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## POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 2017

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, 25TH AUGUST, 2017 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

17 August 2017

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4.	<b>Minute</b> (Pages 1 - 8)  Consider Minute of Meeting held on 10 February 2017. (Copy attached.)	5 mins
5.	<b>Progress Reports/Updates on Service Matters</b>	
	(a) <b>Police</b> (Pages 9 - 56)  <b>Performance Report (copy attached)</b> <b>Update on Service Matters</b> <b>Presentation on Draft Local Police Plan for the Scottish Borders - (Copy attached)</b> <b>Police Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall.</b>	60 mins
	(b) <b>Fire and Rescue</b> (Pages 57 - 78)  <b>Performance Report (copy attached)</b> <b>Update on Service Matters</b> <b>LSO David Farries.</b>	30 mins
6.	<b>Safer Communities and Key Activities</b> (Pages 79 - 102)  Safer Communities and Community Justice Manager – Graham Jones. (Copy attached.)	20 mins
7.	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>  Friday, 10 November 2017                      9.30 a.m.	10 mins

	Friday, 9 February 2018	9.30 a.m.	
	Friday, 18 May 2018	9.30 a.m.	
8.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated.</b>		
9.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent</b>		

**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 W. McAteer (Chairman), D. Moffat, E. Robson, H. Scott, E. Small, G. Turnbull.  
 Mr D. Davidson - NHS Borders, D. Farries - LSO, A. Girrity - Group Manager, J Mulloy - Scottish Borders Housing Network, Chief Inspector McLean - Police Scotland, Margaret Simpson - Voluntary Sector, H. Waltl - Business Sector.

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

MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICE, FIRE &  
RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD  
held in Council Headquarters, Newtown St.  
Boswells on Friday 10 February 2017 at 9.35  
a.m.

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

Apologies: Ms J. Mulloy, SBHA, Ms F. Young, CJA, Dr. D. Steele, NHS Borders.

Absent: Councillor R. Stewart, Mr H. Waltl.

In Attendance: Chief Superintendent I. Marshall, Inspector J. Scott, Police Scotland, David Farries, LSO, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Group Manager A. Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Group Manager S. Gourlay, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Mr D. Scott, Senior Policy Adviser, SBC, Ms S. Smith, Communities & Partnership Manager, SBC, Mr G. Jones, Safer Communities and Community Justice Manager, SBC, K. Mason, Democratic Services Officer, SBC.

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1. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman advised this would be the final meeting of the Board under the current Council and expressed thanks to the Board Members and staff for their assistance. He was honoured to have chaired the Board and he referred to the successes of the young drivers' initiative; and the domestic abuse service.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

2. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD**

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from Fiona Young, Chief Executive of Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority advising that due to the disestablishment of Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority at 31 March 2017, she wished to formally notify the Board that she would no longer be in a position to attend the Board meetings. She wished the Board every success for the future.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

3. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 11 November 2016.

**DECISION  
APPROVED the Minute.**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) With reference to paragraph 3(b) of the Minute, Councillor Turnbull advised that he together with Councillor Moffat and Douglas Scott had attended a visit to Police Scotland's Contact, Command and Control Division, Bilston Communication Complex on Thursday 19 January 2017. Presentations on the work of the Complex were given by Chief Superintendent Roddy

Newbigging, Mrs Amada McDonald, the National Service Manager and Chief Inspector David Baird. Since the last visit by the Board to the Bilston Communication Centre in May 2015 it was clear that significant changes had been made. These included: (a) a greater emphasis on quality of response and positive outcomes through its person centred approach; (b) a greater focus in ensuring that there was a clear end to end process from someone calling 999/101, the processing of the call through the Centre and the response by local police, and (c) an increased resilience through the connecting of the Centre virtually to the other Communication Centres in Govan and Motherwell with calls being able to be taken through these Centres if Bilston was busy and vice versa. During the visit it was clear that despite a very busy morning calls were being answered quickly and effectively with 999 calls answered almost immediately and 101 calls being answered within 6 seconds although the standard for 101 calls was 40 seconds. It was also evident that many of calls were from vulnerable people with social issues that could not be dealt with solely by Police Scotland. This reinforced the need for an increased partnership working by Police Scotland, Councils and Community Planning partners on prevention activities. Police Scotland indicated that they were open to visits from Councillors and Community representatives to increase awareness of, and confidence in the work of the Bilston Communication Complex.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (b) With reference to paragraph 4.8 of the Minute, Members were advised by Inspector Scott that it would be difficult to widen information on prejudice type – disability to include mental and / or physical disability.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (c) With reference to paragraph 6.3 of the Minute it was noted that road safety action was to take place in relation to the junction leading to the Borders General Hospital.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

- (d) With reference to paragraph 7.2 of the Minute, it was noted that a presentation on the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 would be heard later in the meeting.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**5. ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICING 2016/17**

There had been circulated copies of a letter dated 17 November 2016 from the Chief Executive Officer of the Scottish Police Authority to the Chairman of Local Authority Scrutiny Committees for Policing seeking to capture the views and experiences of scrutiny committees on activity between April 2016 and early 2017, to inform the review. A copy of the proposed response was also circulated.

**DECISION  
AGREED to approve the response.**

6. **CONSULTATION ON HMICS SCRUTINY PLAN 2017/18**

There had been circulated copies of a letter dated 8 January 2017 from HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland seeking the Board's views on the proposals or any other areas the Board considered would benefit from scrutiny by HMICS during 2017/18. Feedback received would be collated against the responses from other stakeholders and assessed against their scrutiny risk process to help inform next year's scrutiny plan.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to accept the proposals outlined in the letter dated 8 January 2017 from HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland relating to the scrutiny plan 2017/18.**

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

7.1 **Police Scotland**

Chief Superintendent Marshall thanked the Board for all the support the police had received; he referred to excellent partnership working during a difficult period. He then went on to give an overview of the ongoing work on the national 2026 policing project – a 10 year strategy to achieve a sustainable operating model, during which there would be a programme of transformation. In referring to the refreshment of local Police plans, he advised that to enable full integration discussions would take place with the SFRS. Operation Jigsaw had seen certain individuals targeted on a day of action earlier in the week.

7.2 Inspector J. Scott presented the Police Progress report covering the period April 2016 to December 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 2015/16.

7.3 Priority 1 – Protecting People, the performance was better when compared to last year and also better than target.

7.4 Priority 2 – Reducing Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour, showed a 3.3% increase in Common Assaults reported in the year to date when compared to 2015/16. This equated to 19 more victims. This was an improving picture from the first quarter of 2016/17. There had been a 3.6% increase (134 more incidents) in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. There had been problems with youths in particular in Hawick and Galashiels in December and initiatives were in place to address these issues and a multi-agency approach was being pursued. There had been an 18.2% decrease in the number of recorded victims of Hate Crime in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16.

7.5 Priority 3 - Tackling substance misuse. Officers in the Scottish Borders had conducted a total of 242 stop and searches of which 91 proved positive (37.6%). There was a 45.6% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equated to 561 fewer visits.

7.6 Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer, there had been a 6.3% increase (4 more casualties) in the year to date when compared to 2015/16. The number of people killed this year to date was 10, which equated to 3 more fatalities than at the same time last year. The number of serious injuries had also increased compared to last year in the same time period

- 7.7 Priority 5 - Tackling serious and organised crime. Cash seizures were lower than the value seized in 2015/16. There had been a 17.5% decrease in the number of detections for drug supply in the year to date compared to the same time period in 2015/16.
- 7.8 Priority 6 -Tackling Acquisitive Crime. There had been a decrease (16) in the number of housebreaking to dwellings in the year to date.
- 7.9 During discussions regarding the statistics provided, Chief Superintendent Marshall reassured Members that Police Scotland in the Scottish Borders were highly performing compared with the rest of Scotland. The gathering of young people in the Transport Exchange at Galashiels was not perceived as anti-social behaviour and there was a disproportionate fear of crime because of the press and television. In regard to the behaviour of drivers, Chief Superintendent Marshall advised analysis indicated that most of the time accidents could be attributed to driver inattention and/or not driving according to conditions; accidents were very seldom due to mechanical errors. Therefore it was important to educate and encourage people to driver better. In respect of bullying within Schools, Inspector Scott advised that Police Scotland worked hand in hand with school staff. It was noted that following on from the publication of the Bailey Gwynne school death report that Superintendent Andy Clark had met with Education officers in the Scottish Borders Council. At this meeting he reinforced what matters schools could deal with and those which had to be referred to Police Scotland; the information would be cascaded to all schools.
- 7.10 Members felt strongly that Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority must take action to deal with the funding gap in future years that was identified in Audit Scotland's 2015/16 Audit of Scottish Policing Activity published in December 2016 and it was agreed that this comment be included in the response to the Scottish Policy Authority as discussed in paragraph 4.

**DECISION:-**

- (a) **NOTED the report; and**
- (b) **AGREED the response to the Scottish Police Authority as discussed in paragraph 4 above, should include the following comments:- Members felt strongly that Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority must take action to deal with the funding gap in future years that was identified in Audit Scotland's 2015/16 Audit of Scottish Policing Activity published in December 2016.**
8. **PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON CONSOLIDATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**
- 8.1 **Fire and Rescue Service**
- LSO David Farries referred to the attendance of observers from Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate at the meeting of the Board held on 3 June 2016, and advised that their report would be published on 14 February 2017 and would be available on line. He referred to the production of the SFRS local plan and partnership working with Police Scotland and the Local Authority who had been supportive in making our local plan effective in the community. He referred to issues resulting from the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act and of the willingness of the SFRS to overcome certain 'blockers'. He commented on challenges within the SFRS budget, structural changes being made and that the capital budget expenditure had been a positive story for the SFRS. The off station structure review budget was not

only a driver for review but would look to provide the best service to refocus and ensure priorities were balanced. He gave information on the single common duty system which would come into force in April 2017 for the whole of Scotland, communities in the Scottish Borders would see no change, and the new duty system would allow staff to work closely together on a more regular basis. Members noted the importance of accepting invitations to attend events organised by Police Scotland and the SFRS.

- 8.2 There had been circulated copies of the SFRS Performance Report covering the period 1 April to 31 December 2016. In summarising the report, Group Manager A. Girrity advised that with regard to Priority 1: Reduction of Dwelling Fires, the SFRS had attended 69 dwelling fires in comparison to 85 for the same Year to Date (YTD) reporting period last year, this represented a 19% decrease. Four of these fires had been started deliberately. Priority 2: Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties, the report noted that there had been 15 fire related casualties in this YTD reporting period, this was an identical figure for the same period last year. Further analysis showed that three casualties went to hospital for precautionary checks suffering from slight smoke inhalation or burns. Eleven casualties received first aid at the scene and did not require any further treatment. Priority 3: There had been 76 deliberate fires in this YTD reporting period, a decrease of 13 in comparison to the same reporting period last year, there was also a 43% decrease in comparison to the previous quarter. Within these figures, 75% were secondary fires and typically involved refuse, grass, scrub and woodland. A large number of these secondary fires were likely to be related to anti-social behaviour. Priority 4: Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) indicated that the SFRS attended 76 RTCs, three less than the same reporting period last year; however there was a slight increase in the previous quarter comparison. There had been 62 RTC related casualties in this YTD period with six of these being fatalities. During the YTD period, the SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 20 occasions to extricate casualties. Information was also presented relating to special service casualties. Priority 5 related to the Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and it was noted that there had been 637 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals during this quarter, representing an increase of 20 incidents compared to the same reporting period last year.
- 8.3 There had been circulated copies of the report on Prevention and Protection Activities. Group Manager Gourlay advised that 792 home fire safety visits were delivered during this reporting period compared to 697 in the same period last year. The report provided a breakdown of the delivery by ward area. Group Manager Gourlay answered questions relating to the design and installation of fire alarms. It was noted that there was an hourly rate charge for a fire vehicle if the call out was not an emergency

**DECISION  
NOTED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m. and reconvened at 11.50 a.m.

**9. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON CONSOLIDATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**  
**9.1 Safer Communities**

There had been circulated copies of the Safer Communities Performance Report covering the period 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2016. Mr Graham Jones, Safer Communities and Community Justice Manager, highlighted the key points in the report. Strategic Policy 1 - There had been an increase of 7 reported incidents of domestic abuse for the year to date in 2016/17, when compared to the same time

period last year, which equated to a 1.1% increase. 5 fewer reported sexual crimes related to domestic abuse in the year to date when compared to the same time period last year, which equated to a 35.7% decrease. There had been 58 fewer referrals in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. The aim was to increase referrals but the trend for the last 3 years had been downward. There had been a decrease in the number of cases discussed at Multi-Agency Risk Management Conference (MARAC) in the year to date when compared to the same time period on 2015/16. MARAC referrals were lower than the expected yearly total of 200. This projected figure was based on a national U.K. wide statistical indicator which suggested that a population the size of the Scottish Borders could expect 200 high risk cases per year. The number of high risk offender referrals to the end of quarter 3 of 2016/17 was 40% lower than recorded for 2015/16 for the same time period. There were 79 fewer children present in the home where domestic abuse incidents had taken place; this was a 28.3% reduction on the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. 52 fewer children witnessed domestic abuse, this was a 48.1% reduction for the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16 and was currently reversing a recent upward trend. There had been an increase in the number of homeless presentations from 60 in the year to date of 2015/16 to 85 in 2016/17. Strategic Policy 2: There had been a small decrease in the percentage of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents which were alcohol related in the second quarter of 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. There had been 78 interventions following anti-social incidents in licensed premises in the third quarter of 2016/17 bringing the total for the year to date to 208. There had been 23 referrals into the Anti-Social Behaviour process as a result of proactive drug enforcement. Strategic Policy 3: There had been a small increase in the number of group 1 – 5 victims recorded in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16, this equated to 21 additional victims. There had been an increase of 309 reported Anti-Social Behaviour incidents compared to the same time period in 2015/16. There had been an increase in the number of youth related Anti-Social Behaviour incidents in the year 2016/17 when compared to the same time period in 2015/16; if the current trend continued it was likely that youth incidents would show the first year end increase in 5 years. 287 more persons were being monitored for anti-social behaviour in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. The number of mediation referrals in the year to date was the same when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. Strategic Policy 4: In relation to reducing the level and impact of poor driver behaviour through effective working, it was noted that had been an increase of 3 road users killed on our roads in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16; and an increase of 1 road user seriously injured in the year to date when compared to the same time period in 2015/16. 2 children had been seriously injured on our roads in the third quarters, bringing the total to 4, the same as last year at this point. 5 young drivers had been killed or seriously injured in the year to date, which was the same number compared with the same time period in 2015/16. 6 older drivers had been killed or seriously injured in the year to date; this was a decrease on the same time period in 2015/16. Finally 14 motorcyclists had been killed or seriously injured in the year to date; this was an increase on the same time period in 2015/16. Strategic Policy 5: In relation to reducing the level and impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working, for the time period 1 April to 31 July 2016 there had been an increase of 4 accidents in the under 5's recorded, when compared to the same time period in 2015. For the time period 1 April to 30 September 2016 there had been fewer recorded falls in the over 75s compared to the same time period in 2015. There had been a significant increase in the number of actioned Fire Service adult and child protection referrals received from Safer Communities.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**10. PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY JUSTICE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016**

- 10.1 Mr Graham Jones gave a presentation on the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016. In giving background information, Mr Jones referred to (a) National Strategy for the Management of Offenders Scottish Government 2006; (b) Community Justice Authorities established 2007; (c) Reducing Reoffending in Scotland Audit Scotland 2012; and (d) the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.
- 10.2 In giving statistical information in relation to the Scottish Borders, the following was noted (a) 2,916 recorded crimes groups 1 – 5 in 2015/16; (b) 255.7 crimes per 10,000 population (460.5 in Scotland); (c) 41.3% for crimes of dishonesty; (d) 55.7% detection rate (51.6% in Scotland); and (e) 28.4% reoffending rate (28.3% in Scotland) 2013/14.
- 10.3 Community Justice comprised of (a) 8 statutory partners and 7 outcomes; (b) a national strategy; (c) outcomes, performance and improvement framework; (d) guidance for local partners in the new model for Community Justice; (e) Community Justice in Scotland: A guide to self-evaluation; and (f) Scottish Borders Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. Mr Jones referred to complex needs in the private, public and third sectors.
- 10.4 Sentencing Options included (a) formal Police warnings and fixed penalty notices; (b) Procurator Fiscal warning, fine, fixed penalty, compensation, diversion (specialist support or treatment); and (c) Court fine, community payback order, prison.
- 10.4 Background information was given in relation to employability skills, challenges and the three step approach to reducing reoffending.

