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## POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2016

A MEETING of the POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2016 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

9 September 2016

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4.	<b>Minute</b> (Pages 1 - 10)  Consider Minute of meeting held on 3 June 2016. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
5.	<b>Progress Reports /Updates on Service Matters</b>  Consider reports and updates from:-	
	(a) <b>Police - Superintendent Andy Clark</b> (Pages 11 - 28)  (Copy attached.)	40 mins
	(b) <b>Fire &amp; Rescue - LSO David Farries</b> (Pages 29 - 58)  (Copy attached.)	40 mins
	(c) <b>Safer Communities</b> (Pages 59 - 96)  (Copy attached.)	40 mins
6.	<b>Presentation on Community Safety Unit by Jeanette McDiarmid, Depute Chief Executive - People, Superintendent (Partnerships) Brian Rodgers, LSO David Farries Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>	40 mins
7.	<b>Any Other Items Previous Circulated</b>	
8.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent</b>	

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

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

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

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

MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICE, FIRE &  
RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD  
held in the Council Headquarters, Newtown St.  
Boswells on Friday, 3 June 2016 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors D. Moffat (Chairman), S. Aitchison (from para 4), B. Herd,  
A. Nicol, R. Stewart, G. Turnbull. Mr G. Higgs, Voluntary Sector, Ms  
M. Lyle, SBHA, Dr D. Steele, NHS Borders.

Apology: Ms F. Young, CJA.

In Attendance: Divisional Commander (DC) Chief Supt. Ivor Marshall, Police  
Scotland, Chief Inspector A. McLean, Police Scotland, Inspector T.  
Hodges, Safer Communities Team Manager, 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, Ms S. Smith,  
Communities & Partnership Manager, SBC, K. Mason, Democratic  
Services Officer, SBC.

**1. WELCOME**

The Chairman extended a welcome to observers from Her Majesty's Fire Service  
Inspectorate who were carrying out a full inspection of the Scottish Fire and  
Rescue Service within the Scottish Borders during the months of July and August.  
He also welcomed Divisional Commander (DC) Chief Superintendent Ivor  
Marshall, Police Scotland and LSO David Farries, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Service to their first meeting of the Board.

**2. MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 12  
February 2016.

**DECISION**

**APPROVED the Minute.**

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

(a) With reference to paragraph 4.3 (b) (i) of the Minute, Chief Inspector  
McLean advised that Councillor Renton had met with Community Police  
Officers who had explained the issues they encountered in respect of  
timescales and local people abusing the parking system in the Market  
Square, Duns. As a result of this Councillor Renton was much more aware  
of the issues Police Officers had to deal with.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

(b) With reference to paragraph 4.3 (b) (ii) in relation to issuing an  
appropriate Press Release relating to detection rates Members were  
advised that this had proved complex because it was not just detection  
rates which should be highlighted but the other aspects of Police work  
and links with the Police Scotland media unit needed to be established.

A communications strategy for the Board to deal with this also covering Fire and Rescue and work in Safer Communities was being developed.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (c) With reference to paragraph 4.3(b) (iii) of the Minute, Members were advised that Police Scotland was not yet in a position to present a private paper on work going on behind the scenes on Serious Organised Crime but this would be undertaken at future meetings.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

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

**MEMBER**

Councillor Aitchison joined the meeting during discussion of the following item.

**4.1 Police**

Divisional Commander (DC) Chief Supt. Ivor Marshall thanked Members for their welcome and explained he had been in his new post for 3 weeks and he was trying to get up to speed with Lothian and Scottish Borders Division. He was committed to local policing and delighted to have been appointed. He referred to the importance of partnership working where positive constructive collaborate arrangements were in place and he paid tribute to Chief Supt Imery in regard to this. He considered the Boards priorities were correct and he assured Members that efforts in relation to serious organised crime were not diminished but he could not refer to those because of the confidentiality surrounding this matter. There had been good progress in relation to reducing rural housebreakings. The new Chief Constable had undertaken to refresh and change performance framework. Previously targets were chased which missed the point of what policing was all about and important broader conversations would take place about prevention and intervention to reduce crimes. He referred to budget challenges and advised that various meetings would be taking place to ensure Police Scotland kept on track towards a budget settlement.

- 4.2 Discussions took place relating to race hate crime figures which had increased and it was noted that Police Scotland had worked with George Higgs to make it easier for people to report race hate crimes. Reporting of hate crimes had increased because people now felt confident to report issues to the police. Detection rates for hate crime in the Borders continue to be high.

- 4.3 Chief Inspector A. McLean presented the Police Progress report covering the period April 2015 to March 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, 113 more referrals had been made, which was positive. In relation to

Priority 1 – Protecting People performance was slightly worse compared to last year but 1.8% better than target.

Priority 2 – showed a 7.7% increase in Common Assaults reported in 2015/16 compared to the same period last year. This equated to 55 more victims compared with same period last year. In respect of reducing the number of anti-

social behaviour incidents there had been a 7.9% reduction (402 fewer incidents) in the year to date compared to the same time period last year.

With regards to increasing the reporting of hate crime, there had been a significant increase in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in the year to date and it was noted that this was largely due to the spike in offences occurring in Quarter 2.

Priority 3 - Tackling substance misuse. During the period 01/06/2015 to 31/03/2016, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 322 stop and searches, of which 77 proved positive (23.9%).

Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer, there had been an 11.5% increase (8 more casualties) in 2015/16 when compare to 2014/15. The number of people killed this year was 8, which was 1 more fatality than last year. The number of serious injuries had also increased compared to last year.

Priority 5 Tackling serious and organised crime, cash seizures were currently lower than the value seized at the same point last year, this was because specific criteria which had to be present to seize cash under POCA, simply not being there for officers to make seizures. It was encouraging to see a 6.7% increase in the number of detections for drug supply, with 64 offences detected in 2015/16.

Priority 6-Tackling Acquisitive Crime. There had been a decrease in the number of housebreaking to dwellings leading to 29 fewer victims of this type of crime in the year to date when compared with the same time period in 2014/15. There had been a 12.9% reduction in theft of motor vehicles in the year to date which equated to 8 fewer victims of this type of crime.

Concern was raised in relation to speeding on borders roads in particular the A7 and the A698, and the Chairman advised that any issues should be reported to Police Scotland. Chief Inspector McLean advised that a safety campaign in regard to "making roads safer" would be in place in the next few months. Road checks in relation to drink driving had taken place at various times during the day and night, the results of which were disappointing because of the high number of people who had been caught drinking and driving.

It was noted that partner agencies shared information relating to anti-social behaviour and a request was made that Inspector Hodges circulate a flow chart on how this worked. In discussing the lack of information regarding licensing of air rifles Members were advised that anyone with queries should in the first instance contact Police Scotland's licensing department. It was noted that the Court system had improved because rather than Police Officers having to attend Court until their case was called, Offices now received a phone call from the Court Service to alert them as to the time when a particular case would be heard. In regard to the number of complaints per year a request was made for information on how many complaints were upheld and partially upheld and Chief Superintendent Marshall undertook to provide these statistics.

## **DECISION**

**(a) NOTED the report.**

**(b) AGREED that**

- (i) **Police Scotland would investigate the possibility of providing statistics to a future meeting in regard to the number of police complaints which were upheld and partially upheld;**
- (ii) **Inspector Hodges would provide a flow chart on the process partners used to share information on anti-social behaviour matters.**

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

LSO David Farries introduced himself and thanked the Board for providing him with the response which was made to the consultation on the new Fire & Rescue framework for Scotland. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had now produced their draft Strategic Plan for 2016-2019 which developed the expectations set out in the Scottish Government Framework. A 10 week online consultation period began on 31 May 2016. The Strategic plan acted as a bridge between the framework and their Scottish Borders Local Plan. He valued the view of the Board on its concerns about the need to balance national priorities with the needs of local communities which was a key focus of the Board's feedback and was important to the Fire and Rescue Service team within the Scottish Borders. The 2016-2019 Strategic plan gave the Fire and Rescue Service the space to be ambitious whilst looking differently at their service delivery. The Board would be aware of service transformation agenda and the Fire and Rescue Service was already seeing the benefits of the ways that their resources could be used to benefit local communities in innovative ways. The Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest trial was ongoing with an enhanced response in Hawick, Lauder and Coldstream. The Service was currently in the final preparation stages of the Living Safely in the Home initiative which would initially run in the Cheviot area, this project harnessed their vast experience in prevention and allowed them to assist in reducing unintended harm to vulnerable people. It would of course be wrong for the Service to lose focus on what was considered their 'traditional' core responsibilities and with that in mind the Service continued to explore ways of improving their operational response. Training remained the key component in ensuring firefighters were kept competent and safe. The Service had recently completed the training of their second swift water rescue team in the Borders at Hawick; this team would be able to work alongside colleagues from Gala at water rescue incidents and in response to the type of large scale flooding incidents seen in recent years throughout the region. LSO Farries had recently secured funding to renovate the old smoke house facility also at Hawick Fire Station into a simulated domestic dwelling which would be used for breathing apparatus and search and rescue training. This venue would benefit crews from across the borders. A further commitment to improving their operational response came in the form of a major investment in brand new state of the art Hydraulic Rescue Equipment for the area. The Service had managed to bring half of the 10 sets of equipment available in the East of Scotland to the Scottish Borders and stations across the area had been selected to provide a good coverage. LSO Farries hoped that Board members would be able to attend the events which they had been invited to in Duns, Selkirk, Gala, Kelso and Peebles over the remainder of the year. The Service had put together a programme which afforded Members the opportunity to visit Retained stations, speak to crews on the ground and observe training exercises.

- 4.5 There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Performance Report covering the period 1 April to 31 March 2016. In summarising the report, Group Manager A. Girrity advised that with regard to Priority 1: Reduction of Dwelling Fires, the SFRS had attended 109 dwelling fires in comparison to 84 for the same Year to Date (YTD) reporting period last year, this represented a 30% increase. Six of these fires had been started deliberately although none in the last quarter.

Cooking continued to be the most common cause of dwelling fires, over 50% started in single occupancy dwellings. A quarter of these fires involved persons 65 years old or over. Priority 2: Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties, the report noted that there had been 18 fire related casualties in this reporting period, this was an increase of three compared to the same period last year. Six of these casualties went to hospital with the SFRS administering oxygen to 12 casualties. The YTD period had seen one fire fatality, there had been three non-fatal fire casualties this quarter all suffering from slight smoke inhalation. There had been no fire fatalities this quarter. Priority 3: Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting indicated that there had been 100 deliberate fires in this YTD reporting period, an increase of 11 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. Wood, scrubland, refuse and straw bales accounted for the majority of these incidents. The decrease in the last quarter was consistent with the months of autumn and winter. Priority 4: Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) indicated that the SFRS attended 107 RTCs, compared to 92 for the same reporting period last year. Further analysis showed that 31% of these casualties occurred in the third quarter. This was an increase of one compared to the same period last year. There had been 74 RTC related casualties in this YTD period with six of these being fatalities. The most recent fatalities involved two adult females at separate incidents in February. The Service used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 32 occasions during this YTD to extricate casualties. Priority 5 related to the Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and it was noted that there had been 791 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals during this quarter, representing a decrease of 114 incidents compared to the same period last year. Members noted a report by Group Manager S. Gourlay on unwanted fire alarm signals. Group Manager S. Gourlay updated Members on home fire safety visits. It was confirmed that the Fire and Rescue Service would be present at St Boswells Fair.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m. and reconvened at 11.40 a.m.

**4.6 Safer Communities**

**MEMBERS**

Councillors Aitchison and Stewart left the meeting during discussion of the following item.

Inspector Hodges advised that when taking up this post last year he highlighted his thoughts on the current reporting process for Safer Communities and Members agreed that the existing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were often not up to date and not an accurate reflection of Community Safety issues in the Scottish Borders nor of the work undertaken on the Board's half by his team. Inspector Hodges advised it was his intention that this would be the last time he would bring to the Board this old style of report and at the end of his submission he would introduce the new Safer Communities KPIs and proposed reporting format.

- 4.7 The Safer Communities Team continued to embrace the partnership model with Police, Fire and Rescue and NHS Colleagues working alongside Council Officers in the co-located unit at Council Headquarters. Whilst they were a small team with very limited resource their ability to reduce the level and impact of issues in a number of areas was testament to this effective partnership working. Gender Based Violence:- the Pathway Project was now entering a transition year with partnership funding agreed through to next financial year. A Multi – Agency Project Board under the

Chair of Depute Chief Executive J. McDiarmid was being established to secure the long-term sustainability of their Domestic Abuse Services and they were already working closely with the Scottish Government and the Big Lottery to secure continued external funding to ease the financial burden on local partners. Reports of Domestic Abuse remained fairly constant on the last financial year and whilst some might expect these figures to have fallen given the robust approach by Police Scotland and work of support services, Inspector Hodge's view was that a more approachable and victim centred structure was in place which was encouraging previously unreported abuse. Overall the response and subsequent provision for victims and children affected by Domestic Abuse in the Scottish Borders remained very good and the number of children on the Child Protection Register as a result of Domestic Abuse reduced by 11% and the number of homeless presentations as a result of Domestic Abuse was also starting to show a positive reduction. The only figure which Members might question was that relating to surveyed clients reporting a perceived reduced risk as a result of engaging with the service however this was a "normal" reflection of areas of risk which any service would be unable to influence e.g. perpetrator behaviour continuing to be abusive during child contact. The Scottish Borders Equally Safe Strategy was out for consultation and this would direct the work of partners to address gender-based violence in its widest sense.

- 4.8 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour:- As the Local Area Commander had already reported a welcomed reduction in calls to the Police regarding Anti-Social Behaviour in the last financial year, the Safer Communities figure which took into account all reports made to Police, Anti-Social Behaviour Team and RSLs saw a very small increase. When examining in details this could be explained by the strong approach taken by partners to this issue over a number of years. Whilst no form of Anti-Social Behaviour was acceptable for those who live, work and visit the Scottish Borders, the Team had seen a significant drop in the number of more serious cases and a rise in more minor matters, which could be addressed, directly by RSLs or the Anti-Social Behaviour Team without the need for Police attendance. Residents now appeared to have the confidence to report more minor matters knowing that these would be addressed whenever possible. The significant drop in Anti-Social Behaviour Orders granted by courts to Borders residents demonstrated this. In 2015 only 6 new orders were granted compared to 20 the previous year and 22 in 2013. Considering that from initial report by a member of the public to an ASBO being granted could take several months and the cost to the public ran into thousands of pounds this demonstrated the Team's move to Early and Effective Intervention was both beneficial to those affected and the public purse. The figure regarding the number of Early Interventions was one which highlighted the need to improve reporting practices and future reporting would capture a range of activities which current recording practices had not. This week saw the welcomed addition of 3GS Dog Fouling and Littering Enforcement Officers to the area. Through their partnership analyst they would be provided with weekly tasking based on public complaints, information and intelligence and ensure they were deployed with equity throughout the localities in the Scottish Borders. They would complement the Council's 'Responsible Dog Owner Strategy' and the Team would continue to raise awareness and encourage preventative initiatives such as the Green Dog Walkers recently started in Newtown St. Boswells. The Team was also working with the Escape Youth Centre in Hawick with a view to a project in the town later this summer. Rural Crime remained a focus for the Team which continued to actively engage with the farming community to maintain the impetus of last year's Initiatives. This week, the team represented Police Scotland at the NSA Scotsheep event at Blythbank where over 7,000 attendees from through the UK and abroad gathered for the annual event. The Crime Prevention stall was one of the busiest there and very positive feedback was received. The Farm Fire Safety and Crime Prevention event would take place on Thursday 9 June between 13:00 and 15:30hrs at Haswellsykes Farm outside Peebles.

