelso and District | 9 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 6 | |
| Jedburgh and District | 3 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 | |
| Hawick and Denholm | 8 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 4 | |
| Hawick and Hermitage | 10 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 11 | |

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

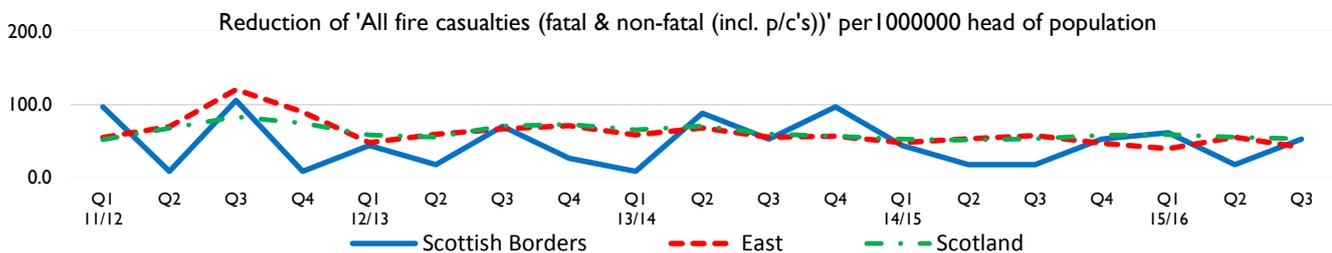
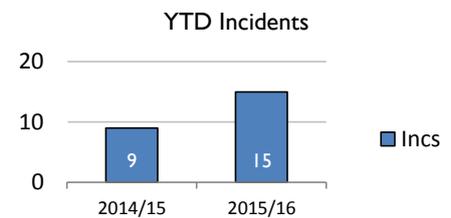
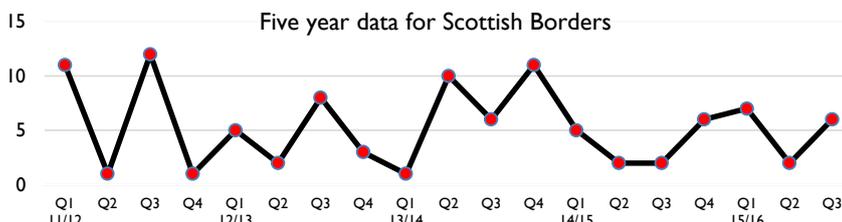
We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in the Scottish Borders year on year that contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. There have been 15 casualties this YTD period, this includes one fatality. In the last quarter there have been six non-fatal and no fatal casualties reported.

Reasons

The fatality recorded in the previous report occurred in a non-residential building under conversion. All casualties reported this quarter suffered slight smoke inhalation due to cooking incidents with one requiring hospitalisation.

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. Crews also proactively target 'at risk groups' including elderly people who are more likely to suffer a fire in their home.



| YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - I | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | Sparklines |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Scottish Borders | 24 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 15 | |
| Tweeddale West | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Tweeddale East | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Galashiels and District | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | |
| Selkirkshire | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Leaderdale and Melrose | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | |
| Mid Berwickshire | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | |
| East Berwickshire | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Kelso and District | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Jedburgh and District | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| Hawick and Denholm | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Hawick and Hermitage | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | |

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

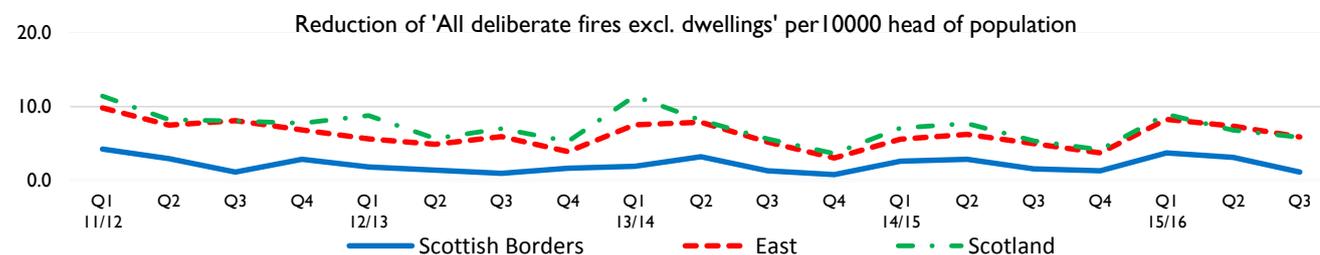
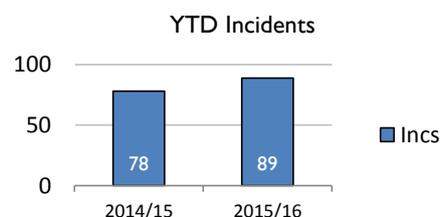
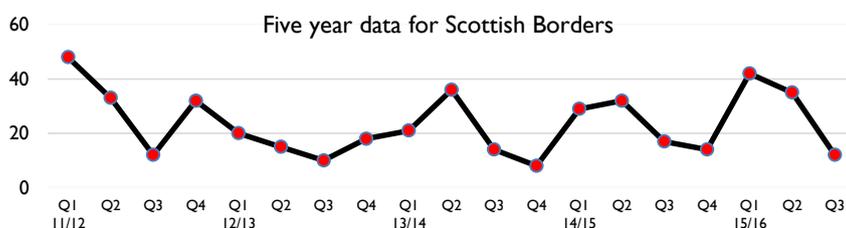
The Fire and Rescue Local Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-17 aims to continually reduce Deliberate Fire Setting against the three-year average. There have been 89 incidents of this nature in the YTD period, 11 more than the same period last year although the previous quarter comparison shows a 65% decrease.

