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POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2016

A MEETING of the POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HQ, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2016 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

4 November 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 8) Consider Minute of meeting held on 16 September 2016 (Copy attached.)	10 mins
5.	Progress Reports / Updates on Service Matters Consider progress reports and updates from:-	
	(a) Police - Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall (Copy attached.)	(Pages 9 - 26) 40 mins
	(b) Fire & Rescue - LSO David Farries (Copy attached.)	(Pages 27 - 48) 40 mins
	(c) Safer Communities - Safer Communities and Community Justice Manager - Graham Jones. (Copy attached.)	(Pages 49 - 86) 40 mins
6.	Presentation on Scottish Borders Drivers' Initiatives - Chief Inspector Andy McLean, Local Area Commander	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.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors D. Moffat (Chairman), S. Aitchison, B. Herd, A. Nicol. R. Stewart, G. Turnbull, Vacancy.
D Steele NHS Borders, J. Mulloy, Scottish Borders Housing Network; F. Young, Lothian & Borders Community Justice Authority; G. Higgs, Voluntary Sector; H. Waltl, 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 16 September 2016 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors D. Moffat (Chairman), S. Aitchison B. Herd, A. Nicol, G. Turnbull. Mr G. Higgs, Voluntary Sector, Dr D. Steele, NHS Borders

Apologies: Councillor R. Stewart, Ms J. Mulloy, SBHA.

Absent: Ms F. Young, CJA, Mr H. Waltl, Business Sector.

In Attendance: Superintendent A. Clark, Chief Inspector A. McLean, Police Scotland, David Farries, LSO, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Group Manager A. Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Group Manager S. Gourlay, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Mr D. Scott, Senior Policy Adviser SBC, Inspector J. Hulford, Safer Communities SBC, K. Mason, Democratic Services Officer, SBC.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman advised that two Scottish Borders projects were recently shortlisted at the Scottish Community Safety Network awards. These National Awards celebrated community based projects and there had been 64 entries across four categories. The Safer Communities team won in one of the four categories, the Innovative Media Campaign. Led by the Police and supported by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the National Farmers Union, this followed 18 months of promoting their Rural Crime Prevention project which led to a 62% reduction in the value of rural theft. In the Wider Partnership category the emergency planning team were runners up for their work on the Safety Advisory Group process. This provided a structured process for event organisers to follow to ensure that the safety of participants and members of the public was treated as a priority. PC Nick Turner and Sergeant Justin Hulford, Safer Communities Team were present at the meeting and the Chairman presented them with their award.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

2. MINUTE

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 3 June 2016.

**DECISION
APPROVED the Minute.**

3. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) With reference to paragraph 4.3 (b) (i) of the Minute relating to Police Scotland investigating the possibility of providing statistics to a future meeting in regards to the number of Police complaints which were upheld and partially upheld. Chief Inspector McLean advised he had been informed that it would not be possible to provide this information because of the manner in which

records were kept. Members expressed disappointment and Superintendent Clark undertook to re-investigate this request.

DECISION

AGREED that Superintendent Clark would re-investigate the request for the provision of providing statistics to a future meeting in regards to the number of Police complaints which were upheld and partially upheld.

- (b) With reference to paragraph 4.3 (b) (ii) Inspector Hodges was asked to provide a flow chart on the process partners used to share information on anti-social behaviour matters. Mr Scott advised that this would be dealt with in the Safer Communities Presentation.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

4. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON CONSOLIDATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- 4.1 Superintendent Clark referred to ongoing national issues such as budget challenges and a number of emerging crimes such as cybercrime and changes to legislation. In referring to the delivery of a quality service and building in the confidence of the public in the Borders he advised that in regard to divisional resources, 899 were deployed across 4 local authorities (West Lothian, East Lothian, Mid Lothian and the Scottish Borders). This was made up of 20% Community Officers and 80% Response officers. Response Officers were spread across the Scottish Borders in different locations and they would immediately respond in times of crisis and they were tasked by the area control room working where the demand was. Community Officers worked out of three community policing areas. He explained that morning meetings took place at 8.30 a.m. when Chief Inspector McLean would review what had happened over the past 24 hours, he would then feed the information to Superintendent Clark's meeting and a decision would be taken on the priorities for the division at that point. He assured Members that when demand and priority was in the Scottish Borders, the response would be from across the Division and he was comfortable that a first class local area Commander was in place to look after the area. He referred to the dedication of Inspectors, Sergeants and Police Constables who would do their best for the Scottish Borders. This was highlighted by the current investigation into the serious assault and robbery in Galashiels earlier in the month, which had seen a significant level of specialist resources from across the Division deployed to the case. The Chairman asked if it would be possible for an Officer from Bilston Glen to attend the next meeting of the Board to give a presentation on the work being carried out in the control room at Bilston Glen and it was agreed that Superintendent Clark would action this. In response to questions raised about Special Constables, Superintendent Clark advised that there was a significant amount of effort being spent at the moment on the recruitment of Special Constables. There were difficulties retaining Special Constables because they sometimes used this as a stepping stone to becoming a regular Police Officer. A question was raised relating to the general security of the network and Superintendent Clark advised that he would report on information relating to airwaves at a future meeting.
- 4.2 Discussions took place relating to Police Officer presentations at local area fora at which sometimes only a few community councillors were present and a question was asked about how the information could be filtered down to members of the

community and Superintendent Clark gave information on police use of local media. Mr Scott was asked to look into how SB Alert might be a useful link for this purpose.

- 4.3 The Chairman advised that he hoped that a representative from both the Police Scotland Board and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Board would be able to attend future meetings of this Board.
- 4.4 Chief Inspector A. McLean presented the Police Progress report covering the period April 2016 to June 2016 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,
- 4.5 Priority 1 – Protecting People, referrals for the first quarter of 2016/17 were showing a 4.8% increase on the 2015/16 figures. 19 more adult at risk referrals had been made which was positive.
- 4.6 Priority 2 –Reducing Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour, showed a 19.1% increase in Common Assaults reported in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to 2015/16 and this equated to 33 more victims. In respect of reducing the number of anti-social behaviour incidents there had been a 2.6 % reduction (33 fewer incidents) in the first quarter when compared to the same time period in 2015/16 which was positive. With regards to increasing the reporting of hate crime, there had been a decrease in the number of recorded victims in the first quarter of 2016/17 compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- 4.7 Priority 3 - Tackling substance misuse. During the period 01/04/2016 to 30/06/2016, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 81 stop and searches, of which 26 proved positive (32.1%). There had been a 78.3% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equated to 350 fewer visits.
- 4.8 Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer, there had been a 40% increase (8 more casualties) in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to 2015/16. The number of people killed this year to date was 7, which was 4 more fatalities than the first quarter last year. The number of serious injuries had also increased compared to last year in the same time period
- 4.9 Priority 5 - Tackling serious and organised crime, cash seizures were lower than the value seized in the first quarter of 2015/16. There were strict criteria which had to be present to allow seizures under the POCA legislation and unfortunately there had been occasions when the criteria had not been met, which meant no seizures could be made. It was encouraging to see a 41.7% increase in the number of detections for drug supply in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- 4.10 Priority 6 -Tackling Acquisitive Crime. There had been a decrease in the number of housebreaking to dwellings in the first quarter of 2016/17, with 3 fewer victims reported. There had been a 37.5% reduction in theft of motor vehicles in the year to date which equated to 6 fewer victims of this type of crime.

DECISION

- (a) NOTED the report.**

- (b) **AGREED that Superintendent Clark would liaise with Officers from Bilston Glen and ask that a representative attend the next meeting of the Board to bring members up to date with work being carried out in the control room at Bilston Glen.**

5.1 Fire and Rescue Service

LSO David Farries advised that the public consultation period had ended for the new Scottish Government Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. Further, the public consultation on the SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-19 had closed on 9th August. A new forum had been created at which the SFRS Board would meet at least twice yearly with COSLA, for information sharing purposes. He referred to the service transformation agenda and the pilots which had taken place in the Scottish Borders. Living Safely in the Home in the Cheviot Ward had proved successful so far and had already led to positive outcomes with 9 referrals being made by SFRS crews to occupational therapists for help with aids or adaptations to make living at home safer. Out of hospital cardiac arrest attendances for SFRS continued at quite a pace and were now almost “business as usual” even although this work was still at a trial stage. It was anticipated that due to the evolving nature of the safety advice SFRS were currently giving to members of the community in their homes the current “Home Fire Safety Visits” would at some stage become known as “Home Safety Visits”. The TD1 youth initiative had ran a course across the school summer holidays and 6 young people from Galashiels had been presented with certificates after successfully completing the course. The relationships established with the young people would continue through a Role Model Mentoring program. He advised the SFRS was committed to ensure there was a good level of training to make fire fighters safer and gave information on hot fire training facilities available for use at Dumfries and Thornton. A portable training and entrapment unit was also located in Lauder to assist in training of crews in the Scottish Borders. The review of specialist equipment was coming to fruition with the impending removal of the high volume pump from Hawick. This was being replaced with the swift water safety team. The next retained duty system station visit for members would be at Peebles Fire Station on 17 January 2017.

- 5.2 There had been circulated copies of the SFRS Performance Report covering the period 1 April to 30 June 2016. In summarising the report, Group Manager A. Girrity advised that with regard to Priority 1: Reduction of Dwelling Fires, the SFRS had attended 21 dwelling fires in comparison to 34 for the same Year to Date (YTD) reporting period last year, this represented a 62% decrease. Two of these fires had been started deliberately. Cooking continued to be the most common cause accounting for nearly 60% of all accidental dwelling fires. A quarter of these incidents involved persons 65 years of age or over. Priority 2: Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties, the report noted that there had been 3 fire related casualties in this YTD reporting period, Unfortunately, an adult female in Hawick had died in a fire fatality in April. The other two casualties in this reporting period suffered slight smoke inhalation with one attending hospital as a precautionary measure. Priority 3: There had been 32 deliberate fires in this YTD reporting period, a decrease of 12 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. On a less positive note, comparison to the previous quarter showed an increase of 20 incidents of this type. Over half of deliberate fires were started in Tweeddale East, Galashiels and Jedburgh districts collectively. The majority of these incidents once again involved refuse, grass and woodland. It would be reasonable to suggest that the quarterly increase could be attributed to the change in seasons and weather. Priority 4: Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) indicated that the SFRS attended 30 RTCs, compared to 18 for the same reporting period last year. There had been 38 RTC related casualties in this YTD period with four of these being fatalities. The Service used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on nine occasions during this YTD period to extricate casualties. Priority 5 related to the

Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and it was noted that there had been 190 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals during this quarter, representing a decrease of 7 incidents compared to the same reporting period last year.

- 5.3 There had been circulated copies of the report on Prevention and Protection Activities. In referring to home fire safety visits Group Manager Gourlay advised that 570 visits had been delivered during this reporting period and a breakdown of the delivery was provided by ward area as detailed in the report. He referred to the TD1 youth project and advised on another similar pilot scheme for Peebles High School. The Community Action Team along with the SFRS Youth engagement team successfully delivered a Fire skills programme at Polmont Young Offenders Institute which involved 10 young people in June. This was a direct response to work planned through the Community Justice priorities in the Scottish Borders. Housing Association referrals total for this quarter was 113, which included those received from the Homelessness Service and Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service. Group Manager Gourlay answered questions relating to referrals from Housing Associations and explained that information relating to fly tipping could be reported to Crime Stoppers.
- 5.4 There had been circulated copies of a report on the Local Fire Plan Development. LSO Farries advised that the purpose of the report was to seek the Board's views on the development of the next iteration of the Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan (the Plan). He explained that the current, and first, Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan 2014-17 was approved through local scrutiny arrangements in March 2014. The Plan was a 3 year plan and was due to expire at the end of March 2017, a copy of the plan was attached to the report. In recognising that the Plan must reflect national organisational priorities and objectives and meet community needs and expectations, from a local perspective, there was a range of drivers which would support an argument to delay production of the next plan. The LSO recognised the need for SFRS to be fully engaged with the production of the LOIP in the Scottish Borders and highlighted a desire to encompass this work in the local Fire plan. Taking into consideration the main drivers the Local Senior Officer for Midlothian, East Lothian & Scottish Borders proposed that the current Plan was extended until December 2017. The extension of the Plan would allow a Plan development timeline to be adopted as follows:-
- (a) Monitor and horizon scan emerging SFRS organisational, and external stakeholders, strategic priorities, objectives and plans (June -Dec 2016),
 - (b) Conduct in depth data analysis of local activity/incidents and emerging risks to inform local priorities and needs in the Scottish Borders area (Jan -March 2017),
 - (c) Engage with key stakeholders, partners and members of the community on first tranche priorities, objectives and expectations (April-June 2017),
 - (d) Develop new draft Plan for the Scottish Borders (May-July 2017),
 - (e) Consult with key stakeholders, partners and members of the community on the draft Plan (August -October 2017), and
 - (f) Submit draft Plan for the Scottish Borders for Council approval November – December 2017.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED the reports.**

- * (b) **AGREED to recommend to Council that the current Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan be extended until December 2017 and to approve the proposed timeline for the production of the next Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan.**

6. **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.

7. **PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT**

Mrs Jeanette McDiarmid, Depute Chief Executive People gave a presentation on the Service Review of the Scottish Borders Safer Communities Function. In undertaking the review the following were taken into consideration:- (a) The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; (b) Community Planning Localities Model; (c) Community Planning Reducing Inequalities Strategic Plan; (d) The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016; and (e) Police and Fire Service Reform. The Community Justice (Scotland) Act meant working together to prevent and reduce reoffending. The national intelligence model was a key process for taking forward local community safety work and this comprised (a) undertaking a strategic assessment and priority setting, (b) tasking and coordination; (c) identifying problems/targets and manage risk; (d) developing a strategic direction; and (e) making tactical and resource decisions. The Community Safety Unit would follow the national intelligence model. If the right intelligence was available then there would be an awareness of what was happening in the community. Mrs McDiarmid referred to ongoing community safety issues such as anti-social behaviour, problems over the festive period and doorstep crime. A robust interview process would be put in place for the recruitment of the leader of the Community Safety Unit and it was suggested that Julia Mulloy be invited to be a member of the interview team. Mrs McDiarmid was thanked for her informative presentation.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

**PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON CONSOLIDATION AND
SUSTAINABILITY**

8. **Safer Communities**

- 8.1 Sergeant Hulford referred to the new format of the report which reflected the work carried out earlier in 2016 to assess the strategic priorities of the team. The report was presented under five priority headings (Gender Based Violence, Substance Misuse, Antisocial Behaviour, Accident Prevention Roads, Accident Prevention Home). In relation to gender based violence a number of actions had been taken to help improve the service further and to streamline processes so that victims were supported sooner. This had included changing the way referrals from Police Scotland were received, disclosing information under the Power to Tell and Right to Ask processes, and meeting with the Court Service to establish better victim outcomes. Sexual offences which were domestic abuse related had increased but the figures remained relatively low and would include historical offences, these could be from many years past and reflected the improved confidence of these victims. In relation to substance abuse work continued to reduce the level and impact and three new performance indicators had been introduced. Although the number of alcohol related ASB incidents had risen slightly, this was still part of an ongoing downward five year trend. The Safer Communities Team continued to intervene at the earliest opportunity and

this had included multi-agency activity in two hotspots in this period, carried out by the Police ASBU and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).

- 8.2 A new process had commenced whereby when any tenant of a RSL who had their house searched under warrant resulting in drugs production or supply charges, a disclosure would be made to the RSL to enable them to take appropriate action. Previously RSLs would not do this until conviction which could, owing to the seriousness of the charges, not be for many months. Safer Communities continued to deliver a wide range of road safety initiatives and the trend of there being zero children killed or seriously injured continued in the first quarter. 130 young drivers had attended the Skills for Life programme over the last two years. A pre driver event had been held at Charterhall with 90 young people attending over two days where they were able to experience driving in a safe environment. The first older driver event had been piloted with another planned for 2016 and a motorcyclist focussed event had also been held with over 40 participants.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9. **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 11 November 2016

Friday 10 February 2017

Friday 9 June 2017

**DECISION
NOTED.**

The meeting concluded at 12.45 p.m.