**DECISION**

**NOTED and thanked Mr Jones for his informative presentation.**

**11. 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 9 June 2017  
Friday 25 August 2017  
Friday 10 November 2017  
Friday 9 February 2018  
Friday 18 May 2018

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

*The meeting concluded at 12.45 p.m.*

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## Scrutiny Report June 2017

# Scottish Borders



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

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

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

*Abbreviations used: LYTD = Last Year to Date TYTD = This Year to Date*

**Priority 1 – Protecting People**

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

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

Referrals for the first quarter of 2017/18 are showing a 20.6% decrease on 2016/17 figures. 59 fewer referrals made.

**Reasons**

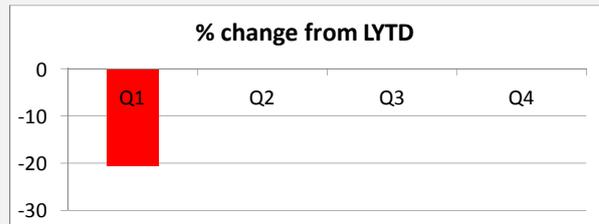
All officers are now fully conversant with the iVPD system which has made submission of referrals much easier, but we have re-assessed the criteria for submitting referrals and are now only submitting these where required, so numbers have levelled out and indeed are showing a decline.

**What are we doing**

- As above, new processes are now fully embedded which, as predicted, have shown a decrease in referrals submitted, along with partner agencies we are confident that we are now ensuring relevant and appropriate referrals are being submitted to the correct agency.
- Quality control processes ensure that officer contact with vulnerable individuals is accurately reflected to partner agencies to enable them to address the concerns with a view to reducing further Police contact with those individuals.
- There is continued daily scrutiny of referrals through the daily Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TTACG) ensuring that iVPDs are submitted where appropriate.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	227	286	-59



**Priority 1 – Protecting People**  
**Indicator - Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse Initial Checks are conducted within 24 hours**  
**Target - 95%**

**Current situation**

On target.

**Reasons**

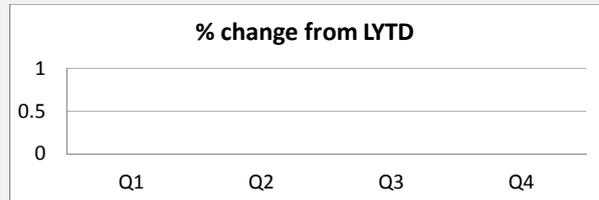
Close scrutiny by supervisors and daily Tasking and Coordinating process.

**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**

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	100	100	0



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

**Current situation**

A 3% decrease in Common Assaults reported in the first quarter of 2017/18 when compared to 2016/17. This equates to 6 fewer victims.

**Reasons**

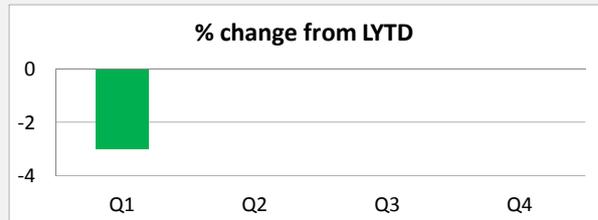
Ongoing focused approach to address violence disorder and antisocial behaviour throughout J Division monitored on a weekly basis through Gold Performance structure.

**What are we doing**

- Weekend tasking system initiated to address the issues surrounding the night time economy.
- 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.
- A number of ongoing problem solving packages in respect of youth related ASB are assisting in reducing related common assaults in the younger age groups.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
1083	189	197	203	-6



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

**Current situation**

A 28.1% increase (347 more incidents) in the first quarter of 2017/18 when compared to the same time period in 2016/17.

**Reasons**

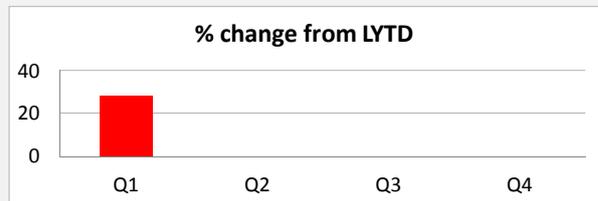
- Whilst the percentage increase appears high a large number of these calls are very low level. Due to significant improvements with Police call handling and the 101 system public confidence in contacting the Police has undoubtedly increased.
- a rise in alcohol related youth ASB at larger scale events such as common ridings and rugby 7s.

**What are we doing**

- Ensuring all incidents are attended in accordance with the call grading system and in areas where there are emerging problems we are working closely with partner agencies to ensure appropriate early and effective intervention.
- A multi-agency initiative in respect of alcohol supply to youths across the Borders is in the advanced planning stages. This initiative will be launched leading up to the festive period with a view to it being replicated at future large scale events such as next year's rugby 7s and common riding events.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	1580	1233	347



**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 2017/18 compared to the same time period in 2016/17. Race related hate crime continues to be the most frequent type of hate crime recorded. This quarter there have been 4 reported racial crimes and 3 reported racial incidents. However there were no repeat victims.

**Reasons**

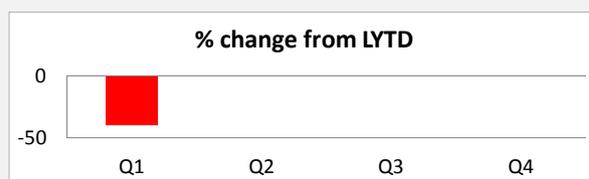
Whilst it is widely suggested that hate crime is underreported throughout the country and our focus has been to proactively encourage reporting of this crime type, our robust response to hate crime in the Scottish Borders may contribute to these reduced numbers.

**What are we doing**

- We continue to increase the confidence in reporting this type of crime with our minority groups throughout the Scottish Borders and there is robust scrutiny of all reported hate crimes and incidents through the daily TACG process.
- Migrant worker engagement events are continuing, for example multi-agency events take place in Greenvale 2-3 times a year.
- Community beat officers will continue to actively engage with vulnerable and minority groups throughout the Scottish Borders, attending a number of events in the coming months, during which the menu of reporting processes will be reinforced.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	9	15	-6



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

**Current situation**

During the period 01/04/2017 to 30/06/2017, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 87 stop and searches, of which 47 proved positive (54%). 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**

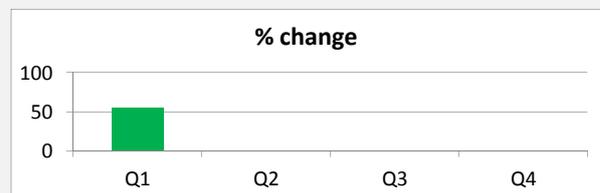
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1st June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes to the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data. No previous year to date figures are provided.

**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**

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	54%	N/A	N/A



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

**Current situation**

A 102% increase in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equates to 99 more visits.

**Reasons**

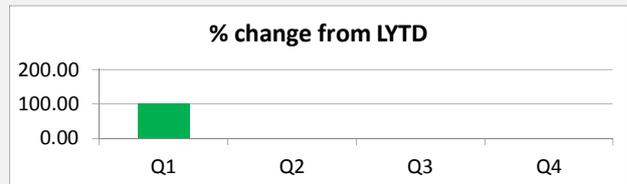
- Figures are significantly higher than last year, more licensed premises are being visited as a form of early intervention to try to deter patrons from becoming involved in violent crime and ASB.
- Objections and observations are submitted to the licensing Board upon application of extended hours requests from any problematic premises or where we anticipate there would be issues if extensions would be granted to attempt to reduce incidents.
- There is also an excellent working relationship between Police, the licensed trade and partner agencies who engage at an early stage before premises become problematic.

**What are we doing**

- Continuing to develop working relationships with the licensed trade and partner agencies to improve premises management.
- All licensed premises are scrutinised to identify any necessary interventions.
- Increased licensed premises checks are now being carried out.
- Continued promotion of the Best Bar None scheme.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	196	97	99



**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 46.4% decrease (13 fewer casualties) in the first quarter of 2017/18 when compared to 2016/17. The number of people killed this year to date is 2, which is 5 fewer fatalities than the first quarter last year. The number of serious injuries has also decreased compared to last year in the same time period, however accidents involving motorcyclists make up a significant proportion of the casualties (11).

**Reasons**

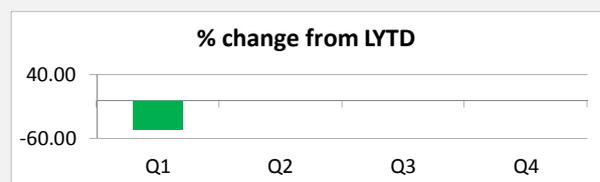
-Focused attention on younger and older drivers over the last 5 years within the Scottish Borders appears to be paying dividends with these groups.  
 -The road network in the Scottish Borders is now nationally recognised as an area to visit for recreational motorcyclists.

**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.  
 - Additional road policing patrols and roadchecks are being undertaken in the Borders in conjunction with partner agencies.  
 - Nationally recognised "Drivewise" initiative ongoing.  
 -Targeted intervention by roads policing in respect to the increased volume of motorcycle traffic during the summer months in the Scottish Borders.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	15	28	-13



**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 slightly higher than the value seized in the first quarter of 2016/17.

**Reasons**

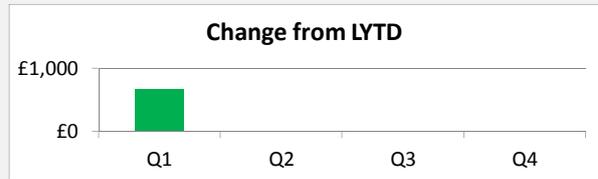
A single seizure in Quarter 1. There are strict criteria that have to be present to allow seizures under the POCA legislation.

**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**

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
£24,800	N/A	£1,700	£1,035	£665



**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**

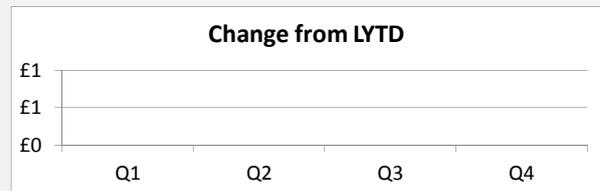
No assets referred for restraint in Quarter 1.

**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**

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
£5,000	N/A	£0	£0	£0



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

**Current situation**

A small decrease in the number of detections for drug supply in the first quarter of 2017/18 when compared to the same time period in 2016/17.

**Reasons**

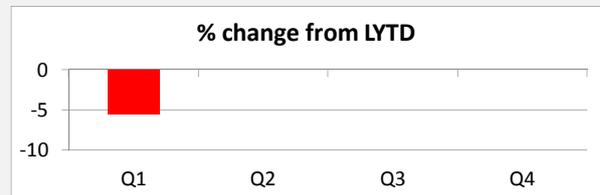
Ongoing proactive tactics continue to be implemented in the Borders to deter, disrupt and detect SOCG activity. These activities continue to achieve very positive results, particularly with regards to drug supply. Work is continually ongoing in this area.

**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.
- Recent structural changes to our proactive capacity in the Scottish Borders should enable us to increase activity under this priority.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
95	13.8	17	18	-5.5



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

**Current situation**

A 36.7% increase in the number of housebreaking to dwellings in the first quarter of 2017/18, with 18 more victims reported.

**Reasons**

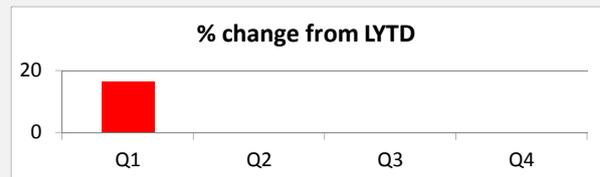
The Scottish Borders has seen an increase in travelling criminals committing both business and domestic housebreakings in recent months. This is not unique to this area with this crime type replicated throughout the Lothians.

**What are we doing**

- Significant joint working/and resource allocation between neighbouring Police divisions as a response to this problem are beginning to result in notable detections and disruption of criminal activity.
- Crime prevention advice, including crime prevention surveys are offered to all victims of this type of crime.
- Proactive crime prevention work is ongoing through local liaison and social media to educate the public and to make these types of crimes harder for the culprits to commit.
- Increased high visibility road checks are being undertaken based upon analysis of crime patterns.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
100	24.2	24	20	4



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

**Current situation**

A 78.6% increase in theft of motor vehicles this year to date which equates to 11 more victims of this type of crime.

**Reasons**

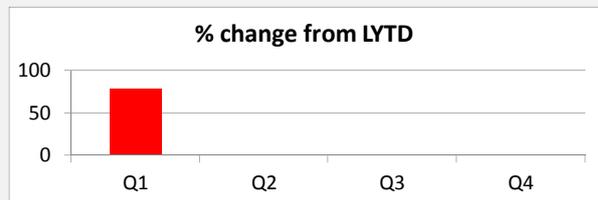
This increase relates to the same travelling criminal issues as identified in relation to housebreaking.