Reasons

The increase in this type of incident is consistent with warmer and drier weather encountered in the summer. The majority of the fires are accountable to fires in the open, straw bales, wood and grass land. There is a noticeable decrease in this type of incident as we move into autumn and winter, this pattern is consistent across Scotland.

Actions

The SFRS carry out seasonal campaigns with the purpose of warning and educating the public regarding summer safety, this includes camping and barbeques. Amongst other initiatives we have visited Peebles HS and youth groups in Hawick to talk about the dangers of deliberate fire setting. Where required the SFRS offer a one to one service for young fire setters.



| YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 8 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | Sparklines |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Scottish Borders | 93 | 45 | 71 | 78 | 89 | |
| Tweeddale West | 10 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 13 | |
| Tweeddale East | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 16 | |
| Galashiels and District | 24 | 7 | 11 | 17 | 17 | |
| Selkirkshire | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 | |
| Leaderdale and Melrose | 6 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 | |
| Mid Berwickshire | 6 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | |
| East Berwickshire | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | |
| Kelso and District | 6 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 6 | |
| Jedburgh and District | 8 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 9 | |
| Hawick and Denholm | 7 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 11 | |
| Hawick and Hermitage | 7 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 2 | |

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

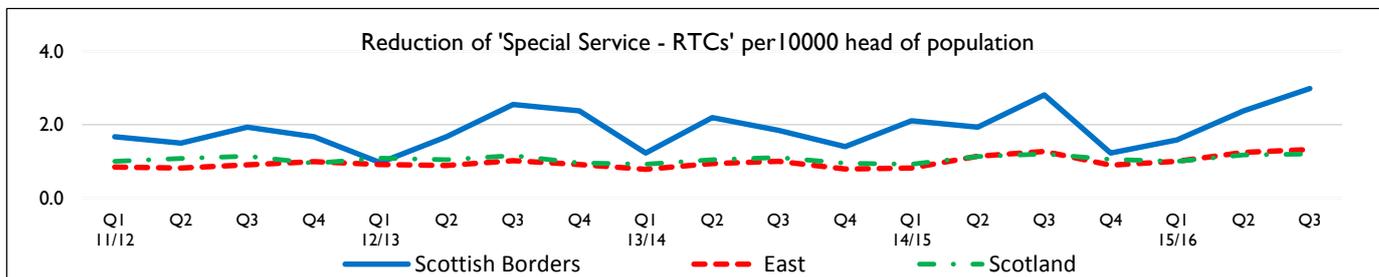
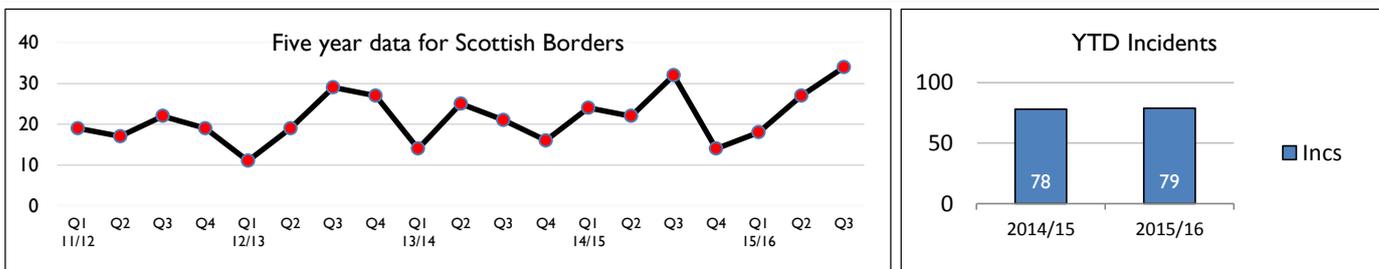
The Service attended 79 RTC's in this year to date reporting period, this is an increase of one in comparison to the same period last year. There have been 34 RTC's in the last quarter, this is an increase of seven in comparison to the previous quarter.