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**Policing Performance
Supplementary Information**

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REPORTING PERIOD: April 2016 to September 2016

Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board

Performance Update 01/04/16 – 30/09/2016					
		YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	Source	% Change
	Increase the reporting of Hate Crime	53	47	UNIFI	-11.3%

Performance Update 01/04/16 – 30/09/2016 Context Report																																					
	<p>There has been a decrease in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in 2016/17 to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. We will continue to increase the confidence in reporting this type of crime with our minority groups throughout the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Year to Date</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Prejudice type</th> <th>15/16</th> <th>16/17</th> <th>+/-</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Race</td> <td style="text-align: center;">37</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homophobic</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transgender</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religious Hatred</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gender</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Quarter 2 (July– September)</p> <p>Race – In this quarter there have been 19 reported crimes with 2 repeat victims. 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>Ethnicity</th> <th>16/17</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>White European</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dark European</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Of the 19 crimes with White European victims, 7 were of Polish origin. This continues to be a concern and will be monitored in the coming months.</p> <p>Homophobic – This quarter there has been 1 crime reported where the victim was White European.</p> <p>Transgender – 1 crime reported in this quarter where the victim was White European.</p> <p>Disability – 3 crimes reported in this quarter. All victims were White European and 1 victim was a repeat victim</p> <p>Religious Hatred – 2 crimes reported in this quarter. Victims were White European and Dark European.</p> <p>There were 5 hate incidents reported this quarter. These are incidents that the complainer perceives to have a hate element attached to them but are not crimes. 3 victims were of White European ethnicity, 1 was Asian and 1 was Dark European.</p>	Prejudice type	15/16	16/17	+/-	Race	37	31	-6	Homophobic	9	5	-4	Transgender	1	1	0	Disability	4	6	+2	Religious Hatred	2	3	+1	Gender	0	1	+1	Ethnicity	16/17	White European	14	Asian	3	Dark European	2
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Scrutiny Report September 2016

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

Referrals for the second quarter of 2016/17 are showing a 7.25% decrease on 2015/16 figures. This equates to 48 fewer referrals made.

Reasons

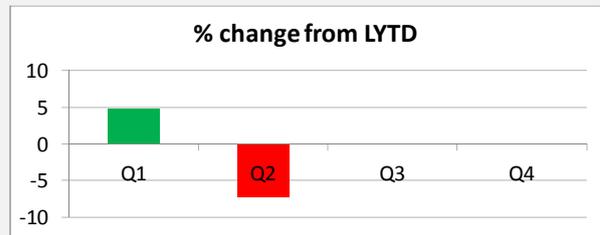
All officers are now fully conversant with the iVPD system which has made submission of referrals much easier, but we have re-assessed the criteria for submitting referrals and are also only submitting referrals where required, so numbers may level out and indeed decline.

What are we doing

- The new process of direct referrals to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for those at risk from fire (e.g. due to age, ill health, alcohol) continues to be used where relevant.
- There is greater scrutiny of referrals through the Police daily Tactical, Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TTACG) ensuring that all iVPDs are submitted where appropriate.
- Introduction of direct reporting to DAAS, via iVPD has improved information sharing and time scales.

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	614	662	-48



Priority 1 – Protecting People

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

Target - 95%

Current situation

Better performance when compared to last year and also better than target.

Reasons

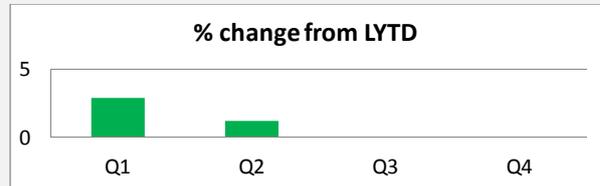
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and a disciplined process is in place between the Courts and Police allowing issues to be discussed at the daily TTACG. This result is however very heavily dependant on the victim being willing to engage with the police. There are occasions where the victim refuses to speak to officers which results in some checks not being made within the prescribed time scales.

What are we doing

- Thorough compliance processes and checks are in place.
- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks are undertaken by uniformed officers.
- Close liaison with domestic abuse services and RSLs ensures that all relevant information is shared.

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	98.7	97.5	1.2



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

Current situation

A 3.9% increase in Common Assaults reported in the year to date when compared to 2015/16. This equates to 15 more victims.

Reasons

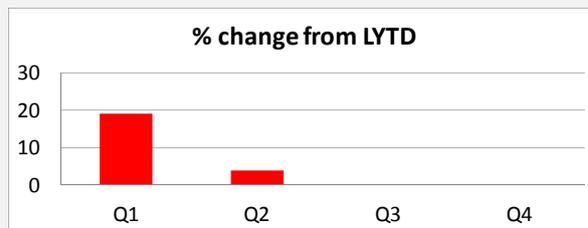
The recent increase in assaults can partly be attributed to incidents in the towns centres in the main towns in Scottish Borders. Analysis of these type of incidents has been undertaken and focused patrols and work with licensees continues to be undertaken. However, as per the first quarter report, there is no pattern to these offences regarding culprits, locations or MO, with a percentage of the recent assaults also being committed in private dwelling houses.

What are we doing

- Monitoring bail conditions of known offenders is carried out and proactive bail checks of perpetrators conducted to ensure compliance.
- Targeted deployment of officers and specialist resources to any identified problem area.

Indicator - Reduce the levels of common assaults

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	2223	395	380	15



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

Current situation

A 1.1% increase (28 more incidents) in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Reasons

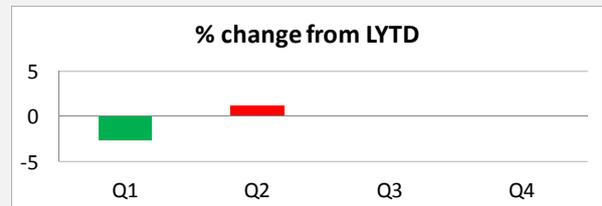
Antisocial behaviour tends to be seasonal with increases seen in the summer months. Therefore the small increase in the number of incidents in quarter 2 is not unexpected. Scottish Borders continues to take a proactive multi-agency approach to combatting antisocial behaviour through early identification 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.
- Continued strong partnership links with ASB unit and RSLs to ensure early and effective intervention. A number of successful multi-agency initiatives have been carried out in areas where ASB was having a detrimental effect on the community (Gala Park, Inchmyre).

Indicator - Reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	2647	2619	28



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

Current situation

A small decrease in the number of recorded victims of Hate Crime in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Reasons

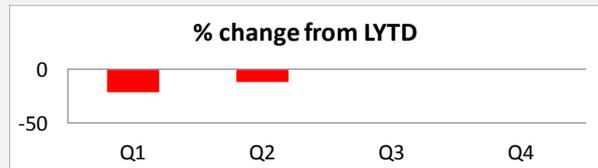
Race related hate crime continues to be the most frequent type of hate crime recorded. In quarter 2 there have been 19 reported racial crimes, with 2 repeat victims.

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.
- Development of the Keep Safe scheme with an initial focus on learning disability.
- Migrant worker engagement events are continuing.
- Robust scrutiny of all reported Hate crimes and incidents through daily TACG process.

Indicator: Increase the reporting of hate crime

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	47	53	-6



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 01/04/2016 to 30/09/2016, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 166 stop and searches, of which 63 proved positive (38%). 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. However this is a very high success level for positive searches.

Reasons

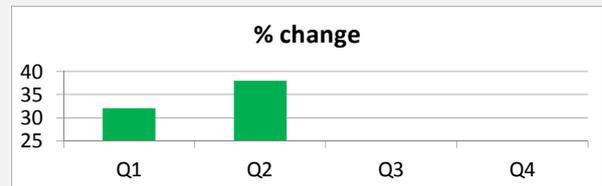
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1st June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes to the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data. No previous year to date figures are provided.

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	38	N/A	N/A



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

Current situation

A 67% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equates to 544 fewer visits.

Reasons

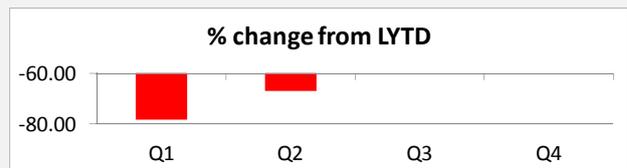
- Premises visits continue to go down as we had no problematic premises that would require regular visits.
- Objections are submitted to the licensing Board upon application of extended hours requests from any problematic premises or where we anticipate there would be issues if extensions would be granted to attempt to reduce incidents.
- There is also an excellent working relationship between Police, the trade and partner agencies who engage at an early stage before a premises becomes problematic, thereby reducing the need for visits. However, this tactic is being revisited to try to influence patrons behaviour in a positive way through an increased Police presence in the premises.

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.
- A new computer system has been introduced to streamline the management of licenced premises which all officers have access to, this enables them to view relevant information relating the the premise and any previous issues.

Indicator - Increase the number of licensed premise visits

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	267	811	-544



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 20.5% increase (9 more casualties) in the year to date when compared to 2015/16. The number of people killed this year to date is 9, which is 4 more fatalities than at the same time last year. The number of serious injuries has also increased compared to last year in the same time period.

Reasons

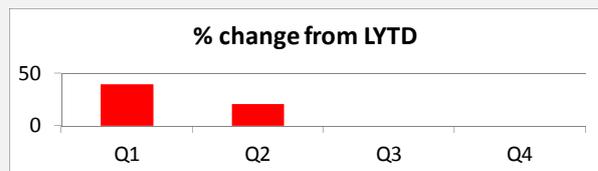
9 fatalities on Scottish Borders roads in the year to date and 44 serious injuries, an increase of 9 casualties on the same time period last year.

What are we doing

- Increased, focused patrols on problem roads in the area, regular road checks are being carried out to ensure that enforcement is carried out. However analysis has been carried out and no common factors are present in these fatal collisions.
- Additional road policing patrols and roadchecks are being undertaken in the Borders in conjunction with DVSA.
- With regards to education - The young driver training programmes including the under 17 car club continue to be developed.
- A successful Road Safety awareness raising for older drivers pilot has been carried out with a funding bid in place with a view to securing funds to roll this project out Borders wide.

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	118	53	44	9



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 lower than the value seized in 2015/16

Reasons

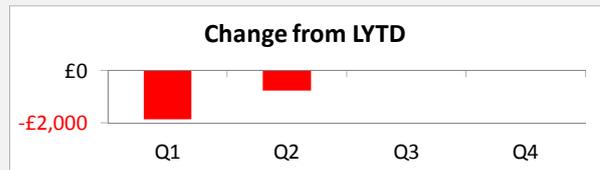
No significant seizures in quarter 1 or quarter 2. There are strict criteria that have to be present to allow seizures under the POCA legislation and unfortunately there have been occasions where the criteria have not been met, therefore no seizures could be made.

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	£59,614	£2,150	£2,898	-£748



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

Current situation

No assets referred for restraint in quarter 1 or quarter 2.

Reasons

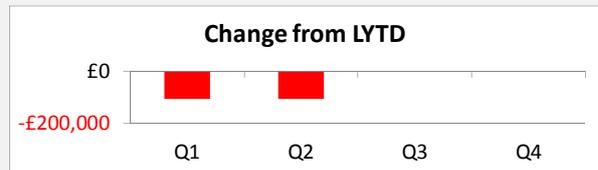
No assets referred for restraint in the year to date.

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. This work is continually ongoing and while no restraints have been made, this quarter, the work continues to be done.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	£59,945	£0	£105,025	-£105,025



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

Current situation

A 13.5% decrease in the number of detections for drug supply in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Reasons

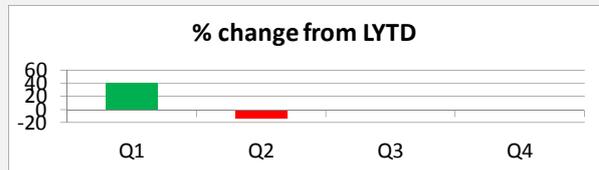
Ongoing proactive tactics continue to be implemented in the Borders to deter, disrupt and detect SOCG activity. These activities continue to achieve very positive results, particularly with regards to drug supply. Work is continually ongoing in this area.

What are we doing

- Divisional Intelligence Unit officers are aligned to the Scottish Borders and continue to target dealers.
- There is a focus on actionable intelligence in relation to drug supply at the TTACG.
- Several recent proactive operations have utilised a significant number of specialist resources from throughout Scotland which have contributed to achieve the results reported.

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for drug supply

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	180	32	37	-5



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

Current situation

An increase in the number of housebreaking to dwellings in the year to date, with 5 more victims reported.

Reasons

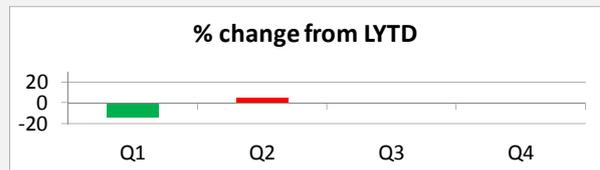
lowest levels of recorded crime in Scotland, including Housebreakings. However the rise in housebreaking is more than likely connected to the increase in thefts of motor vehicles as culprits break into houses to steal car keys.

What are we doing

- Crime prevention advice is offered to all victims of this type of crime.
- Proactive crime prevention work is ongoing through local liaison and social media to educate the public and to make these types of crimes harder for the culprits to commit.

Indicator - Reduce the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	757	98	93	5



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

Current situation

A 15.4% increase in theft of motor vehicles this year to date which equates to 4 additional victims of this type of crime.

Reasons

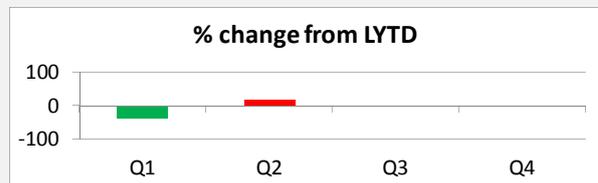
We continue to raise awareness of the need for vehicle security, but also building security. Owing to the increase in the security measures built into modern cars they are difficult to steal without the true key, therefore culprits often break into houses with a view to stealing the key and then the car itself.

What are we doing

We are currently investigating the potential for property marking schemes specifically linked to commercial vehicles, but also continue to ensure the public are aware of the need to secure their vehicles, ensuring the prevention message is well publicised.

Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts of motor vehicles

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	204	30	26	4



Overall Crime

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

Current situation

A 2.3 percentage point decrease in detection rate in 2016/17 compared to the same period last year. However, we are currently performing slightly better than the divisional average.

Reasons

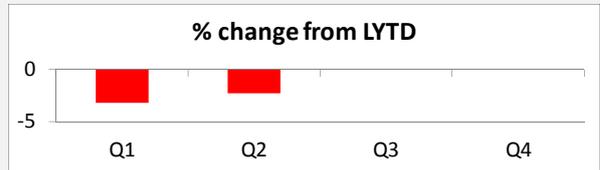
Detection rates for violent crime are down on the same time period last year, which is contributing to the overall decrease in detection rates.

What are we doing

A continued drive and focus on priorities, all crime reports are scrutinised by supervisors before they are marked as complete to ensure that nothing is missed from an enquiry perspective. Some of these enquiries are still ongoing so this figure will continue to rise.

Indicator - Increase the Group 1-5 detection rate

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	46.8	50.3	52.6	-2.3



Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police : YTD 2016/17

Number of complaints Scottish Borders	50	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - Borders	33.5	
Number of complaints J Division	243	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - J Division	33.3	
	On duty	Off duty	Quality of Service allegations	Total Number of allegations
Total allegations recorded	43	0	19	62



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

**SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER
2016**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April to September 2016 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 September 2016

Dwelling Fires

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 44 dwelling fires in comparison to 58 for the same year YTD reporting period last year, this represents a 24% decrease.

Three of these fires were started deliberately with one occurring in the last quarter.

Cooking continues to be the most common cause accounting for nearly 60% of all accidental dwelling fires. Nearly 50% of these fires started in single occupancy dwellings.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

There was 11 fire related casualties in the YTD reporting period, this is an increase of two compared to the same period last year.

The last quarter accounted for six of these casualties with all suffering smoke inhalation and receiving first aid from the SFRS at the scene. One casualty required rescuing by firefighters in breathing apparatus. One casualty also attended hospital as a precautionary measure.

Unfortunately, these figures include one fatality in April at Hawick.

Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).

There were 60 deliberate fires in the YTD reporting period, a decrease of 17 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. There was also a slight decrease in comparison to the previous quarter.

Galashiels and District suffered the highest incidence of this type of fire (14) with Jedburgh and District next with eight.

Apart from three deliberate fires at Church Square Galashiels, there were no identifiable patterns to these incidents with refuse, bins, woodland and grass accounting for the majority of fires.

Road Traffic Collisions

During the YTD reporting period, the SFRS attended 48 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) compared to 45 for the same reporting period last year. It is positive to note that comparison to the previous quarter shows a 45% decrease.

There have been 41 RTC related casualties in the YTD period with four of these being fatalities. There were three non-fatal RTC casualties during the last quarter.

During the YTD period, the SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 15 occasions to extricate casualties.

Special Service Casualties

The term "special service" is used for attendance at a number of non-fire related incidents, this includes, amongst others, RTC's, rescues from water and height, persons trapped in machinery or a lift, medical emergencies and effecting entry to a premise. The table below represents a snapshot of YTD Special Service Casualties.

Special Service Type	Non-fatal	Fatal	Total
Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest/medical response	13	10	23
Effecting entry	2	4	6
RTC casualties	37	4	41
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	6	1	7
			77

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 in the following tables represent all UFAS incidents.