**What are we doing**

- Significant joint working/and resource allocation between neighbouring Police divisions as a response to this problem are beginning to result in notable detections and disruption of criminal.
- Crime prevention advice is offered to all victims of this type of crime.
- Proactive crime prevention work is ongoing through local liaison and social media to educate the public and to make these types of crimes harder for the culprits to commit.

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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
128	18.2	25	14	78.6



## Overall Crime

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

### Current situation

A 5.6 percentage point decrease in detection rate in 2016/17 compared to the same period last year. However the detection rate for the Scottish Borders is higher than the divisional detection rate.

### Reasons

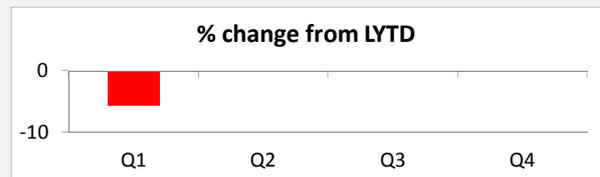
Detection rates for violent crime are down on the same time period last year, which is contributing to the overall decrease in detection rates.

### 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

Division TYTD	SB 5 Year Avg	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
44.5	53.6	45.3	50.9	-5.6



**Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police : YTD 2017/18**

Number of complaints Scottish Borders	23
Number of complaints J Division	143

Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - Borders	27.6
Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - J Division	37.3

	On duty	Off duty	Quality of Service allegations	Total Number of allegations
Total allegations recorded	13	0	13	26

# Scottish Borders



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## Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board

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# Scottish Borders Local Police Plan

2017 to 2020

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# 1. Introduction

## 2017-2020 Scottish Borders Local Police Plan

Section 47 of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the local police commander must prepare a ‘Local Police Plan’ that sets out policing priorities for that local authority area. The plan must set out the reasons for selecting the priorities and identify how the achievement of those priorities may be measured.

The introduction of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 has seen Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership begin the creation of a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, to be known and referred to as the “Scottish Borders Community Plan”. The Scottish Borders Community Plan focuses on improving outcomes and reducing inequalities that are best addressed through a Borders-wide approach, with community planning partners collectively working together and with local communities. Locality Plans will also be produced, as per the legislation, to identify more localised differences and outcomes.

Components of the Local Police Plan will be incorporated within the Scottish Borders Community Plan towards the end of 2017. As well as focusing on our outcomes within this policing plan we will work collaboratively to identify outcomes we need to address within the Locality Plans. Police Scotland is moving away from reporting on performance statistics and concentrating more on meaningful outcomes for our local community.

By targeting inequalities we want to make the Scottish Borders a better place to live in, work in and visit.....

**What is an outcome?** An outcome is a description of what we want to achieve.

**What are inequalities?** Inequalities are the differences in life opportunities that are experienced depending on where you live or your individual characteristics.

The policing priorities in this Local Policing Plan were identified using:

- A Strategic Assessment (an analysis of risks and threats likely to impact on communities).
- Results from the Public Consultation Survey “Your View Counts” for the Scottish Borders specifically. (Your View Counts is a new process for public consultation available online 365 days a year at [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk). The consultation survey can also be obtained through your local police station).
- (1) Scottish Borders Community Plan (currently evolving to replace the Single Outcome Agreement for Scottish Borders 2013 <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityplanning> and  
(2) Reducing Inequalities in the Scottish Borders by 2025 Strategic Plan, June 2016. [https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/2660/reducing\\_inequalities\\_strategic\\_plan](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/2660/reducing_inequalities_strategic_plan)
- The Local Authority and a range of local partners were also consulted on the final content of the Local Police Plan.

The process adopted to identify the priorities:

- Examination of the supporting documentation and trends identified from the performance indicators.
- Identifying which priorities were evident within the documentation.
- Establish if they then mirrored any of the National Policing Priorities within Police Scotland’s Annual Policing Plan: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/strategic-planning/>
- Ensured that the priority was mirrored in at least two of the documents and ranked by the public as an issue.

# Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership Say:

The Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership (CPP) is the overarching partnership responsible for delivering Community Planning in the Scottish Borders. Police Scotland are one of the 5 statutory partners that make up the CPP Strategic Board, other statutory partners include NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Fire & Rescue and Scottish Enterprise. The Board also has representation from Borders College, Registered Social Landlords and the Third Sector.

There is also a wider community planning consultative group which includes representation from Community Councils, Integrated Health & Social Care, Live Borders, Scottish Natural Heritage, SEPA and SESTRAN.

The Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership is currently developing a Scottish Borders Community Plan which will set out the vision and outcomes the Partnership want to achieve. The Plan will have a focus on Economy & Skills, Health & Wellbeing, Children & Young People, Vulnerable Adults & Families and our Ageing Population.

As a member of the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership, and a statutory partner that is contributing to the development of the Scottish Borders Community Plan, Police Scotland have made a significant commitment to work with partners and deliver the vision and outcomes for communities in the Scottish Borders.

Cllr Mark Rowley

Chair, Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership

## 2. All about the Scottish Borders

### Demographics & Population

The Scottish Borders area is 473,614 hectares (1,827 square miles) and is located in the South East of Scotland. It has Edinburgh and the Lothians to the North, Northumberland to the South and Dumfries and Galloway to the West. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> most rural area in Scotland.

30% of the population lives in settlements of below 500 people or in isolated hamlets.

The largest town is Hawick with a 2014 estimated population of 14,003, followed by Galashiels with 12,670. If neighbouring Tweedbank were included, Galashiels would be the largest town in Scottish Borders. The only other towns with a population of over 5,000 people are Peebles, Kelso and Selkirk.

The estimated 2014 population for Scottish Borders was 114,030: an increase of 0.1 per cent from 113,870 in 2013. The population of Scottish Borders accounts for 2.1 per cent of the total population of Scotland. Since 1988, Scottish Borders's total population has risen overall as has Scotland's population as a whole.

In Scottish Borders, 13.5 per cent of the population are aged 16 to 29 years. This is smaller than Scotland, where 18.3 per cent are aged 16 to 29 years.

Persons aged 60 and over make up 30.2 per cent of Scottish Borders. This is larger than Scotland where 24.0 per cent are aged 60 and over.

## Policing the Scottish Borders

About 80% of incidents currently attended by Police Scotland do not involve a crime being committed. Incidents often involve assisting vulnerable people in our community, more so the younger and older generations. With an increasing ageing population the number of these type of incidents are only going to increase. These incidents include children or young people at ‘risk of harm’, missing persons of all ages and those suffering with mental health issues. To meet this emerging demand, police resources will now need to work more resourcefully with partners to focus on early intervention and prevention to reduce these incidents.

Local police resources are committed to serving the Scottish Borders. Response and Community Policing are at the heart of local policing and are supported by Youth Community Officers who promote early, effective intervention and prevention within local schools and with partner agencies. A Community Planning Police Officer supports the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership.

The division is committed to providing key Prevention Portfolio Officers with a direct link to a Local Delivery Officer. They, through close links with partners, are divisional experts that support the delivery of key prevention messages together with Community Beat Officers. Appendix 2 explains the various police roles.

Additional specialist resources to investigate crime or to support large or complex incidents are all available at local, regional and national levels. Such as the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Rape Investigation Unit. National support has also been provided by the Air Support Unit based in Glasgow to assist in numerous incidents in the Scottish Borders, including high risk missing person enquiries.

Within the Scottish Borders, large events are held such as the Melrose 7’s, and the annual Common Ridings, these result in thousands of visitors to the area. The ability to call on additional regional, national and specialist resources for these events continue to highlight the merits of Police Scotland and benefits this has for the communities of the Scottish Borders.

Evidence shows that co-location and shared services between partner’s leads to closer collaboration and, ultimately, better outcomes for the communities they serve. This approach will be further enhanced to increase the collaboration and partnership working within the Scottish Borders.

## 3. Police Scotland

Police Scotland was formed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

Since the creation of the service it has faced many challenges. The service has and continues to evolve, as does the community it serves locally. In light of this the service attempts to identify and take advantage of new opportunities and working practices, more importantly it has to listen to the needs and views of the people in the Scottish Borders in order to get it right. This undoubtedly strengthens both local and national policing and gains the confidence and trust of the community.

Whilst this Local Police Plan sets out the local policing priorities for the next 3 years, ‘Policing 2026’ is a longer term strategy for the service. Police Scotland is aiming to transform the service, in stages, over the next 10 years. This is to ensure the service is flexible to address new and changing demands, to improve outcomes for people, communities and places.

Working with our partners and the community now and into the future will empower everyone. It will develop stronger partnerships, make productive use of limited resources, and ultimately make us all more resilient, reflecting in our communities we serve in the Scottish Borders.

## 4. Better Outcomes for Communities

The 2017-2020 Local Police Plan, although a 3 year plan, embodies the beginning of a change to focus on longer-term outcomes. The Partnership's Scottish Borders Community Plan also focuses on improving outcomes (over a 10 year period) as well as reducing inequalities. The outcomes agreed in the Scottish Borders Community Plan are presented under the following themes:

*Our Economy & Skills*

*Our Health & Wellbeing*

*Our Children & Young People*

*Our Vulnerable Adults & Families*

*Our Ageing Population*

Locality Plans will be produced, one for each of the following areas; Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot & Liddesdale and Tweeddale. These plans will cover inequalities that are identified at a more local level, specific to that area. Police Scotland, as part of the Community Planning Partnership, will work together with local communities to achieve outcomes identified within the Locality Plans.

Through the consultation process the Local Police Priorities themes were identified as:

<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	<b>(incorporating all aspects of sexual offences)</b>
<b>Why?</b>	Domestic abuse appears as a priority in the SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLAN/SBC Single Outcome Agreement, Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows that it is still prevalent as an issue, the community ranked this as 12/24 in Your View counts and through the Reducing Inequalities Strategic assessment that gender based violence was an issue. Performance indicators show a trend of Sexual crimes increasing.
<b>Road Safety</b>	<b>(incorporating prevention, driver behaviour, road casualties)</b>
<b>Why?</b>	Road Safety appears as a priority in the SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLAN/SBC Single Outcome Agreement, Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows that road fatalities is an increasing trend, this is mirrored in the performance indicators. The community ranked this as 6/24 in Your View counts and through the Reducing Inequalities Strategic assessment that poor driver behaviour was an issue.
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>(incorporating assaults, serious and organised crime groups -SOCG and counter terrorism)</b>
<b>Why?</b>	Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows an increasing trend. The community based this as 5/24 in Your View counts. Violent crime is evident within the other policing priorities either as a result or a contributing factor. Within the performance indicators the trend is that assaults are increasing.
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	<b>(incorporating online crime and hate crime)</b>
<b>Why?</b>	Anti-Social Behaviour appears as a priority in the SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLAN/SBC Single Outcome Agreement . The community based this as 1/24 in Your View counts. Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows that there is an increasing trend of Hate crime being reported. Online ASB is increasing from figures within the performance indicators.

**Drug/Substance Misuse**

**(incorporating serious and organised crime groups - SOCG)**

**Why?**

Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows that it is an increasing trend with SOCG being involved in supply. The community based this as 3/24 in Your View counts. Through the Reducing Inequalities Strategic assessment that substance misuse was an issue.

**Protecting People**

**(incorporating child protection, child sexual exploitation - CSE, adults at risk and missing persons)**

**Why?**

Protecting People appears as a priority in the SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLAN/SBC Single Outcome Agreement, Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows that it is an increasing trend, the community ranked child sexual exploitation as 9/24 in Your View counts and through the Reducing Inequalities Strategic assessment that keeping children and young people safe was an issue.

**Acquisitive Crime**

**(incorporating rural crime and doorstep crime, housebreakings and thefts)**

**Why?**

Police Scotland J Division Strategic Assessment shows that it is an increasing trend in aspects of acquisitive crime. The community based this as 2/24 and 4/24 in Your View counts. Performance indicators show an increase in acquisitive crime.

The relationship between the Scottish Borders Community Plan Themes and Policing Priorities, are illustrated in the following chart:

←———— Scottish Borders Community Plan —————→

Police Priority	Our Economy & Skills	Our Health & Wellbeing	Our Children & Young People	Our Vulnerable Adults & Families	Our Ageing Population	Potential Policing Priorities for Locality Plans
Domestic Abuse						
Road Safety						
Violent Crime						
Anti-Social Behaviour						
Drugs / Substance Misuse						
Protecting People						
Acquisitive Crime						

## 5. Achieving Outcomes

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Domestic Abuse** - Police Scotland plans to reduce the harm caused by Domestic Abuse and sexual crimes within the Scottish Borders, we want to signpost victims and those affected to other agencies to reduce the instances of harm.

This is what we will do...

- We will share information appropriately and proportionately with partner agencies through multi agency processes.
- We will work in partnership to identify and focus intelligence led activity on offenders of domestic abuse.
- We will direct focus on those who are repeat offenders and support repeat victims within the community.
- We will work collaboratively to support the victims of sexual crime, proactively sharing information with partners, signposting to appropriate agencies and ensuring a victim centred approach.

This is where and how we will show you if we are on track:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Road Safety** – Police Scotland plans to reduce road accidents and casualties within the Scottish Borders by means of prevention, and influencing driver behaviour.

This is what we will do...

- We will work in partnership to reduce offending and concentrate on prevention to divert away from offending/accidents.
- We will engage with our partners to educate and inform young people about driver behaviour.
- We will direct focus on offenders through intelligence led operations.
- Media to be used to promote events and campaigns.

This is where and how we will show you if we are on track:

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### **Road Casualties – A Case Study**

Across the Lothian's and Scottish Borders road safety is a priority, with young drivers being overrepresented in many serious and fatal road accidents. It is therefore important through education to ensure that young drivers understand that the skill of driving comes with a responsibility to keep people safe.

With many serious and fatal accidents occurring on rural roads, where the cause of the collision can be attributed to driver behavior, helping young drivers develop excellent driving skills and an awareness of safety issues is important for the continuous improved safety of our road networks.

To address the issues surrounding young drivers, a programme of events to emphasise risk and support good driving behaviour is provided for all senior pupils at high schools across the Scottish Borders. Working with partners including the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Borders Community Safety, and third party organisations Police Scotland YCO and Traffic Officers deliver an educational event which has group discussion and debate surrounding the issues arising from when attending road traffic collisions. Responsibilities that young drivers have and the potential consequences of ignoring these are discussed.

Having run for several years this programme is very successful with 76% of attendees stating the event would have a direct impact on their driving and feeling more able to challenge other road user's behaviour as a result.