Members would be more than welcome to attend. In relation to substance misuse the Common Riding season and the hard work of the Safety Advisory Board and Licensing Officers and Officials would again be put to the test. Last year saw a very safe summer of events which concluded this spring with a successful Sevens circuit. The increased footfall at Melrose Sevens as a result of the Borders Railway presented a number of challenges but those did not result in anything of note as a result of the over consumption of alcohol. The Safer Communities Team were working closely with the Youth Borders management team to assist in addressing emerging trends with young people in the five localities. This included reducing the alcohol and substance misuse issues and the impact these had in the community. Currently initiatives were being scoped in both Kelso and Peebles. In relation to accidents in the home, the figures presented were only provisional from NHS Borders and might rise by a small percentage. However, there was a small rise in hospital admissions in the over 75s as a result in falls. Whilst in comparison with last year this was not of concern, it represented a fairly substantial increase on the five-year average. The Safer Communities Team was an active partner in the Safe Living in the Home Initiative, which was to be launched in Cheviot this summer under the stewardship of Group Manager Andy Girrity. Inspector Hodges encouraged Members to attend the launch events and support this preventative initiative, which aimed to reduce unintentional harm in the home not only for the increasing elderly population but also for pre-school children. Whilst the figures in respect of accidents in the home for under 5s appeared to be showing a more positive trend, Paul Richardson the Council's Community Safety Officer had carried out detailed research and identified a number of trends in relation to Child Safety this would be addressed as part of the Team's new Action Plan. Next week was National Child Safety Week and Paul Richardson had been working with partners and would be active at a number of events across the Borders. Poor Driver Behaviour - as suggested by Board members last year the Team had started to roll out an Older Drivers Initiative under the banner of Borders Driver Gold. This was an opportunity for drivers over 60 to update their driving skills and confidence on the road, as well as refresh their knowledge on topics such as the Highway Code and modern driving techniques. The first two events were scheduled for 15 and 27 June at the Burnfoot Community Hub and the Team had worked closely with the Hawick Driving Instructors Association and other partners to develop a programme hopefully to be taken around the region over the next year. In addition to the existing young drivers training which the Team now ran annually (current course concluded on 19 June at Duns), a very successful event under the Institute of Advanced Motorist at Charterhall was supported by Safer Communities, Police Scotland and SFRS on 21 May. Approximately 80 young people aged 14-17 had one to one driver instruction amongst many other road safety activities in a safe and controlled environment. This was no mean feat to organise but was supported not only by the Chairman, Councillor Moffat but local MP and MSP as well as Executive Officers from Police Scotland and SFRS. A positive trend was that of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured in the Scottish Borders and Safer Communities continued along with Police Scotland to work locally with partners to ensure this remained a priority. These events demonstrated a continued commitment to addressing poor driver behaviour by all partners in the Scottish Borders.

- 4.9 In respect of the new reporting format, Inspector Hodges advised that following a detailed Strategic Assessment undertaken by the Partnership Analyst involving all Safer Communities partners, The Priorities for the Safer Communities Team for 2016-19 had been set and a detailed Action Plan had now been prepared and was awaiting final review and sign off. As a result of this work, Inspector Hodges had revised the KPIs for Safer Communities and believed not only that these were a better indicator of the areas of business the Team was working in but were performance measures which the Team could be accountable for as opposed to the more generic statistics in

the current report. In consultation with the Chairman, the Team had developed a reporting format which they felt would be more meaningful for Board Members and clearly showed not only how the Team was performing but highlighted the successes, issues and activities in each of the priority areas.

**DECISION**

- (a) **NOTED.**
- (b) **AGREED to endorse the new reporting format.**

**5. PRESENTATION – SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE – AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITIES**

Colin Baxter, A & E Team Leader gave a presentation on the work of the Scottish Ambulance Service. He gave background information in relation to the history of the service and changes in uniform since 1948. The South East Division covered 2,457 square miles. In 2013/14 the Service responded to 686,530 accident and emergency incidents, carried out 1,140,048 non-emergency patient journeys, and flew 3,427 air ambulance missions. The average response time to life-threatening calls throughout Scotland was 6.5 minutes. The Service employed 4,232 staff, of whom 550 were in support services and administration and 14 were Board members. The Patient Transport Service carried almost 1.6 million patients every year. This service was provided to patients who were physically or medically unfit to travel to hospital out-patient appointments by any other means ensuring they could still make their appointments. The Service also handled non-emergency admissions, discharges, transport of palliative care patients and a variety of other specialised roles. In June 2012 the result of a tender process for a new seven-year air ambulance contract was announced. Commencing in April 2013, the winning tenderer Gama Aviation continued to provide two rotary and two fixed-wing aircraft on a 24 hours basis throughout Scotland. The aircraft based in Glasgow were regularly used by the UK's only Emergency Medical Retrieval Service. In late 2012 a charity was founded to provide a further air ambulance to work alongside the state-funded aircraft. The Charity Air Ambulance commenced operations in 2013 and operated a Eurocopter EC-135 helicopter based at Perth Airport, crewed by Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics. Special Operations Response Teams had been set up in the north, east and west of Scotland to respond to major incidents including nuclear, chemical and radiological ones. These teams had specially equipped vehicles with decontamination equipment on board. The Scottish Ambulance Service operated three Ambulance Control Centres which provided command and control and 999 call taking facilities for the Service; these were located in Cardonald, South Queensferry and Inverness. The Service had its own dedicated training academy within the campus of Glasgow Caledonian University. Ongoing projects consisted of (a) public access to defibrillators in all towns and villages in the Scottish Borders; (b) stroke management/fast tracking for rapid thrombolysis etc; and (c) a falls prevention strategy.

**DECISION**

**NOTED and thanked Mr Baxter for his interesting and informative presentation.**

**6. 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 16 September 2016
- Friday 11 November 2016
- Friday 10 February 2017
- Friday 9 June 2017

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

*The meeting concluded at 12.15 p.m.*

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**Policing Performance  
Supplementary Information**

# Scottish Borders



**POLICE  
SCOTLAND**  
Keeping people safe

**REPORTING PERIOD: April 2016 to June 2016**

## Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board

Performance Update 01/04/16 – 30/06/2016					
		YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	Source	% Change
	<b>Increase the reporting of Hate Crime</b>	19	15	UNIFI	<b>-21%</b>

Performance Update 01/04/16 – 30/06/2016 Context Report																																											
	<p>There was a decrease in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in the first quarter of 2016/17 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><b>Year to Date</b></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;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homophobic</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transgender</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religious Hatred</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>Restricted/unknown</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Quarter 1 (April– June)</b></p> <p>Race – In the first quarter there have been 11 reported crimes with 4 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;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Afro Caribbean</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dark European</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unknown</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Of the 7 White European victims 5 were of Polish origin. This is cause for concern and will be monitored in the coming months.</p> <p>Homophobic – This quarter there have been 3 crimes reported. 1 repeat victim (2 crimes). Both victims were White European.</p> <p>Transgender – 0 crimes reported in this quarter.</p> <p>Disability – 0 crimes reported in this quarter.</p> <p>Religious Hatred – 1 crime reported in this quarter. Victim was White European.</p> <p>There were 0 hate incidents reported this quarter. These are incidents that the complainer perceives to have a hate element attached to them but are not crimes.</p>	Prejudice type	15/16	16/17	+/-	Race	12	11	-1	Homophobic	5	3	-2	Transgender	0	0	0	Disability	1	0	-1	Religious Hatred	1	1	0	Restricted/unknown	0	0	0	Ethnicity	16/17	White European	7	Afro Caribbean	0	Asian	0	Dark European	0	Mixed	2	Unknown	2
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## Scrutiny Report June 2016

# Scottish Borders



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*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 first quarter of 2016/17 are showing a 4.8% increase on 2015/16 figures. 19 more referrals made, which is positive.

**Reasons**

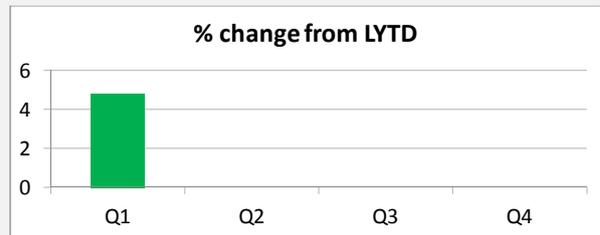
Improved performance compared to the first quarter of last year therefore the continued raising of awareness among officers to identify vulnerabilities and submit adult concern referrals is proving effective. All officers are now fully conversant with the iVPD system which has made submission of referrals much easier.

**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 iVPD's 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	415	396	19



**Priority 1 – Protecting People**

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

**Target - 95%**

**Current situation**

Better performance compared to last year and better than target.

**Reasons**

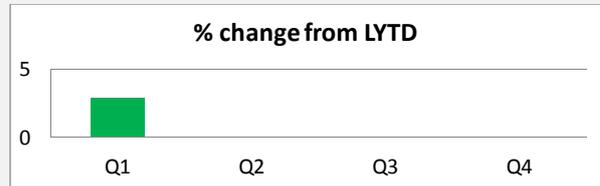
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and a disciplined process is in place between the Courts and Police allowing issues to be discussed at the daily TTACG. This result is however very heavily dependant on the victim being willing to engage with the police, there 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	100	97.1	2.9



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

**Current situation**

A 19.1% increase in Common Assaults reported in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to 2015/16. This equates to 33 more victims.

**Reasons**

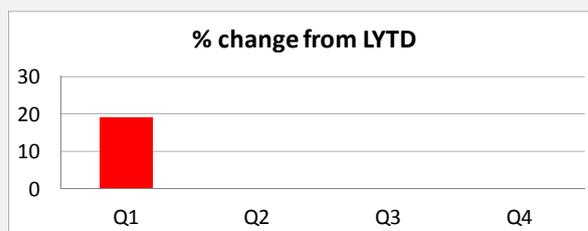
The recent increase in assaults can partly be attributed to incidents in the towns centres in the main towns in Scottish Borders. Analysis of these type of incidents has been undertaken and focused patrols and work with licensees is being undertaken. However, there is no pattern to these offences regarding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

**What are we doing**

- Building on a very successful year of the "Best Bar None" project, this is now being expanded to the Eildon locality and already has seen a very positive uptake from licensed premises, including night clubs.
- 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	1165	206	173	33



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

**Current situation**

A 2.6% reduction (33 fewer incidents) in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16, which is positive.

**Reasons**

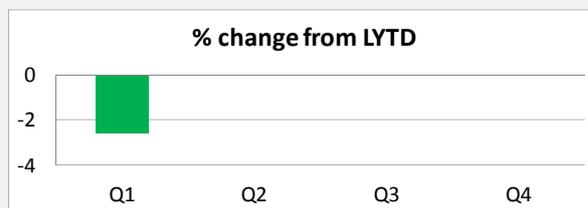
The Scottish Borders continues to take a proactive multi-agency approach to combatting antisocial behaviour through early identification of potential issues and targeted interventions with individuals.

**What are we doing**

- We will continue to target individuals and locations to try and further reduce instances of antisocial behaviour through early intervention of hotspot locations leading to party house letters and formal ASB interventions.
- Expansion of diversionary projects (e.g. Rural Urban Training Scheme) provides challenged young people with a positive experience and recognised skills.
- Continued strong partnership links with ASB unit and RSLs to ensure early and effective intervention.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	1233	1266	-33



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

**Current situation**

A decrease in the number of recorded victims of Hate Crime in the first quarter of 2016/17 compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

**Reasons**

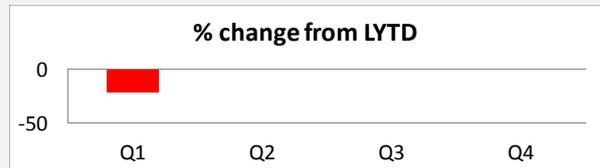
Race related hate crime continues to be the most frequent type of hate crime recorded. This quarter there have been 11 reported racial crimes, with 4 repeat victims.

**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	15	19	-4



**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 30/06/2016, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 81 stop and searches, of which 26 proved positive (32.1%). Unfortunately due to current reporting methods, further breakdown of stop and search activity into individual categories is impossible, therefore the number of searches conducted under the Misuse of Drugs Act cannot be reported.

**Reasons**

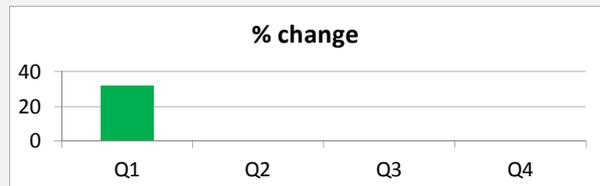
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1st June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes to the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data. No previous year to date figures are provided.

**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	32.1	N/A	N/A



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

**Current situation**

A 78.3% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equates to 350 fewer visits.

**Reasons**

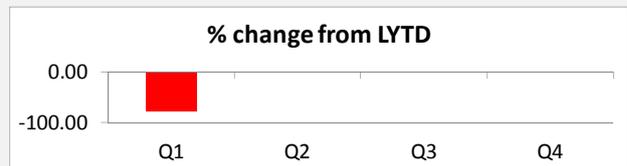
- Premises visits continue to go down as we have no problematic premises which would require regular visits.
- There is also an excellent working relationship between Police, the trade and partner agencies who engage at an early stage before a premises becomes problematic, thereby reducing the need for visits.

**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	97	447	-350



**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 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 is 7, which is 4 more fatalities than the first quarter last year. The number of serious injuries has also increased compared to last year in the same time period.

**Reasons**

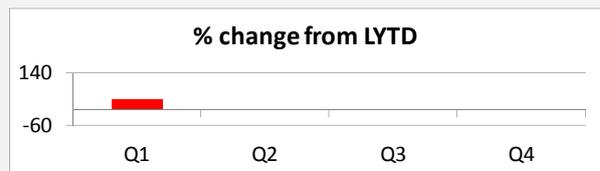
7 fatalities on Scottish Borders roads in the first quarter of 2016/17 and 21 serious injuries, a significant increase on the same time period last year.

**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.
- 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	N/A	28	20	8



**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 the first quarter of 2015/16.

**Reasons**

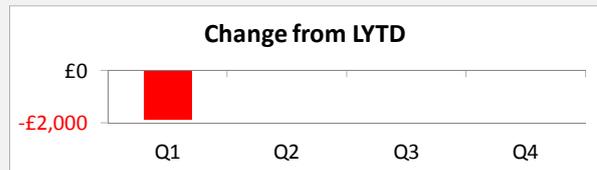
No significant seizures in Quarter 1. There are strict criteria that have to be present to allow seizures under the POCA legislation and unfortunately there have been occasions where the criteria have not been met, therefore no seizures could be made.

**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	£5,853	£1,035	£2,898	-£1,863



**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.

**Reasons**

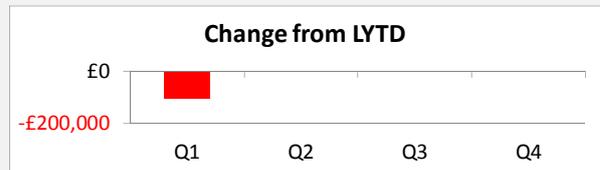
No assets referred for restraint in Quarter 1.

**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	£2,205	£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**

It is 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.

**Reasons**

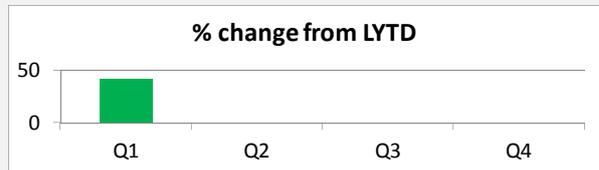
Ongoing proactive tactics continue to be implemented in the Borders to deter, disrupt and detect SOCG activity. These activities continue to achieve very positive results, particularly with regards to drug supply. Work is continually ongoing in this area.

**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	91	17	12	5



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

**Current situation**

A decrease in the number of housebreaking to dwellings in the first quarter of 2016/17, with 3 fewer victims reported.

**Reasons**

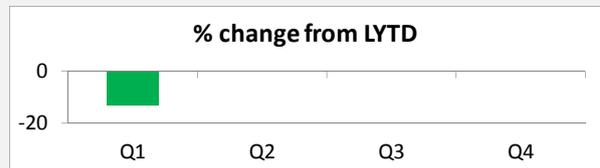
We continue to raise awareness of the need for home security and to actively pursue a programme of prevention activities. We have also had some success with known perpetrators receiving custodial sentences.

**What are we doing**

- A successful funding bid which will result in 200 farms being visited and receiving Crime Prevention and Fire Safety advice. In addition a very successful property marking project was also completed across the area.
- Farm walk and talk events are also taking place to provide practical crime prevention and fire safety advice at a working farm.
- Crime prevention advice is offered to all victims of this type of crime.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	130	20	23	-3



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

**Current situation**

A 37.5% reduction in theft of motor vehicles this year to date which equates to 6 fewer victims of this type of crime.

**Reasons**

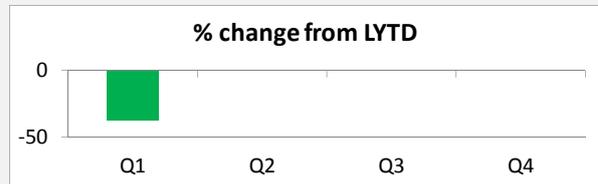
We continue to raise awareness of the need for vehicle security, but reduction is also linked to the drop in housebreakings. Owing to the increase in the security measures built into modern cars they are difficult to steal without the true key, therefore culprits often break into houses with a view to 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	94	10	16	-6



**Overall Crime**

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

**Current situation**

A 3.2 percentage point decrease in detection rate in 2015/16 compared to the same period last year. However, we are currently performing slightly better than the divisional average.

**Reasons**

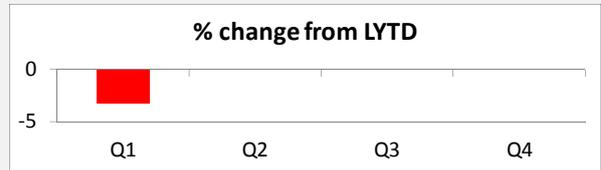
Detection rates for violent crime are down on the same time period last year, which is contributing to the overall decrease in detection rates.