Priority	YTD 2015-16	YTD 2016-17	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	58	44	-14
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	9	11	+2
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	77	60	-17
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	45	48	+3
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	407	430	+23

Priority	Q2, 2015-16	Q2, 2016-17	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	27	22	-5
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	2	6	+4
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	35	28	-7
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	27	17	-10
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	210	238	+28

3. PREVENTION & PROTECTION

See attached report

4. RECOMMENDATION

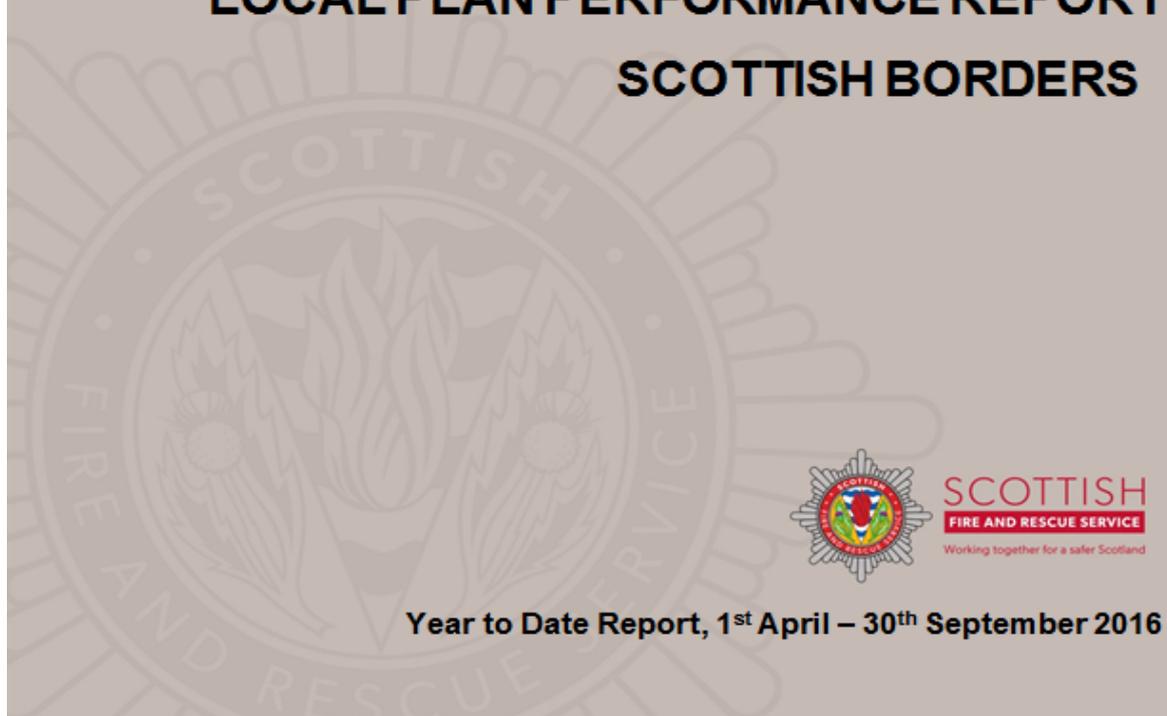
- 4.1 The Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board is invited to consider and otherwise to note the contents of the performance report.

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Local Senior Officer
Scottish Borders
28th October 2016

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LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



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Year to Date Report, 1st April – 30th September 2016

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

Please ensure any external partners in receipt of these reports are aware of this.

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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 (YTD) period of 1st April to 30th September 2016.

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 David Farries, Local Senior Officer for the Scottish Borders

Performance Summary

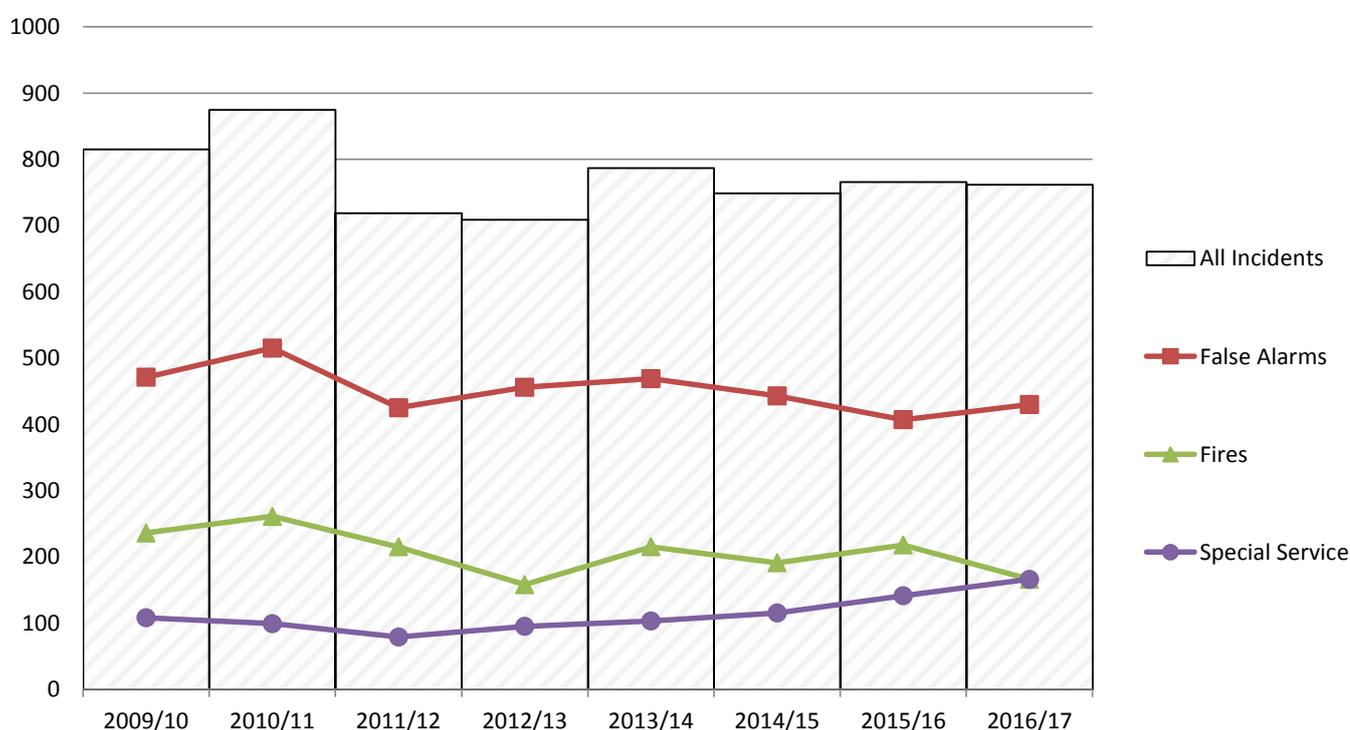
We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	YTD
Dwelling fires	51	51	41	58	44	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	7	11	7	9	11	◆
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	35	57	61	77	60	●
Special Service - RTCs	30	39	46	45	48	▲
Special Service Casualties - All	25	58	30	54	77	◆
False Alarm - Equipment failure	307	353	318	291	316	▲

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
<p>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.</p>
Incident Overview
<p>During the YTD period 1st April to 30th September 2016, the SFRS have responded to 762 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is four less than the same reporting period last year. UFAS continues to account for over half of our emergency calls.</p>

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 2016-17, all firefighters in the Scottish Borders will participate within the Training for Operational Competence Programme. Current modules for the year to date period include Hazardous materials, Extrication, Safe driving, Electricity and Water and Ice.

Gather and analyse risk information

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

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

Work with partners to mitigate risks

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

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

Deal with major events

The Service did not have to deal with any “major events” in the Scottish Borders during the reporting period.

Reduction of 'Dwelling fires'

Dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our communities. 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 44 dwelling fires recorded compared to 58 for the same YTD period last year, this represents a 24% decrease, 22 of these fires have occurred in the last quarter. Three of these fires were started deliberately, with one occurring in the last quarter.

Reasons

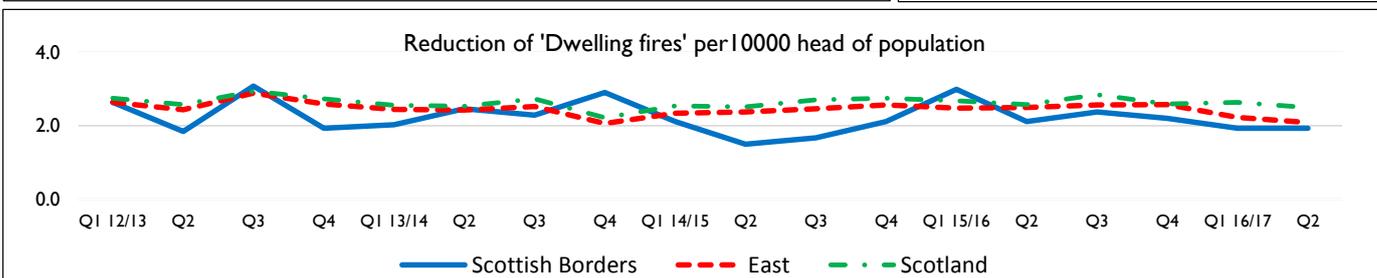
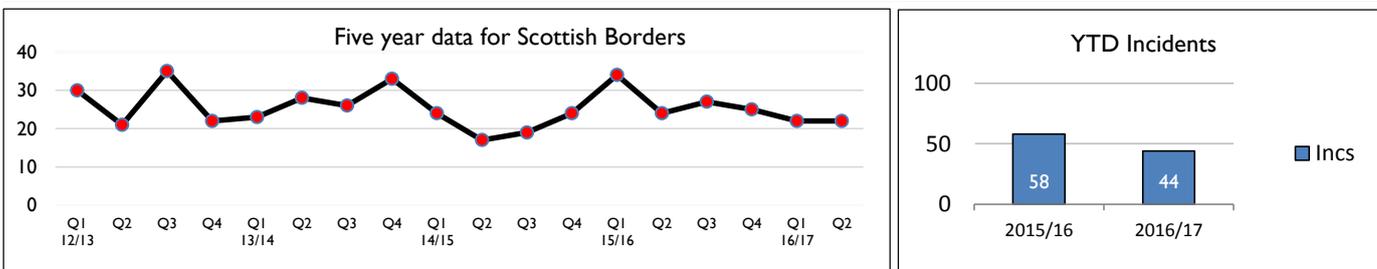
Cooking continues to be the most common cause of accidental dwelling fires. Analysis indicates most fires originate in the kitchen and are often contributed to human behaviour rather than equipment faults. Just under a quarter of these incidents involved persons 65 years of age or over. Further analysis highlights that 50% of these fires started in single occupancy dwellings.

Actions

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service conduct 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 often results in cross agency referrals or joint home safety visits.

Serious fires are subject to detailed fire investigation and depending on the circumstances can result in multi-agency case conferences.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service conduct Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following all domestic dwelling fires. We also



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 4	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	51	51	41	58	44	
Tweeddale West	4	5	2	3	1	
Tweeddale East	3	5	1	3	2	
Galashiels and District	11	8	8	11	8	
Selkirkshire	1	2	3	3	3	
Leaderdale and Melrose	3	3	6	5	2	
Mid Berwickshire	6	7	4	3	7	
East Berwickshire	3	4	4	8	5	
Kelso and District	2	8	1	5	5	
Jedburgh and District	4	2	2	3	1	
Hawick and Denholm	8	5	5	5	4	
Hawick and Hermitage	6	5	5	9	6	

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

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

Results

We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in the Scottish Borders year on year that contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. There have been 11 casualties YTD compared to nine in the same period last year; six of the casualties occurred in the last quarter.

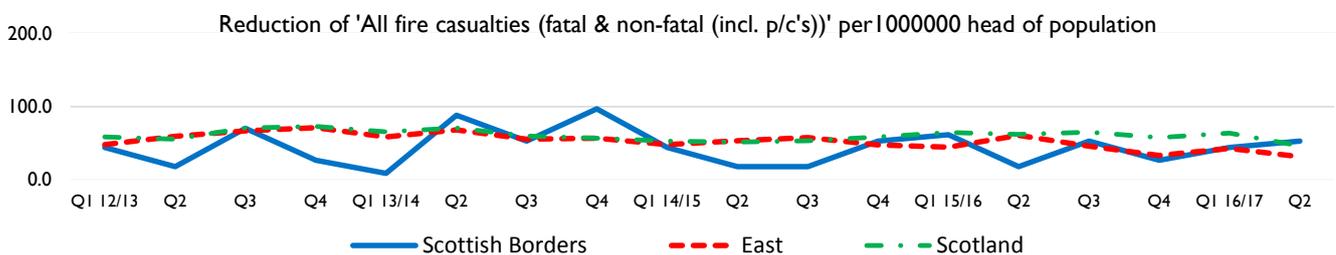
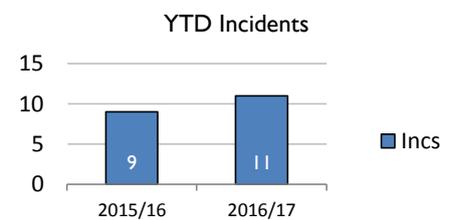
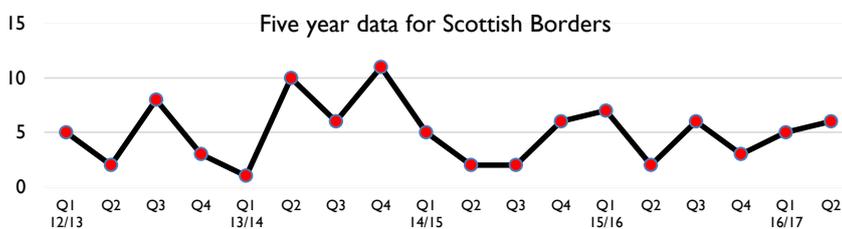
Tragically, this year's figures include an adult female fatality at Hawick in April 2016.

Reasons

The fatality occurred in a first floor flat with the cause being identified as candles. The majority of casualties suffered slight injuries due to smoke inhalation with one attending hospital as a precautionary measure. Only one casualty required rescue by the SFRS, all others left the affected properties by their own means.

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	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	7	11	7	9	11	
Tweeddale West	0	1	0	1	0	
Tweeddale East	1	1	0	0	0	
Galashiels and District	1	1	0	3	0	
Selkirkshire	0	0	0	0	1	
Leaderdale and Melrose	1	2	2	1	0	
Mid Berwickshire	2	5	3	0	3	
East Berwickshire	0	0	1	0	1	
Kelso and District	0	0	0	1	1	
Jedburgh and District	1	0	0	2	0	
Hawick and Denholm	0	1	1	1	2	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	0	0	0	3	

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

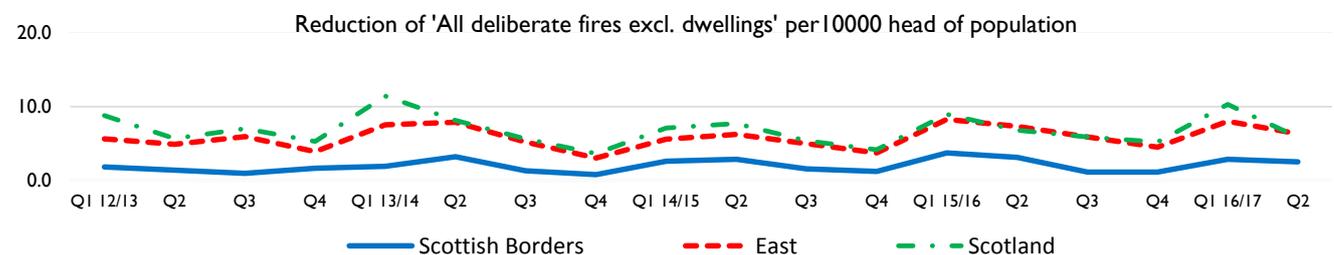
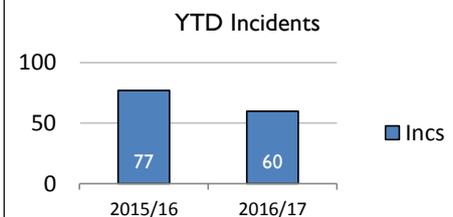
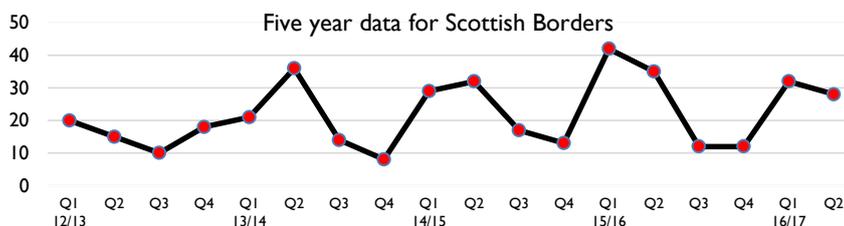
The Fire and Rescue Local Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-17 aims to continually reduce Deliberate Fire Setting against the three-year average. There have been 60 incidents of this nature in the YTD period, 17 less than the same period last year. There has also been a slight decrease in previous quarter comparison. Galashiels and District accounts for nearly 25% of all deliberate fires in the YTD period

Reasons

60% of these fires involved refuse, grass or woodland. Other incidents included outdoor structures, roadside furniture and vehicles. It has been difficult to detect a pattern regarding the high incidence within Gala although three fires have occurred at Church Square. The Scottish Borders continues to be well below the Scottish average for this type of incident.