To further enhance this the Scottish Borders Local Area Police Commander has piloted a series of 'Young Drivers' events held at Charterhall, with Police Scotland, the Institute of Advanced Driving, Clelland's Volvo and partner agencies. This is to target young drivers to enhance safety skills, the value of advance driving, practical experience and a chance to speak to other agencies about their knowledge of road safety. It is hoped this will be a valuable experience and that the programme will be able to continue and run into the future.

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Violent Crime** – Police Scotland aims to reduce the harm caused by violent crime within private and public areas of our community and reduce serious and organised crime groups use of violence.

This is what we will do...

- We will direct focus in particular areas in the community to reduce violence, especially with a night time economy.
- Work in partnership to reduce repeat offending and victimisation through intelligence led operations.
- Use of social media to highlight Police activity at organised events within the Scottish Borders to deter any violence.
- We will work collectively to educate and inform young people about the effects of radicalisation.
- We will collaborate with partners to work within our community to enhance the support given to those affected by violence.

This is where and how we will show you if we are on track:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

**CASE STUDY – E-Learning – Counter Terrorism Strategy – Prevent**

Police Scotland is committed to protecting communities by reducing and mitigating the risk and impact of terrorism to Scotland and its communities. Vulnerable individuals in our communities may be at an increased risk of radicalisation and extremism.

By creating a working group utilising specialist officers at a regional and divisional level and partners in education, NHS, Scottish Ambulance Service, utility companies, etc. the Lothian and Scottish Borders produced a bespoke ‘Prevent’ E Learning package for partners from the ground-up. This package was produced with the aim of stopping individuals becoming radicalised by extremists by including and working with partners in education, faith, health and criminal justice and supporting them to recognise potential risks and enabling them, through their workforce, to address those risks in the best way.

The E –learning package has provided a consistent approach to training in this important area and over 3,000 local authority staff have completed the training course so far, including the Scottish Borders, reducing the risk of vulnerable individuals becoming radicalised, and extremism and terrorism in our communities.

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – Police Scotland aims to reduce the instances of harm caused by anti-social behaviour within our community and highlight how it impacts on the wider community.

This is what we will do...

- We will engage with our partners to educate and inform the community about the effects of anti-social behaviour, hate crime and cybercrime on the most vulnerable in our community.
- We will work in partnership to reduce repeat offending and victimisation.
- We will direct focus on those repeat offenders and support repeat victims within the Scottish Borders.
- We will work collaboratively with partners to divert those who commit minor offences or divert away from offending behaviours.

This is where and how we will show you if we are on track:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Drugs and Substance Misuse** – Police Scotland aims to reduce the harm caused by drug and substance misuse within the community and educate people about the impact that serious and organised crime groups have on drug misuse.

This is what we will do...

- We will engage with our partners to educate and inform young people about the effects of drug and substance misuse and the effect on our wider community.
- We will work in partnership to reduce repeat offending and victimisation through intelligence led operations.
- We will collaborate with our partners to signpost to appropriate agencies for treatments or advice and help for person or family members affected by substance misuse.
- We will encourage responsible management of licensed premises, robustly enforcing legislation and making presentation to the Scottish Borders licensing board where necessary.

This is where and how we will show you if we are on track:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

**CASE STUDY – Weed Them Out**

The criminals involved in commercial cannabis cultivation often have links to serious organised crime, which can include human trafficking and exploitation of other adults at risk through vulnerabilities. When these individuals establish cannabis cultivations in residential properties, the problem is brought into local communities.

As part of our commitment to tackle drug misuse we held a seminar with partners including housing authorities, housing associations, retailers, the fire service, NHS and the post office, with coverage across social media, radio and newspapers. This included advice on how to recognise potential cultivations and what to do, and drew attention to associated risks, such as the danger surrounding the theft of electricity and commensurate potential for fatal fires.

The event was a notable success, with very positive feedback from all attendees. The event has been recognised nationally as best practice and, in practical terms, has seen a significant increase in the number of cultivations seized.

Tackling drug misuse requires a multi-faceted approach. The Weed Them Out campaign brought together partners from across the public services and private sector towards this goal, and brought about a significant practical increase in seizures. In the long-term, increased awareness on the part of our partners, and the development of the reporting process, will continue to see these cultivations either stopped from being set-up, or removed at a much earlier stage, thereby reducing the effect on the community.

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Protecting People** - Police Scotland aims to reduce the harm and instances of harm to persons 'at risk' within our local community by education, enforcing and signposting and collaboration.

This is what we will do...

- We will engage with partners, share information and work collaboratively to reduce the harm to vulnerable persons in our community.
- We will work with our partners to educate and inform young people about the signs of child sexual exploitation.
- We will direct focus on those who are repeat offenders and support repeat victims within the community.
- We will investigate adult protection and child protection enquiries with sensitivity and work with our partners to signpost to other relevant agencies.

This is where and how we will show you if we are on track:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

**CASE STUDY – Child Sexual Exploitation**

Child Sexual Exploitation can happen and is happening to boys and girls throughout Scotland and the Scottish Borders.

Police Scotland commenced a campaign in August, 2016 – “Grooming a Child for Sex? We’re on to you”. The aim of the campaign is to deter perpetrators from sexually exploiting children and preventing people ever becoming a victim. We are actively encouraging the public to come forward if they spot the signs of a victim of CSE and reporting it. This will be done by highlighting to the public what the signs of offending behaviour is, and targeting the perpetrators highlighting the fact that their grooming techniques are known and Police Scotland will not tolerate CSE.

Although the main aim of the campaign will be on the perpetrators the Police will continue to work closely with a range of local authority partner agencies and also Barnardo’s to ensure that victims of child sexual exploitation receive all the information and support they need to come forward with confidence.

So what is CSE? Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse in which a person or persons, of any age, takes advantage of a power imbalance to force or entice a child into engaging in sexual activity in return for something received by the child and or those perpetrating or facilitating the abuse.

The Scottish Government have developed a suite of materials to raise awareness about CSE, help people understand and spot the signs and provide any support the victims and public may need. Visit <http://csethesigns.scot/> for more information.

This is what we aim to achieve...

**Acquisitive Crime** – Police Scotland aim to reduce the harm caused to individuals within the Scottish Borders and the financial loss to the wider community, with prevention playing a hugely important role.

This is what we will do...

- We will work with partners to reduce repeat offending and victimisation through intelligence led operations.
- We will direct focus on known offenders and support repeat victims within the community.
- We will engage with our partners to educate and inform young people about the effects of acquisitive on the community.
- We will work in partnership to divert those who commit minor or first offences away from offending behaviours.

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**CASE STUDY – Rural Crime**

There was a noticeable rise in thefts taking place within the rural community of the Scottish Borders. These items were of high value, including agricultural machinery, which was vital for the daily business causing a loss in production and harming the local economy.

Working collaboratively with the Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the National Farmers Union, we devised a tiered, escalating range of prevention methods, underpinned by a strong media campaign. We produced and distributed a prevention booklet to all farms in the Scottish Borders, with Social Media and press releases via newspapers and local authority publications, supported by local radio, and highlighted as a lead story for a security industry magazine and local television coverage. “Walk and talk” events were carried out where farmers received practical crime prevention and fire safety advice and product displays. We also attended local farm shows Scottish Ministers at focus events and

200 farms were given bespoke prevention advice, including DNA property marking their machinery and other items, supplemented by overt road signage.

This led to a 62% reduction in the value of rural theft in the region, and created a framework for positive engagement with farmers, strong collaborative practices with partners and won the Scottish Community Safety Network's "Innovative Media Campaign" award.

## 6. Measuring Success

As previously mentioned, this 2017-2020 Local Police Plan represents the start of a change from a short-term 3-year focus to a longer-term focus on longer-term outcomes. These outcomes will be progressed and monitored during the lifetime of this plan.

Several factors can influence short-term performance, therefore to allow for appropriate and transparent scrutiny, performance indicators have been identified from Police Scotland Quarterly Management Information, from Your View Counts Surveys and from User Satisfaction Surveys. These will be used to measure how well we are achieving our outcomes.

Regular monitoring of these indicators will show how we are progressing towards the outcomes, these indicators will be considered in tandem with 'partner indicators' contained within the Scottish Borders Community Plan once it has been completed.

Police Performance Indicators are listed in Appendix 1.

## 7. Contact Us

Chief Constable of Police Scotland

“Effective policing isn't just about enforcement. It's about working in and with our communities to identify and solve problems. That's why we've restructured our community policing so that it's easier for you to know who we are, what we do and how to get in touch with us”.

### Local Contact Details:

Police Scotland

Hawick Police Station

Wilton Hill

Hawick

TD9 8BA

**Telephone number: 101**

**Emergency Number: 999**

**Email:** For all non-emergency issues or enquiries relating to Police business, you can contact us via:

<mailto:ScottishBordersLPP@scotland.pnn.police.uk>

*This group email address is provided for you to discuss non-urgent local policing issues. It should not be used to report a crime or incident.*

**We are here to help:**

We will continue to keep in touch with you to keep you updated on the ongoing work being carried out to tackle the issues that are affecting life for you in the Scottish Borders.

- If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, contact your local Community Policing Team.
- Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent police attention.
- For non-emergency contact, call 101, the single non-emergency number.
- If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111
- Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via TextRelay in an emergency on 18000 or non-emergency on 18001 101.

**Your Local policing Team**

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/>

**Social Media: #keepingpeoplesafe**

**Twitter** <http://twitter.com/policescotland>

**Facebook** <http://facebook.com/policescotland>

## 8. Appendix 1 – Police Performance Indicators

Missing Person Incidents	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Sexual Crime (Group 2) Crime Rate per 10,000 population	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Housebreakings & Theft (Group 3) Crime Rate per 10,000 population	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents per 10,000 population	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Racially Aggravated Conduct per 10,000 population	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Domestic Abuse Incidents	Source: Quarterly Management Information
% Domestic Abuse Incidents that result in crime report	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Serious Assault (Group 1) Crime Rate per 10,000 population	Source: Quarterly Management Information
Road Casualties	Source: Quarterly Management Information
% Perception of Crime in Local Area	Source: Your View Counts Survey
% Confidence in the Police	Source: User Satisfaction Survey

## Appendix 2 – Police Roles

Response Officers	Respond to incidents 24/7, investigate crimes, attend variety of calls as per force control room giving priority to emergency calls.
Youth Community Officers	Work closely with Education in the school setting and other partners to prevent youth offending, advice regards counter terrorism, cybercrime, sexual exploitation and give parental inputs.
Community Beat Officers	Focus on community issues, work closely with partner agencies and have responsibility for renewing firearm certificates.
Portfolio Holders	Work to collate and collaborate on specific areas of policing to identify ways of preventing crimes.
Local Delivery Officers	Deliver the work to colleagues and the community that the Portfolio holders collate.
Community Planning Officer	Work with the Community Planning Partnership to plan ways to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities within the Scottish Borders and by locality.

Contact Your Local Community Team at:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/>

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*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 2017**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April to June 2017 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 2017.

**Dwelling Fires**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 18 dwelling fires in comparison to 22 for the same YTD reporting period the previous year, this represents a 22% decrease.

Two of these fires were started deliberately.

Just over 50% of these fires originated in the kitchen and involved cooking.

**Fire Casualties/Fatalities**

There was six fire related casualties in this YTD reporting period, identical figures for the same period last year.

Further analysis shows that two casualties went to hospital for precautionary checks suffering from slight smoke inhalation. Four casualties received first aid at the scene and did not require any further treatment.

There have been no Fire fatalities during the reporting period.

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

There were 67 deliberate fires in this YTD reporting period, an increase of 35 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. There was also marked increase in comparison to the previous quarter.

Breakdown of these figures show that 91% of deliberate fires during the YTD period involved grass, woodland or refuse. Half of these incidents occurred within the Galashiels & District ward.

Previous experience tells us that there is a direct correlation between the increase of deliberate fire setting, drier weather and longer daylight hours.

### **Road Traffic Collisions**

During the YTD reporting period, the SFRS attended 20 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), 11 less than the same reporting period last year, there was also a slight decrease in the previous quarter comparison.

There have been 13 RTC related casualties in this YTD period including one fatality.

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

### **Special Service Casualties**

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

<b>Special Service Type</b>	Non-fatal	Fatal	Total
Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest/medical response	4	4	8
Effecting entry	1	0	1
RTC casualties	12	1	13
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	2	0	2
			24

### **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 2016-17	YTD 2017-18	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	22	18	-4
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	6	6	0
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	32	67	+35
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	31	20	-11
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	192	213	+21

<b>Priority</b>	Q1 2016-17	Q1 2017-18	+/-
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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.

**DAVID FARRIES**  
**Local Senior Officer**  
**Scottish Borders**  
**15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

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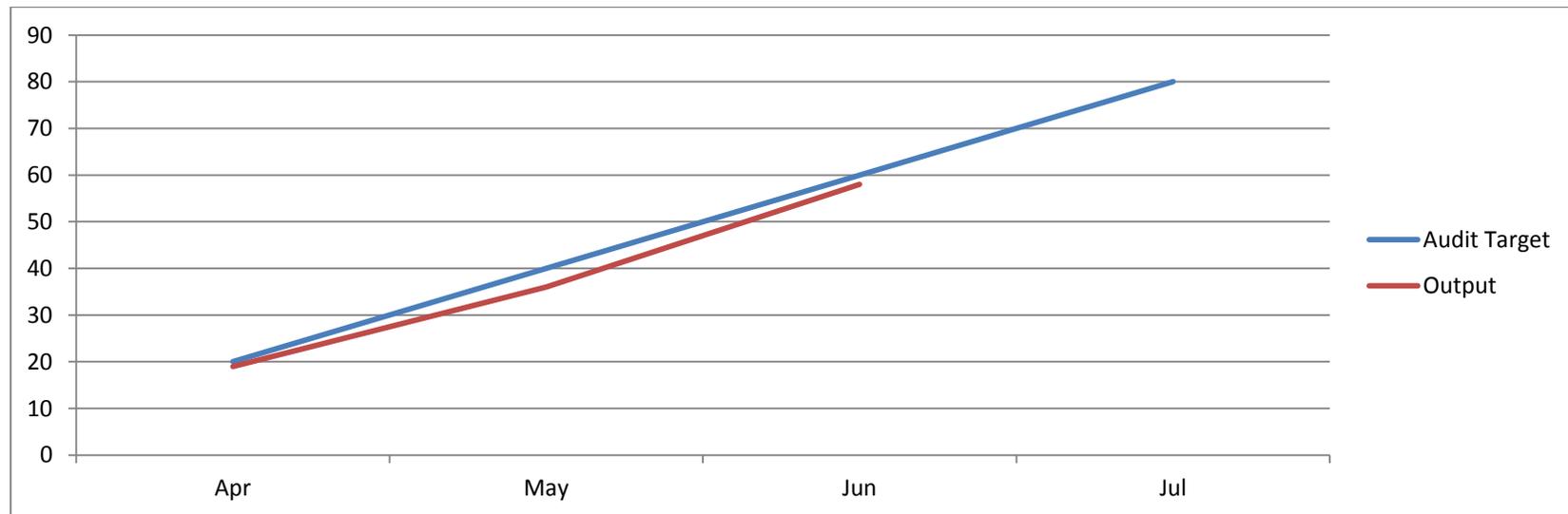
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1 2017/2018: (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30th June 2017)

## 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. The target has been amended to allow more resource to be allocated towards reducing unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) across the area.