**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	49.4	51.4	54.6	-3.2



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

Number of complaints Scottish Borders	22	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - Borders	30.7	
Number of complaints J Division	103	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - J Division	28.8	
	On duty	Off duty	Quality of Service allegations	Total Number of allegations
Total allegations recorded	24	0	7	31



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

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**SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date performance report from April to June 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 June 2016

**Dwelling Fires**

The Fire and Rescue Service have attended 21 dwelling fires in comparison to 34 for the same year to date (YTD) reporting period last year, this represents a 62% decrease.

Two of these fires had been started deliberately.

Cooking continues 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.

**Fire Casualties/Fatalities**

There was three fire related casualties in this YTD reporting period, this is a decrease of four compared to the same period last year.

Unfortunately, there has been one fire fatality this reporting period, an adult female in Hawick during April. The other two casualties in this reporting period suffered slight smoke inhalation with one attending hospital as a precautionary measure.

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

There were 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 shows an increase of 20 incidents of this type.

Over half of deliberate fires were started in Tweeddale East, Gala and Jedburgh districts collectively.

The majority of these incidents once again involved refuse, grass and woodland. It would be reasonable to suggest the quarterly increase can be attributed to the change in seasons and weather.

### **Road Traffic Collisions**

During this YTD reporting period, the Fire and Rescue Service attended 30 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) compared to 18 for the same reporting period last year.

There have 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.

### **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.

<b>Special Service Type</b>	<b>Non-fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Total</b>
Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest/medical response	7	6	13
Effecting entry	1	2	3
RTC casualties	34	4	38
Assist other agencies	3	1	4

### **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.

<b>Priority</b>	YTD 2015-16	YTD 2016-17	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	34	21	-13
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	7	3	-4
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	42	32	-10
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	18	30	+12
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	197	190	-7

<b>Priority</b>	Q1, 2015-16	Q1, 2016-17	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	34	21	-13
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	7	3	-4
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	42	32	-10
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	18	30	+12
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### **3. PREVENTION & PROTECTION**

See attached report

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

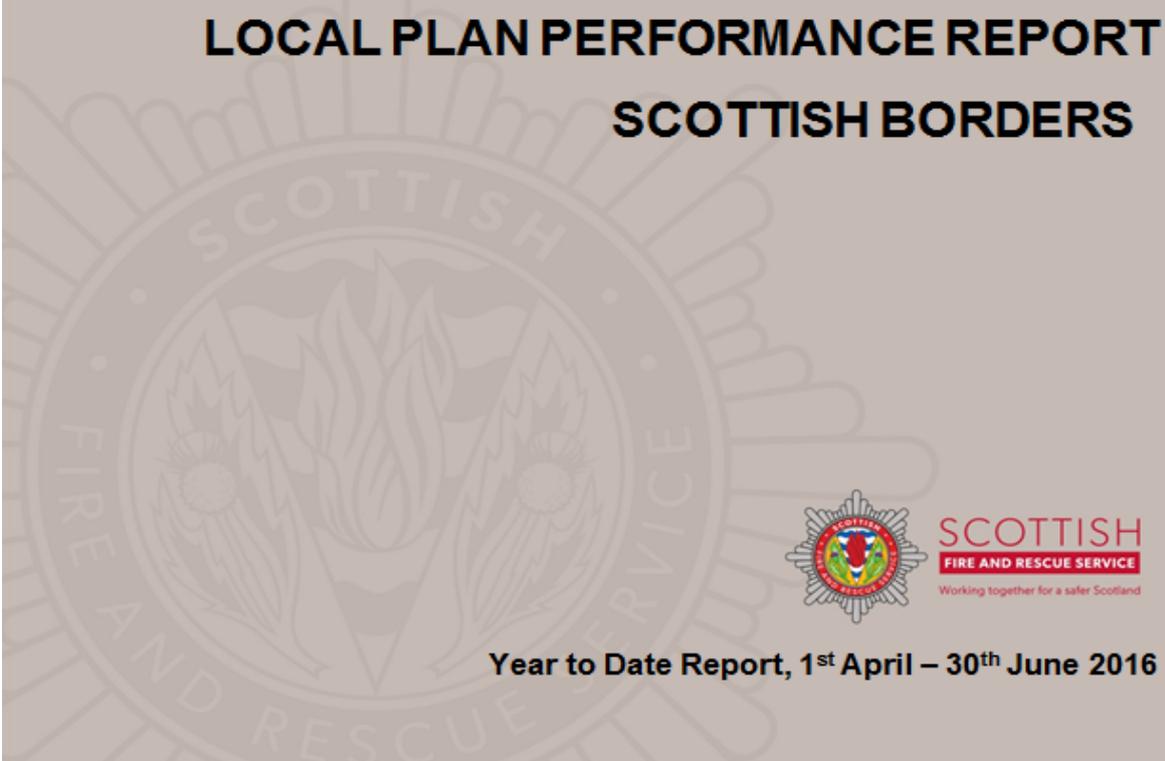
- 4.1 The Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board is invited to consider and otherwise to note the contents of the performance report.

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**Scottish Borders**  
**31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

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# LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



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

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## Introduction

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

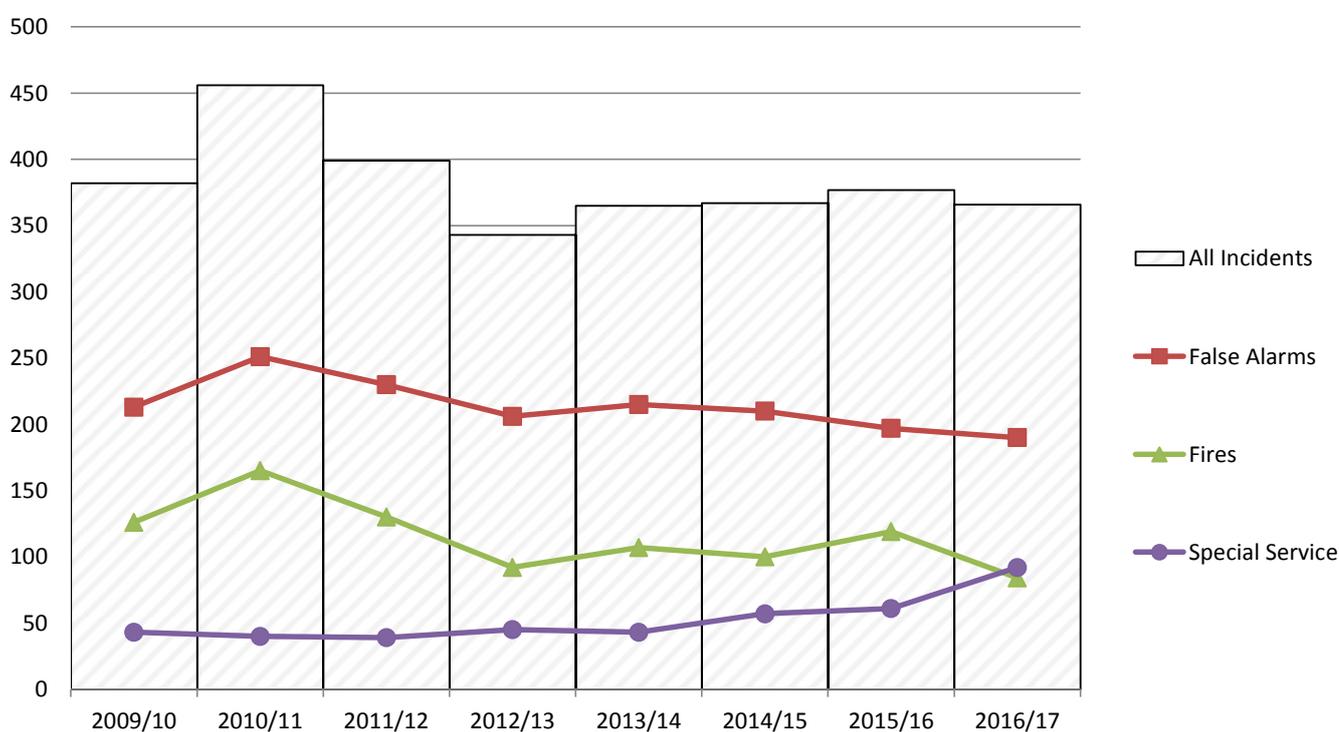
We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Jun					RAG rating
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	YTD
Dwelling fires	30	23	24	34	21	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	5	1	5	7	3	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	20	21	29	42	32	●
Special Service - RTCs	11	14	24	18	30	◆
Special Service Casualties - All	9	18	17	24	58	◆
False Alarm - Equipment failure	137	162	146	139	129	●

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 June 2016, the SFRS have responded to 366 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is a decrease of 11 compared to the same reporting period last year. UFAS account for 52% of all incidents attended.</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 Ladders, Water awareness, Road Traffic Collisions and Incident Command.

#### 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 attend 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 21 dwelling fires recorded compared to 34 for the same YTD period last year, this represents a 28% decrease. Two of these fires were started deliberately, one being a bin set alight against a building and the other involving a caravan.

### Reasons

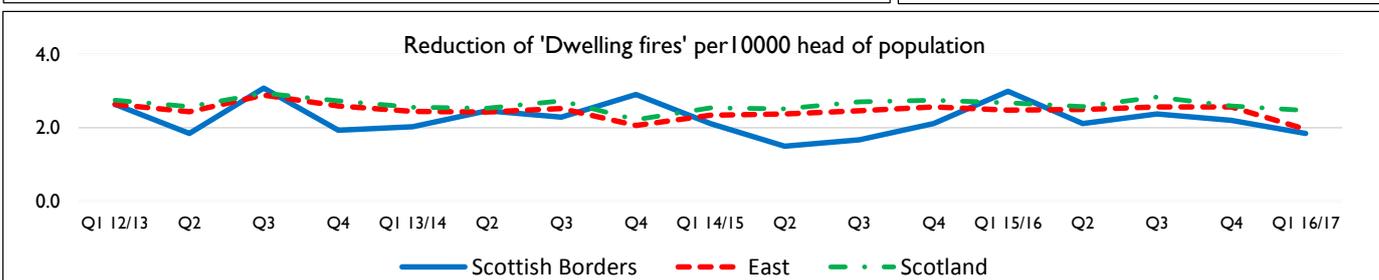
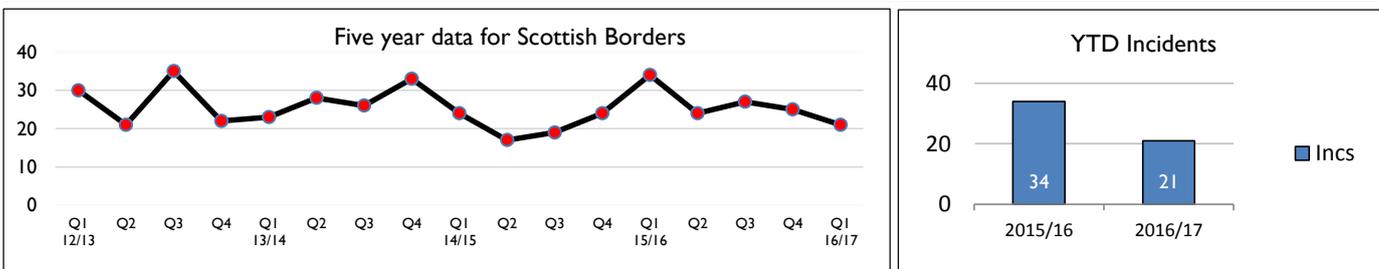
Cooking continues to be the most common cause accounting for nearly 60% of accidental dwelling fires. Further analysis shows most fires originate in the kitchen and can be contributed to human behaviour rather than equipment faults.

25% of these incidents involved persons 65 years of age or over.

### Actions

The SFRS 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. 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 fire investigation and depending on the circumstances can result in multi-agency case conferences.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	30	23	24	34	21	
Tweeddale West	2	2	2	2	0	
Tweeddale East	3	2	1	2	0	
Galashiels and District	5	5	4	6	5	
Selkirkshire	1	1	3	2	2	
Leaderdale and Melrose	3	0	3	2	0	
Mid Berwickshire	3	4	4	3	3	
East Berwickshire	2	1	2	2	2	
Kelso and District	2	5	0	4	2	
Jedburgh and District	4	1	0	3	1	
Hawick and Denholm	3	1	4	2	3	
Hawick and Hermitage	2	1	1	6	3	

## 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 three casualties compared to seven in the same period last year, this represents a 57% decrease.

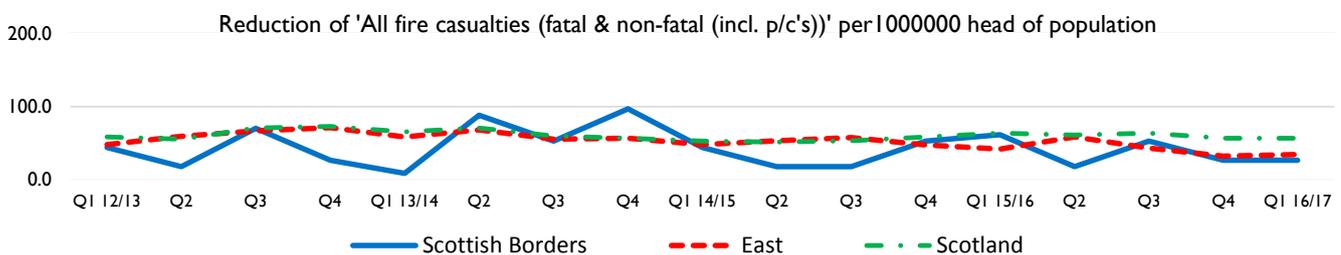
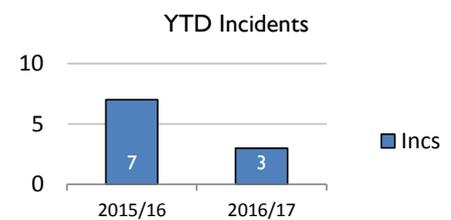
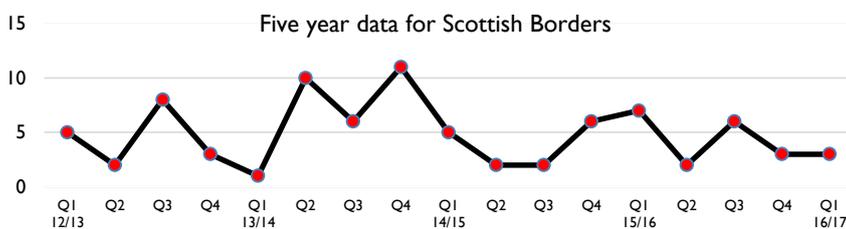
Tragically, this year's figures include an adult female fatality at Hawick in April.

### Reasons

The fatality occurred in a first floor flat with the cause being identified as candles. The other casualties suffered slight injuries due to smoke inhalation with one attending hospital as a precautionary measure.

### Actions

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

## 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

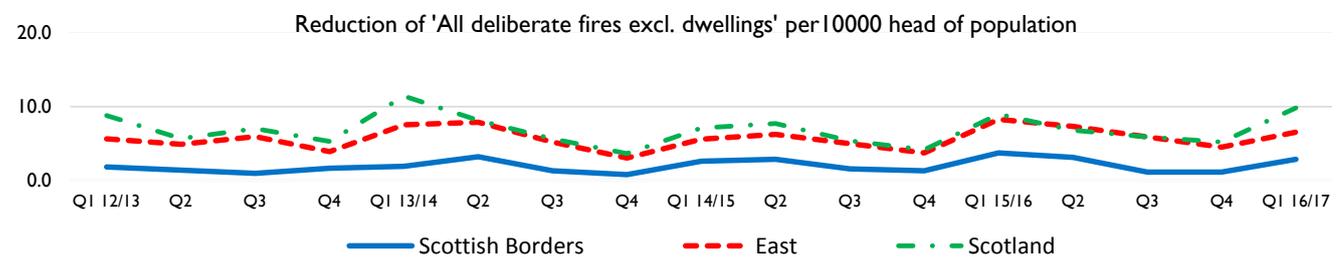
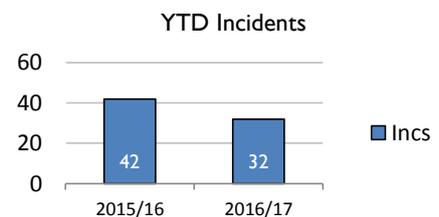
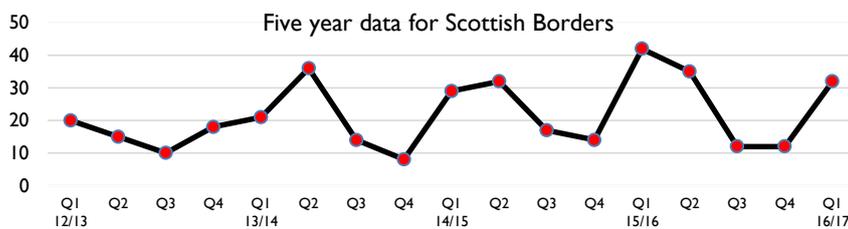
The Local Fire & Rescue Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-17 aims to continually reduce Deliberate Fire Setting against the three-year average. There have been 32 incidents of this nature in the YTD period, 12 less than the same period last year. Comparison to the previous quarter is not as positive with an increase of 20 experienced although the change in seasons and weather clearly contributes to this increase.