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. Adverse weather and less daylight could be a contributory factor in the increase experienced over the last quarter.

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 - 7 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | Sparklines |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Scottish Borders | 58 | 59 | 60 | 78 | 79 | |
| Tweeddale West | 10 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 6 | |
| Tweeddale East | 6 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 10 | |
| Galashiels and District | 12 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 11 | |
| Selkirkshire | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | |
| Leaderdale and Melrose | 6 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 12 | |
| Mid Berwickshire | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 3 | |
| East Berwickshire | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 12 | |
| Kelso and District | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | |
| Jedburgh and District | 5 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 9 | |
| Hawick and Denholm | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | |
| Hawick and Hermitage | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

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

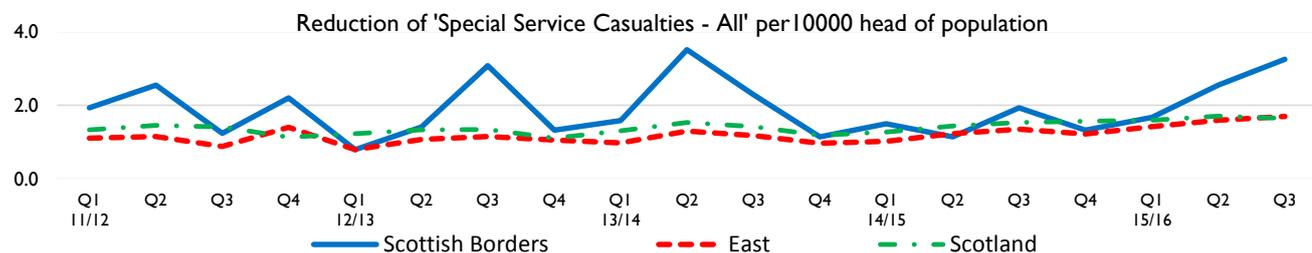
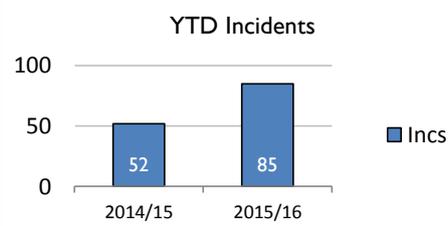
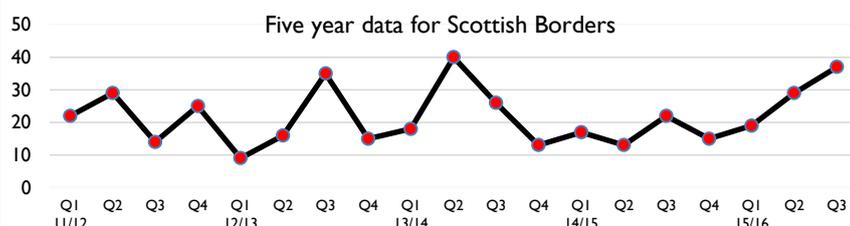
There have been 38 non-fatal and five fatal RTC related casualties for this YTD period. The Service has used Hydraulic Rescue equipment on 31 occasions to extricate persons due to RTC's. Effecting entry and medical incidents account for over 50% of Special Service casualties.

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. SFRS Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest response is a main factor in reporting an increase of Special Service casualties.

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 - 8 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | Sparklines |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Scottish Borders | 65 | 60 | 84 | 52 | 85 | |
| Tweeddale West | 13 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 17 | |
| Tweeddale East | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | |
| Galashiels and District | 11 | 3 | 16 | 7 | 13 | |
| Selkirkshire | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | |
| Leaderdale and Melrose | 10 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 9 | |
| Mid Berwickshire | 6 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 4 | |
| East Berwickshire | 8 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 11 | |
| Kelso and District | 0 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | |
| Jedburgh and District | 4 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 14 | |
| Hawick and Denholm | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 | |
| Hawick and Hermitage | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | |

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

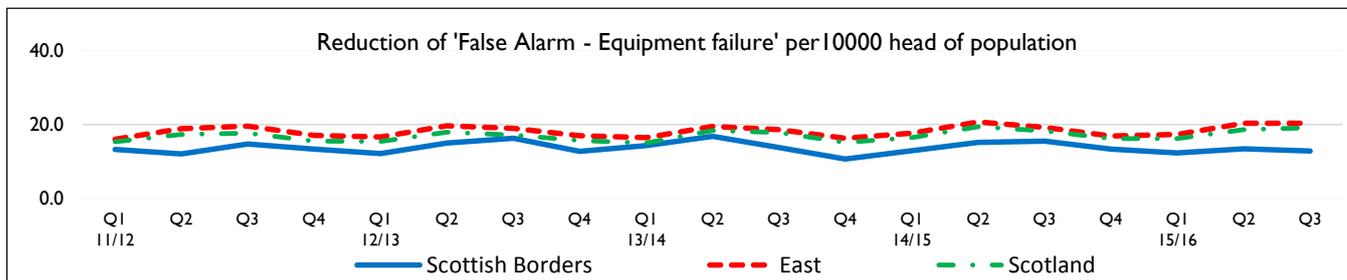
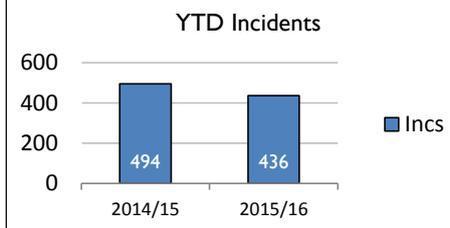
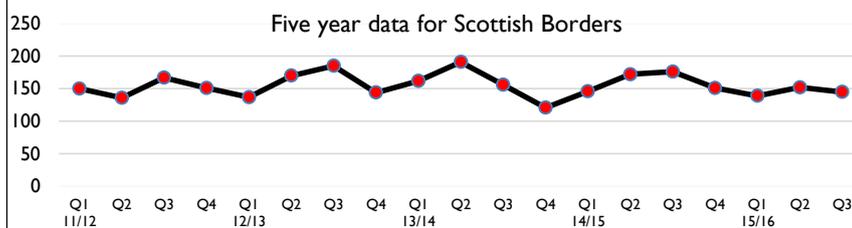
There have been 617 UFAS incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 436 of these incidents with 153 and 28 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figures illustrated in this report relate only to False Alarm equipment failures.

Reasons

Equipment failure accounted for 71% of all UFAS calls in this reporting period and 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. This forms part of an incremental approach with the ultimate aim of educating duty holders whilst reducing UFAS calls. A SFRS project team has been initiated in order to address the issue of UFAS.



| YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 40 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | Sparklines |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Scottish Borders | 453 | 492 | 509 | 494 | 436 | |
| Tweeddale West | 69 | 89 | 102 | 79 | 66 | |
| Tweeddale East | 33 | 32 | 31 | 19 | 24 | |
| Galashiels and District | 83 | 71 | 85 | 73 | 80 | |
| Selkirkshire | 38 | 71 | 52 | 67 | 44 | |
| Leaderdale and Melrose | 75 | 54 | 60 | 67 | 59 | |
| Mid Berwickshire | 17 | 16 | 20 | 42 | 25 | |
| East Berwickshire | 30 | 35 | 24 | 28 | 26 | |
| Kelso and District | 19 | 17 | 26 | 28 | 19 | |
| Jedburgh and District | 19 | 22 | 25 | 23 | 21 | |
| Hawick and Denholm | 23 | 31 | 35 | 22 | 24 | |
| Hawick and Hermitage | 47 | 54 | 49 | 46 | 48 | |