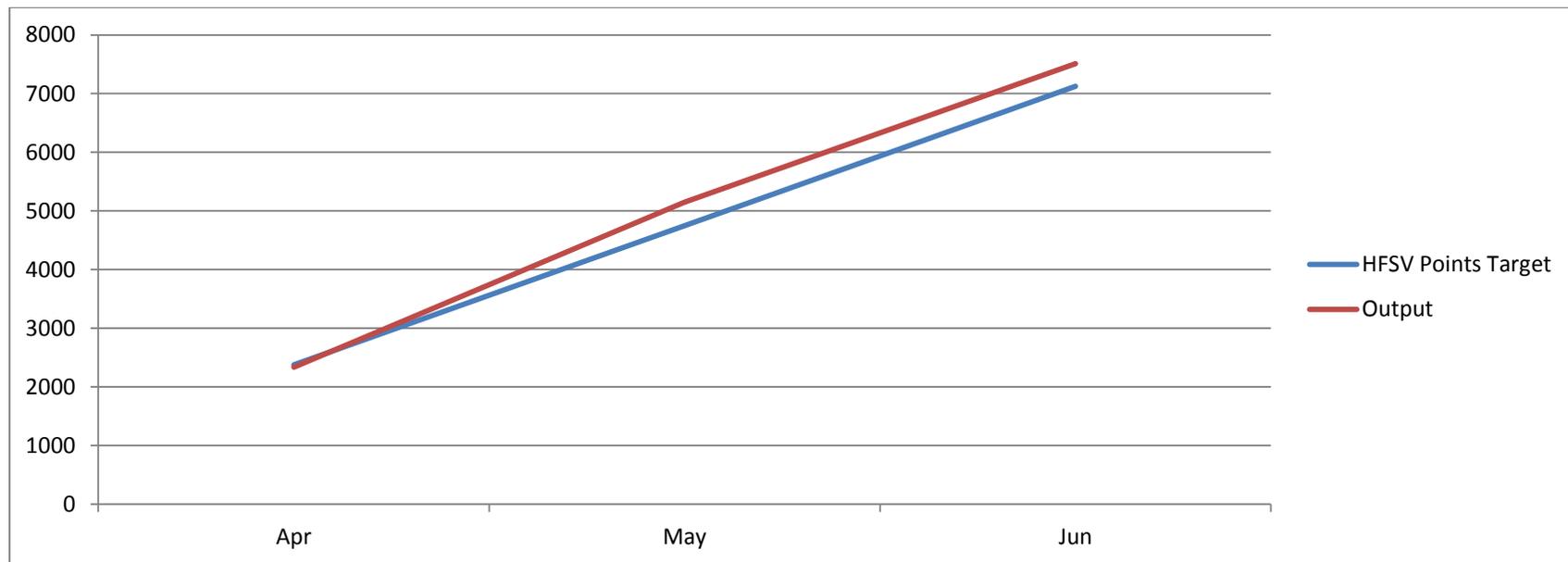
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	19	36	58										



## 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 achieved for the Scottish Borders are above target; increased uptake of visits, partnership working around the living safely in the home initiative and a change in the performance management arrangements for the area have had the continued positive effect . **641** 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	2336	5148	7512										



**Total visits delivered in Q1 2017/18 by ward area of the Scottish Borders:**

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

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2017/18
East Berwickshire	22
Galashiels and District	133
Hawick and Denholm	102
Hawick and Hermitage	117
Jedburgh and District	26
Kelso and District	36
Leaderdale and Melrose	82
Mid Berwickshire	45
Selkirkshire	40
Tweeddale East	18
Tweeddale West	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>641</b>

## Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement

- The TD1 Initiative continues to develop and build on the success of last year's summer programme with the planning of this year's programme well advanced with the start date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July for six weeks running through to 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- In addition to the summer programme, the Whole time watches at Gala Fire Station continue to visit the TD1 Youth Hub on a regular basis engaging with the young people in various activities within the TD1 environment.
- The mentoring programme, which was developed from the success of last year's summer programme, now has one of the young people engaging with Gala Retained Watch on a weekly basis and this continues to grow from strength to strength.

### Vulnerable Adults

- The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child protection policy and procedure and have generated **7 Adult Protection** referrals during this quarter and **1 Child Protection** referral.
- The Local Area Liaison Officer continues to attend or provide information relevant to Fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been achieved for this Quarter.

### Referrals

- Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) referrals.
- In addition to the MARAC outcomes the Community Action Team(CAT) have facilitated a further **17** referrals from the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS) in partnership with the Safer Housing options worker for the Scottish Borders Council.
- Partnership working in the Scottish Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **7** for this Quarter.
- Housing Association referrals from respective partners at Berwickshire Housing (BHA), Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA), Eildon and Waverley total **21** for this Quarter. The Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to actively engage in communicating with Housing Associations to deliver further training and familiarisation in Fire Safety and the referral process.
- Police Scotland referrals for this Quarter have increased from previous Quarter with a total of **15 referrals** as a result of wilful fire raising among youths in various areas of the Scottish Borders with one youth being charged by Police. The young people involved have been subject to the SFRS fire setters intervention programme.

- Referrals from NHS for this quarter sit at **5** and Social Services referrals for this quarter sit at **3**. The LALO continues to work closely with these respective partners and attends their regular team meetings to provide support and further training on the referral process.
- Partnership links have been further developed with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project. Since the launch of this Initiative on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, the current Falls Assessments facilitated by respective stations in the Cheviot Locality sits at **127** with **61** of those assessments consented and actioned by the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT). This partnership has benefitted both ways with the CCHT having made **2** referrals to the SFRS for this quarter.

## **Road Safety**

- Working in Collaboration with Police Scotland the SFRS have been heavily involved in the Drive wise Initiative. This initiative is being delivered throughout 2017 with 14 days allocated to secondary schools within the Scottish Borders to attend Charter hall for road safety education and to experience their first taste of driving in a controlled environment. This is done under the supervision of a driving coach from the Police, SFRS or Scottish Ambulance Service. The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) will also support these agencies in this work. To date eight days of this course have been delivered to over 400 children during the months of April and June.
- The SFRS hosted the Border Group of Advanced Motorcyclists (BGAM) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of April at Gala Fire Station, this was a multi-agency event attended by Police Scotland the Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Borders Council (Safer Communities Team).

## **Education**

- The Community Action Team attended the Countryside day at the Border Union Showground in May, which is a Multi-Agency event where they delivered Fire Safety to over 500 primary five children from throughout the Scottish Borders.
- The LALO attended Peebles High school Health week in May and delivered a CPR training workshop to over 50 children.
- The Community Action Team attended Eyemouth primary school in May and as part of a multi-agency approach to deliver CPR Training and basic first aid to over 300 children.

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

- The following detailed below is further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed for this quarter or is in progress for the next Quarter.
- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and RDS Stations within the MELSB area in the facilitation of the spring and summer Thematic Action Plans (TAP). Both plans

focus on deliberate fire setting which historically rises during the Easter and Summer holiday periods, mainly involving young people.

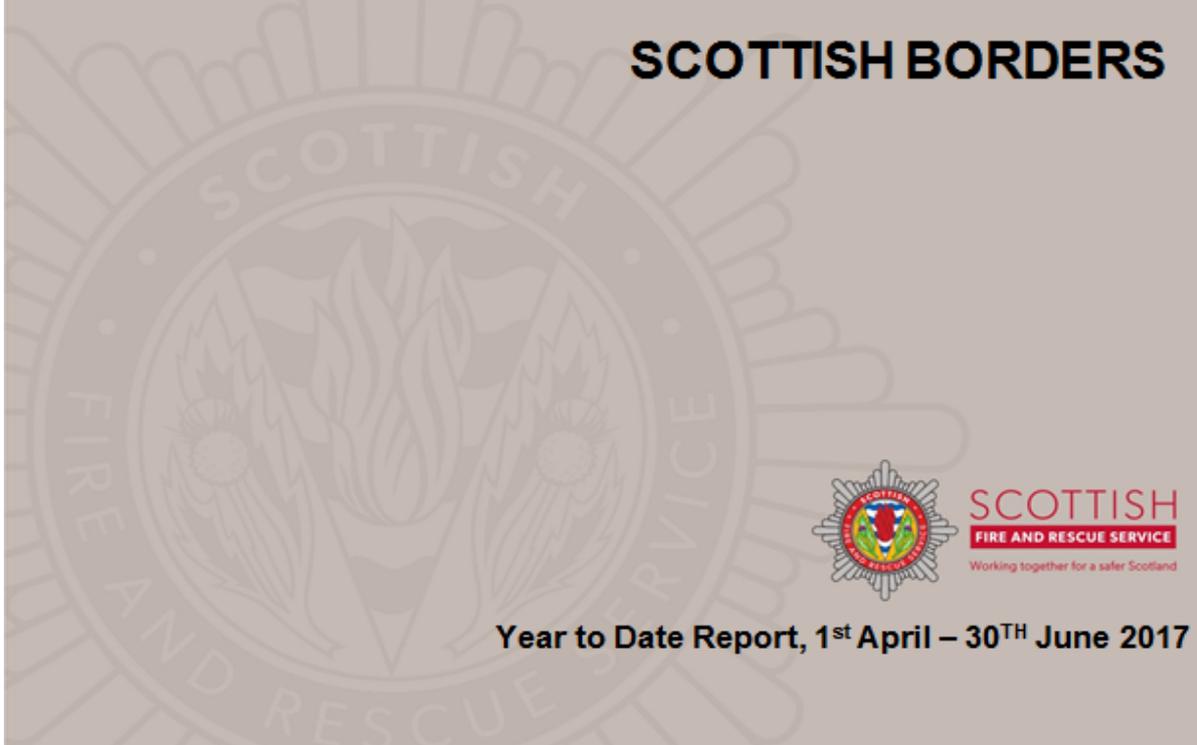
- In regards to development of the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) project, a further mapping session in May on the Falls and Frailty pathway was facilitated by the Scottish Government Health Improvement team and held in Kelso.
- The LALO delivered a presentation to the Scottish Ambulance Service at Melrose Ambulance station on the Falls and Frailty work the SFRS are doing currently in the Scottish Borders, Cheviot area.
- A further presentation was also delivered at the Borders General Hospital to the Borders Falls Group with regards to the Living Safely in the Home work the SFRS are involved in.
- The Living safely In the Home Evaluation Report for the Cheviot pilot has been completed and circulated all respective partners, and elected members. The evaluation will go forward from the SFRS to the Scottish Government Building Safer Communities Board as an example of “best practice”.
- The Community Action Team has facilitated 15 Fire setter Interventions during this Quarter because of wilful fire raising within the Scottish Borders during this period. This is a worrying increase for the area, although the very dry spring has had a large part to play in this. An increased focus for the Summer Thematic Action plan will hopefully see improvements in this area.
- The SFRS has been involved in producing defibrillator guidance with Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and the Scottish Ambulance Service, and this was officially launched at the Borders General Hospital on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- The CAT delivered Fire Safety Training to 12 ex-offenders coming through Criminal Justice system at the Paton Street Building in Galashiels.
- The Community Action Team attended the Scotland’s beef event in Earlston in June as part of a partnership approach with the National Farmers Union (NFU) and Police Scotland to reduce fires and criminal activity within the farming sector.
- The CAT have delivered Fire Safety Training and input on the SFRS referral process to staff from SB Cares within the Scottish Borders, this work is ongoing due to numbers of staff and the geographical locations with Berwickshire and Cheviot localities the first areas completed.

Steve Gourlay  
Group Manager

**Mid/East Lothian and Scottish Borders Prevention and Protection**



# LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



**SCOTTISH**  
**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
Working together for a safer Scotland

**Year to Date Report, 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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#### **DISCLAIMER**

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

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

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

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## Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Scottish Borders area during the Year to Date (YTD) period of 1st April to 30th June 2017.

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 2016-2019 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, 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
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	YTD
Dwelling fires	23	24	34	22	18	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	1	5	7	6	6	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	21	29	42	32	67	◆
Special Service - RTCs	14	24	18	31	20	●
Special Service Casualties - All	18	17	24	58	24	●
False Alarm - Equipment failure	162	146	139	131	141	▲

### RAG rating - KEY

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

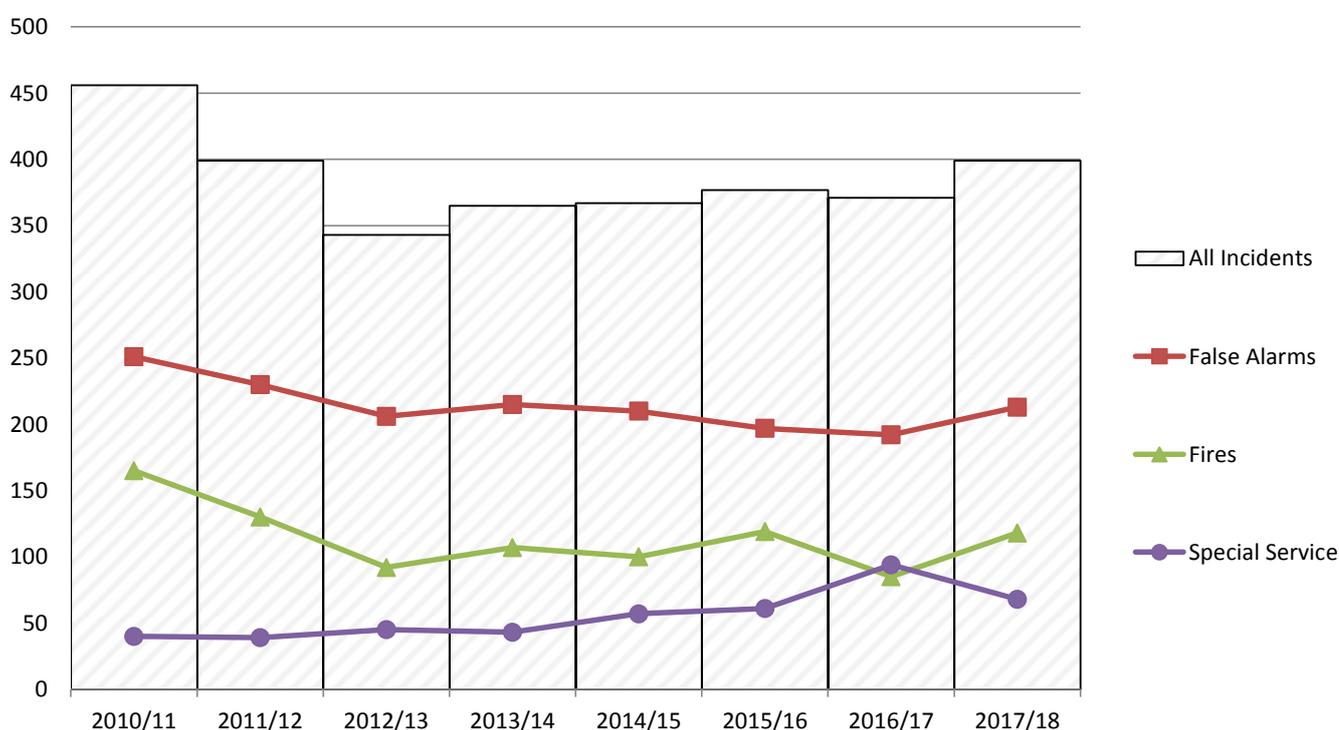
### Note

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

### Incident Overview

During the YTD period 1st April to 30th June 2017, the SFRS have responded to 399 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is 28 more incidents than the same reporting period last year. UFAS accounted for 53% of our emergency calls so far this year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Scottish Borders council over the last 8 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 2017-18, all firefighters in the Scottish Borders will participate within the Training for Operational Competence Programme. Current modules for the year to date period include Domestic property, Farms, Water awareness 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 deal with any “major events” in the Scottish Borders during the reporting period.