### Reasons

The majority of these incidents involved refuse, grass and woodland with the ward areas of Tweeddale East, Gala and Jedburgh districts accounting for nearly 60% of all deliberate fires. Most of these incidents were of a sporadic nature making it difficult to identify trends and proactive measures. 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 summer safety, this includes camping and barbeques. Where trends or patterns are identified, the SFRS will work with community partners to mitigate the risk of reoccurrence. Where required the SFRS offer a one to one service for young fire setters.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 3	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	20	21	29	42	32	
Tweeddale West	4	0	3	4	2	
Tweeddale East	1	1	2	11	6	
Galashiels and District	3	4	4	15	7	
Selkirkshire	3	1	6	0	1	
Leaderdale and Melrose	0	3	3	3	2	
Mid Berwickshire	1	1	1	0	1	
East Berwickshire	0	1	1	0	1	
Kelso and District	3	5	1	2	1	
Jedburgh and District	1	2	2	4	6	
Hawick and Denholm	3	3	4	2	3	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	3	2	1	2	

## Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

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

### Results

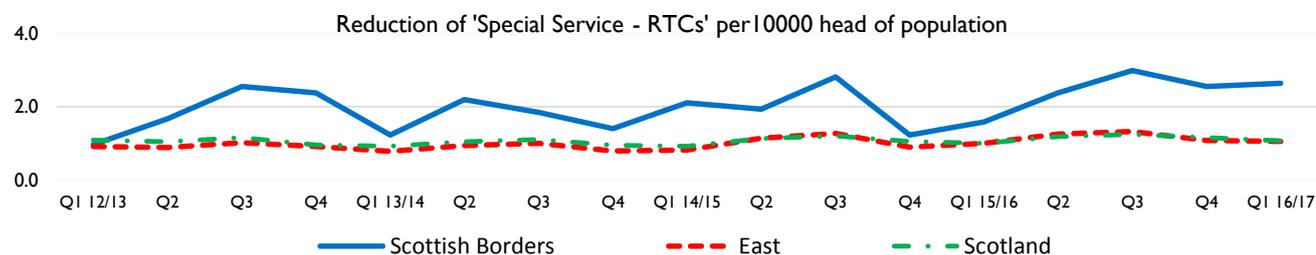
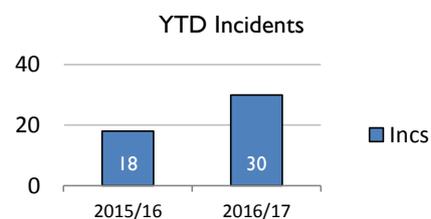
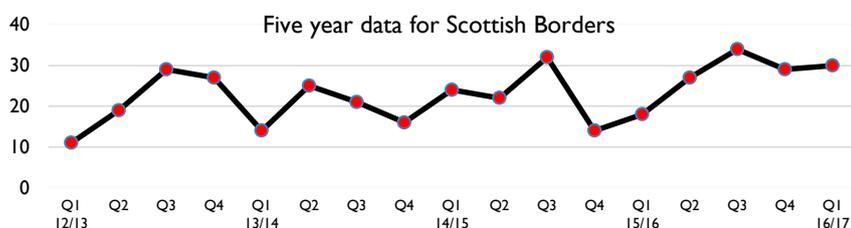
The SFRS have attended 30 RTC's in this YTD period, this is an increase of 12 in comparison to the same period last year. Nine of these incidents involved extrication of persons using hydraulic rescue equipment, a further 11 involved limited intervention including making the vehicle or scene safe.

### 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. Community Action Teams 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 - 3	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	11	14	24	18	30	
Tweeddale West	3	2	7	2	1	
Tweeddale East	0	2	5	2	5	
Galashiels and District	1	1	3	5	4	
Selkirkshire	0	1	1	0	2	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	2	2	2	1	
Mid Berwickshire	3	2	2	2	4	
East Berwickshire	0	0	1	4	1	
Kelso and District	1	0	0	0	2	
Jedburgh and District	1	2	3	1	7	
Hawick and Denholm	0	1	0	0	1	
Hawick and Hermitage	0	1	0	0	2	

## Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

The figures below relate to all Non-Fire Emergency casualties and represents 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

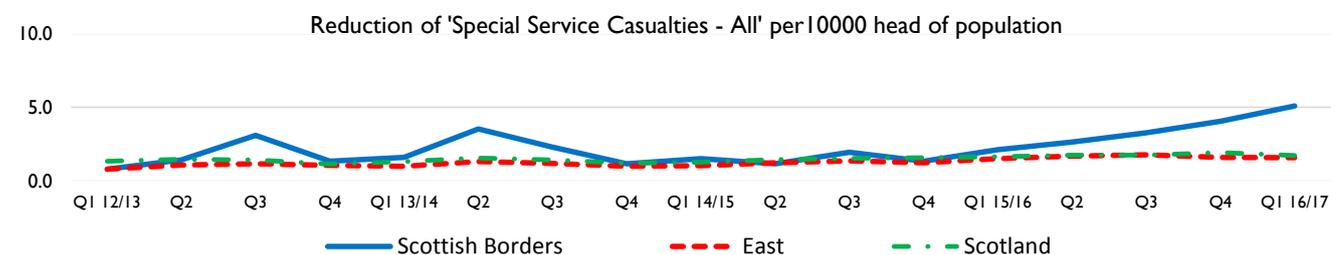
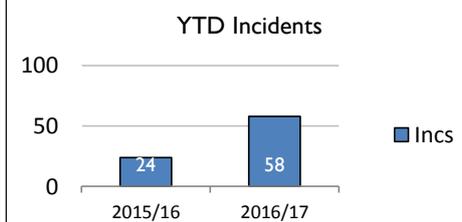
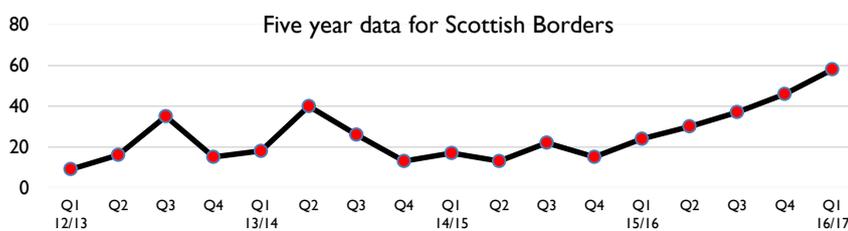
There have been 58 Special Service casualties in total, this is more than double compared to the same reporting period last year. A detailed analysis of incident and casualty type can be found in the accompanying cover report.

### 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 - 5	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	9	18	17	24	58	
Tweeddale West	2	0	5	4	7	
Tweeddale East	0	4	4	1	5	
Galashiels and District	1	1	0	6	11	
Selkirkshire	0	2	0	0	3	
Leaderdale and Melrose	1	2	2	4	1	
Mid Berwickshire	3	3	2	2	4	
East Berwickshire	0	1	0	4	2	
Kelso and District	0	0	0	1	6	
Jedburgh and District	1	2	3	2	11	
Hawick and Denholm	0	2	1	0	4	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	2	0	0	4	

## 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

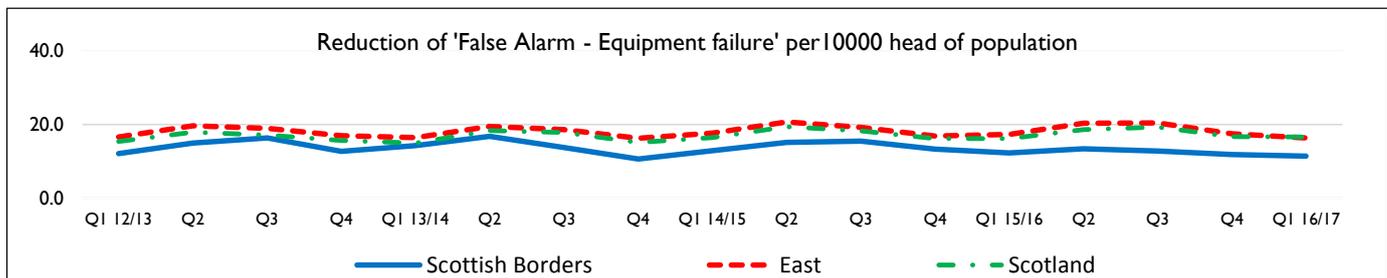
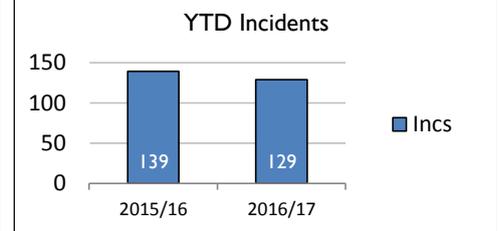
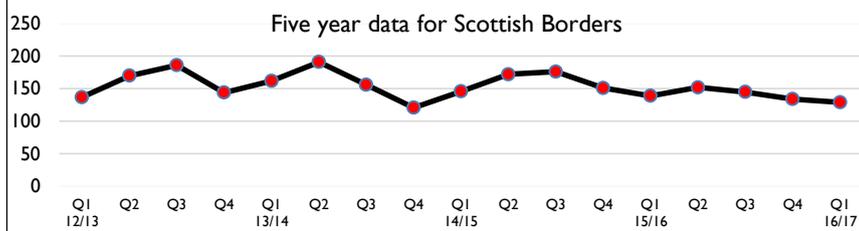
There have been 190 UFAS incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 129 of these incidents with 56 and 5 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figures illustrated in this report relate only to False Alarm equipment failures. It's encouraging to note UFAS incidents have decreased quarterly over the last 12 months.

### Reasons

Equipment failure accounted for 68% of all UFAS calls in this reporting period and continues to be the most common cause of these types of incidents.

### Actions

We continue to proactively monitor UFAS calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further UFAS incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future UFAS incidents. This forms part of an incremental approach with the ultimate aim of educating duty holders whilst reducing UFAS calls. A SFRS project team has been initiated in order to address the issue of UFAS.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	137	162	146	139	129	
Tweeddale West	25	22	29	27	23	
Tweeddale East	11	11	3	5	4	
Galashiels and District	16	29	21	22	19	
Selkirkshire	25	18	15	11	13	
Leaderdale and Melrose	17	24	21	15	18	
Mid Berwickshire	3	4	15	8	8	
East Berwickshire	9	5	7	6	4	
Kelso and District	5	7	8	6	9	
Jedburgh and District	3	11	6	9	3	
Hawick and Denholm	10	17	5	8	13	
Hawick and Hermitage	13	16	16	22	15	

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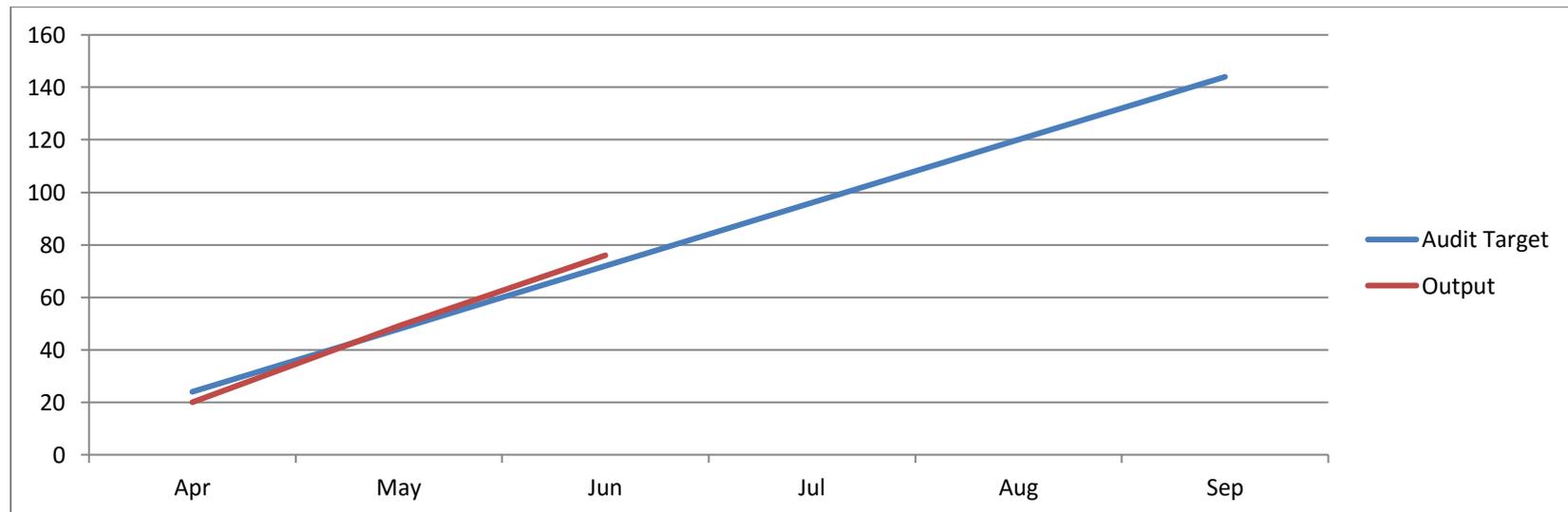
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Scottish Borders Quarter 1 2016/17 (1<sup>st</sup> April -30<sup>th</sup> June)

## 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 and the targets will be amended when he is qualified and deemed competent.

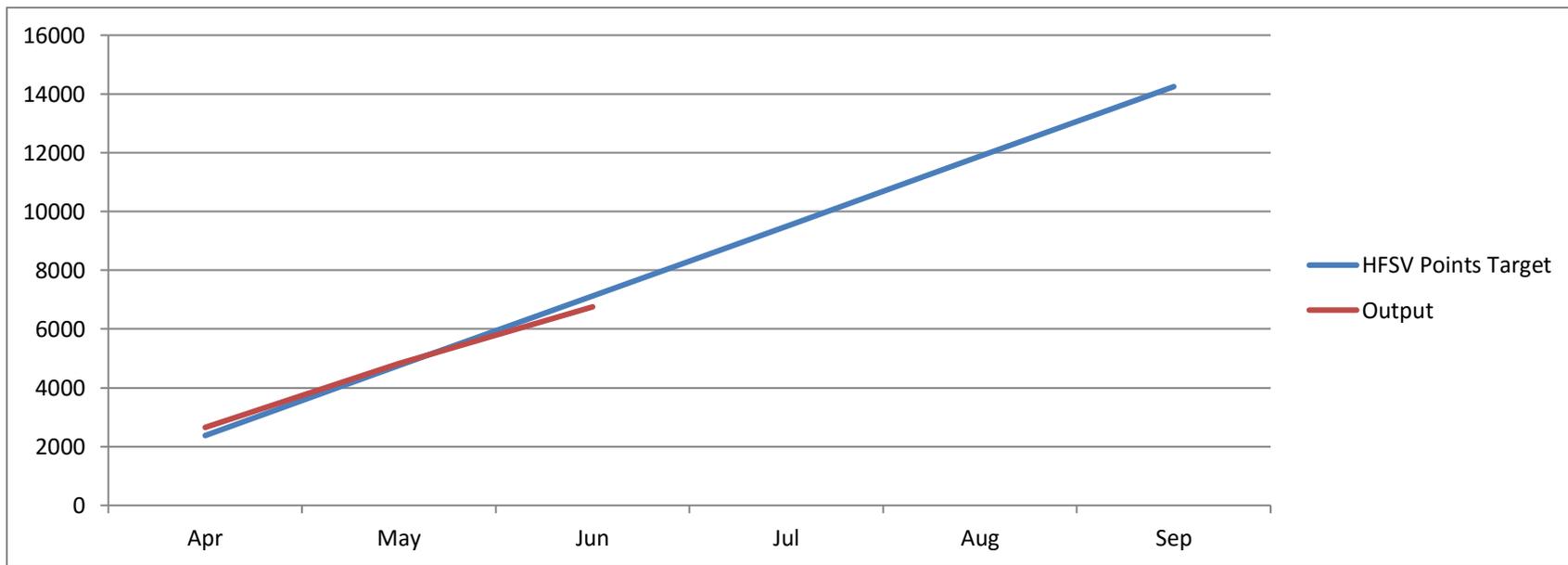
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288	<b>288</b>
Completed:	20	49	76										



## 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 slightly below target; this will be addressed in quarter 2 as new performance management processes for the area are introduced. **570** 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	<b>28500</b>
Completed	2652	4816	6756										



**Total visits delivered in Q1 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.

<b>Ward Area</b>	<b>Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17</b>
East Berwickshire	29
Galashiels and District	116
Hawick and Denholm	85
Hawick and Hermitage	114
Jedburgh and District	21
Kelso and District	27
Leaderdale and Melrose	63
Mid Berwickshire	28
Selkirkshire	38
Tweeddale East	26
Tweeddale West	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570</b>

## Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement

- The SFRS Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) has established links with Community Learning and Development (CLD) in relation to SFRS involvement with youth engagement in the area. The SFRS will now attend the CLD Strategic meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Planning for the forthcoming youth engagement pilot programme with the TD1 Youth Hub, which will start in early July and run over a six-week period was concluded in June ready for delivery.
- The Community Action Team (CAT) continue to work closely with Police Scotland and the Safer Communities team in response to recent incidents involving wilful fire raising within Galashiels over this quarter. This partnership approach to tackling the issue has seen a number of young people arrested and charged with a number of offences relating to this anti-social behaviour.
- The CAT along with the SFRS Youth engagement team successfully delivered a Fire skills programme at Polmont Young Offenders Institute involving 10 young people in June. This was a direct response to work planned through the Community Justice priorities in the Scottish Borders.
- The LALO attended a corporate parenting seminar facilitated by the Scottish Borders Council in early May.