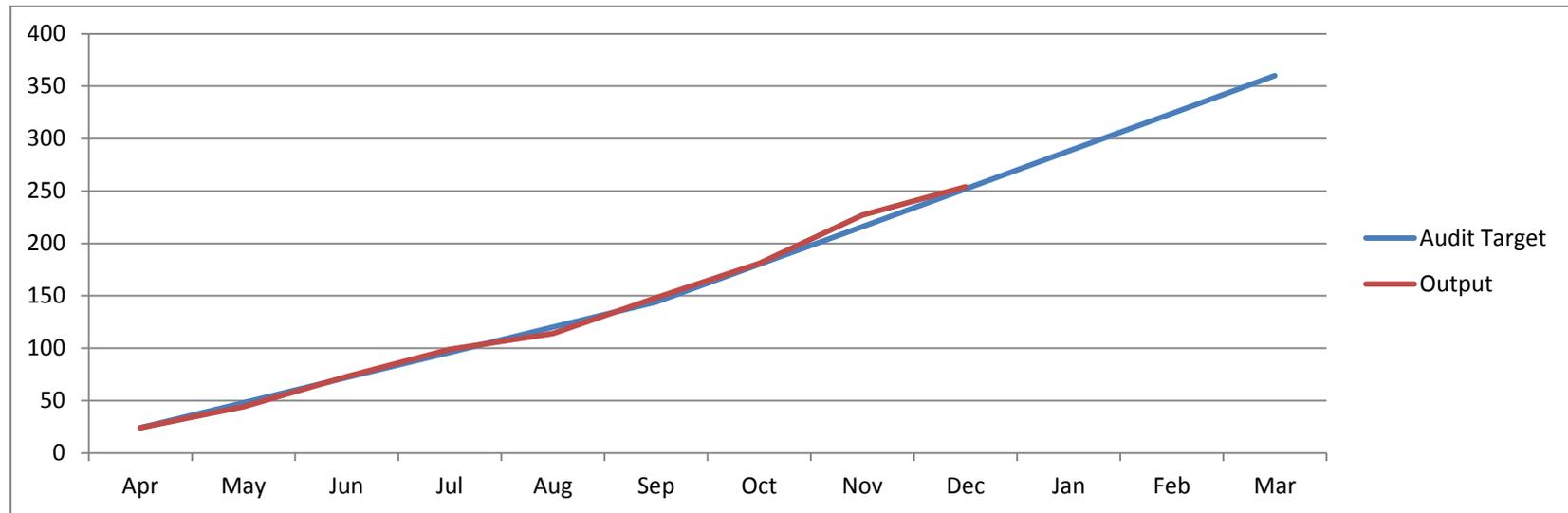
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Prevention & Protection Activities

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 again seen us exceed target. It should be noted that during quarter two we had two FSEO's instead of our normal compliment of three, therefore targets have been adjusted to account for this. Quarter 3 has seen the return to full establishment and we now have three FSEO's established with targets adjusted accordingly.

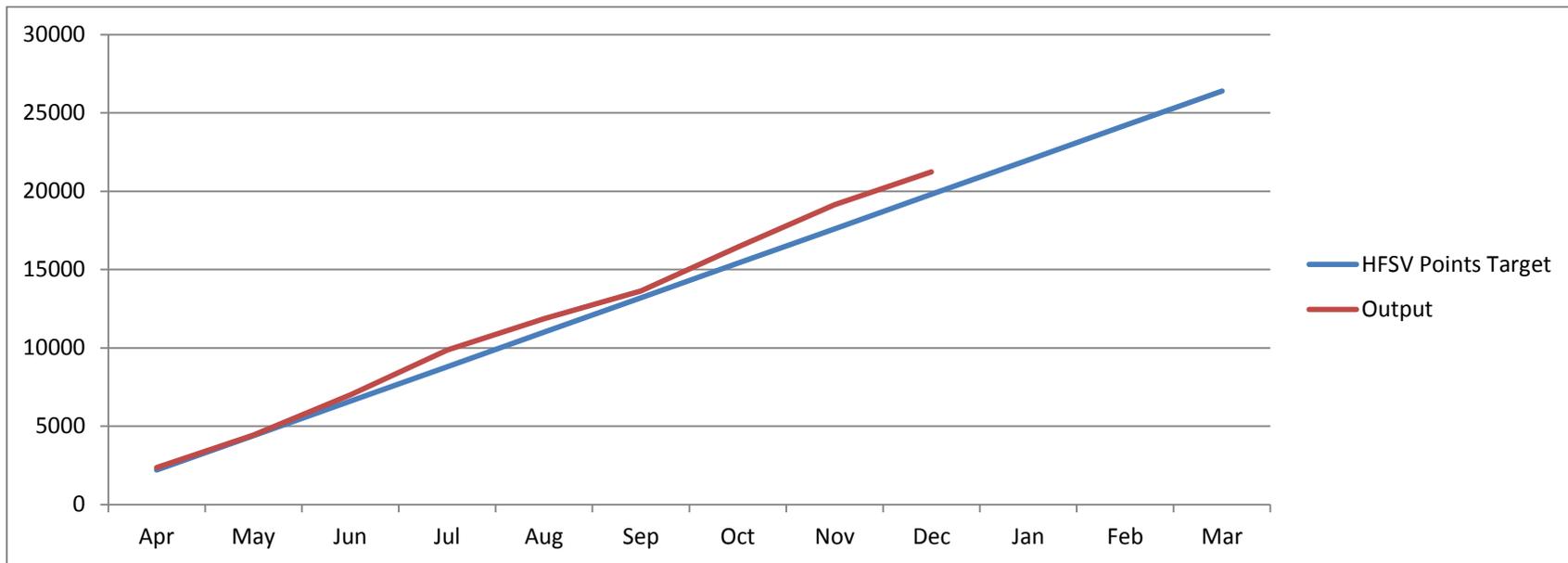
| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Target: | 24 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 180 | 216 | 252 | 288 | 324 | 360 | 360 |
| Completed: | 24 | 44 | 73 | 99 | 114 | 148 | 181 | 227 | 254 | | | | |