Actions

The SFRS carry out seasonal campaigns with the purpose of warning and educating the public regarding dangers, risks and safety measures. Where trends or patterns are identified, the SFRS will work with community partners to mitigate the risk of recurrence. Where required the SFRS offer a one to one service for young fire setters.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 5	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	35	57	61	77	60	
Tweeddale West	6	0	6	12	3	
Tweeddale East	2	4	5	15	6	
Galashiels and District	5	9	11	17	14	
Selkirkshire	6	4	8	2	6	
Leaderdale and Melrose	0	7	5	6	4	
Mid Berwickshire	3	5	6	4	4	
East Berwickshire	1	3	1	2	3	
Kelso and District	3	9	3	5	3	
Jedburgh and District	3	6	4	6	8	
Hawick and Denholm	5	5	8	6	6	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	5	4	2	3	

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

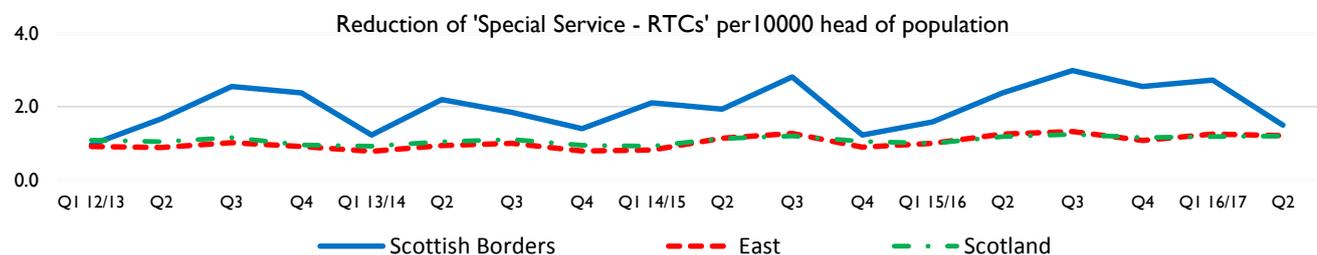
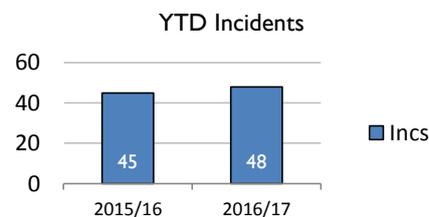
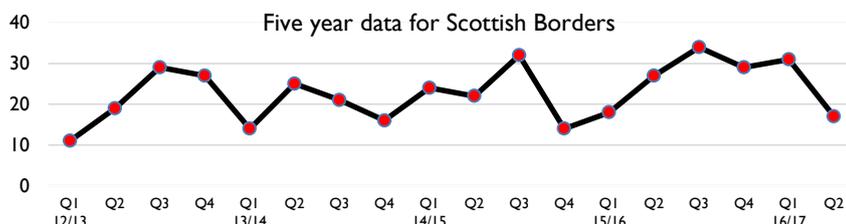
The SFRS have attended 48 RTC's in this YTD period, this is an increase of three in comparison to the same period last year. On a positive note, previous quarter comparison has highlighted a 45% decrease. 15 of the YTD incidents have involved extrication of persons using hydraulic rescue equipment.

Reasons

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

Actions

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



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 4	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	30	39	46	45	48	
Tweeddale West	4	4	11	4	2	
Tweeddale East	0	5	8	5	7	
Galashiels and District	5	5	5	7	5	
Selkirkshire	3	2	2	1	3	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	6	5	7	5	
Mid Berwickshire	4	4	2	3	4	
East Berwickshire	2	2	3	8	2	
Kelso and District	5	1	3	6	4	
Jedburgh and District	4	7	5	3	10	
Hawick and Denholm	1	2	1	1	3	
Hawick and Hermitage	0	2	1	0	3	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

The figures below pertain to all non-fire related casualties and represent the diverse nature of incidents the SFRS attend in the Scottish Borders other than fires and UFAS. As the traditional role of the Fire and Rescue Service expands, the SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders in order to reduce not only the amount of RTC related casualties and fatalities, but other casualties including Out of Hospital Cardiac arrest and victims of flooding.

Results

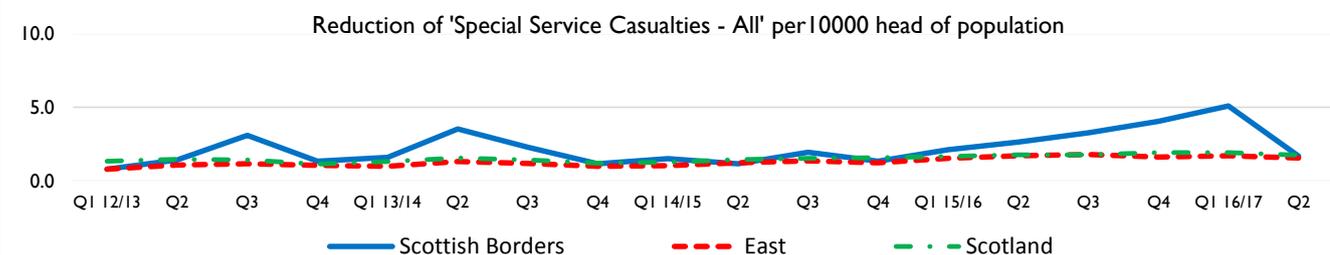
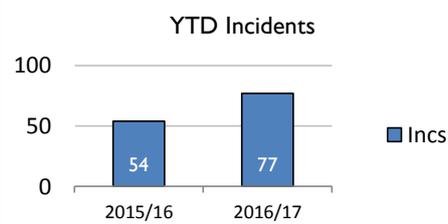
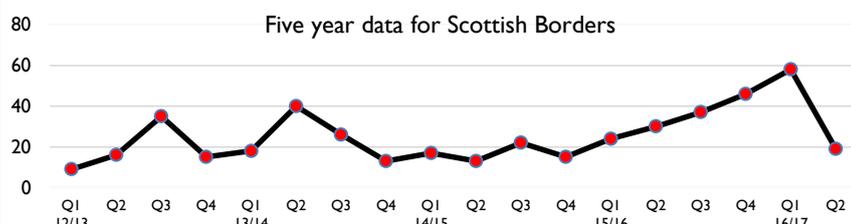
There have been 77 Special Service casualties YTD compared to 54 for the same reporting period last year. Conversely, we have seen a significant decrease, nearly 70%, regarding comparison to the previous quarter. A snapshot analysis of incident and casualty type is included in the report summary page.

Reasons

The Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) pilot, and the capability for the SFRS to provide first response or co-response for medical emergencies in the Borders have contributed to the marked increase seen in Special Service casualties. This is in addition to the fact that the SFRS are mobilised to many more RTC's now and often provide first aid assistance in support of or whilst awaiting the arrival Scottish Ambulance Service.

Actions

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. SFRS crews are providing CPR and defibrillator training to local communities. By training members of the public in defibrillators, those suffering an OHCA have a better chance of survival due to early intervention.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 7	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	25	58	30	54	77	
Tweeddale West	2	3	5	12	7	
Tweeddale East	0	4	4	2	6	
Galashiels and District	2	11	2	10	14	
Selkirkshire	3	7	0	1	4	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	11	4	6	3	
Mid Berwickshire	4	7	3	2	5	
East Berwickshire	3	4	3	10	3	
Kelso and District	4	1	1	3	10	
Jedburgh and District	4	6	4	6	13	
Hawick and Denholm	0	2	4	1	6	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	2	0	1	6	

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

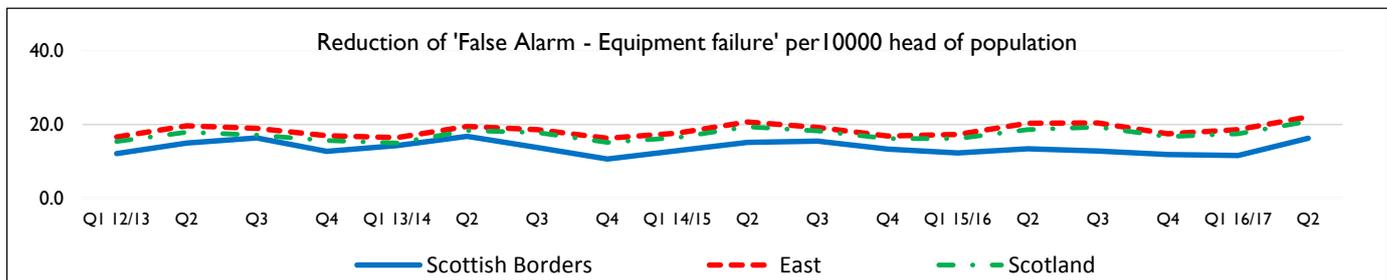
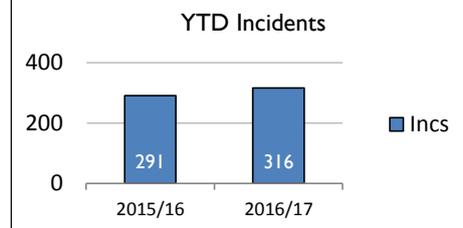
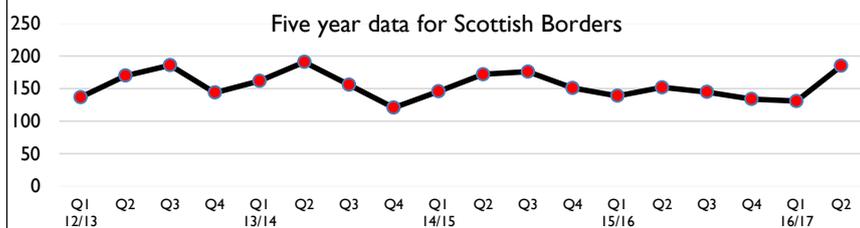
There have been 430 UFAS incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 316 of these incidents with 99 and 15 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figures illustrated in this report relate only to False Alarm equipment failures. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in both YTD and quarterly comparisons for the same periods last year.

Reasons

Equipment failure accounted for 73% of all UFAS calls in this reporting period and continues to be the most common cause of this type of incident.

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 - 29	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	307	353	318	291	316	
Tweeddale West	61	69	56	43	43	
Tweeddale East	22	19	10	17	8	
Galashiels and District	41	55	43	49	40	
Selkirkshire	47	36	44	30	37	
Leaderdale and Melrose	34	46	45	37	37	
Mid Berwickshire	12	13	25	18	28	
East Berwickshire	19	14	16	15	14	
Kelso and District	12	17	19	13	24	
Jedburgh and District	9	18	13	17	19	
Hawick and Denholm	20	32	14	14	25	
Hawick and Hermitage	30	34	33	38	41	

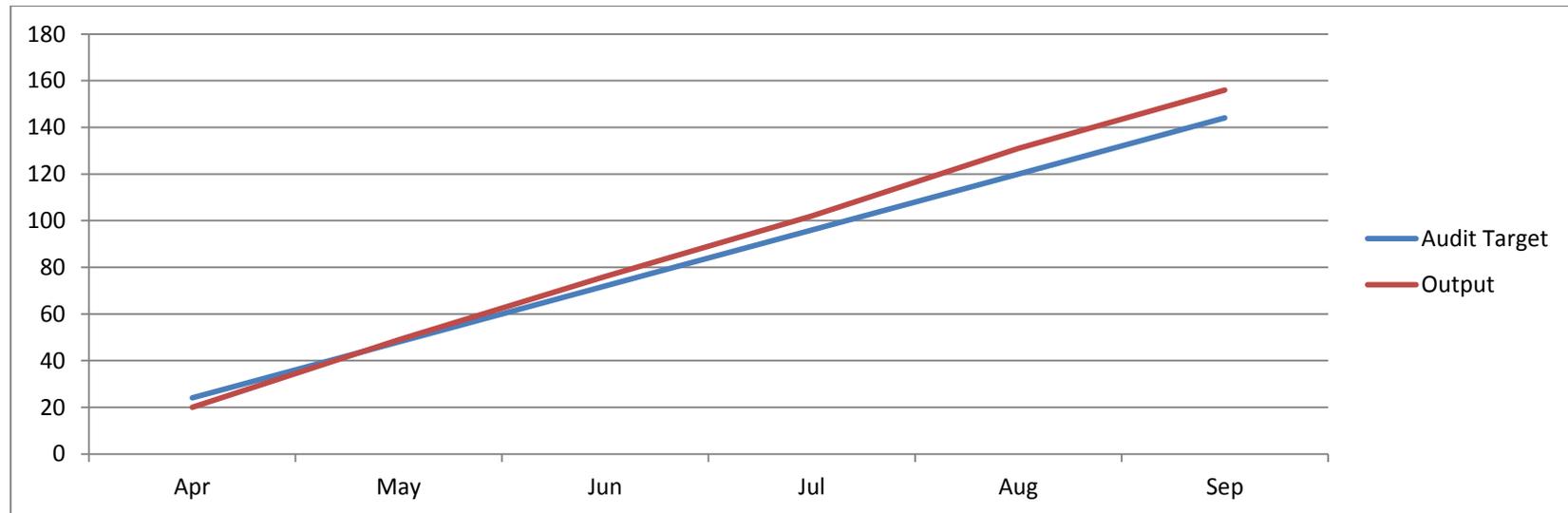
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Prevention & Protection Activities

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. The Fire Safety Enforcement team based at Galashiels Fire Station are delivering audits on track against the target. An additional enforcement officer is currently in development but is now contributing to the output.

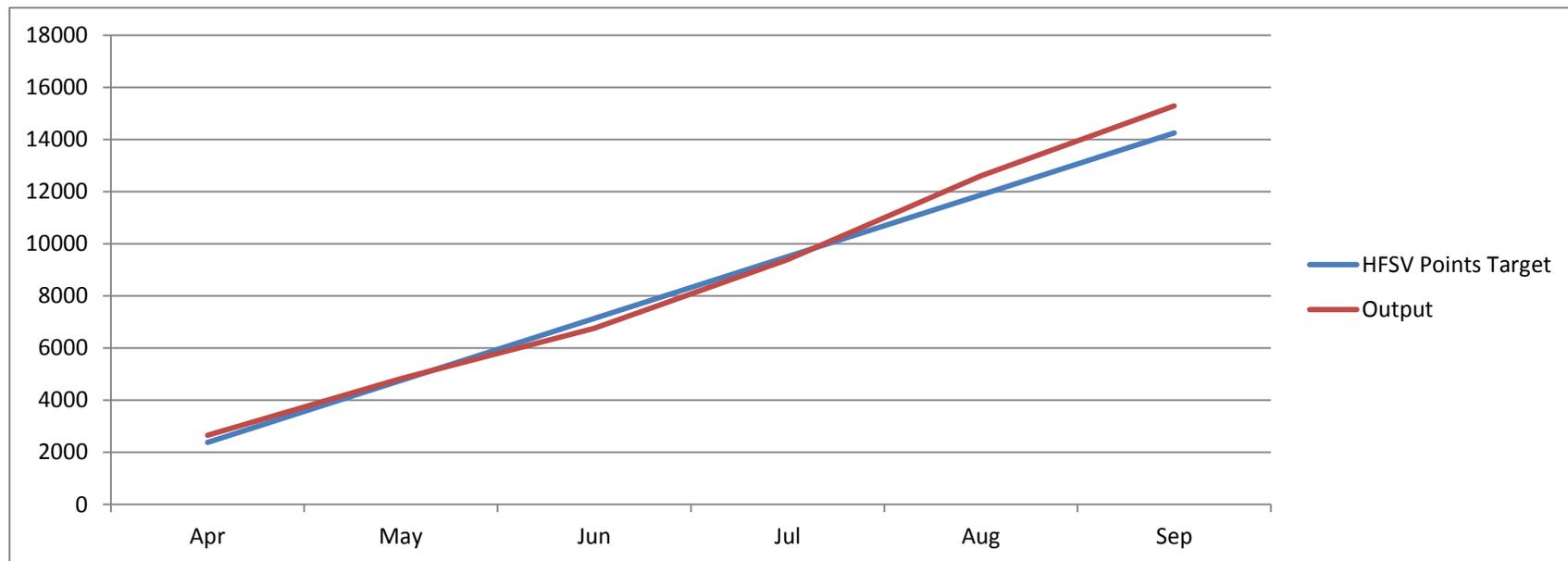
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288	288
Completed:	20	49	76	102	131	156							



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 used with greatest effect. The points target for the Scottish Borders is now above target; increased uptake of visits, partnership working around the living safely in the home initiative and a change in the performance management arrangements for the area have had the desired positive effect . **697** (570 in Q1) visits were delivered during this reporting period and a breakdown of the delivery is provided by ward area on the following page.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	2375	4750	7125	9500	11875	14250	16625	19000	21375	23750	26125	28500	28500
Completed	2652	4816	6756	9388	12600	15292							



Total visits delivered in Q2 2016/17 by ward area of the Scottish Borders:

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

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17	Visits delivered in Q2 2016/17
East Berwickshire	29	27
Galashiels and District	116	126
Hawick and Denholm	85	107
Hawick and Hermitage	114	93
Jedburgh and District	21	57
Kelso and District	27	36
Leaderdale and Melrose	63	100
Mid Berwickshire	28	32
Selkirkshire	38	63
Tweeddale East	26	36
Tweeddale West	23	20
TOTAL	570	697

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

- The SFRS has made links with the Community Learning and Development (CLD) of Scottish Borders Council in respect of involvement with youth engagement in the Scottish Borders. The SFRS will now attend the CLD Strategic meetings on a quarterly basis.
- A successful pilot Initiative was delivered with 8 young people from the TD1 Youth Hub, Gala. They attended Galashiels fire station one day per week over a six week period during the months of July and August. This culminated in a presentation ceremony attended by the Local Senior Officer, elected members of Scottish Borders Council, Community Learning and Development, Education, Youth Borders and the Scottish Ambulance Service.
- Meetings have taken place between SFRS, TD1 and CLD to evaluate the course showing very positive outcomes and this has resulted in continuation work through mentoring of the young people who attended this initial course. A taster session has been agreed and planned for delivery in the October School holiday week for other young people from TD1. This will allow the development of a future course planned for summer 2017.
- The Community Action Team continue to work closely with Police Scotland and the Safer Communities team in response to recent incidents the Fire service along with Police Scotland have attended with regards to wilful fire raising within Galashiels over the last quarter. The outcome from this work has seen the Community Action Team deliver **9** Fire setter interventions to the young people involved.
- The Local Area Liaison Officer is currently in the process of planning further youth engagement programmes with Peebles High School, where it is hoped that a pilot initiative will be delivered during school term time during the months of February and March 2017.