### Vulnerable Adults

- Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate high value HFSV referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the SFRS safeguarding policy and have generated **10 Adult Protection** referrals (AP1) during this quarter. The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire risks for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been delivered.

### Referrals

- Partnership working in the area with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **13** for this Quarter.
- Housing Association referrals total for this quarter is **113**, which includes those received from Homelessness service and Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DASS). 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 risk awareness and the SFRS referral process.
- Police Scotland referrals continue to rise from **31 to 33** this Quarter.
- Further work is ongoing to generate more HFSV referrals through health and social care service providers and the LALO has started to deliver risk awareness training to

Social Services in the Scottish Borders. Five referrals were received from NHS Borders for this quarter.

- The ongoing farm safety initiative, SELECT DNA, involves partnership working with Police Scotland and continues to generate a steady flow of HFSV's.
- The LALO has also established partnership links for referrals during quarter one with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely In The Home (LISTH) project.

## **Road Safety**

- The Community Action Team have delivered road safety information at the Elderly Drivers event held at Sainsbury's in Hawick on the 18<sup>th</sup> May along with Safer Communities and Police Scotland.
- The CAT team along with Retained Duty Stations from Duns and Coldstream teamed up with Police Scotland to facilitate a two-day road safety Course for 96 Children aged between 13 and 17years at Charter hall. This Initiative was trialled for the first time with positive results where the Police and SFRS engaged with children driving vehicles in a controlled off road environment.
- The CAT has planned to support the respective stations in the North of the Scottish Borders during August with various road safety events at fire stations. This is planned initiative resulting from the recent road death tragedies in the Scottish Borders.

## **Other Work Completed or In Progress**

- The CAT team along with our partners from Safer Communities and the Borders Advanced Motorcycle Group (BAMG) facilitated a road safety event at Gala Fire Station in April where a large turnout of motorcyclists attended and the BAMG delivered 23 road safety cycle assessments on the day.
- The CAT team along with the Blue Watch at Gala facilitated a successful station visit for the Syrian resettlement families in May.
- Planning for the pilot for the Living Safely in the Home Project (LSITH) has continued and includes the following partner agencies, Safer Communities, Police Scotland, NHS and the Third Sector. The LSITH project was launched on first of June at the Cheviot Forum and in partnership with NHS Borders has delivered falls training to the respective stations at Kelso, Jedburgh, Coldstream and Hawick.
- The CAT team attended the Countryside day at Springwood Park Kelso on 17<sup>th</sup> May where they provided safety information to over a 1,000 primary five pupils from throughout the Scottish Borders.
- The CAT team have attended two vulnerable adults training days with partner agencies at Gala and Hawick.
- Heat energy Scotland provided training to the SFRS in May to start a process of both organisations being able to refer to each other for Fuel Poverty and HFSV. This training was also delivered in line with the LSITH project at the following stations in the Cheviot locality, Kelso, Jedburgh, Hawick and Coldstream.

- The CAT team continue to work with Police Scotland, NHS and Scottish Borders Council in delivering the Best Bar None Initiative and attended the launch for 2016/17 in Galashiels in May.
- The CAT along with the Blue Watch Gala delivered a successful session in CPR at Selkirk High School in May to 20 pupils.
- The CAT along with our partners from Safer Communities delivered the Safe T Roadshow at Gala Academy to S5 pupils in June.
- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and RDS Stations within the Scottish Borders area in the facilitation of the summer Thematic Action Plan in the run up to the school holidays.
- In June the CAT attended the Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St Boswells, for an event for Service Veterans where we facilitated an Information Stand.

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Report to: Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Committee.

Subject: Local Fire Plan Development

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Police, Fire and Safer Communities Committee views on the development of the next iteration of the Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The current, and first, Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan 2014-17 (the Plan) was approved through local scrutiny arrangements in March 2014. The Plan is a 3 year plan and is due to expire at the end of March 2017. A copy of the Plan is attached to Appendix I for information.
- 2.2 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has a statutory responsibility through the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 to prepare local plans for each local authority area. There is no legislatively prescribed timespan for local plans therefore they may be reviewed and revised at any time. However, a mandatory review of local plans is required should certain events occur, such as the approval of a new Scottish Government SFRS Fire Framework or SFRS Strategic Plan or a review of the local authority community planning arrangements.
- 2.4 The Scottish Government has developed a new draft SFRS Fire Framework which sets of Scottish Government Ministers expectations of the Service. The draft Fire Framework provides SFRS with strategic priorities and objectives, together with guidance on how the delivery of its functions contribute to the Government's purpose. The framework has been published for consultation with the consultation period closing on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2016. It is anticipated that the Fire Framework will be published in the near future.
- 2.5 To ensure SFRS organisational priorities and objectives align with the SFRS Fire Framework, and other expectations placed on public bodies through community planning legislation, the SFRS has developed a draft Strategic Plan for 2016-19. The draft Strategic Plan is currently going through a 10 week consultation period which concludes in August 2016. It is envisaged that the SFRS Strategic Plan will be published in October 2016.
- 2.6 Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership is currently reviewing the Single Outcome Agreement and supporting community planning partnership arrangements to take cognisance of the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to have in place a Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.
- 2.7 A number of Community Planning Partners in the Scottish Borders area have undergone significant organisational change in the last year (e.g. Health and Social Care Integration and Community Justice re-design) and these partners future strategies and plans are currently in their infancy and yet to become fully embedded in the community planning process.
- 2.8 On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2016 the SFRS Board approved a report proposing that Local Fire Plan development, production and introduction for the 32 local authorities is staggered as opposed to all plans being produced at the same time. A fundamental principle of the Board report is the acknowledgement that ownership of Local Fire Plans lies with local authorities and it is

imperative that Local Senior Officers engage with these stakeholders to gauge the appetite and acceptance of the proposal to stagger, and thereby potentially delay, the production of a Local Plan for their area. A copy of the Board report is attached to Appendix II of this report.

### 3 **Local Plan Development and Introduction**

3.1 In recognising that the Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan (the Plan) must reflect national organisational priorities and objectives and meet community needs and expectations, from a local perspective, there is a range of drivers that would support an argument to delay production of the Plan. These main drivers are;

- There are benefits in waiting until the Scottish Governments Fire Framework and the SFRS Strategic Plan are embedded before developing the Plan,
- Anecdotal evidence gained from discussions with key stakeholders and empirical evidence gained from analysis of performance against the current Plan indicates that with the exception of capturing elements of Service transformation activities, the Plan is fit for purpose and continues to reflect the main priorities and objectives of the stakeholders and communities in the local area,
- There are benefits in waiting for the revised Scottish Borders Single Outcome Agreement (Local Outcome Improvement Plan) and Local Area Partnership Plans (Locality Plans) to become fully embedded before developing the Plan,
- There are benefits in waiting until Scottish Borders Community Planning Partners emerging or developing strategic priorities are further embedded before developing the Plan,
- Cognisance is required to be taken of the forthcoming local government elections planned for May 2017, and the possibility of a new administration inheriting a Plan that has just been approved by an antecedent administration.

3.2 Taking into consideration the issues raised in section 3.1 of this report the Local Senior Officer for Midlothian, East Lothian & Scottish Borders proposes that the current Plan is extended until December 2017. The extension of the Plan will allow the following Plan development timeline to be adopted.

- Monitor and horizon scan emerging SFRS organisational, and external stakeholders, strategic priorities, objectives and plans (June -Dec 2016),
- 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),
- Engage with key stakeholders, partners and members of the community on 1<sup>st</sup> tranche priorities, objectives and expectations (April-June 2017),
- Develop new draft Plan for the Scottish Borders (May-July 2017),
- Consult with key stakeholders, partners and members of the community on the draft Plan (August -October 2017),
- Submit draft Plan for the Scottish Borders for Council approval (Nov-December 2017).

4. **Conclusion**

4.1 The Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Committee is asked to;

- Note or otherwise the content of this report,
- Approve or otherwise the proposal to extend the current the Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan until December 2017,
- Approve or otherwise the proposed timeline to develop the next iteration of the Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan.

David W Farries

Local Senior Officer

Midlothian, East Lothian & Scottish Borders

August 2016

**Appendix I: Link to Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan**

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## Appendix II: Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Board Report, Local Plan Production.

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**SCOTTISH**  
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Working together for a safer Scotland

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>THE BOARD OF THE SCOTTISH FIRE &amp; RESCUE SERVICE</b>
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>B/SPCC/04-16</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 APRIL 2016</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>MARK MCATEER, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT</b>

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek Board member support for a revised approach to the development of Local Plans.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Board members are asked to:
- Support the principles of a staggered production of Local Plans
  - Agree to approach local authorities to establish their views; and
  - Agree to receive a further report on our review findings.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The SFRS has a statutory responsibility to prepare Local Plans for each Local Authority. There is no legislatively prescribed timespan for Local Plans so they may be reviewed and revised at any time.
- 3.2 However, a mandatory review is required should certain events occur, such as the approval of a new Strategic Plan. This year, as a result of the development of a new Strategic Plan, all 32 Local Plans will be reviewed. As these were published to cover a 3 year timespan there is an expectation they will be replaced by April 2017.
- 3.3 Engagement on what these Local Plans may look like has been aligned to the consultation timeline of the Strategic Plan. To capitalise on this approach, robust joint engagement and consultation activity has been planned and is set to commence in May 2016.

- 3.4 As well as a comprehensive internal and external communications campaign invitations to meet with Local Senior Officers will be extended to key local partners across Scotland. This is to encourage open dialogue to discuss our national strategy, look at how this can be adopted to meet local needs and at the same time explore practical ways in which the SFRS can add more value to improve community outcomes. A similar approach will be taken at corporate level and where practicable we will exploit opportunities to engage with partners collaboratively at joint forums or events.

#### 4. DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The review of Local Plans will seek to assess what differences we have made and to determine what we need to focus on in the years to come for continued improvement of community safety and wellbeing. When we engage with local stakeholders we will use this opportunity to ask them what they think about our performance as well as future priorities to inform the review.
- 4.2 Through the National Risk Reduction Project the Service is also making strides in gathering data to enable a wider, more holistic analysis of community risk. Local assessment of risk is currently being developed in pilot areas with the view of extending this across Scotland once the most effective methods of collation assessment and mitigating action planning have been identified.
- 3.3 With the introduction of new legislative requirements and initiatives such as community empowerment, health and social care integration and community justice, local areas are seeing significant changes in how local partners need to plan and work collaboratively to improve community outcomes.

#### 5. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The developments relating to local partner plans and our local assessment of risk have a positive influence on the development of our Local Plans. In order to benefit more from these influences it is proposed to allow these to evolve further and stagger production of Local Plans beyond April 2017.
- 5.2 This proposal will allow more time to consider the best method to integrate the work of the National Risk Reduction Project with local planning. Creating a holistic picture of community needs across Scotland can then be used to explore how best to design and deploy local resources for the greatest positive results.

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- 5.3 In addition, through using this measured approach to developing our Local Plans we can be more flexible to allow for greater integration with local partner plans. These include Local Outcome Improvement Plans (formerly known as Single Outcome Agreements), Health and Social Care Strategies and Community Justice Plans which are in their infancy or still under development.
- 5.4 The development of 32 Local Plans at the same time presents a considerable corporate challenge. Staggering development over the summer of 2017 would generate more space for a greater focus on each individual Plan and the specific local needs it serves to address.
- 5.5 It is also proposed that on publication Local Plans will not specify a timespan but rather be subject to regular review. The flexibility of this approach will allow Local Plans to support service re-design and be more reactive to local needs and changing circumstances.
- 5.6 It is acknowledged that there will be an expectation, particularly by local authorities, that Local Plans will be revised by April 2017. Should the principles of a staggered approach be agreed, Local Senior Officers will discuss our approach with local authority officers to manage this expectation gauge and to appetite and acceptance.
- 5.7 The engagement and review exercises are to conclude in early August. The results of these will be used to identify which areas we need to focus attention on first. This risk based methodology will ensure that where significant refocus is required this will be addressed as a priority. A report to outline our findings will be presented to a future Board meeting.

**6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

**7 EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are significant resources required for the development of Local Plans. Development will be managed through existing Strategic Planning and Performance and Communications Directorate and Local Senior Officer teams.

**8 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 As the SFRS has a statutory requirement to prepare Local Plans, legislative responsibilities have been fully considered within development plans.
- 8.2 Legal guidance received is supportive of the proposed approach which will see the introduction of revised Local Plans beyond April 2017.

**9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 9.1 As this report does not propose a change in policy, the formal adoption of a plan, policy or strategy it is not necessary to complete an impact assessment. Each Local Plan will undergo a full Equality Impact Assessment as they go through production.

**10 CORE BRIEF**

- 10.1 Rather than revising all 32 Local Plans for April 2017, Board members are asked to support a staggered approach which will see the introduction of revised Local Plans beyond April 2017. This approach allows time for integration with local partner planning arrangements and for the National Risk Reduction Project to evolve further to provide a more informed platform from which to develop Local Plans. Good engagement with local partners is critical to the success of this project and a strong focus on this will be maintained.

**Mark McAteer**  
**Director of Strategic Planning, Performance and Communications**

**28 April 2016**



## **Quarterly Performance Report August 2016**

**Period Covered: 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016**

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

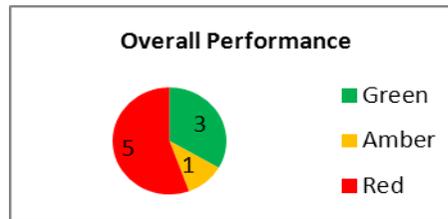
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## Strategic Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working

### Overall Summary

#### Overall Performance

Overall performance 9 indicators:



#### Key Successes

- Continued partnership working with Police Scotland regarding the Disclosure Scheme Domestic Abuse Scotland, supporting information sharing, evidence gathering and support for disclosures to clients under the Power To Tell and Right To Ask elements
- DAAS now receive referrals direct from Police Scotland Vulnerable Persons Database thus increasing the potential for positive engagement with clients and reducing the workload for frontline officers
- First meeting with Scottish Borders Court service and Crown office returned a number of key actions regarding improving the court outcomes for victims of gender based violence.
- CEDAR Groupwork programme (Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery) has secured funding until 2021- 50% from Scottish Borders Council, 50% from Big Lottery

#### Key Issues

- Funding for current specialist domestic abuse services (DAAS and DACS) under the Pathway Project ends March 2017.

#### Key Activities

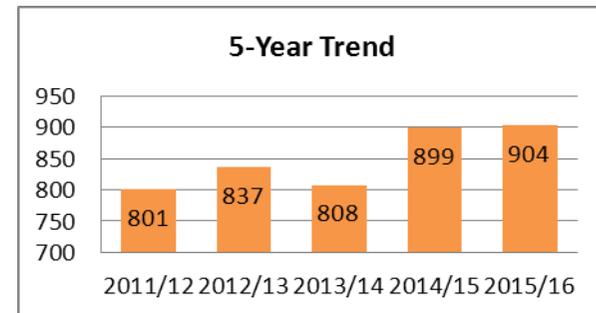
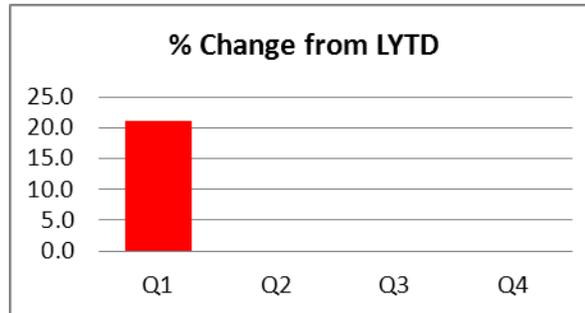
- Continued delivery of frontline advocacy service (DAAS), community outreach (DACS).
- Launch of Scottish Borders Equally Safe Strategy currently out for consultation, launch planned for November 2016.
- Pathway 2 Project - Project Board now established with representatives from NHS Borders, SBC, Children1st, Police Scotland, Borders Housing Network. Board is chaired by Deputy Chief Executive – People

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

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
217	179	21.2%



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- An increase of 38 reported incidents of domestic abuse in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period last year, which equates to a 21.2% increase.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- Proactively safety planning with high risk victims of domestic abuse to reduce the risk of further harm includes calling the police, thereby demonstrating an improved confidence in disclosing.
- Issues regarding “repeat consent” where victims consent once, at initial incident, is being introduced by Police Scotland and will demand a close scrutiny of how we ensure that victims continue to consent at any repeat referral.