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.

| | 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 | 26400 |
| Completed | 2360 | 4444 | 7004 | 9856 | 11868 | 13632 | 16432 | 19132 | 21224 | | | | |



Total Number Of Home Fire Safety Visits By Risk Category

| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| High | 59 | 56 | 64 | 77 | 54 | 43 | 71 | 66 | 49 | | | |
| Medium | 92 | 68 | 89 | 95 | 65 | 70 | 100 | 114 | 86 | | | |
| Low | 61 | 50 | 71 | 62 | 49 | 43 | 78 | 58 | 60 | | | |

Total Number Of Smoke Detectors Fitted By Risk Category

| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| High | 54 | 30 | 17 | 27 | 25 | 20 | 38 | 34 | 37 | | | |
| Medium | 39 | 44 | 48 | 45 | 39 | 42 | 53 | 70 | 57 | | | |
| Low | 27 | 24 | 34 | 15 | 22 | 23 | 38 | 33 | 44 | | | |

Community Safety Engagement

| ACTIVITY | SCOTTISH BORDERS |
|---|------------------|
| Enhanced Home Safety Visits (No. of households/occupiers visited) | 11 |
| Visits to Schools | 4 |
| Nursery Visits | 1 |
| Road Safety Education (No. of Pupils) | 3 (664) |
| Firesetters Intervention Programme (No. of sessions with youths)* | 1 |
| Community Safety Talks / Attendance at Community Events** | 65 |
| Number of students attending Crucial Crew*** | 0 |
| Fire Safety Inspections (CGA) in Tenement Stairs | 0 |
| Youth Programmes (No. of Programmes) | 1 |

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

During the month of October, the Community Action Team (CAT) has been working together with the local operational crews to deliver bonfire and fireworks safety presentations to numerous primary school pupils in support of the Autumn Thematic Action Plan (TAP). Community Firefighters Smith and Collins delivered these presentations to 320 pupils based at Chimside, Coldingham and Eyemouth primary schools and Community Firefighter Joe Buchan delivered his presentation to 280 pupils at St Ronan's primary school, Innerleithen.

In the month of November, the CAT and the East Service Delivery Area Youth Engagement team ran the pilot Fireskills Employability Program at Hawick Fire Station. The course, which is currently sitting with Police Scotland to be accredited to SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) Level 4, was run over five days and incorporated the following learning outcomes :-

- Basic principles of a working environment including Health and Safety, Wellbeing, Manual Handling
- Participation in fire service drill ground activities
- Learning to work well as an individual and in a team
- Effective communication and cooperation with community members and partner organisations
- Understanding of home fire safety and fire service search and rescue procedures
- Basic emergency first aid including CPR
- Understanding the risks and consequences of RTCs and extrication of a casualty as part of an RTC scenario
- Fire related anti-social behaviour

Eight pupils from Hawick High School were originally signed up for the pilot but four completed the week. The feedback from the participants, parents and teachers is greatly encouraging for future courses. A representative from Action for Children attended to give an input on Alcohol and Drugs and Scottish Borders Council Lead Anti-Social Behaviour Officer supported Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) staff in their delivery of this subject.

The CAT has completed joint agency work with education services and Police Scotland Youth Justice services in response to local incidents which the fire service have attended.

In October, Community Firefighter Joe Buchan attended Peebles High School to present a talk on both the dangers of deliberate fire setting and the demands placed upon the fire service by unwanted fire alarm signals through malicious breakage of break glass call points. Community Firefighter Adrienne Smith attended Jedburgh Grammar School in December to give a group talk to three pupils involved in a previous incident involving a small fire on the roof of Parkside Primary School, Jedburgh.

Community Firefighter Smith has established links with The Wilton Centre, Hawick and has provided presentations on home fire safety and bonfire/fireworks safety. The Centre supports children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties who have difficulty accessing full time mainstream education.