Vulnerable Adults

- Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our HFSV referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child protection policy and procedure and have generated **17 Adult Protection** referrals (AP1) during this quarter.
- The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to Fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been achieved with **2** successful referrals for this Quarter.

Referrals

- Partnership working in the Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **8** for this Quarter.
- Housing Association referrals total for this quarter is **40**, which includes those received from Homelessness service and DAAS. This number has increased from last quarter and the LALO is actively engaged in communicating with our partners to deliver further training and familiarisation in Fire Safety and the referral process.

- Police Scotland referrals from last quarter 33 have not increased for this quarter.
- Further negotiations are ongoing to generate more HFSV referrals with the NHS Health and Social care service and the LALO has started to deliver training and awareness to Social Services in the Scottish Borders. Referrals from NHS for this quarter sit at **8**. Through further training with Social Services, referrals for this quarter sit at **3**.
- The ongoing farm safety initiative, SELECT DNA partnership working with Police Scotland continues to generate a steady flow of HFSV's.
- Links for partnership referrals have been established during this quarter with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely In The Home project. Since the launch of the Initiative on June 1st 2016, the current referrals for Cheviot sit at **12**.
- The partnership with Heat Energy Scotland concerning Fuel Poverty is being piloted within the Cheviot Locality and since this was started in June there has been one successful referral achieved through an Adult protection referral, where the person has successfully had a central heating system installed.

Road Safety

- The CAT team delivered road safety interventions in respect of the safe fitting of car seats in partnership with the good egg company and Safer Communities team at the following locations in August; Gala, Hawick, Peebles and Kelso

Other Work Completed or In Progress

The following detailed below is further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed for this quarter or is in progress for the next Quarter.

- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and Retained Duty System Stations within the area in the facilitation of the SFRS summer thematic action plan.
- The CAT have facilitated, along with personnel from Innerleithen RDS and in Collaboration with the Scottish Ambulance Service, CPR Training to **330 employees** from the Scottish Public Pension Authority at the Cardrona Hotel during the month of September.
- In Collaboration with the Scottish Ambulance Service and Emergency Planning at Scottish Borders Council, the SFRS has been involved in writing a guidance document for automatic external defibrillators (AED'S) that will inform the communities about their use, how to access training and the process for installing a defibrillator in their communities.
- The LALO in Collaboration with the Scottish Ambulance Service has delivered training in CPR to nearly 50 Council employees and 20 members of the local community in Newtown St Boswells during this Quarter.
- The CAT in collaboration with the Cheviot Community Health Care team and Heat energy Scotland have delivered falls information days to compliment and promote the Living Safely In the Home Project (LSITH) in the following towns during September, Coldstream, Kelso and Jedburgh.
- The CAT attended International Day Festival in Hawick on Sunday 28th August supporting the Green Watch Hawick.
- The LALO delivered a fire safety presentation to a group of woman who attend Reconnect/Addiction services.

- The CAT attended an event for Macmillan's Transforming Care after Treatment initiative at the Abby Row Centre Kelso, which provide the opportunity to network and promote our LSITH and Fuel Poverty Initiatives within the Cheviot Area.
- Getting ready for Winter Event held at the Langley complex, Gala was attended by the SFRS and afforded a networking opportunity with partner agencies who attended the event.

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Quarterly Performance Report October 2016

Period Covered: 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016

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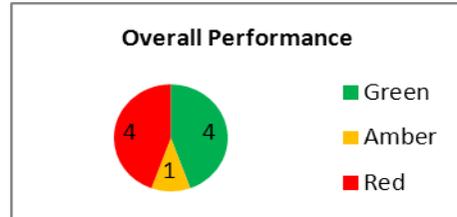
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Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 9 indicators:



Key Successes

- Meeting with Border Women’s Aid/DAAS and DACS to discuss working practices re follow on support for families leaving refuge, planned to ensure effective use of scarce resources
- Meeting with Caledonian System/DAAS partners to ensure that women and children entitled to a service are provided with an effective response, this is in relation to more than one service having a referral for the same family.
- MARAC Annual Report 2015/16 is now published and available for information.
- DAAS team is now back to full staffing capacity.
- Equally Safe Strategy consultation completed and launch of new Strategy planned for 25th November 2016. A successful consultation has returned some key questions of the local response and resources available to tackle gender based violence.

Key Issues

- Pathway 2 Project Board requires identifying partner agency funding for Big Lottery application, progress being made with NHS Borders, Police Scotland, Borders Housing Network and Scottish Borders Council.
- DAAS Adult Advocate (Maternity Leave cover) post challenging to recruit to given the short term contract available i.e. March 2017

Key Activities

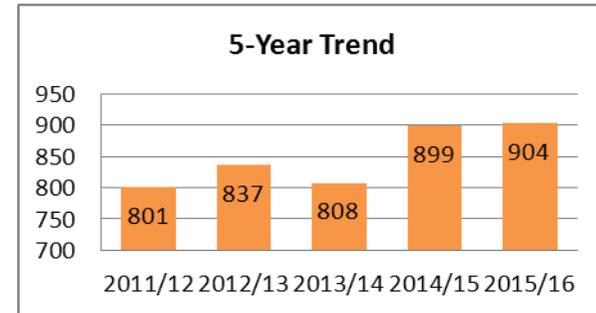
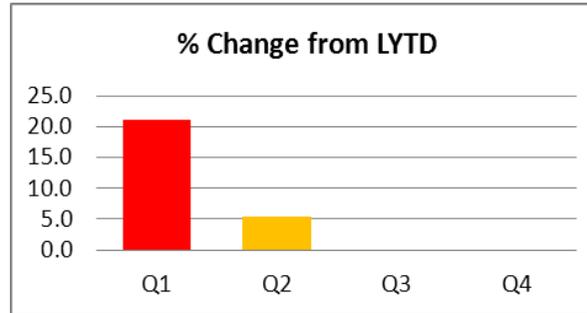
- Continued delivery of frontline advocacy service (DAAS), community outreach (DACs), funding is only agreed until March 31 2017
- The Safe Housing options and Domestic Abuse Advocacy Outreach services will be submitting their Year 2 annual report to big lottery in November.
- CEDAR Group 9 is now underway with 4 young people and their mothers meeting weekly for 12 weeks.

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Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of reported incidents of domestic abuse (adults)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
448	425	5.4%



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- An increase of 23 reported incidents of domestic abuse for the year to date in 2016/17 when compared to the same time period last year, which equates to a 5.4% increase.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Domestic abuse services continue to ensure that calling the Police is central to all safety planning with victims.
- Domestic Abuse Advocacy Support service (DAAS) now receive referrals directly from the Police Scotland Vulnerable Persons Database, thus decreasing the delay in contacting victims after an incident. This will also reduce the amount of time taken at the incident to record details as it negates the need for an additional DAAS referral form that officers were required to submit.

What we are doing

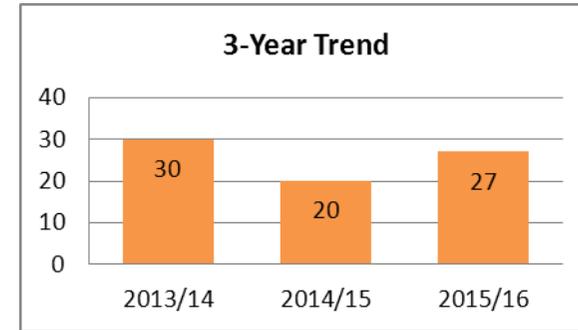
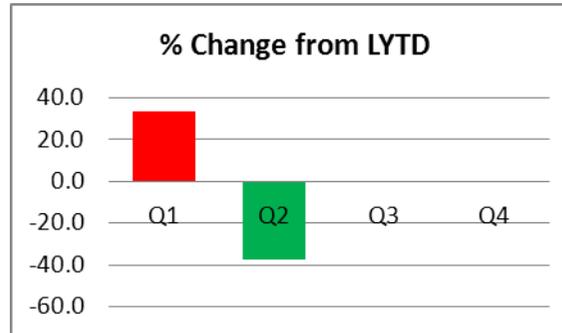
- As domestic abuse remains one of the most under-reported of all crimes, a robust response at local level would encourage “first time” callers to report an incident to the Police. Therefore increasing awareness across our communities is a priority for all specialist services over the next 6 months, including a 16 days of action, programme of events.

Strategic Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of rapes and sexual assaults that are domestic abuse related

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
5	8	-37.5%



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- 3 fewer reported sexual crimes related to domestic abuse in the year to date when compared to the same time period last year, which equates to a 37.5% decrease. It is expected that this figure will fluctuate during the year due to historical reporting of sexual crimes.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Clients are supported to report incidents of sexual violence as part of engagement with the DAAS service and the DACS service will encourage reporting of historical sexual violence where possible.

What we are doing

- Supporting clients to report to the Police will always remain a key task for domestic abuse services.

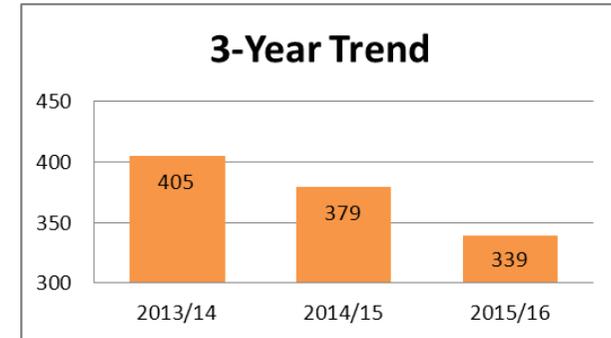
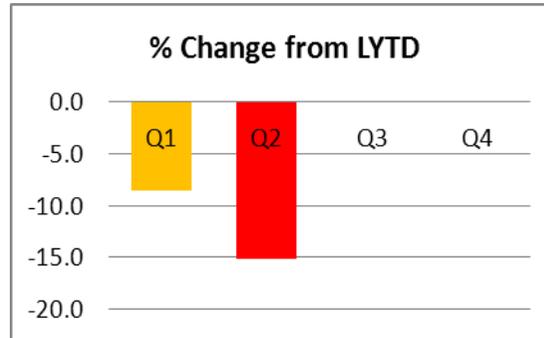
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Performance Indicator – Increase the number of referrals to the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Support (DAAS) Service

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
146	172	-15.1%

Source: DAAS



Where we are currently

- 26 fewer referrals in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. The aim is to increase referrals but the trend for the last 3 years has been downward.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Publicising the service Border wide using a wide range of resources
- DAAS are back to a full staff team and are increasing capacity
- Two staff members now fully qualified Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors under the national Professional Development Award
- Service Manager looking at trends and will target agencies to find out why referrals have dropped

What we are doing

- Supporting Safer Communities team members to develop further skills/knowledge to build a contingency in relation to service delivery
- Analysis of the trend to improve understanding of the decrease over the last 3 years.
- Improved reporting process from Police Scotland directly into the DAAS service, using the Vulnerable Person’s Database reporting through Egress

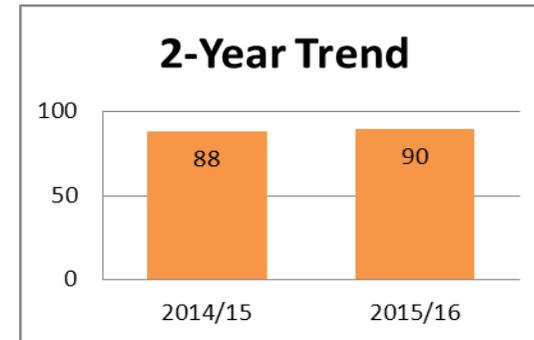
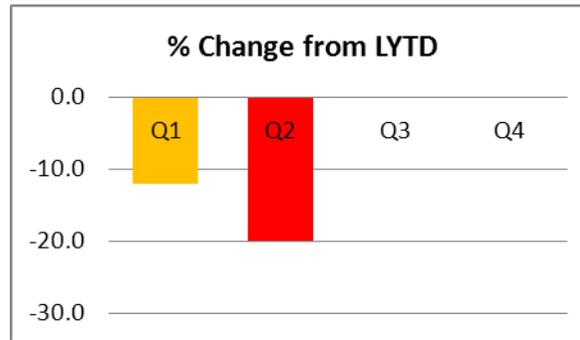
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Performance Indicator – Increase the number of high risk domestic abuse cases discussed at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
36	45	-20%

Source: MARAC



Where we are currently

- A decrease in the number of cases discussed at MARAC in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Self-Assessment Improvement Plan 75% complete.
- Increase in attendance at MARAC from a wider range of partner agencies.
- MARAC referrals lower than the suggested 200 per year (based on 112,000 population, Safe Lives 2015).

What we are doing

- Multi-agency Risk Assessment Training in October should increase confidence in partner agencies to refer to MARAC.

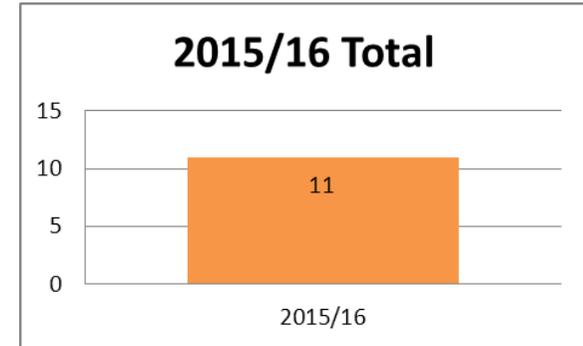
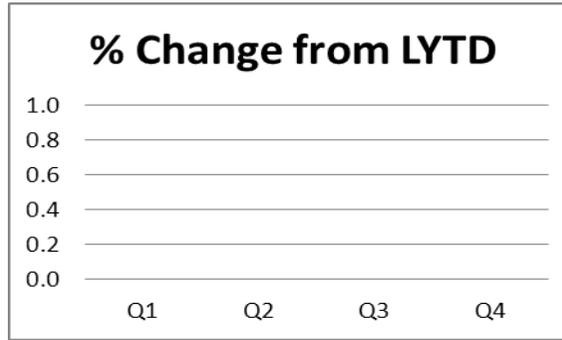
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Performance Indicator – Increase the number of high risk offender referrals to Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) group

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
6	6	0%

Source: Police Scotland



Where we are currently

- The number of referrals for the first quarter of 2016/17 is matching that of 2015/16 for the same time period.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Well established MARAC and MATAC processes in place and strong partnership working.

What we are doing

- Continuing to ensure MATAC is always considered at MARAC for repeat perpetrators or perpetrators whose risk level or nature of the risk is deemed of concern.