## Reduction of 'Dwelling fires'

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

### Results

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

There have been 18 dwelling fires recorded compared to 22 for the same YTD period last year, this represents a 22% decrease. Two of these fires were started deliberately.

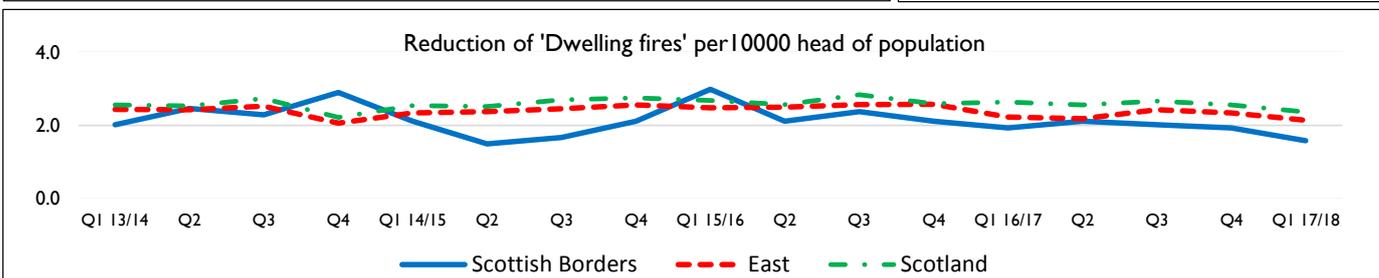
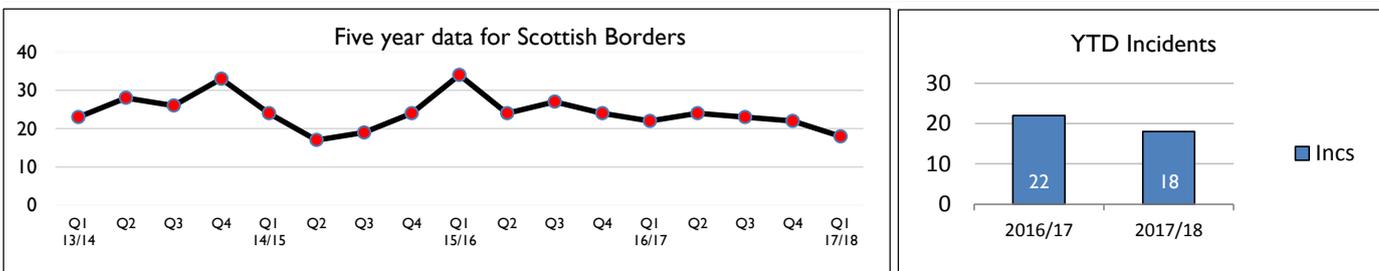
### Reasons

Cooking accounted for nine of these dwelling fires with a further 5 attributable to faulty equipment or electrics. Analysis highlights half of these incidents originated in the kitchen and involved adults 18-64 years old.

### Actions

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

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



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	23	24	34	22	18	
Tweeddale West	2	2	2	0	0	
Tweeddale East	2	1	2	0	0	
Galashiels and District	5	4	6	5	5	
Selkirkshire	1	3	2	3	2	
Leaderdale and Melrose	0	3	2	0	3	
Mid Berwickshire	4	4	3	3	2	
East Berwickshire	1	2	2	2	0	
Kelso and District	5	0	4	2	0	
Jedburgh and District	1	0	3	1	1	
Hawick and Denholm	1	4	2	3	2	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	4	6	3	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 six casualties in the YTD period, the exact same total for corresponding period last year.

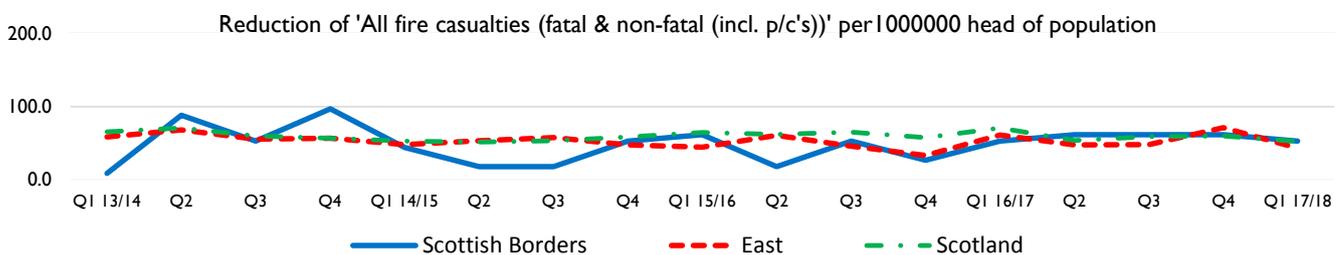
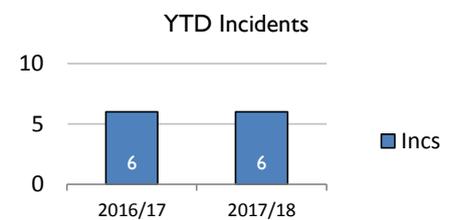
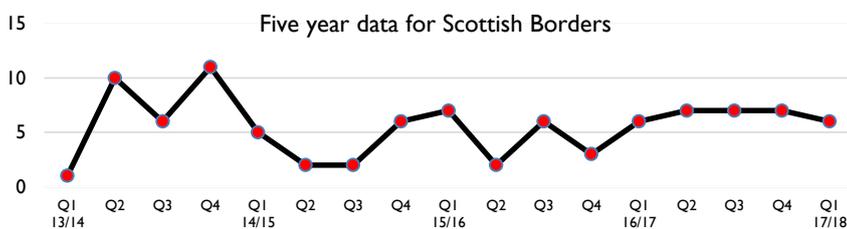
Two casualties were required to go to hospital and four required first aid only at the scene. SFRS crews administered oxygen on all occasions and all but one casualty was between the ages of 10-50 year old.

### Reasons

All six casualties suffered slight smoke inhalation of varying degrees due to discovering the fire or trying to extinguish it. One casualty required rescuing by firefighters however they were led to safety and the use breathing apparatus was not required.

### Actions

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service conduct a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following all domestic dwelling fires. This involves fire crews offering reassurance and fire safety advice to all households within the vicinity of the incident immediately or soon after the incident. Crews also proactively target 'at risk groups' including elderly people who are more likely to suffer a fire in their home.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - I	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	1	5	7	6	6	
Tweeddale West	0	0	1	0	0	
Tweeddale East	0	0	0	0	0	
Galashiels and District	0	0	1	0	2	
Selkirkshire	0	0	0	1	0	
Leaderdale and Melrose	0	0	1	1	1	
Mid Berwickshire	1	3	0	1	3	
East Berwickshire	0	1	0	1	0	
Kelso and District	0	0	1	1	0	
Jedburgh and District	0	0	2	0	0	
Hawick and Denholm	0	1	1	0	0	
Hawick and Hermitage	0	1	0	1	0	

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

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

### Results

The Fire and Rescue Local Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-17 aims to continually reduce Deliberate Fire Setting against the three-year average. There have been 67 incidents of this nature in the YTD period, disappointingly this is more than twice the amount for the same reporting period last year.

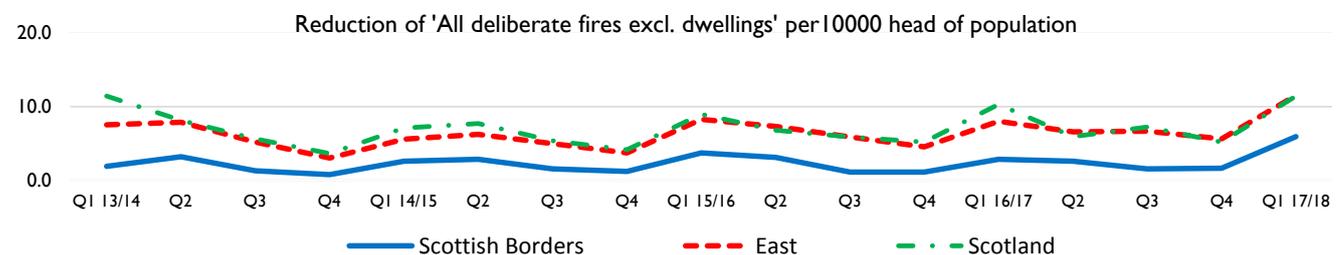
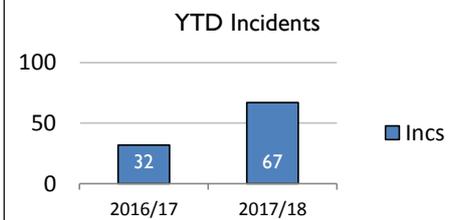
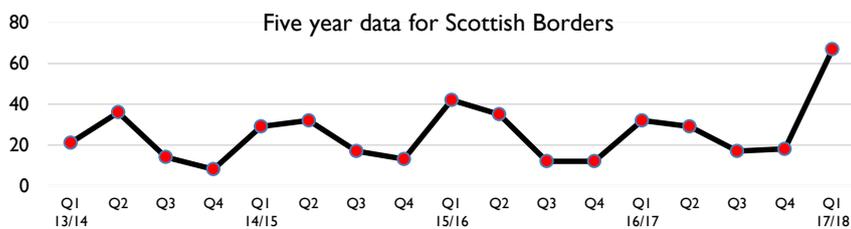
This increase was also experienced across other areas of East Scotland and Scotland as a whole.

### Reasons

Refuse, grass, scrub and woodland accounted for 91% of all deliberate fires. Similar to previous years, this increase has coincided with drier weather and lighter nights. 50% of these fires occurred in the Galashiels and District ward.

### Actions

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



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 6	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	21	29	42	32	67	
Tweeddale West	0	3	4	2	7	
Tweeddale East	1	2	11	6	3	
Galashiels and District	4	4	15	7	32	
Selkirkshire	1	6	0	1	5	
Leaderdale and Melrose	3	3	3	2	1	
Mid Berwickshire	1	1	0	1	4	
East Berwickshire	1	1	0	1	1	
Kelso and District	5	1	2	1	6	
Jedburgh and District	2	2	4	6	1	
Hawick and Denholm	3	4	2	3	5	
Hawick and Hermitage	0	4	1	2	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

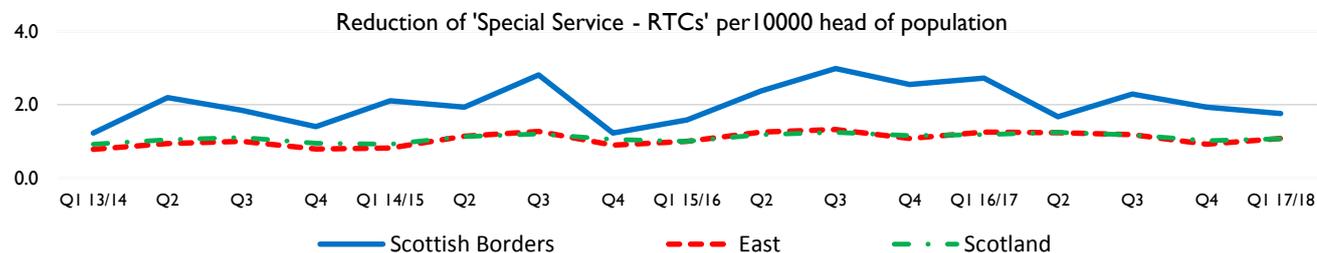
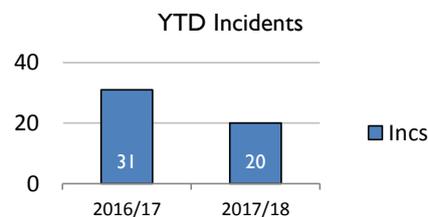
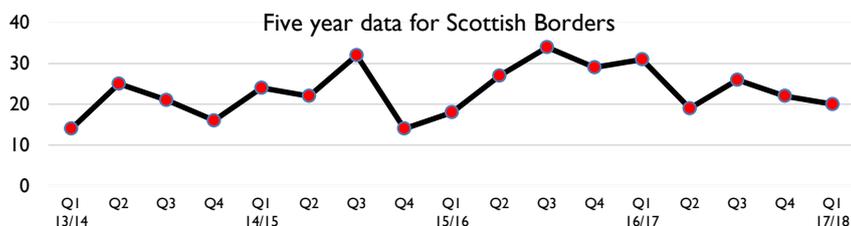
The SFRS attended 20 RTC's during the reporting period, this represents a 55% decrease in comparison to the same period last year. Further analysis indicates that hydraulic rescue equipment was used on eight occasions to extricate persons trapped in vehicles. The remaining incidents required limited intervention from the SFRS including administering first aid and making the vehicle or scene safe.

### Reasons

Police Scotland are responsible for determining the causes of RTC's however the SFRS have a significant part to play in preventing RTC's. The SFRS respond to RTC's whenever it is confirmed persons are within the vehicle, regardless if they are trapped or not. As highlighted in the previous paragraph, this can mean that on many occasions limited intervention is required by our crews.