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to enhance our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) referral numbers. In October, the Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) visited the New Horizons Borders Galashiels drop in to speak to staff and service users about home fire safety and to encourage referrals. This is a user led mental health charity with service users falling into the high risk from fire group. Also in October, the LALO provided Cset input, training staff working locally for the mental health charity Penumbra and in November, Station Manager (SM) Jaffray spoke to volunteers at the local branch of Victim Support. The CAT has established links with a new service for the elderly in the Borders called " Young at Heart" run by the Building Community Capacity health team. This is a great

vehicle for delivering home fire safety information to older people who are frail or in post operation/illness treatment and has already generated referrals.

In December, the LALO gave a presentation on home fire safety and Cset to staff at Borders Momentum Skills brain injury service which supports people who have suffered brain injury through accident or illness. SFRS was present at the inaugural event at the new Burnfoot Community Hub in October. SM Bell and the LALO participated in the evening workshop focussing on an asset-based approach to achieving improvements within the Burnfoot area.

In this quarter, the CAT have delivered six Driving into the Future events at Berwickshire, Earlston, Hawick, Galashiels, Peebles and Kelso high schools. A total of 736 pupils have received the fire service "Cutting the carnage" workshop which uses the crash car to highlight the consequences of poor driving decisions and risk taking, also highlighting the dangers of driving rural roads.

Referrals:

- Partnership working in the Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to produce steady referral numbers with 20 for this quarter
- Housing association referrals total 93 which includes those received from Homelessness services team and the Domestic Abuse safer housing worker
- Police Scotland referrals have increased substantially from last quarter (5) to a total of 26
- Negotiations to improve HFSV referral numbers from social care and health services are on- going at Group Manager and Station Manager level
- The ongoing farm safety Select a DNA joint initiative with Police Scotland has resulted in 19 completed HFSVs this quarter

Other Work Completed and In Progress:

The CAT provided a fire safety information stall at the annual Community Councils Network open night held at council headquarters in October. The CAT presence at Farne Salmon Open Day helped to raise awareness of home fire safety and promote new referrals and did likewise at the Waverley Housing Association Tenants open day in Jedburgh on October 15th.

A total of 76 members of the public completed basic emergency life support training on October 16th at one of the eight local stations taking part in the British Heart Foundation initiative and the CAT was fully involved in both the organisation and delivery of the Borders representation of this nationally run campaign.

Work is ongoing with the local operational crews as part of the post-domestic incident response to the Carbon Monoxide incident at Soonhope; all properties on the land with letterboxes have now been leafleted. The CAT and SM Jaffray are planning to liaise with the landowner to carry out future actions including targeted fire safety mail information for property owners and any short-term visitors to the complex.

Safer Communities Team at SBC is currently undergoing a review and both the LALO and CFF Wilson are participating in the progressive stages of this review. Work has been submitted by the LALO and included in the finalised Safer Communities Team Strategic Assessment 2015-2016 document.

The second Farm Fire Safety and Security walk and talk event was completed on October 26th at Whitsome East Newton Farm, Duns. This joint agency event was once again well received with a small increase in number of attendees and support continues to be strong through NFU Scotland and Radio Borders coverage.



Performance Report February 2016

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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) 789 | 646 | 684 | -5.6% | A slight increase in the number of reported incidents in the third quarter, compared to quarter two. We are currently 38 incidents (5.6%) lower than recorded for 2014. All specialist services include "reporting to the police" as a standard item in all safety plans. Overall reported domestic abuse incidents are down across the Lothians and Scottish Borders region in 2015. |
| Percentage of self referrals to specialist support services | 2011/12 30% | 11.8% | 12% | -0.2% | DAAS have observed an increase in police referrals in the last quarter, using the month of December 2015 as a baseline 30 out of 44 referrals came from police in Scottish Borders, this is a marked increase and can be attributed to refresher briefings to police about Domestic Abuse Specialist Services and close working partnerships between Police, Domestic Abuse Investigation Officer and DAAS. |
| Total Number/Percentage of Children on the CPR where domestic abuse has been identified as a risk factor | - | 5/16% | 12/39% | -7/-23% | A reduction in numbers compared to last quarter, which is encouraging and we are now performing better than last year at the same point. |
| Number/Percentage of Homeless Assessment Presentations due to dispute within household: violent or abusive (% of total Assessments) | 3 Year Average (2008/9 -2010/11) 77 | 60/13% | 71/15% | -11/-2% | A decrease compared to the second 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 | 2014/15 82% | 100% | 82% | +18% | 100% of surveyed clients report their safety had much improved as a result of engaging with the service, an increase of 18% on the same time last year. |
| Service user satisfaction on exit from a specialist service | 2014/15 100% would use DAAS again 80% DAAS fully met their needs | 100% 78% | 100% 80% | 0% -2% | Results of the client exit interviews undertaken to date are extremely positive. The figure regarding DAAS fully meeting needs is similar to last year at this point. The comments received were not negative. Instead suggestions were made as to what else could have been done to improve the service for a particular client such as face to face support and less time between contact. In total 9 exit interviews have been carried out year to date. |