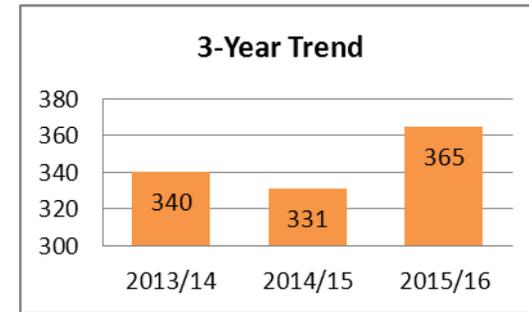
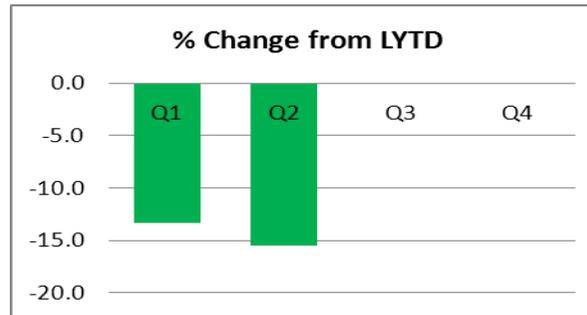
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Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of children who have experienced domestic abuse (present in home)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
153	181	-15.5%

Source: DAAS



Where we are currently

- 28 fewer children present in the home where domestic abuse incidents took place. This is a 15.5% reduction on the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- An increase in child protection concern forms to Children and Young People Services when case has been heard at MARAC
- Require access to further advocacy for children regarding children’s rights.

What we are doing

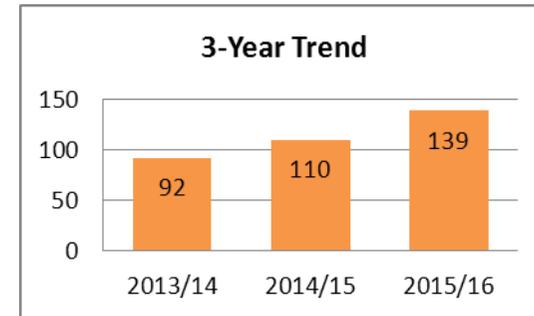
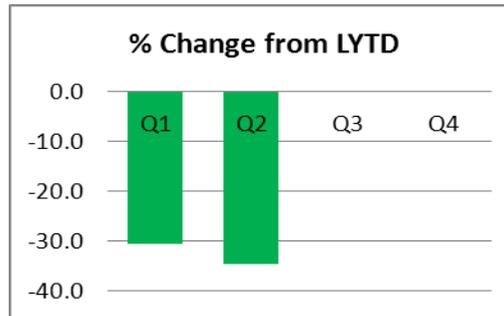
- Children referred and signposted to Children 1st who have witnessed/been involved in Domestic Abuse, receive an assessment and one to one support.
- Children and their mothers who are in recovery from Domestic Abuse are referred to CEDAR (Children experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery).
- Attending and participating in Multi Agency Conferences, child protection and concern meetings and liaise with education.
- Supporting the parent to safety plan with the child to prevent further exposure to Domestic Abuse.

Strategic Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of children who have witnessed domestic abuse (present at incident)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
47	72	-34.7%



Source: DAAS

Where we are currently

- 25 fewer children witnessing domestic abuse. This is a 34.7% reduction for the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16 and is currently reversing a recent upward trend.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Children that have witnessed domestic abuse are discussed with Children 1st and will be prioritised for one to one support.
- Children would benefit from further advocacy tailored to their circumstances. E.g. when a child is having court ordered contact and in relation to children’s rights.

What we are doing

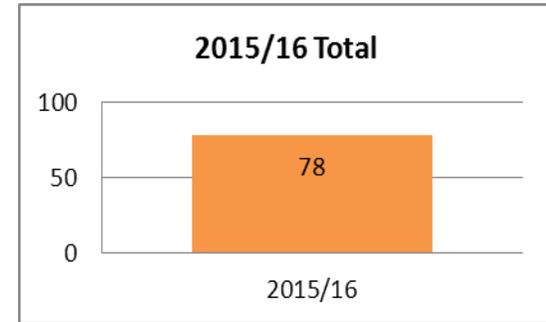
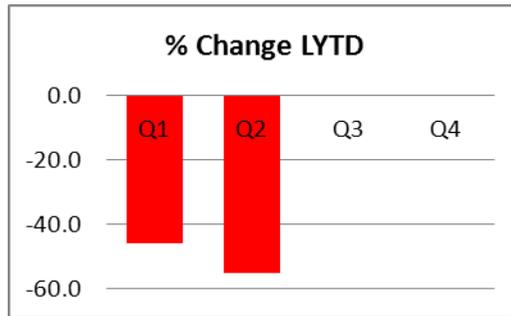
- At the point of referral we are informing Children and Young People’s Services that a child has witnessed Domestic Abuse.
- Supporting safety planning with the parent who is the Domestic Abuse victim.

Strategic Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of safe housing options security installations

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
22	49	-55.1%



Source: Pathway Project

Where we are currently

- A reduction in the number of security installations made in the year to date when compared to 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Our pet placement scheme has allowed clients to be made safe while the provision of safe housing can be explored.
- We have been shown to be a model of good practice within the Children and Young Persons Services review.
- We continue to be able to make clients safe whether that is in their own home or in a location of their choosing.

What we are doing

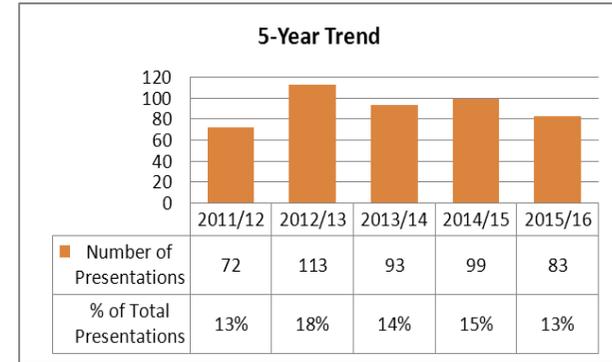
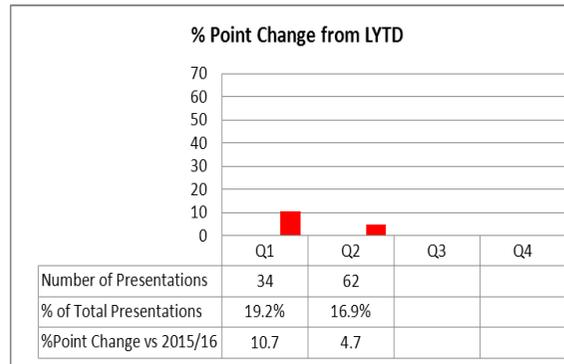
- Safe Housing Options continue to work with all registered social landlords, private landlords, owner occupiers and homelessness in the provision of additional safety measures and looking at and offering all housing options available to the clients.
- Safe Housing Options continues to support and provide training for all partner agencies in relation to domestic abuse and safe housing.
- We continue to work with our partners in the provision of emergency pet placements.

Strategic Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of homeless assessment presentations due to dispute within a violent or abusive household

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change % Point
16.9	12.2	4.7



Source: SBC Homeless Service

Where we are currently

- An increase in the number of homeless presentations from 40 in the year to date of 2015/16 to 62 in 2016/17. This is a 4.7 percentage point increase against total presentations for the year to date.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Whilst the number of presentations has seen an unwanted increase this does not take account of the numerous successful interventions carried out to allow victims to remain in their own homes.

What we are doing

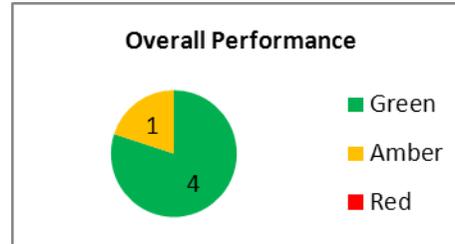
- The domestic abuse STEPS workers, work proactively with housing providers, private landlords and owner occupiers to maintain people in their own homes and reduce any further homelessness.

Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 5 indicators:



Key Successes

- Increased uptake for “Best Bar None” and funding secured for 2016/17.
- New referral process established with RSLs in relation to drug dealing in our communities.
- Continued low level of ASB in licensed premises throughout Scottish Borders.

Key Issues

- Continued availability of cheap alcohol in all licensed off-sales premises.

Key Activities

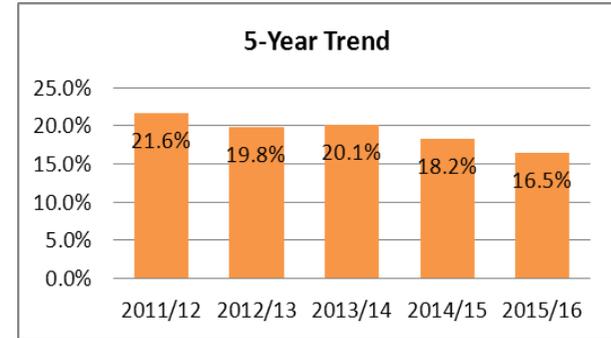
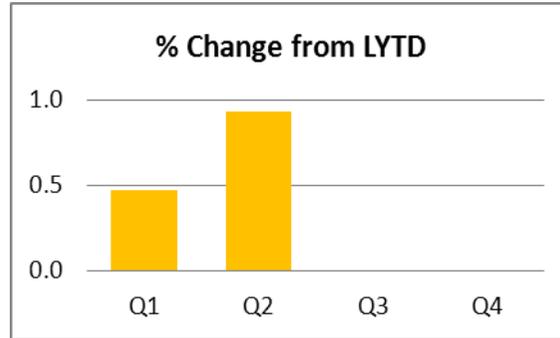
- Re-establishment of the Alcohol and Drug Tasking and Coordinating Group to focus on this strategic priority.
- A meeting is to be held on 1st November to finalise this year’s Festive Safety campaign and consider Dry January theme

Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the percentage of ASB incidents that are alcohol related

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change % Points
17.0%	16.1%	0.9



Source: SCT Database

Where we are currently

- A small increase in the percentage of ASB incidents that are alcohol related in the second quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. Although the percentage of alcohol related incidents is currently higher than last year it has been decreasing month on month since April.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- A number of successful multi-agency initiatives carried out in areas where alcohol fuelled ASB was having a detrimental effect on the community (Gala Park, Inchmyre).

What we are doing

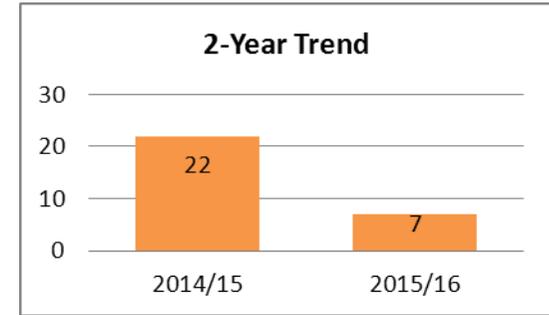
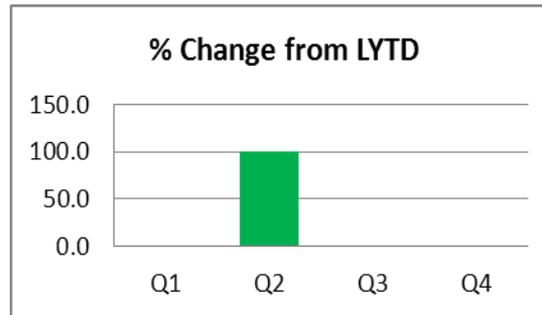
- Letters are issued to those youths involved in alcohol related incidents offering referral to support services.
- Daily partnership monitoring of all ASB allows for early and effective intervention, where appropriate.

Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of Alcohol Brief Intervention (ABI) screenings undertaken by the Antisocial Behaviour Unit (ASBU)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
10	5	100%



Source: ASBU

Where we are currently

- 100% increase in the number of referrals in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- In total there have been 22 face to face interviews conducted in the year to date. In 45.5% (10) of interviews ABI screenings were undertaken.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- The number of screenings will drop in line with effectiveness of early interventions.

What we are doing

- We continue to deliver the screenings and refer where appropriate.

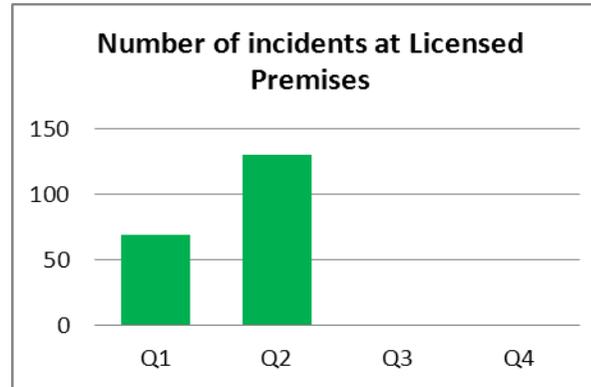
Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of interventions following antisocial incidents in licensed premises

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
130	N/A	N/A

Source: Police Scotland



Where we are currently

- 61 interventions undertaken in the second quarter of 2016/17 bringing the total for the year to date to 130.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- This is a new indicator for 2016/17 and historical data is not available for comparison as the Police are using a new recording system from April 2016.

What we are doing

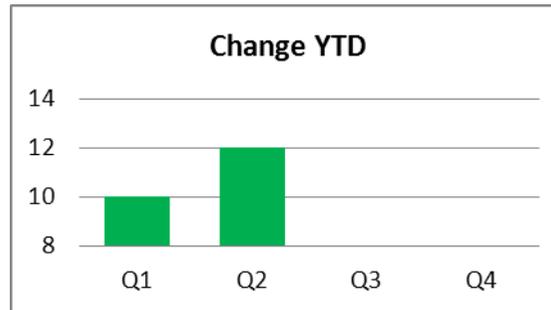
- The Police and SBC licensing officers continue to address all reports of antisocial behaviour at licensed premises.
- New recording database “InnKeeper” now fully operational in Police Scotland.

Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of referrals into the ASB process as a result of proactive drug enforcement

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
12	N/A	N/A



Source: SCT Database

Where we are currently

- Collection of data for this indicator is new for 2016/17 therefore comparison to previous years is not currently possible.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Following the sharing of details about drug supply and production charges with registered social landlords, the relevant landlords have formally warned their tenants.

What we are doing

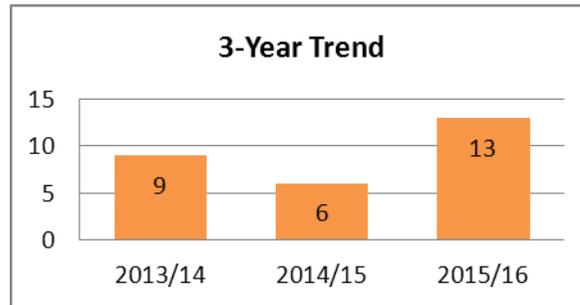
- Introduction of the referral process is further increasing our early intervention capability in dealing with ASB.

Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of “Best Bar None” premises

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
N/A	13	N/A



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- This indicator is measured annually therefore results will not be available for 2016/17 until quarter 4.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- 24 applications have been received this year.
- Funding secured for 2016/17 from the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to continue the project.

What we are doing

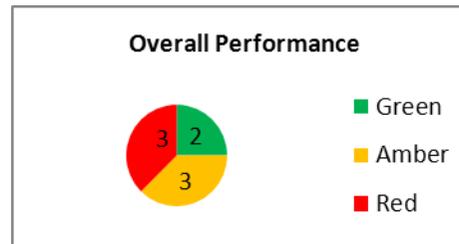
- All new premises for this year have received an advisory visit and documentation about the scheme has been sent out.
- Fire Service inspections have been scheduled.
- Premises assessments are due to complete in November 2016.

Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 8 indicators:



Key Successes

- Continued decrease in group 1 - 5 crimes across Scottish Borders.
- Increased use of early and effective intervention in antisocial behaviour cases.

Key Issues

- Requirement to address resilience in mediation capacity.

Key Activities

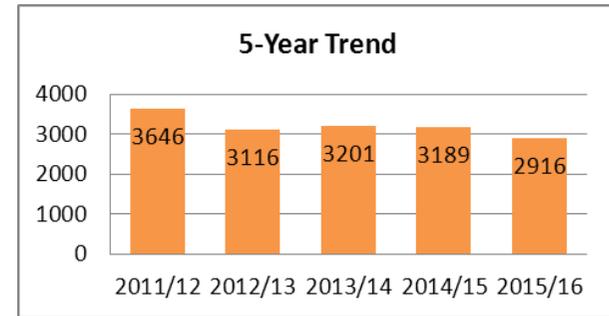
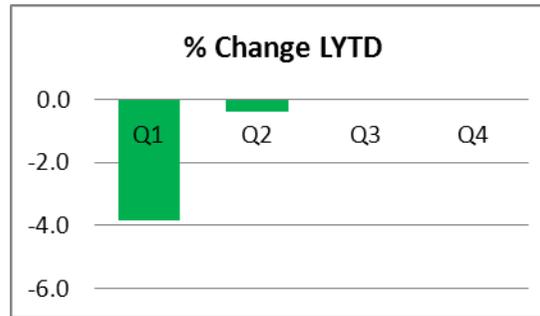
- Reviewing and updating the multi-agency antisocial behaviour procedures.
- Refocus of prevention activities, driven by police Scotland.

Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of group 1-5 crimes

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
1551	1557	-0.4%



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- A reduction in the number of group 1-5 crimes recorded in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. This equates to 6 fewer victims, which is positive.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Local focus on high-volume, low-level crime has seen a number of notable convictions and court sanctions.
- A high profile and nationally recognised rural crime initiative has seen a 62% reduction in the value of property stolen.

What we are doing

- Introduction of prevention and tackling inequalities model by Police Scotland to streamline crime prevention activities.

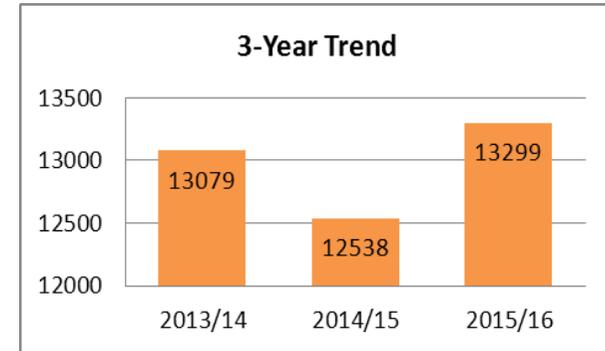
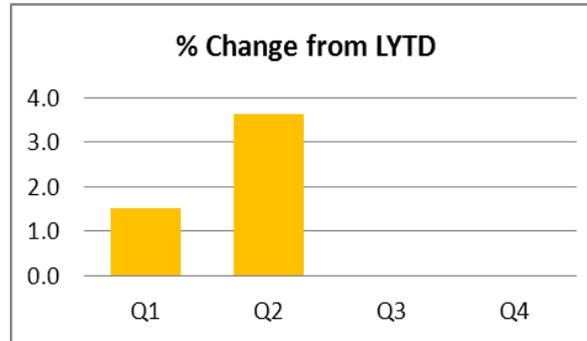
Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of recorded ASB incidents

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
7420	7159	3.6%

Source: SCT Database/ASBU



Where we are currently

- An increase of 261 reported incidents for the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- A period of staff shortage and review has stalled some pieces of work

What we are doing

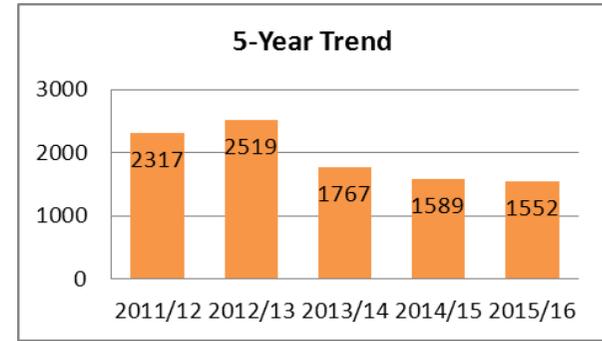
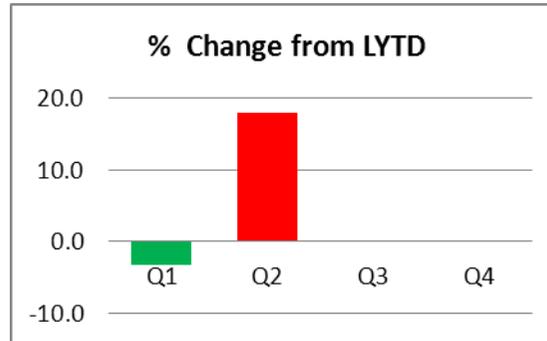
- Currently revising and updating multi-agency ASB procedures, this has been stalled somewhat due to the review
- Refocusing on earlier and effective intervention, especially mediation as reported last time, however this will take time to evaluate
- Introduction of ASB awareness sessions with partner agencies as per last report and the final session for 2016 was held on 24/10/16

Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of youth related ASB incidents

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
998	846	18%



Source: SCT Database

Where we are currently

- An increase in the number of youth related incidents in the second quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. ASB is subject to seasonal variations and the number of incidents often increases in the summer months. It is anticipated that the volume of youth incidents will decrease in the coming months.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- From a high in 2012/13 youth related ASB incident have been reducing year on year.

What we are doing

- Monthly youth bulletins are issued that identify specific ASB locations and named youths involved in ASB.
- Letters are issued to those youths involved in alcohol related incidents offering referral to support services.
- Closer working relationships established with “Youth Borders” and local youth groups.
- Youth community officers continue to deliver youth diversionary projects across Scottish Borders.

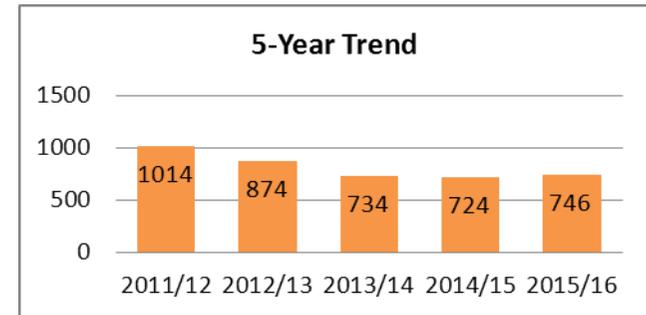
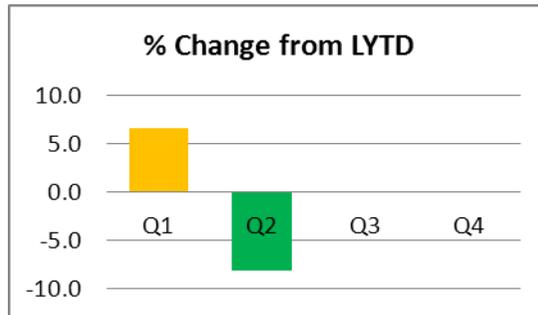
Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of reported vandalisms

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
392	427	-8.2%

Source: Police Scotland



Where we are currently

- A decrease in the number of reported vandalisms in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Police Scotland refocus on high-volume, low-level crime.

What we are doing

- Continued work by youth community officers in all primary and secondary schools.
- Community Beat Officers (CBOs) are working closely with communities affected by vandalism.

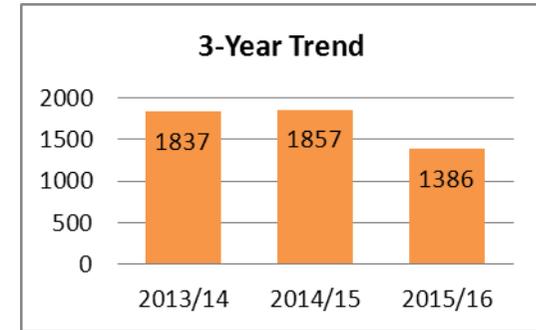
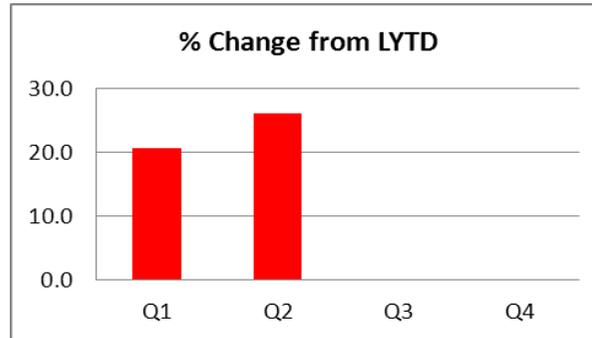
Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of persons being monitored for antisocial behaviour

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
960	761	26.1%

Source: ASBU



Where we are currently

- 199 more persons being monitored for antisocial behaviour in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- The number of protracted and higher end offending is much less, however due to partners being more proactive, this will lead to an overall slight increase in the overall numbers

What we are doing

- We continue to look at early interventions that will divert persons from escalation, to being monitored, this will be done through the antisocial behaviour partnership working group (ASBPWG).

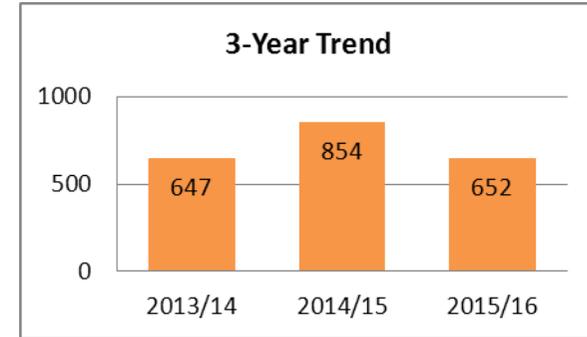
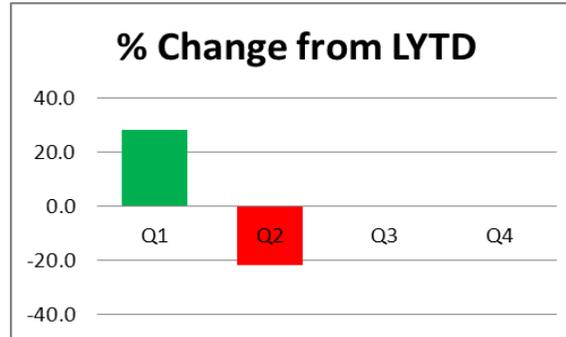
Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of early interventions made by ASB partners

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
343	437	-21.5%

Source: ASBU



Where we are currently

- A reduction of 94 interventions in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Partners have been going through a period of internal reorganisation and some staff shortages and this could have impacted the number of interventions

What we are doing

- We will monitor the situation with regard to partner organisation changes.

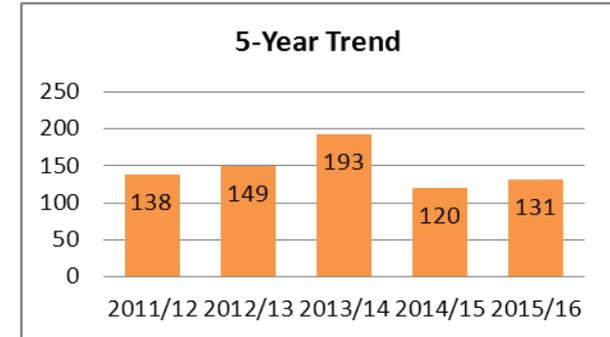
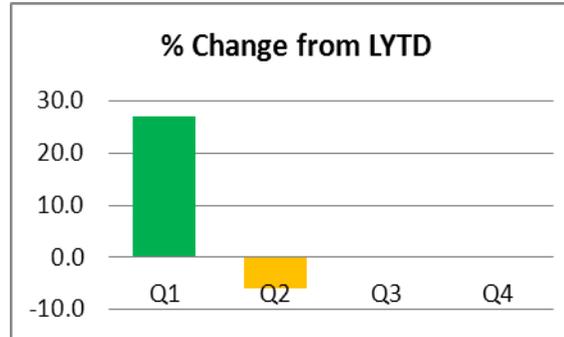
Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of mediation referrals

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
64	68	-5.9%

Source: Mediation



Where we are currently

- A decrease of 4 referrals in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2016/17, which equates to a 5.9% decrease.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Mediation is a one person operation, there have been periods of leave during this quarter.

What we are doing

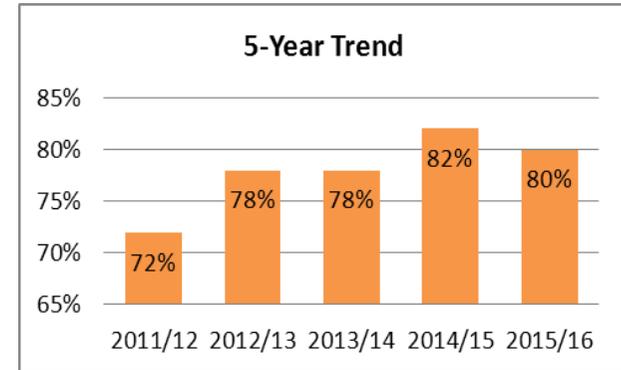
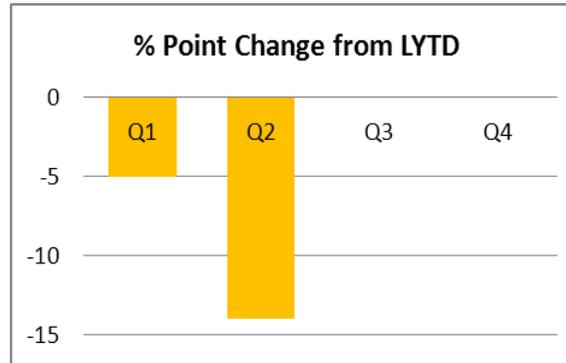
- Increased integration of the mediation service into the daily operations of the ASBU

Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the percentage of mediation cases that show agreement/improvement after mediation

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change % Points
62%	76%	-14



Source: Mediation

Where we are currently

- A reduction in the percentage of cases that show agreement/improvement after mediation in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- The service is delivered, in effect, by one council officer, which can mean fluctuations for leave periods etc.

What we are doing

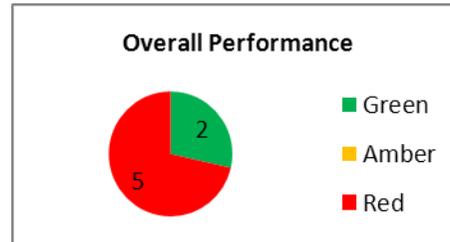
- Reviewing our performance indicators should pinpoint, more accurately, what factors affect the success of a case.
- Exploring the use of victim support services to assist in the mediation process.

Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 7 indicators:



Key Successes

- Delivery of a wide range of road safety initiatives across different user and age groups throughout Scottish Borders.
- Zero children killed on our roads in the year to date.

Key Issues

- Alarming increase in killed/seriously injured figures for Scottish Borders. However detailed analysis has indicated no common causational factors or obvious preventative shortfalls.

Key Activities

- Funding bid in process to enhance the current range of preventative activities across Scottish Borders. Still awaiting notification from Transport Scotland

Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of road users killed or seriously injured

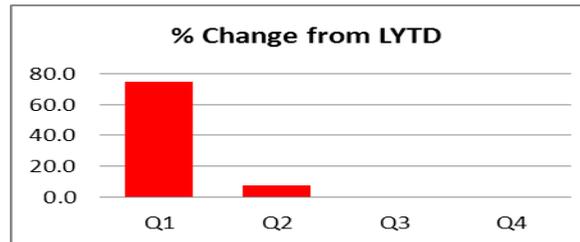
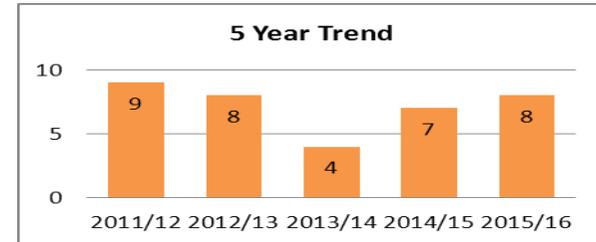
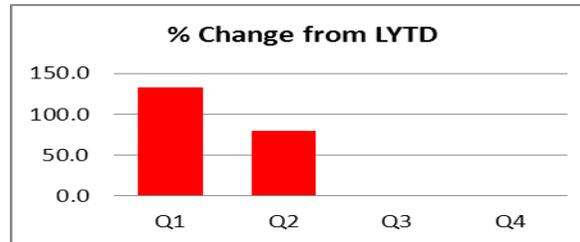
Performance

Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change %
9	5	80%

Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change %
42	39	7.7%



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- An increase of 4 road user killed on our roads in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- An increase of 3 road users seriously injured in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- We will not meet the objective of reducing the number of people killed on our roads in 2016/17 when compared to 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- 151 young drivers have successfully completed the “Skills For Life” young driver training programme in the last two years. With a further 13 currently undertaking training and due to complete by early December.
- The number of road traffic accidents that have occurred in the first six months of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

What we are doing

- Borders Driver Gold scheme to assist older drivers to drive safely for longer. Pilot scheme 2016 in Hawick and Berwickshire. Planned roll out in Spring of 2017 to all of the Scottish Borders. We have run 7 awareness sessions to date, with 41 older drivers, with a further two more planned in Berwickshire with 28 drivers enrolled.
- Skill for Life scheme providing free advanced driver training to young newly qualified drivers, a total of 164 young drivers have enrolled.
- Support to encourage advanced motorcycle training in the Scottish Borders. Between 2015 and 2016 40 local motorcyclists took up additional advanced rider training.