### Actions

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



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	14	24	18	31	20	
Tweeddale West	2	7	2	1	4	
Tweeddale East	2	5	2	5	1	
Galashiels and District	1	3	5	4	3	
Selkirkshire	1	1	0	2	3	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	2	2	1	1	
Mid Berwickshire	2	2	2	4	0	
East Berwickshire	0	1	4	1	2	
Kelso and District	0	0	0	2	1	
Jedburgh and District	2	3	1	7	2	
Hawick and Denholm	1	0	0	2	2	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	0	0	2	1	

## Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

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

### Results

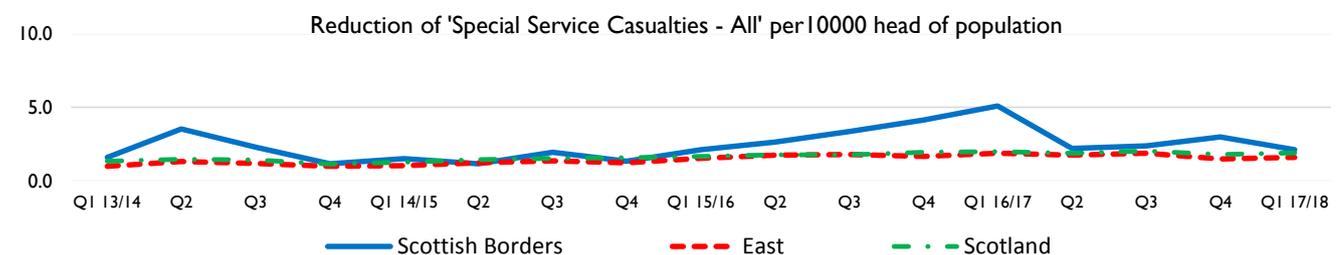
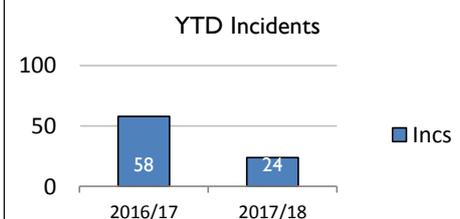
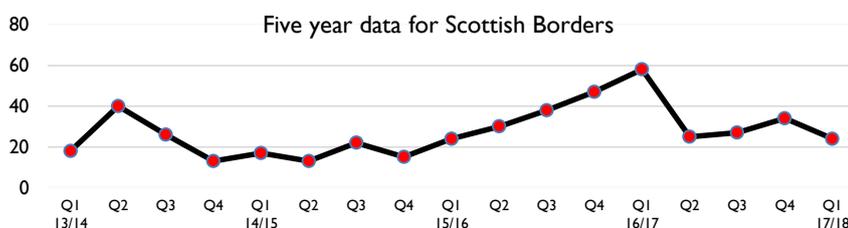
There have been 24 Special Service casualties during the reporting period, this is nearly a 60% decrease in YTD comparison to the same period last year. We have also seen a 30% decrease in comparison to the previous quarter. A snapshot analysis of incident and casualty type is included the report summary page.

### Reasons

The amount on "non-traditional" incidents the SFRS are mobilised to has increased markedly over the last few years. These types of incident include assisting our Scottish Ambulance colleagues through the Out Of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) pilot, effecting entry and assisting with persons fallen in the home. Traditional Special Service response includes, RTC's, Water Rescue, Hazmat and rescues from height.

### 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 - 2	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	18	17	24	58	24	
Tweeddale West	0	5	4	7	4	
Tweeddale East	4	4	1	5	2	
Galashiels and District	1	0	6	11	2	
Selkirkshire	2	0	0	3	6	
Leaderdale and Melrose	2	2	4	1	0	
Mid Berwickshire	3	2	2	4	3	
East Berwickshire	1	0	4	2	1	
Kelso and District	0	0	1	6	2	
Jedburgh and District	2	3	2	11	0	
Hawick and Denholm	2	1	0	4	1	
Hawick and Hermitage	1	0	0	4	3	

## Reduction of 'False Alarm - Equipment failure'

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) are defined as incidents where an automated fire alarm system activates and results in the mobilisation of SFRS resources, when the reason for that alarm turns out to be something other than a fire emergency. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm signals.

### Results

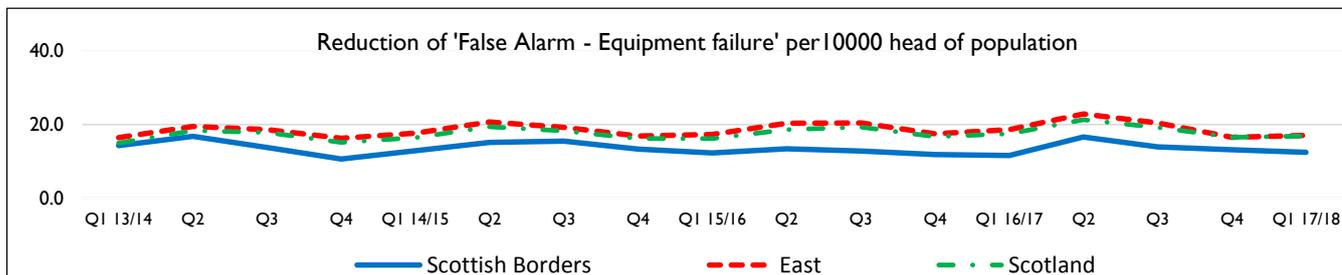
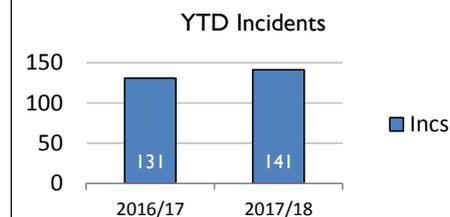
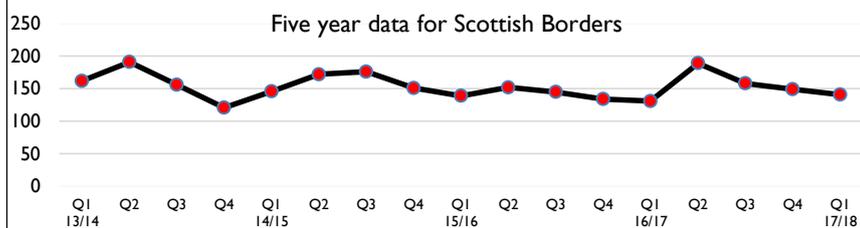
There have been 213 UFAS incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 141 of these incidents with 66 and 6 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figures illustrated in this report relate only to False Alarm equipment failures.

### Reasons

Equipment failure accounted for 66% 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 - 13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	162	146	139	131	141	
Tweeddale West	22	29	27	23	17	
Tweeddale East	11	3	5	4	13	
Galashiels and District	29	21	22	19	22	
Selkirkshire	18	15	11	15	14	
Leaderdale and Melrose	24	21	15	18	15	
Mid Berwickshire	4	15	8	8	7	
East Berwickshire	5	7	6	4	9	
Kelso and District	7	8	6	9	10	
Jedburgh and District	11	6	9	3	2	
Hawick and Denholm	17	5	8	13	13	
Hawick and Hermitage	14	22	22	15	19	

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## **Quarterly Performance Report August 2017**

**Period Covered: 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017**

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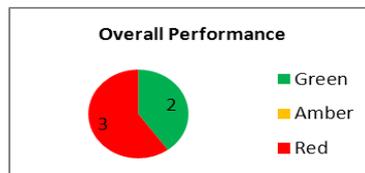
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## Strategic Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working

### Overall Summary

#### Overall Performance

Overall performance 5 indicators:



#### Key Successes

- While the number of domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police has increased the number of repeat referrals to the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Support (DAAS) Service has been on a downward trend suggesting that clients are receiving the support they require on the first occasion they access the service. While the overall referral number to DAAS has fallen the number of first time users of the service has been fairly consistent over its lifetime.
- Referrals to DAAS have increased year to date in part due to the introduction of a direct referral mechanism from the Vulnerable Persons Database (VPD). Existing clients who are subject to a further domestic abuse incident reported to the Police are referred to the service again so that contact can be made immediately with the client and additional support and advice provided. Prior to this change a client would be asked if they have been working with DAAS.
- Referrals to DAAS form part of the police daily Tasking and Coordination Group meeting.
- DAAS have maintained their target of responding to referrals by the police within 24 hours on 90% of occasions and within 48 hours 100% of the time for referrals from other agencies. The reason for police referrals being at 90% is a consequence of referrals being received over the weekend. The number of police referrals is twice that of other agencies or individuals referring into the service. Over 50% of those people referred to the service complete a risk assessment and safety plan. Those clients who chose not to complete a risk assessment are provided with advice and signposted to other domestic abuse services. DAAS are supported by the police and fire services in the safety planning process.

#### Key Issues

- There are observed trends relating to the increase in domestic abuse incidents. Should the increase in incidents continue into quarter 2 further work will be required to understand the reason. Greater awareness of available services among partners in identifying the signs of domestic abuse may have been a contributory factor.
- The MATAAC is a police led process and is perpetrator focused. Referrals to the MATAAC process generally come through the MARAC however this referral only requires Police Scotland to “consider” a referral to MATAAC. The MARAC process has no influence on whether the referral is heard at MATAAC.

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

**Overall Summary**

**Key Activities**

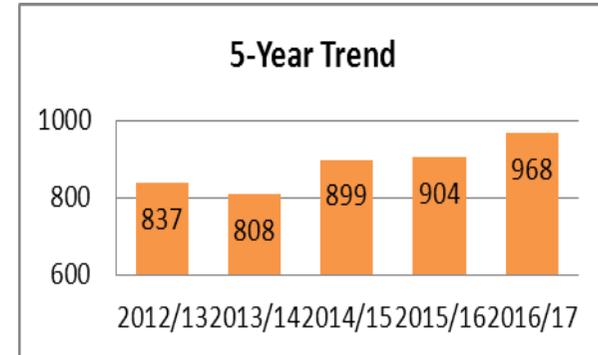
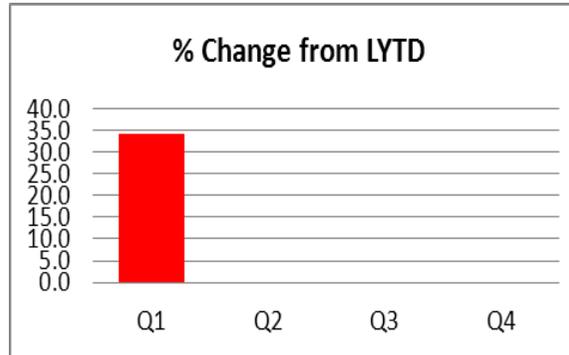
- Funding for the service has been secured until 2020 and the process of looking at developing a funding model beyond 2020 has commenced.
- The latest funding grant provided for additional recruitment, in particular court support. Recruitment is underway.
- The domestic abuse strategy Equally Safe has been launched.

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

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
291	217	+74	+34.1%

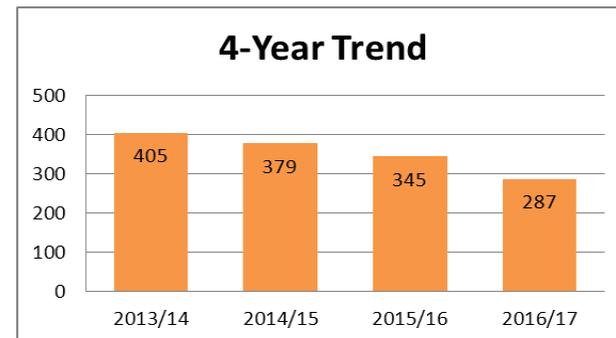
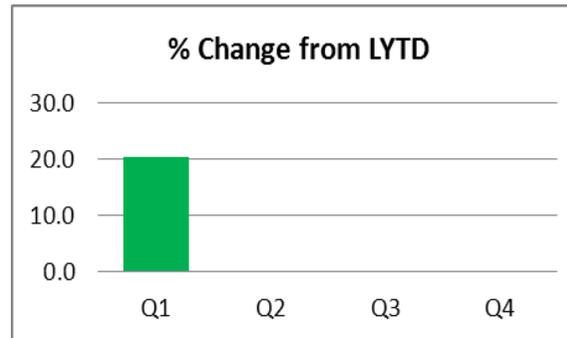


Source: Police Scotland

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
95	79	+16	+20.3%



Source: DAAS

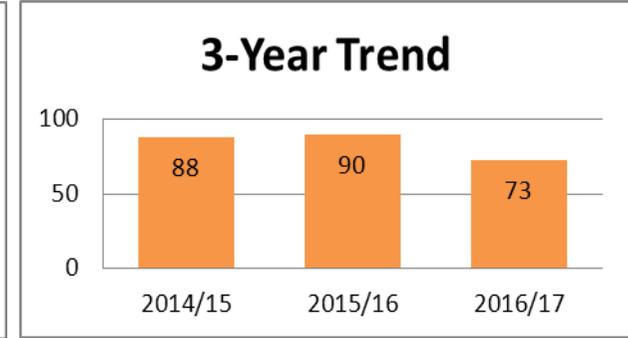
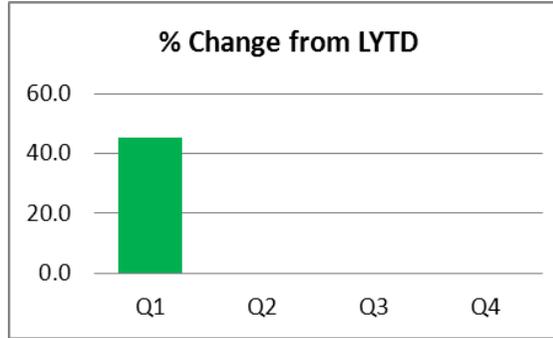
**Increase the number of high risk domestic abuse cases discussed at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)**

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
32	22	+10	+45.5%

Source: Police Scotland

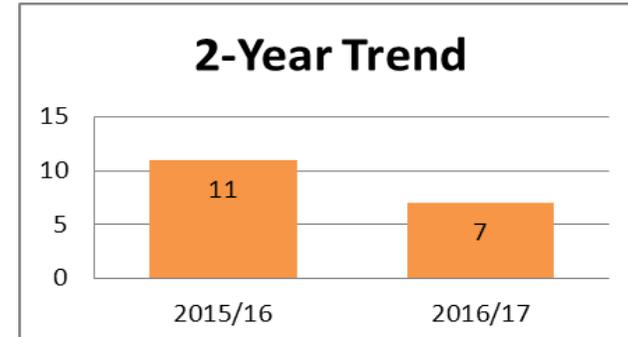
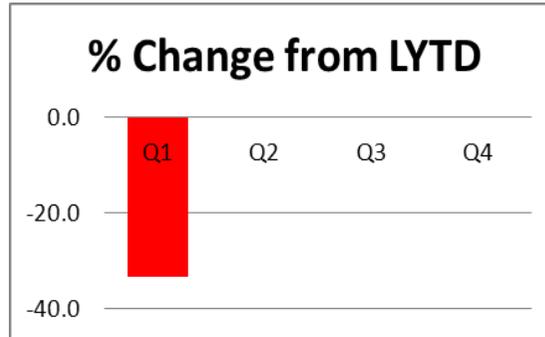