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) 230 | 67 | 102 | -34.3% | A significant reduction in the number of calls received in the year to date. 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 to localised services such as DAAS. |
| Number of calls to national domestic abuse helpline (Male) | 2010/2011 1 | 5 | 3 | +2 | A slightly higher 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 | 79(100%) (to October 2015 only) | 112(100%) | -29.5%/0% | Training numbers were considerably reduced in 2014/15 and remained this way in 2015. It is encouraging however, that the effectiveness of the training and the increase in knowledge remains consistent. Training courses have ceased in October 2015 to be replaced by a training module therefore this data will no longer be collected from November 2015. |
| 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) 134 | 92.31 | 87.17 | +5.14 | A small increase in recorded ASB to the end of quarter 3. This is not unexpected as there are seasonal variations in the level of ASB reported. 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) 2437 | 1185 | 1220 | -7.5% | 35 fewer reported incidents in the year to date when compared to the same point last year. A young person offender profile has been developed and will be used to target interventions with the aim of reducing the amount of crime and ASB committed by young people. |
| 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% | | -3% | Very positive results. |
| People being rowdy in public spaces | 22% | 18% | | -4% | |
| Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage | 10% | 7% | | -3% | |
| People using or dealing drugs | 22% | 19% | | -3% | |
| Groups or individuals intimidating or harassing others | 10% | 7% | | -3% | |

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 | 590 | 811 | -27.3% | A large drop in the number of early interventions recorded up to the end of quarter 3. However, the figures do not include Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA) figures for quarter 3, and as the largest Registered Social Landlord (RSL) it is expected that the number of interventions would increase significantly if this data were available. There is a continued drive by the partnership to address ASB at the earliest opportunity. Stabilisation and consistency of how partners deal with initial contact from complainers will be a focus for the future. |

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"> • Fear of reprisal • People feeling they shouldn't report it • Didn't think anything would have been done about it/not a priority/not a serious issue |

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) 1112 | 599 | 530 | +13% | Third quarter results show 69 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) 21% | 16.6% | 19% | -2.4% points | A 2.4 percentage point reduction in alcohol related ASB incidents for the year to date when compared to the same period last year. |
| Number of incidents relating to a licensed premises (ILP) | 2 Year Average (2010/11-2011/12) 911 | 294 | 529 | -44.4% | 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 year to date. Off sales incidents are significantly down. |
| Number of incidents involving needles/drugs paraphernalia | 2 Year Average (2010/11-2011/12) 65 | 17 | 21 | -19% | A reduction in the number of incidents recorded for the year to date, which is encouraging. |
| Percentage of 15 year olds drinking on a weekly basis (once a week, twice a week or daily) | 2010 SALSUS Survey 17% | 14% | 17% | -3% | 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 22% | 18% | | -4% | 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 22% | 19% | | -3% | 1% drop since SBH survey in 2007 |

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 | 13yrs – 40% 15yrs – 57% | 13 yrs – 4% 15 yrs – 10% | 13 yrs – 2% 15 yrs – 8% | +2% +2% | 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% | -6% -9% | 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% | +2% +1% | 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) 640 | 472 | 504 | -6.35% | A decrease in admissions in the year to date, when compared to 2014/15 but December 2015 data is currently not finalised so this figure may increase. |

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) 56.5 | 35 | 46 | -23.9% | A reduction in numbers of admissions in the year to date, when compared to 2014/15, which is positive. The 2015 figures quoted are for the time period April to November 2015. December 2015 data has not been finalised. |

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) 11 | 6 | 7 | -14.3% | Year to date results for 2015/16 regarding persons killed on the roads is 1 lower than recorded at this point in 2014/15. Persons seriously injured on the roads in the year to date are equal to the same point in 2014/15. Any injuries or fatalities are cause for concern but in terms of overall casualties we are currently performing at a similar level to last year. |
| Number of road users seriously injured | 5 year Average (2006/07-2010/11) 86 | 57 | 57 | 0% | |
| Number of children killed or seriously injured in a road crash | 5 year Average (2006/07-2010/11) 9 | 3 | 0 | 300% | The figure is now at 3 for the year to date and represents 3 serious injuries but no fatalities. |

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) 9 | 6 | 5 | +20% | 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 7 | 7 | 2 | +250% | |
| Number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured in road crashes. | As above 20 | 12 | 19 | -36.8% | Year to date 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. |