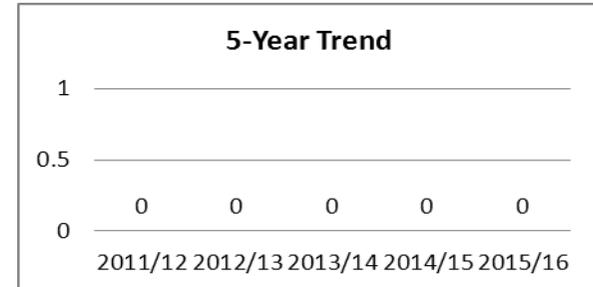
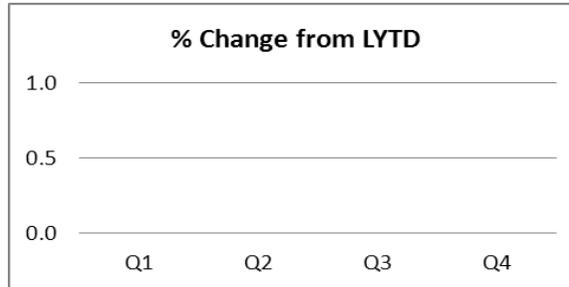
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on our roads

Performance

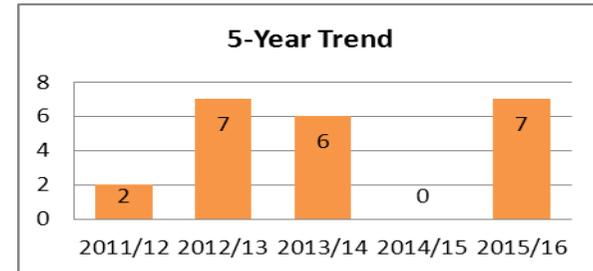
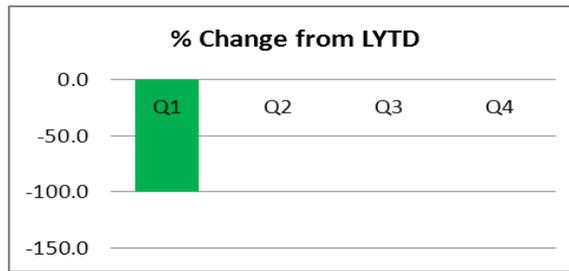
Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change %
0	0	0%



Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change %
2	2	0%



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- 0 children killed on our roads in the year to date.
- 2 children seriously injured on our roads in the second quarter of 2016/17, bringing the total to 2, the same as last year at this point.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- There have been no child fatalities on our roads in the last 5 years.

What we are doing

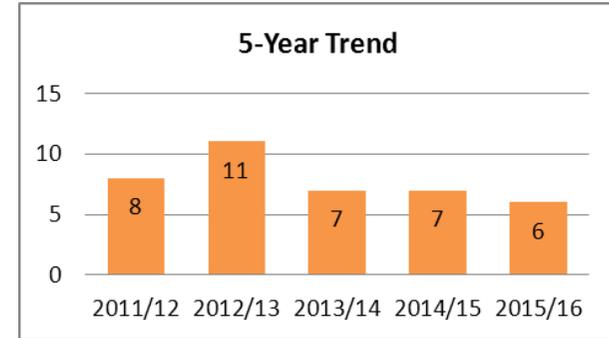
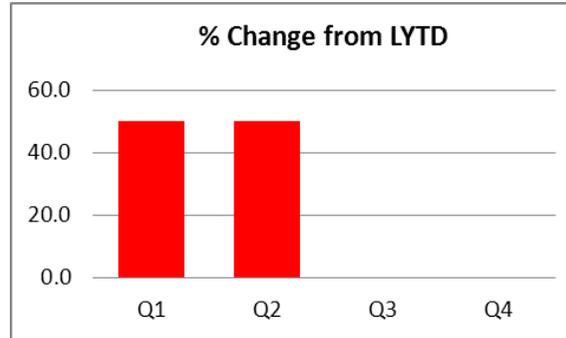
- Road safety messages for children continue to be delivered through a number of events and programmes held throughout the year e.g. Junior Road Safety Officers scheme, Crucial crew, Safer travel to School, Countryside day.

Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of young drivers aged 17-25 killed or seriously injured on our roads

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
3	2	50.0%



Source: Police Scotland

Where we are currently

- 3 young drivers killed or seriously injured in the year to date, an increase on the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- 151 young drivers have successfully completed the “Skills For Life” young driver training programme in the last two years. A further 13 are currently being trained. One young driver who took the course and passed in 2015 has taken additional training to become an advanced driver trainer and has successfully trained his first young driver to pass the test.
- A young driver training day was held at Charterhall on 21st to 22nd May 2016, with 90 young drivers attending over the two days. A bid for funding has been submitted to Transport Scotland to extend this pilot scheme and the outcome is awaited.
- The number of road traffic accidents that have occurred in the first six months of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

What we are doing

- Skill for Life scheme providing free advanced driver training to young newly qualified drivers.
- Pilot of free theory training courses for learner drivers in Hawick. Initial pass rate is 85% compared to overall pass rate of 51% in the Scottish Borders. Looking at possibility of rolling similar courses out across the Scottish Borders in 2017.
- Annual Driving into the Future roadshow, multi-agency workshops as part of pre-driver education for 6th year students in all high schools. Dates for this school year are being planned.

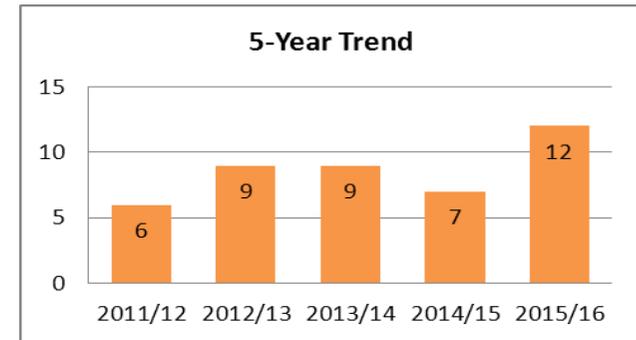
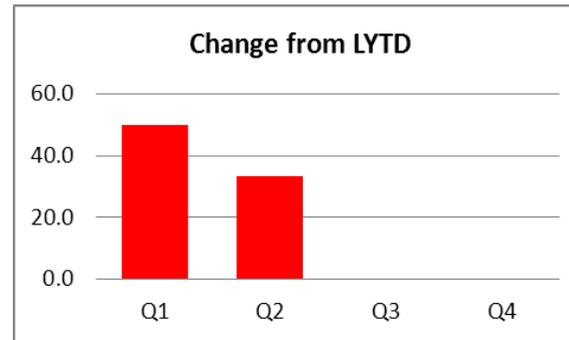
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of older drivers aged 60+ killed or seriously injured on our roads

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
8	6	33.3%

Source: Police Scotland



Where we are currently

- 8 older drivers killed or seriously injured in the year to date, an increase on the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- The number of road traffic accidents that have occurred in the first six months of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

What we are doing

- Borders Driver Gold scheme to assist older drivers to drive safely for longer. Pilot scheme 2016 in Hawick and Berwickshire. Planned roll out in Spring of 2017 to all of the Scottish Borders. We have run 7 awareness sessions to date, with 41 older drivers, with a further 2 more planned in Berwickshire where 28 drivers are enrolled.
- There is a funding bid pending to assist with the development and running costs of the older driver programme.

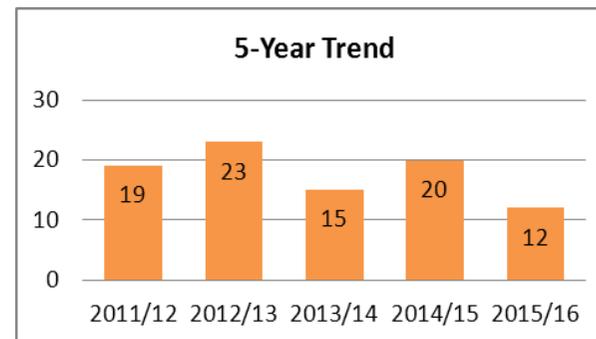
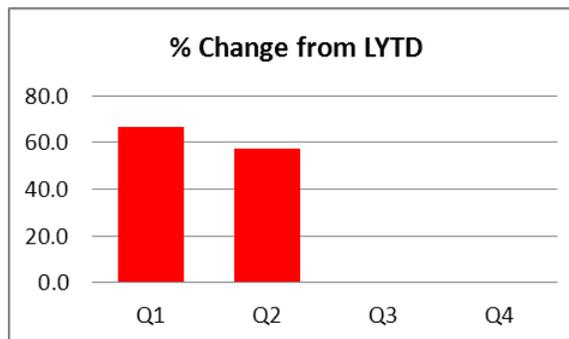
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured on our roads

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
11	7	57.1%

Source: Police Scotland



Where we are currently

- 11 motorcyclists killed or seriously injured in the year to date, an increase on the same time period in 2015/16.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- The number of road traffic accidents that have occurred in the first six months of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

What we are doing

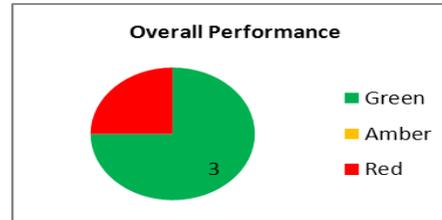
- Support to promote and encourage advanced motorcycle training in the Scottish Borders. We have run 2 annual motorcycling open days 2015 and 2016 at Galashiels Fire station which has encouraged 40 local motorcyclists to take up advanced rider training.

Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 4 indicators:



Key Successes

- “Living Safely in the Home” has been launched in the Cheviot locality and 12 referrals have been made in the second quarter of 2016

Key Issues

- Delays in receiving up to date NHS data in support of under 5 accidents and over 75 falls makes it difficult to assess our current performance in relation to these indicators.

Key Activities

- The “Living Safely in the Home” pilot has started in Cheviot locality and will be rolled out to other localities in the future.

Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

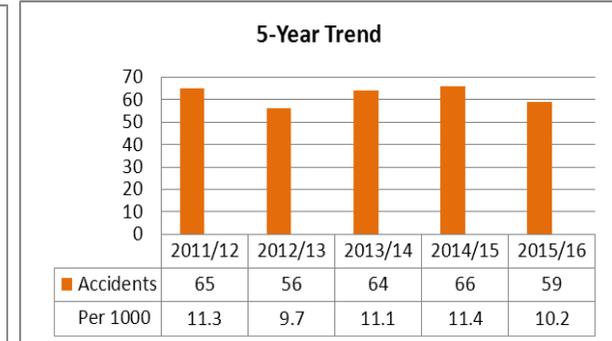
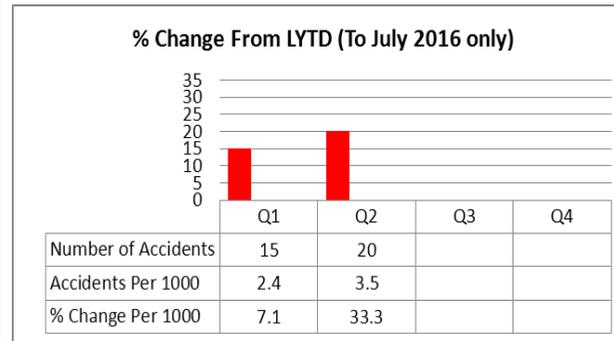
Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for children under 5 where a home accident is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
3.5	2.6	33.3%

Please note: Data is to July 2016 only

Source: NHS BGH



Where we are currently

- For the time period 1st April to 31st July 2016 there has been an increase of 5 accidents in the under 5s recorded, when compared to the same time period in 2015. Data for August and September 2016 is still being finalised.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- “Safety First Scheme” set up in 2007 continues to provide free child safety equipment to about 100 identified vulnerable families per annum. Funding for the scheme was reduced in 2009 from £3000 to £2000 per annum and has not changed since then. This means the impact of the scheme will diminish over time.
- In 2015 /16 Scottish Borders received some short term additional funding through the pilot Scottish Home Safety Equipment Scheme (SHSES) to provide child safety equipment to families on low income. Scheme was run through Eildon and Berwickshire housing associations with approx. 100 families benefiting from the equipment.

What we are doing

- “Living Safely in the Home” is being piloted in Cheviot locality with the aim of reducing accidents in the home for under 5s.
- “Safety First Scheme” set up in 2007 continues to provide free child safety equipment to identified vulnerable families.
- Child safety in the home is promoted annually through child safety week in June and throughout the year to various parent and baby groups across the Scottish Borders.

Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

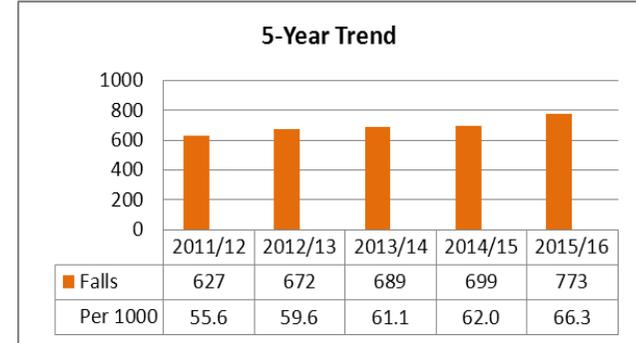
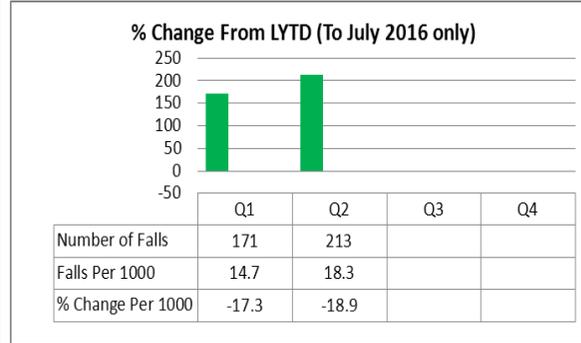
Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for 75+ where a fall is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
18.3	22.5	-18.9%

Please note: Data is to July 2016 only

Source: NHS BGH



Where we are currently

- For the time period 1st April to 31st July 2016 fewer falls in the over 75s have been recorded, when compared to the same time period in 2015. Data for August and September 2016 is being finalised.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- “Living Safely in the Home” has been launched in the Cheviot locality and 12 referrals have been received to date.

What we are doing

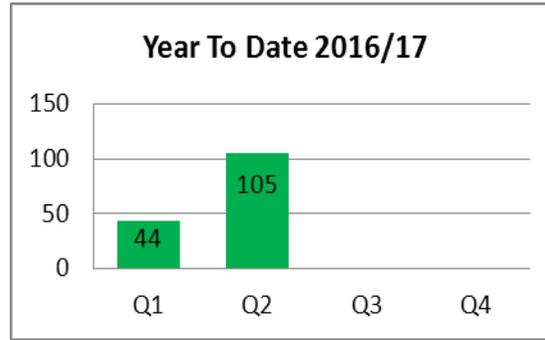
- “Living Safely in the Home” is being piloted in Cheviot locality with the aim of reducing falls in the over 75s and Information Days were held September in each of the locality towns.
- An effective communication strategy has been developed jointly by partners including posters, media releases and local forums in Cheviot locality with regard to “Living Safely in the Home”.

Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of actioned Fire Service adult and child protection referrals received from Safer Communities

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
105	N/A	N/A



Source: SFRS

Where we are currently

- Currently establishing a baseline, therefore data is only available for the current year. No comparison possible.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Overall there has been an increase in referrals in quarter 2 when compared to quarter 1.
- Referrals from Social Services were low in the first and second quarters.
- Referrals from SBHA and Eildon Housing were at zero in the second quarter.

What we are doing

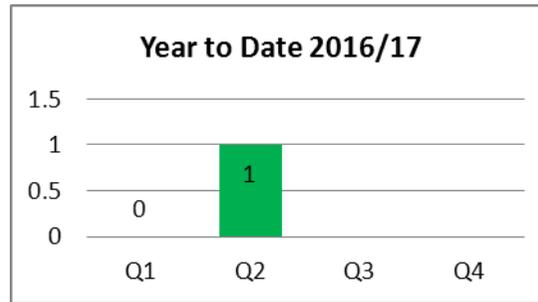
- The SFRS Liaison Officer is working closely with the Social Service Team Leaders to assist in the referral process with the aim of increasing referrals and providing further training in the referral process.
- The SFRS Liaison Officer will also engage further with RSLs and provide training in the referral process, if required.

Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

Performance Indicator – Increase the number of Fire Service fuel poverty referrals generated

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
1	N/A	N/A



Source: SFRS

Where we are currently

- This is a new project and the first referral has now been received.

Our Successes/Our Issues

- Training completed and project launched in July 2016 within the Cheviot locality.
- 1 successful referral where the recipients received a new central heating systems.

What we are doing

- Stations are actively engaging with members of the public through home fire safety visits and signposting them to Heat Energy Scotland.
- The Community Action Team within Safer Communities makes automatic referrals when required through the facilitation of additional support visits.

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