**What we are doing**

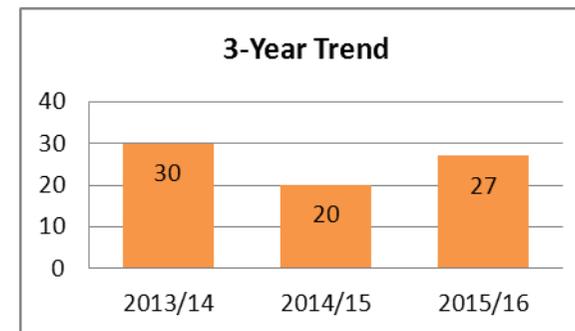
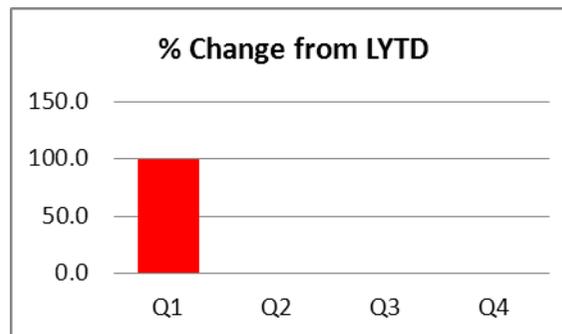
- Whilst the ultimate aim is to reduce the number of domestic abuse incidents the current robust processes in place have increased focus on this area of work, leading to a short term increase.

**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 %
6	3	100%



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- An increase of 3 reported sexual crimes related to domestic abuse in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period last year, which equates to a 100% increase. 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**

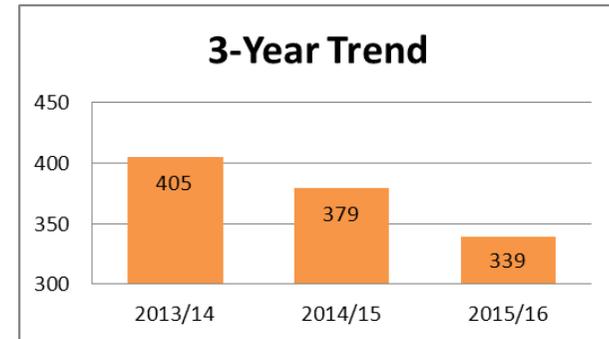
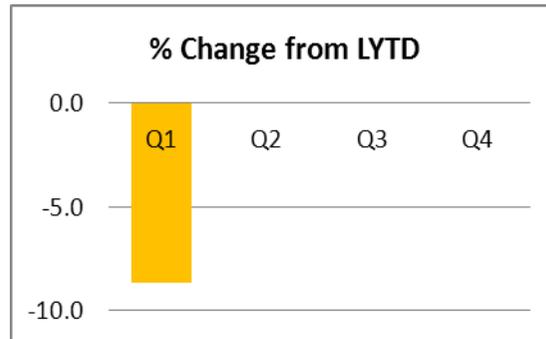
- Supporting clients to report to the Police will always remain a key task for domestic abuse services.

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
74	81	-8.6%



Source: DAAS

**Where we are currently**

- 7 fewer referrals in the first quarter of 2016/17 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**

- Successful recruitment to a maternity cover post for domestic abuse advocacy service.
- Maintaining a frontline service (DAAS) during period of significant staff absence – Service Manager and Administrator
- Two more staff members now fully qualified Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors under the national Professional Development Award
- The downward trend cannot be viewed in isolation, further work needs to be undertaken to identify the areas where this is most evident e.g. locality decreases or referrer decreases.

**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.

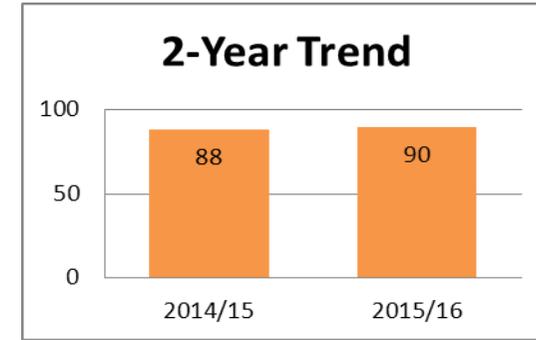
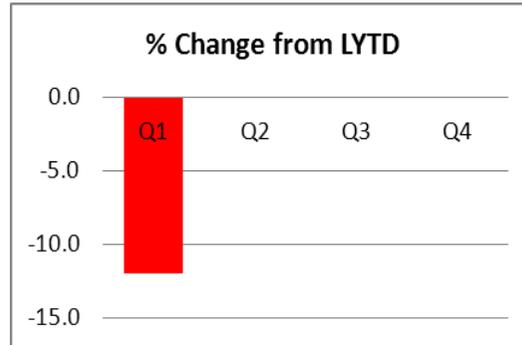
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**Performance Indicator – Increase the number of high risk domestic abuse cases discussed at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
22	25	-12%

Source: MARAC



**Where we are currently**

- A small decrease in the number of cases discussed at MARAC in the first quarter of 2016/17 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.

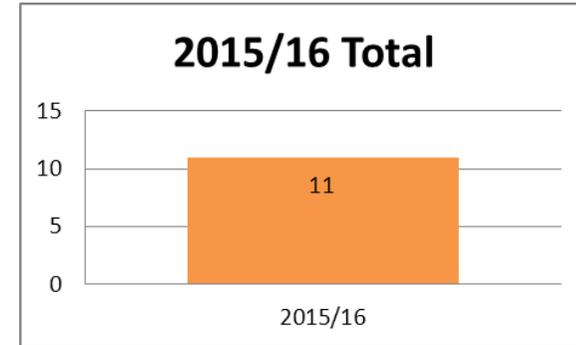
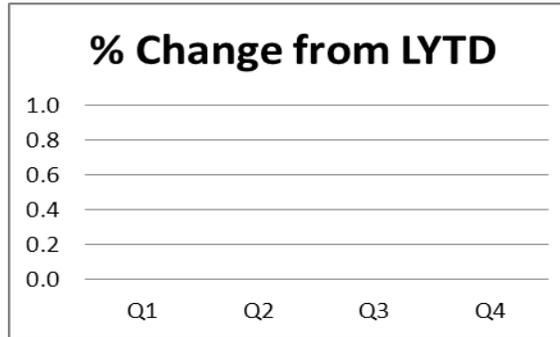
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**Performance Indicator – Increase the number of high risk offender referrals to Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) group**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
3	3	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**

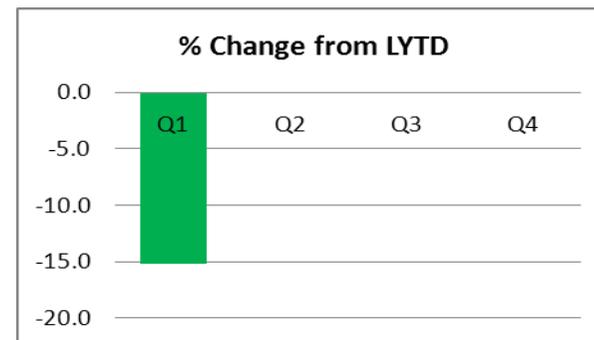
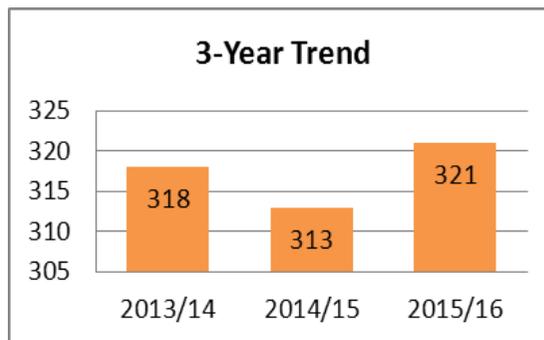
- Continue to ensure MATAC is always considered at MARAC for all clients whose risk level or nature of the risk is deemed of concern.

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
67	79	-15.2%



Source: DAAS

**Where we are currently**

- 12 fewer children present in the home where domestic abuse incidents took place. This is a 15.2% reduction on the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- Partnership working and signposting children who have been exposed to Domestic Abuse to integrated children’s service and the child protection unit, ensuring that the wellbeing needs of children are met in line with GIRFEC principles.
- Require access to further advocacy for children regarding children’s rights.

**What we are doing**

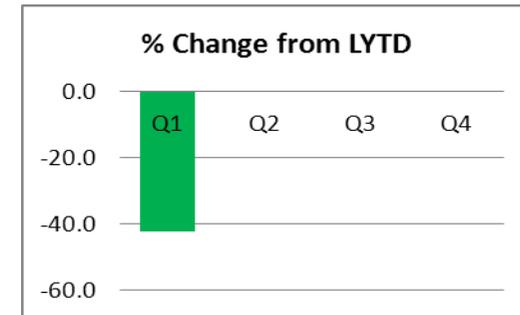
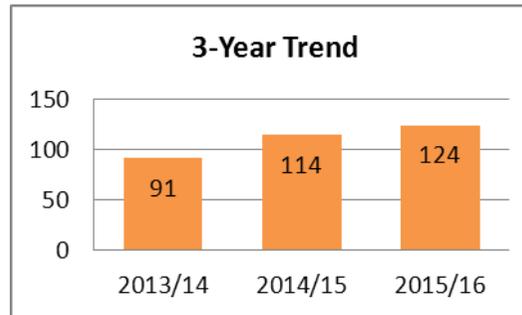
- Children referred and signposted to Children 1<sup>st</sup> who have witnessed/been involved in Domestic Abuse, receive an assessment and one to one support.
- Children and their mothers who are in recovery from Domestic Abuse are referred to CEDAR (Children experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery).
- 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.

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
19	33	-42.4%



Source: DAAS

**Where we are currently**

- 14 fewer children witnessing domestic abuse. This is a 42.4% reduction on the first quarter of 2016/17 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

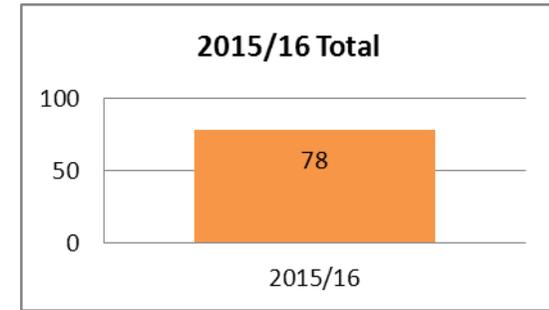
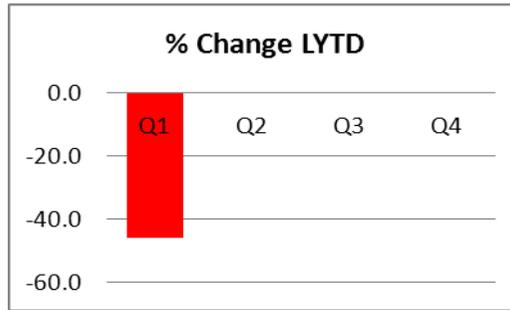
- At the point of referral we are informing integrated children’s services that a child has witnessed Domestic Abuse.
- Supporting safety planning with the parent who is the Domestic Abuse victim.

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
7	13	-46.2%



Source: Pathway Project

**Where we are currently**

- A reduction in the number of security installations made from 13 in the first quarter of 2015/16 to 7 in the first quarter of 2016/17.

**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 be in their own home or in a location of their choosing.

**What we are doing**

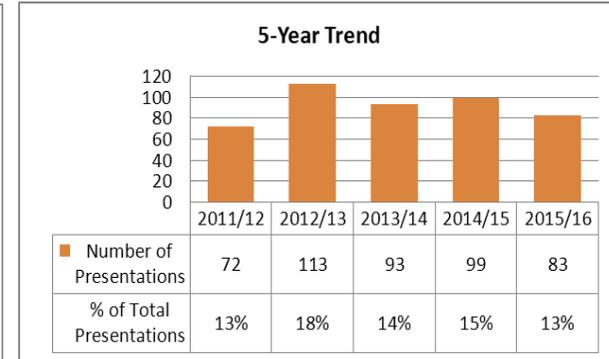
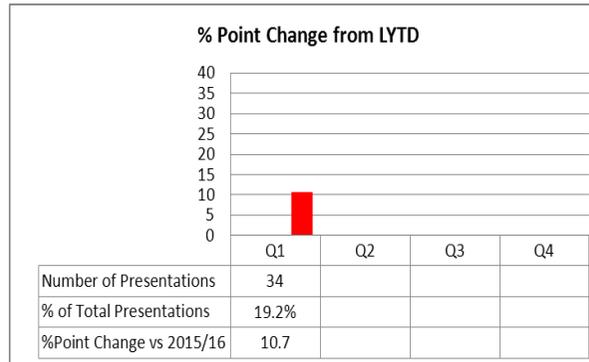
- Safe Housing Options continue to work with all registered social landlords in the provision of additional safety measures and looking at and offering all housing options available to the clients.
- Safe Housing Options continues to support and provide training for all partner agencies in relation to 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
19.2	8.5	10.7



Source: SBC Homeless Service

**Where we are currently**

- An increase in the number of homeless presentations from 15 in quarter 1 of 2015/16 to 34 in 2016/17. This is a 10.7 percentage point increase against total presentations for the quarter.

**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**

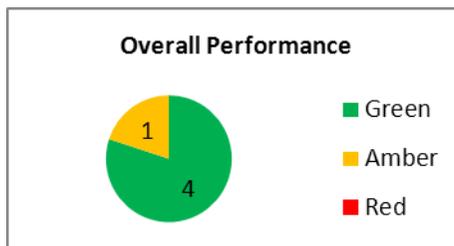
- The domestic abuse STEPS workers, work proactively with housing providers to maintain people in their own tenancies and reduce any further homelessness.

## 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

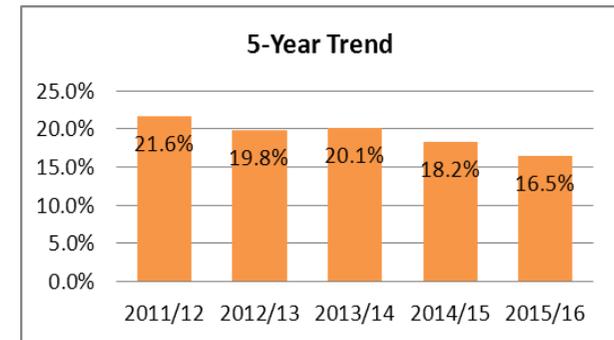
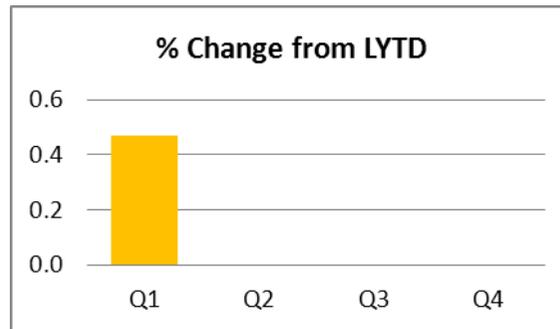
- Re-establishment of the Alcohol and Drug Tasking and Coordinating Group to focus on this strategic priority.

**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
17.8%	17.4	0.4



Source: SCT Database

**Where we are currently**

- A small increase in the percentage of ASB incidents that are alcohol related in the first 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.

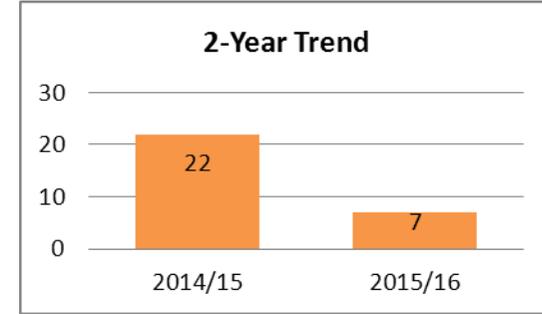
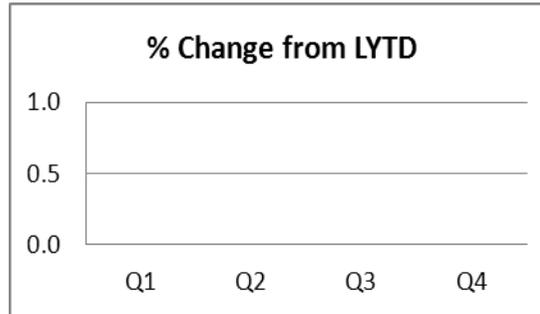
**Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working**

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
4	4	0%

Source: ASBU



**Where we are currently**

- The same number of referrals in the first quarter of 2016/17 as there was for the same time period in 2015/16.
- In total there were 12 face to face interviews conducted in the first quarter. In 33% (4) of interviews ABI screenings were undertaken.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- The process of taking on board the Face2Face meetings from the Community Beat Officers to the ASBU has given us a consistent approach.

**What we are doing**

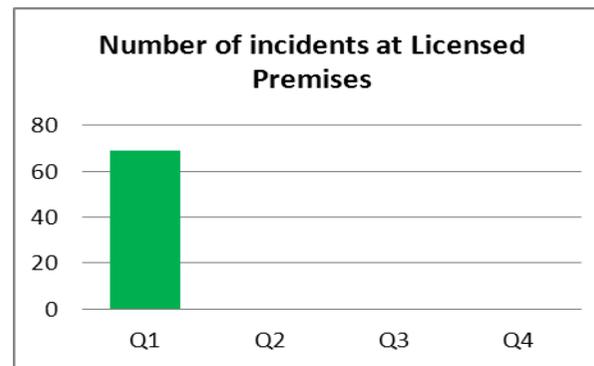
- Training completed for all ASBU staff in delivering ABI.

**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 %
69	N/A	N/A



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- 69 interventions undertaken in the first quarter of 2016/17.

**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**

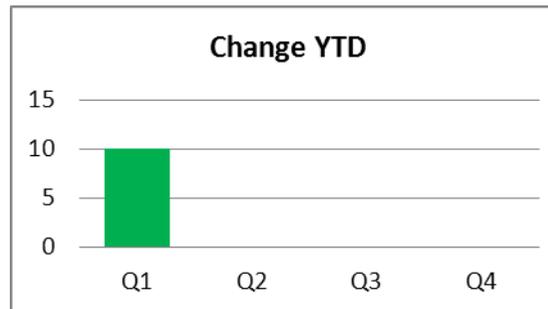
- The Police and SBC licensing officers continue to address all reports of antisocial behaviour at licensed premises.
- New recording database “InnKeeper” now fully operational in Police Scotland.

**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 %
10	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**

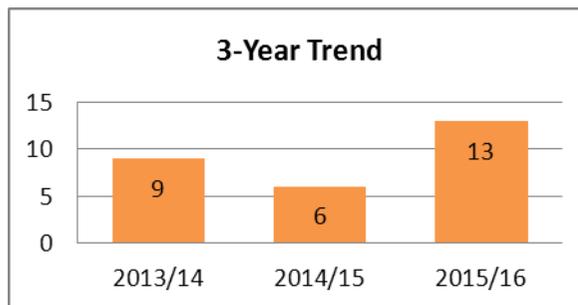
- Introduction of the referral process is further increasing our early intervention capability in dealing with ASB.

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**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**

- Currently 22 applications have been received this year to date.
- Funding secured for 2016/17 from the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to continue the project.

**What we are doing**

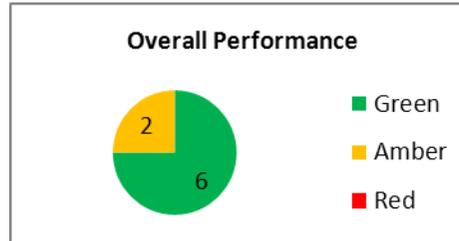
- Launch event held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- Premises assessments are due to start in September/October 2016.

## 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

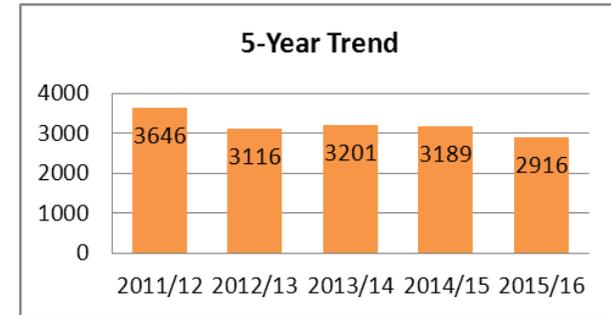
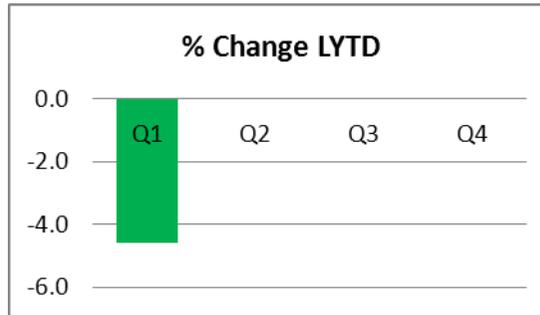
- Reviewing and updating the multi-agency antisocial behaviour procedures.
- Refocus of prevention activities, driven by police Scotland.

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
726	761	-4.6%



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- A reduction in the number of group 1-5 crimes recorded in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. This equates to 35 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.

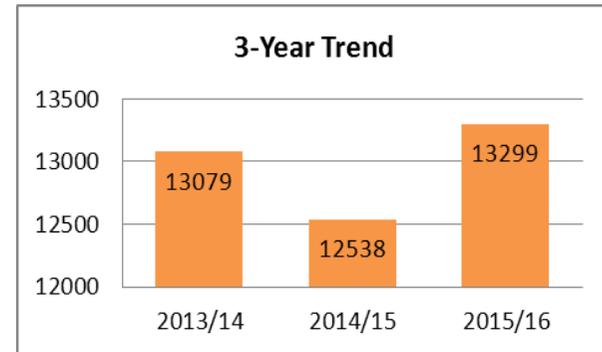
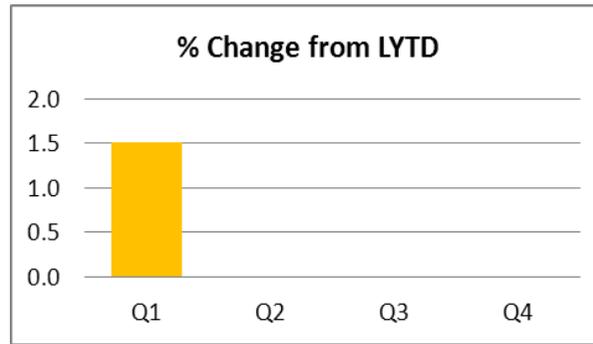
**Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working**

**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of recorded ASB incidents**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
3483	3431	1.5%

Source: SCT Database/ASBU



**Where we are currently**

- An increase of 52 reported incidents for the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- A reduction in reports made to Police Scotland and a continued reduction in more serious cases.
- An increase in lower level reports being dealt with by Housing Providers and ASBU.

**What we are doing**

- Currently revising and updating multi-agency ASB procedures.
- Refocusing on earlier and effective intervention, especially mediation.
- Introduction of ASB awareness sessions with partner agencies.

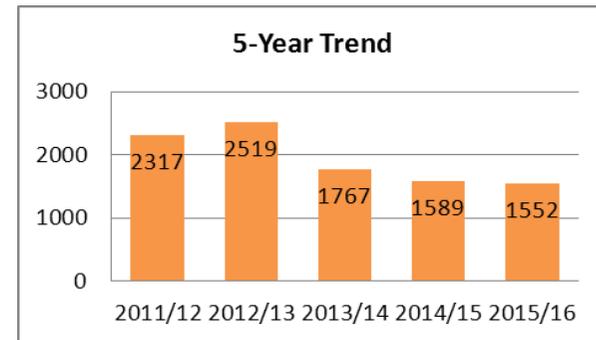
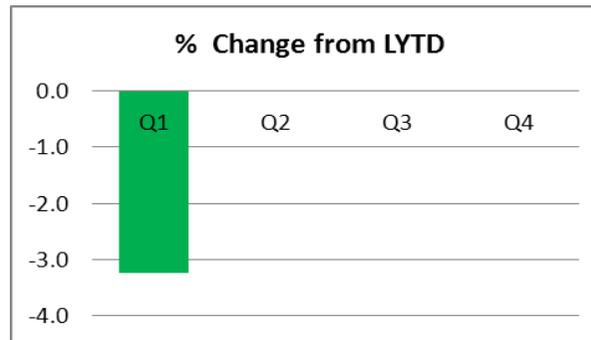
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**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of youth related ASB incidents**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
447	462	-3.2%

Source: SCT Database



**Where we are currently**

- A decrease in the number of youth related incidents in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

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

**What we are doing**

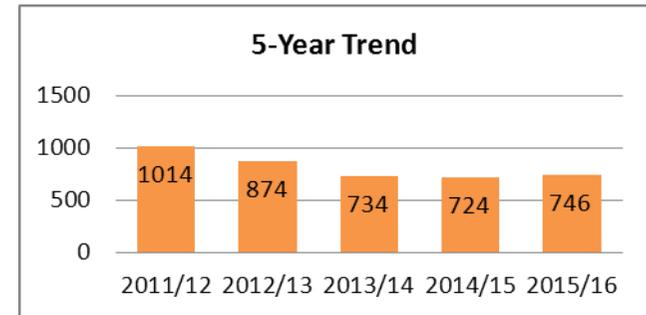
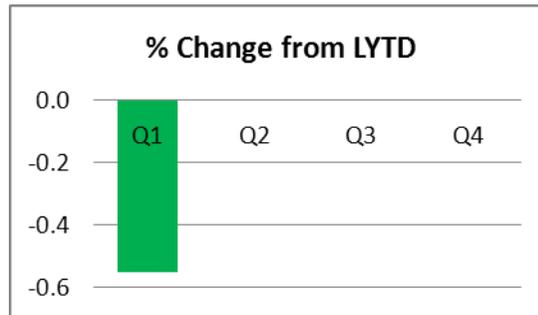
- Monthly youth bulletins are issued that identify specific ASB locations and named youths involved in ASB.
- Letters are issued to those youths involved in alcohol related incidents offering referral to support services.
- Closer working relationships established with “Youth Borders” and local youth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

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**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of reported vandalism**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
181	182	-0.5%



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- A small decrease in the number of reported vandalism in the first quarter of 2016/16 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**

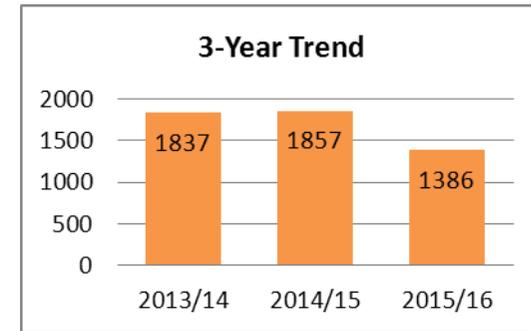
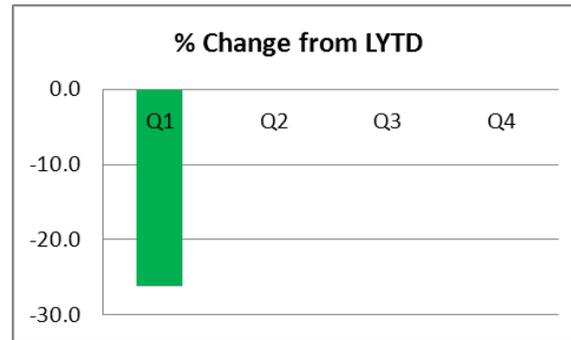
- Continued work by youth community officers in all primary and secondary schools.
- Community Beat Officers (CBOs) are working closely with communities affected by vandalism.

**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 %
287	389	-26.2%



Source: ASBU

**Where we are currently**

- 102 fewer persons being monitored for antisocial behaviour in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- The increased number of early interventions by partner agencies has served to help reduce the requirement for persons being monitored. This is positive news.

**What we are doing**

- We are making increased efforts to involve Mediation and other partnership approaches.

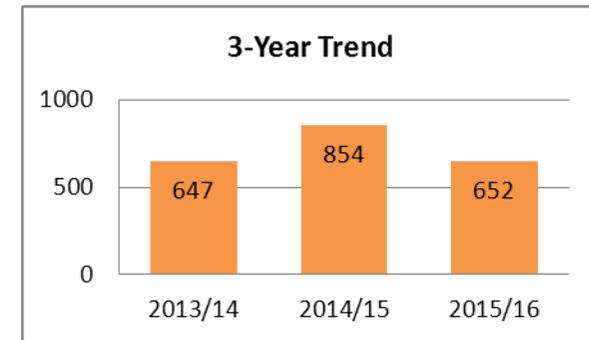
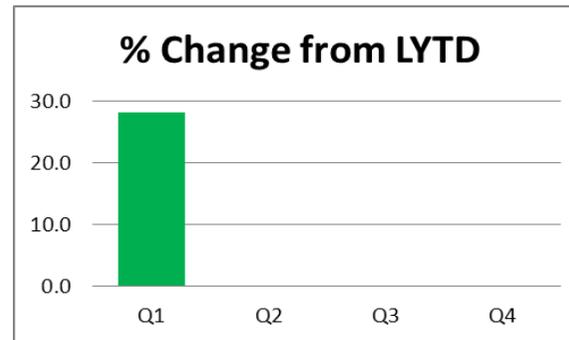
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**Performance Indicator – Increase the number of early interventions made by ASB partners**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
296	231	28.1%

Source: ASBU



**Where we are currently**

- An increase of 65 interventions in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16, which is positive.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- The RSLs in particular have made significant improvements in early interventions as well as the introduction of Party House Letters.

**What we are doing**

- We will continue to consider other low resource interventions that may have a positive impact and improve these figures further.

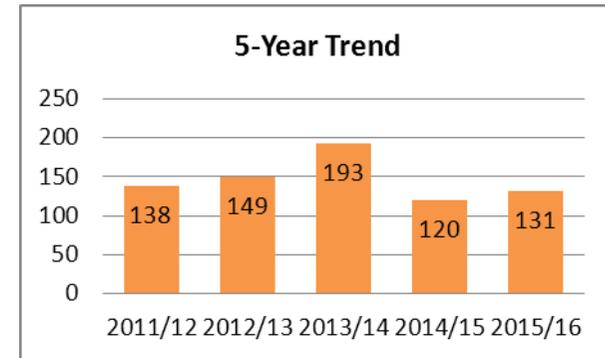
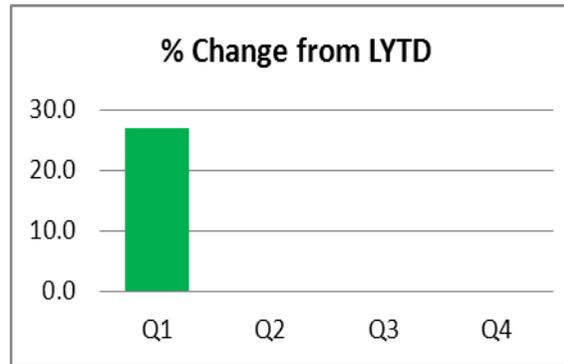
**Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working**

**Performance Indicator – Increase the number of mediation referrals**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
33	26	26.9%

Source: Mediation



**Where we are currently**

- An increase of 7 referrals in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16, which equates to a 26.9% increase.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- Mediation becoming involved at any stage of the ASB process as opposed to prior to Core Group.

**What we are doing**

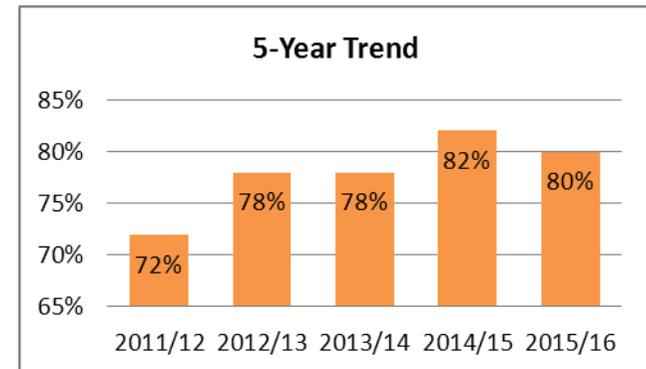
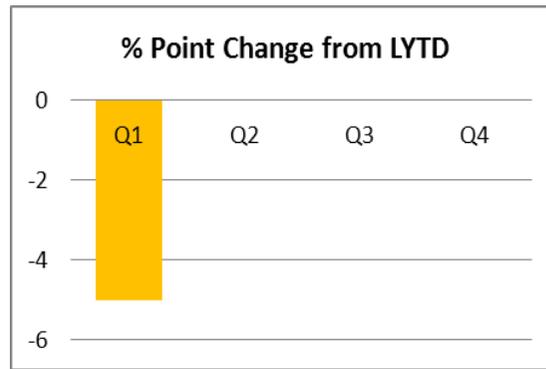
- Increased integration of the Mediation Service into the day to day workings of the ASBU through enhancement of information systems.

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change % Points
70%	75%	-5



Source: Mediation

**Where we are currently**

- A small reduction in the percentage cases that show agreement/improvement after mediation in the first quarter of 2016/17 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**

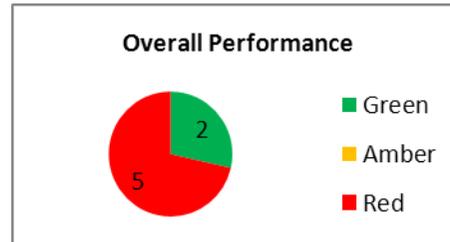
- Reviewing our performance indicators should pinpoint, more accurately, what factors affect the success of a case.
- Exploring the use of victim support services to assist in the mediation process.

## 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 or seriously injured in the first quarter of 2016/17.

#### 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.

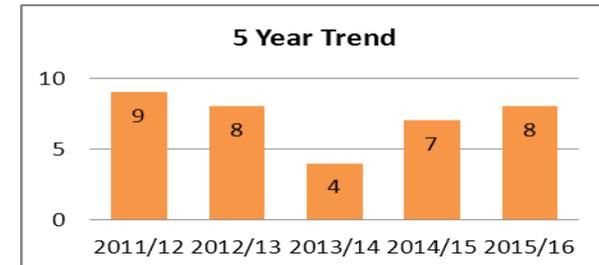
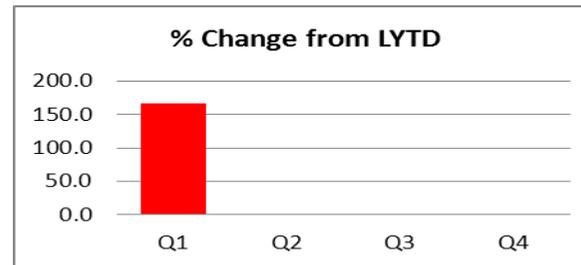
## Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

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

#### Performance

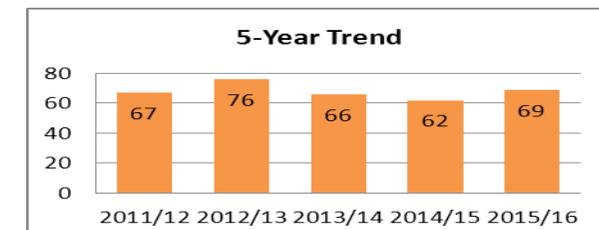
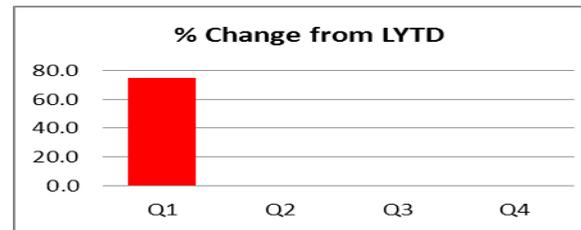
##### Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change %
8	3	166.7%



##### Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change %
21	12	75.0%



Source: Police Scotland

#### Where we are currently

- An increase of 5 road user killed on our roads in the first quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- An increase of 9 road users seriously injured in the first quarter of 2016/17 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

- 130 young drivers have successfully completed the “Skills For Life” young driver training programme in the last two years.
- The number of road traffic accidents that have occurred in the first quarter of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

#### What we are doing

- An analysis of fatal and serious road traffic accidents was completed and forwarded to Police Scotland.
- 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.
- Skill for life scheme providing free advanced driver training to young newly qualified drivers.
- A young driver training day was held at Charterhall on 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, with 90 young drivers attending over the two days.
- Support to encourage advanced motorcycle training in the Scottish Borders.

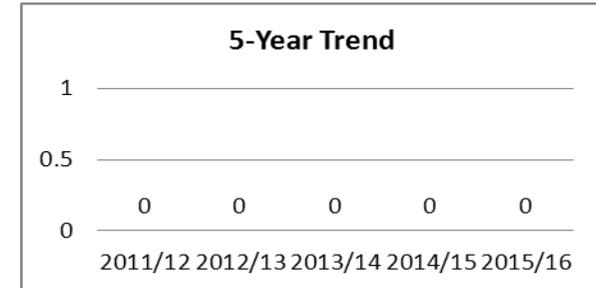
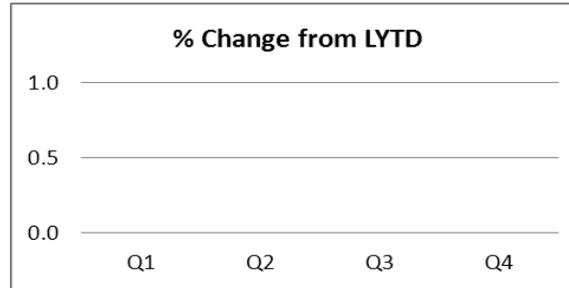
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**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on our roads**

**Performance**

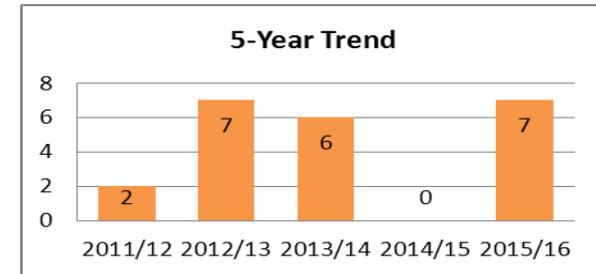
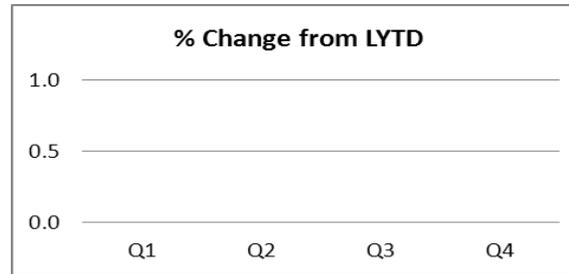
**Killed**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
0	0	0%



**Seriously Injured**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
0	0	0%



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- 0 children killed on our roads in the first quarter of 2016/17.
- 0 children seriously injured on our roads in the first quarter of 2016/17.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

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

**What we are doing**

- An analysis of fatal and serious road traffic accidents was completed and forwarded to Police Scotland.
- 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.

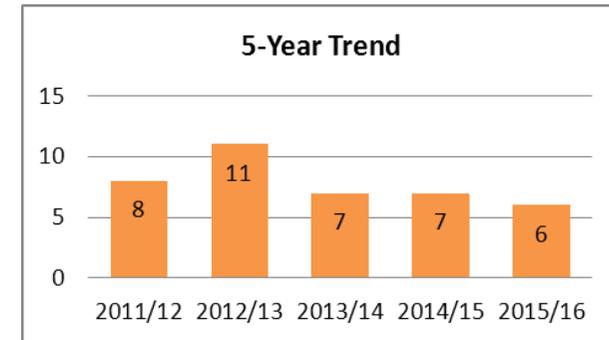
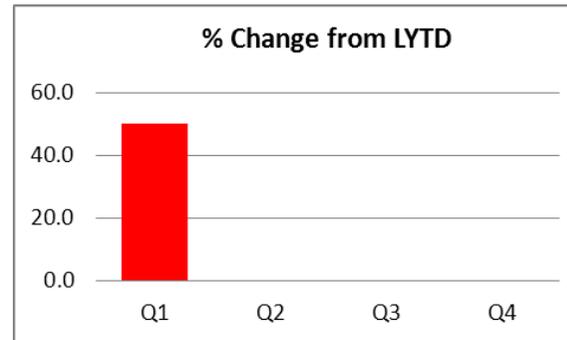
**Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working**

**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 first quarter of 2016/17, an increase on the same time period in 2015/16.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- 130 young drivers have successfully completed the “Skills For Life” young driver training programme in the last two years.
- A young driver training day was held at Charterhall on 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, with 90 young drivers attending over the two days.
- The number of road traffic accidents that have occurred in the first quarter of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

**What we are doing**

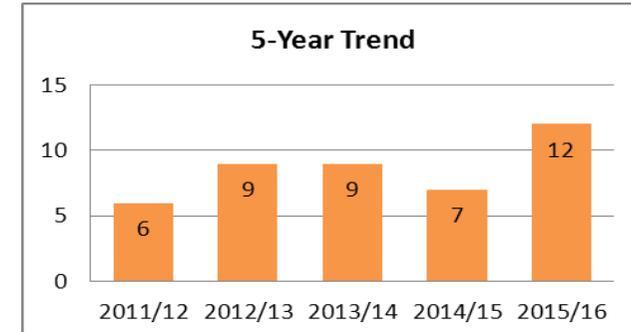
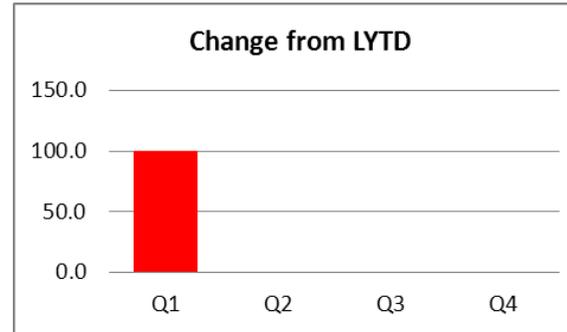
- An analysis of fatal and serious road traffic accidents was completed and forwarded to Police Scotland.
- Skill for life scheme providing free advanced driver training to young newly qualified drivers.
- Pilot of free theory training courses for learner drivers in Hawick. Initial pass rate is 85% compared to overall pass rate of 51% in the Scottish Borders. Looking at possibility of rolling similar courses out across the Scottish Borders in 2017.
- Driving into the Future roadshow, multiagency workshops as part of pre-driver education for 6<sup>th</sup> year students in all high schools.

**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 %
4	2	100%



Source: Police Scotland

**Where we are currently**

- 4 older drivers killed or seriously injured in the first quarter of 2016/17, an increase on the same time period in 2015/16.
- 1 driver was over 75 years old.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

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

**What we are doing**

- An analysis of fatal and serious road traffic accidents was completed and forwarded to Police Scotland.
- Borders Driver Gold scheme to assist older drivers to drive safely for longer. Pilot scheme 2016 run in Hawick and Berwickshire. Planned roll out in Spring of 2017 to all of the Scottish Borders (Funding bid pending).

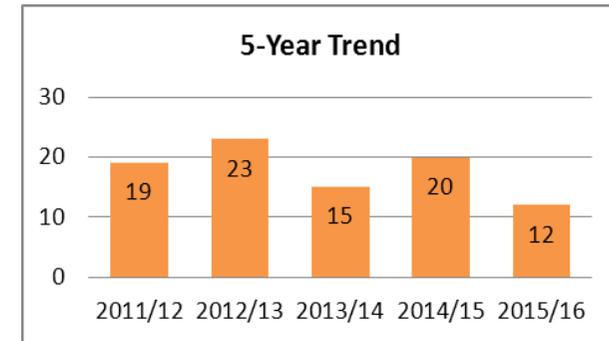
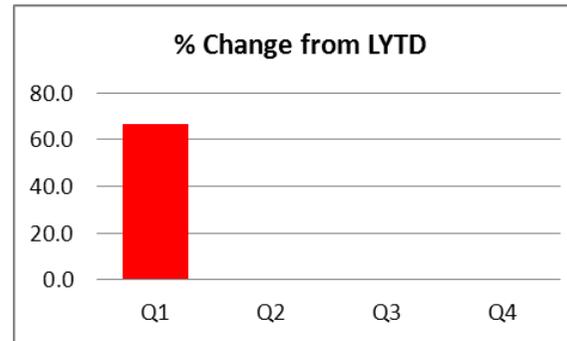
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**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured on our roads**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
5	3	66.7%

Source: Police Scotland



**Where we are currently**

- 5 motorcyclists killed or seriously injured in the first quarter of 2016/17, 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 quarter of 2016/17 is cause for concern.

**What we are doing**

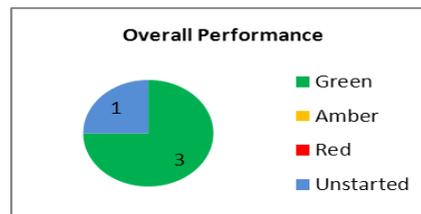
- An analysis of fatal and serious road traffic accidents was completed and forwarded to Police Scotland.
- Support to promote and encourage advanced motorcycle training in the Scottish Borders.

## 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 referrals are already being made.

#### Key Issues

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

#### Key Activities

- The “Living Safely in the Home” pilot has started in Cheviot locality and is planned to 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

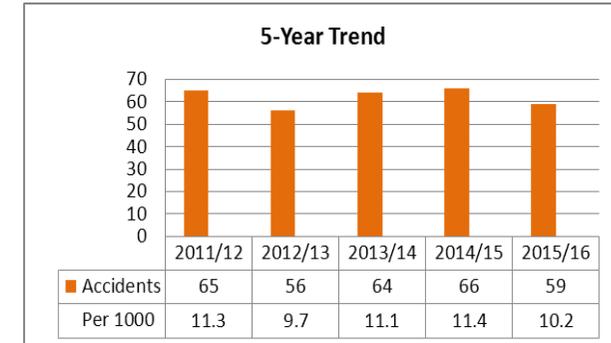
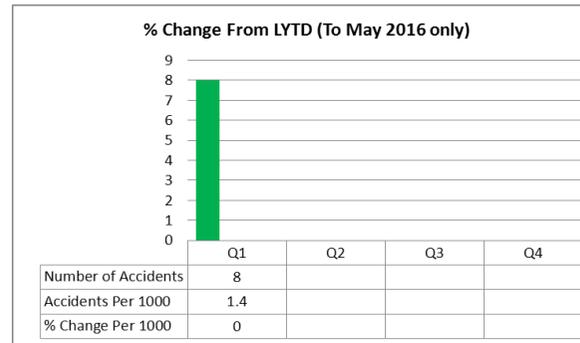
**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for children under 5 where a home accident is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)**

### Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change %
1.4	1.4	0%

Please note: Data is to May 2016 only

Source: NHS BGH



### Where we are currently

- For the time period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 the same number of accidents in the under 5s have been recorded, when compared to the same time period in 2015. Data for June 2016 is still awaited.

### Our Successes/Our Issues

- “Living Safely in the Home” a new pilot scheme to assist older people to live in their own homes longer and safer has been launched in the Cheviot area and referrals are starting to be received.
- “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**

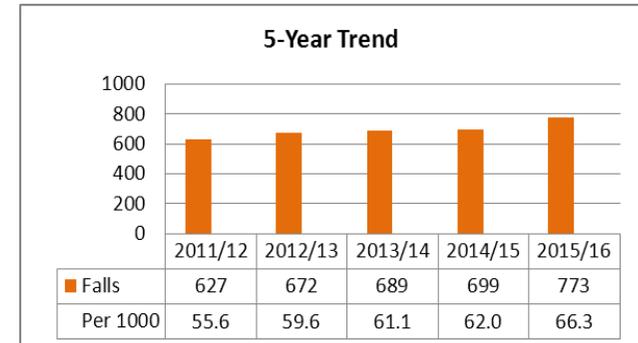
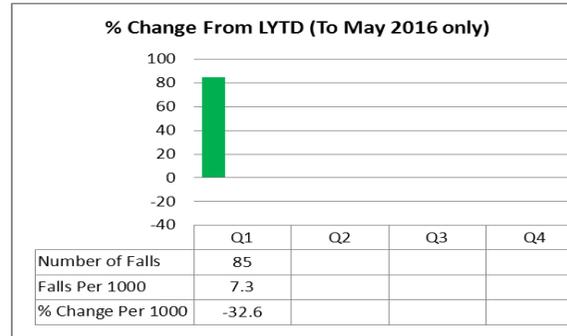
**Performance Indicator – Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for 75+ where a fall is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change %
7.3	10.8	-32.6%

Please note: Data is to May 2016 only

Source: NHS BGH



**Where we are currently**

- For the time period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 fewer falls in the over 75s have been recorded, when compared to the same time period in 2015. Data for June 2016 is still awaited.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- “Living Safely in the Home” has been launched in the Cheviot locality and referrals are starting to be received.

**What we are doing**

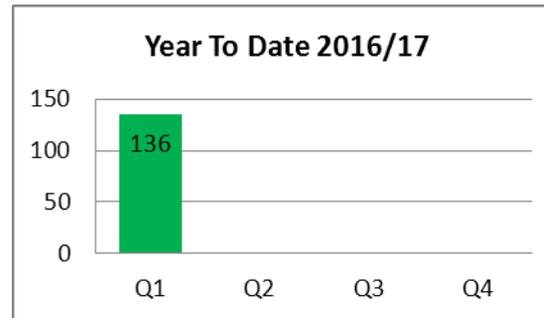
- “Living Safely in the Home” is being piloted in Cheviot locality with the aim of reducing falls in the over 75s and Information Days are planned for September in each of the locality towns.
- An effective communication strategy has been developed jointly by partners including posters, media releases 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 %
136	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**

- There has been a drop of in referrals from DAAS, due to staffing issues in the service. It is anticipated that this issue will be resolved in the next quarter.
- Referrals from Social Services have also been low.

**What we are doing**

- The SFRS Liaison Officer is working closely with the Social Service Team Leaders and DAAS to assist in the referral process with the aim of increasing referrals and providing further training in the referral process.

**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 %
N/A	N/A	N/A

No data currently available, new project

Source: SFRS

**Where we are currently**

- This is a new project that has just commenced therefore data is currently unavailable.

**Our Successes/Our Issues**

- Training completed and project launched in July 2016 within the Cheviot locality.

**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 addition support visits.

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