**Increase the number of high risk offender referrals to Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) group**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
2	3	-1	33.3%

Source: Police Scotland

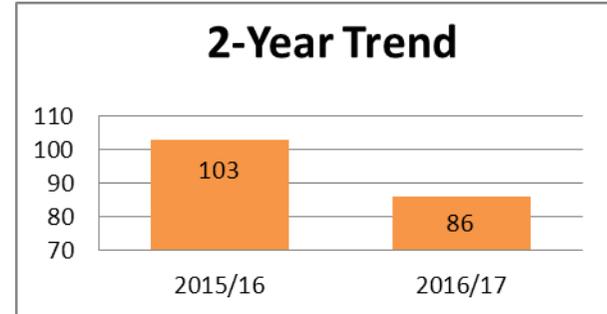
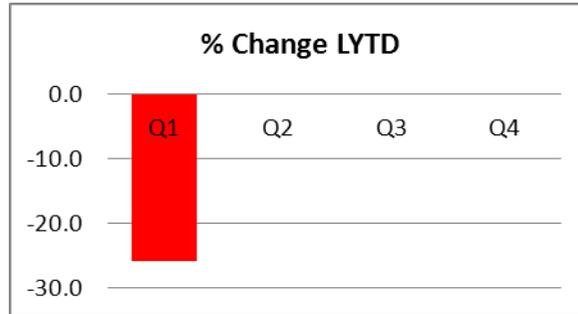


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**Increase the number of safe housing options clients**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
23	31	-8	-25.8%



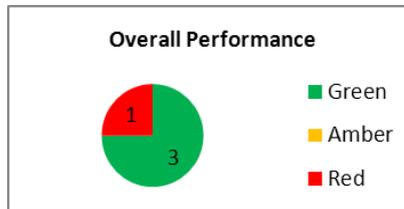
Source: Pathway Project

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

### Overall Summary

#### Overall Performance

Overall performance 4 indicators:



#### Key Successes

- Demand for the Best Bar None scheme by licensees has been high with applications up on last year to date to a total of 33. Applications close in September 2017. Licensed premises apply and are assessed against set criteria and if the required standard is achieved an award is made, bronze, silver or gold, premises can re-apply to be assessed again and receive a higher award.
- Safety advice in relation to finding a used needle and /or syringe have been re issued through the media.
- When Antisocial Behaviour Unit (ASBU) staff have an individual who is subject to being monitored for antisocial behaviour, the relationship between alcohol/drugs misuse and their behaviour is explored at Face to Face and Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) Interventions. There is also the opportunity to signpost individuals to specialist services if they are willing to engage.

#### Key Issues

- The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 creates a new offence in relation to alcohol and provides that no purchase or attempt to purchase is required and that simply giving (or making available) alcohol to a child or young persons for consumption in a public place is unlawful. This coupled with an increase in alcohol incidents involving young people in the Borders has led to the development of a campaign as referenced below.

#### Key Activities

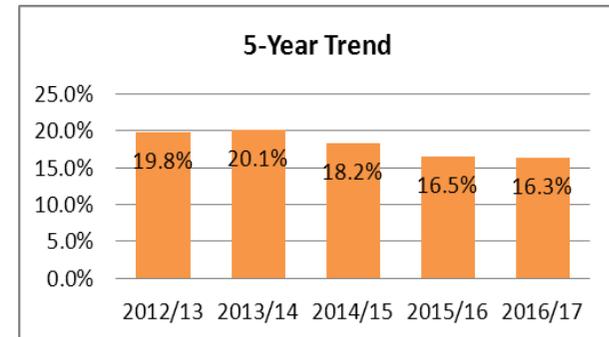
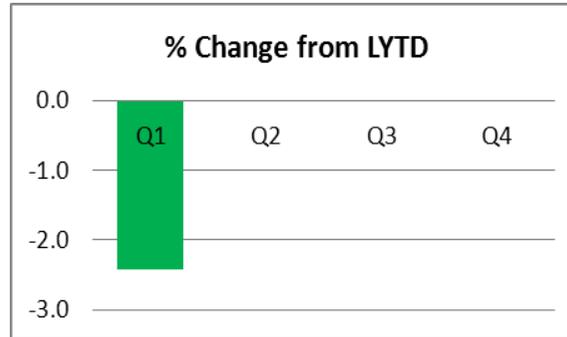
- The Alcohol and Drugs partnership has been working with the Learning Community Partnership for Galashiels on material to highlight the illegal nature of supplying alcohol to under 18's. A competition was held and a winning design and strap line selected *don't buy it, don't supply it*. Work coordinated by the Safer Communities Team is underway to develop this into a partnership campaign based around the health consequences associated with young people and alcohol, the responsibility of parents and carers and the impact on crime and anti-social behaviour linked to excessive alcohol consumption. The campaign will be accompanied by a broader action plan aimed at reducing the consequences of alcohol misuse and links to strategic priority 3.
- The Safer Communities Team is participating in the Fresher events at Borders College and Heriot Watt University, these events will have elements on substance misuse and safety messages in relation to alcohol.

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

**Reduce the percentage of ASB incidents that are alcohol related**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
15.4%	17.8%	-2.4	-

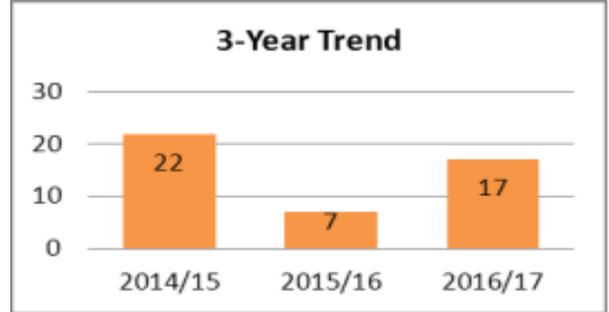
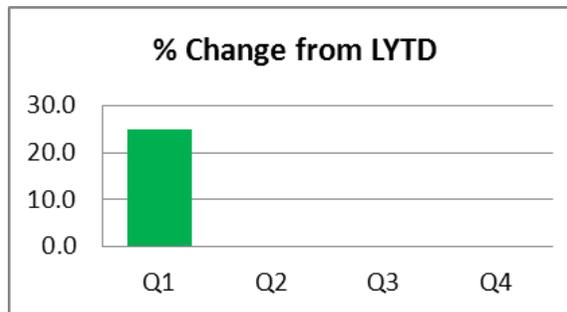


Source: SCT Database

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
5	4	+1	+25%



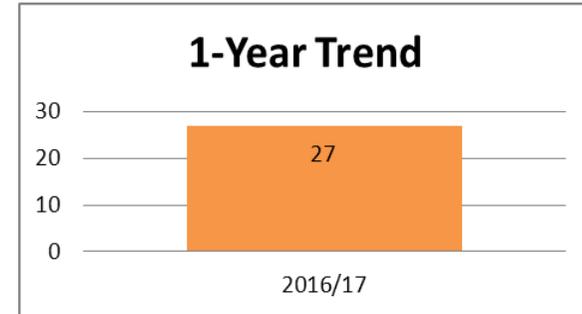
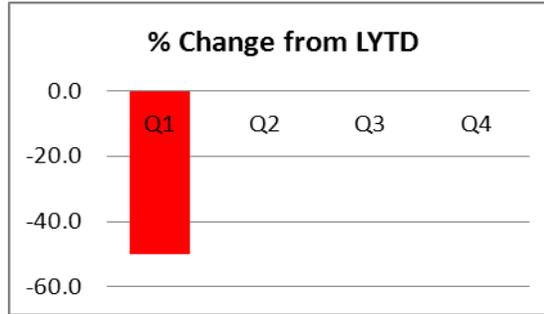
Source: ASBU

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

**Increase the number of referrals into the ASB process as a result of proactive drug enforcement**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
5	10	-5	-50%

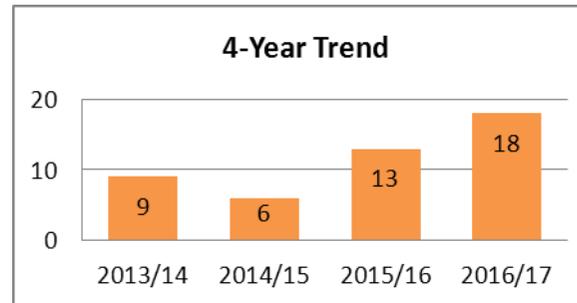


Source: SCT Database

**Increase the number of “Best Bar None” premises**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
-	-	-	-



Source: Police Scotland

## 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

- The Community Justice Plan aimed at reducing reoffending required under the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 was endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. It contains details of how the 8 statutory partners intend to work together to reduce reoffending.
- Partners have collaborated in contributing towards the purchase of new noise monitoring equipment to replace existing devices that had become unreliable. These are smaller in size, save time in downloading material and technically up to date.

#### Key Issues

- Crimes of dishonesty particularly housebreaking and motor vehicle crime are showing the biggest increases in numbers in the year to date and this has contributed to the overall increase in crime for quarter 1 of 2017.
- The majority of anti-social behaviour requiring Anti-social Behaviour Unit intervention is highlighted by the police. In addition 29 neighbour dispute complainants have made contact with the ASBU directly this quarter.
- The number of persons being monitored by ASBU is down by 6%, this indicator relates to the total number of case reviews rather than individuals, an individual could feature on more than one occasion through different allegations of anti-social behaviour. The actual number of persons being monitored is under a hundred.
- Early intervention activities by ASB partners are down by 18.2%. Investigation revealed that this is in part due to the introduction of a new case management system by one of the Registered Social Landlords. This figure relates to less formal interventions aimed at de-escalation before an individual is added to the monitoring list and entry into a more formalised process known as the *Core Group*.
- During the quarter the Core Group initiated 52 formal warning processes and as a result a similar number of individuals adjusted their behaviour and were taken off the monitoring list.

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

### **Overall Summary**

#### **Key Activities**

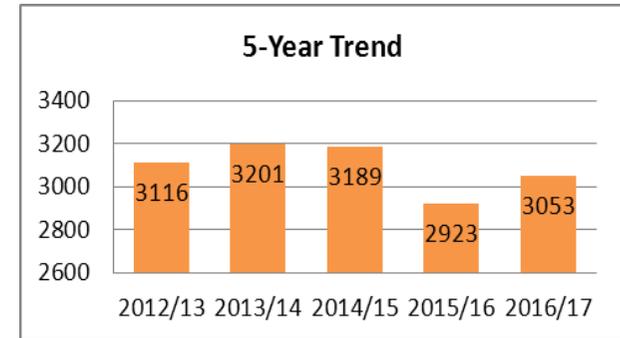
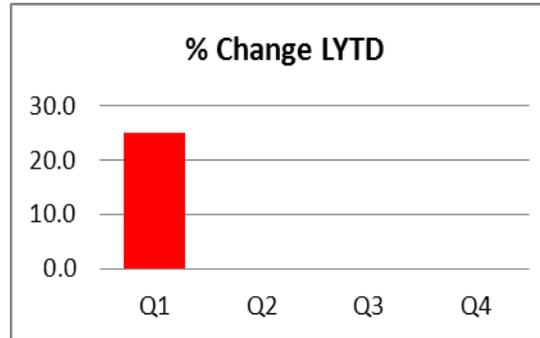
- In May members of the Community Safety Team participated in the Crime Prevention Markets at Peebles and West Linton to promote ways in which to protect property.
- In June the Community Safety Officer and police Locality Integration Officers supported the school countryside day in Kelso highlighting a range of crime issues affecting the rural community.
- ASBU staff have scheduled delivery of 5 training packages to the wider partnership coupled with insight sessions on the first Wednesday of each month. This contributes to common working practices with partners, and increased awareness of how to deal with ASB and the reporting mechanisms available.
- Registered Social Landlords have received awareness sessions on the merits of mediation resulting in an increase in referrals to the service.
- Over the next reporting period awareness in relation to the dangers associated with disused buildings and anti-social driving are being developed.

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

**Reduce the number of group 1-5 crimes**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
934	748	+186	+24.9%

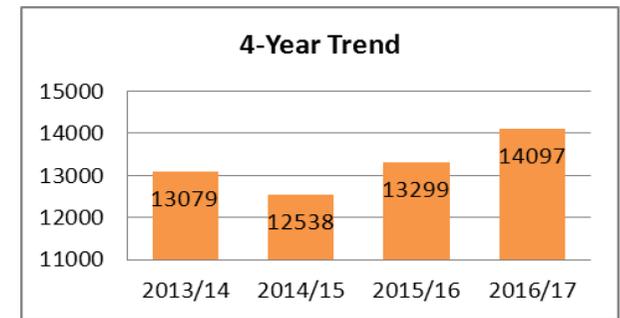
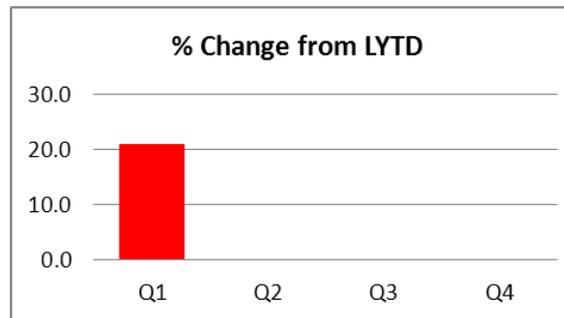


Source: Police Scotland

**Reduce the number of recorded ASB incidents**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
4214	3484	+730	+21%



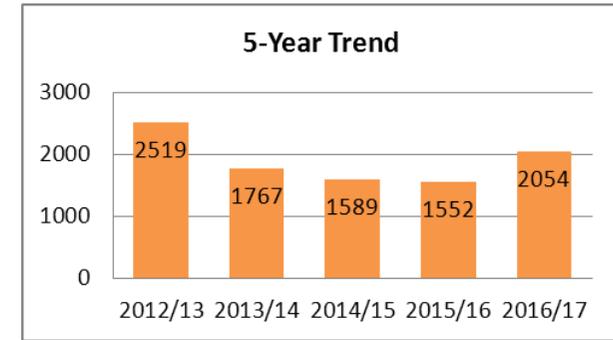
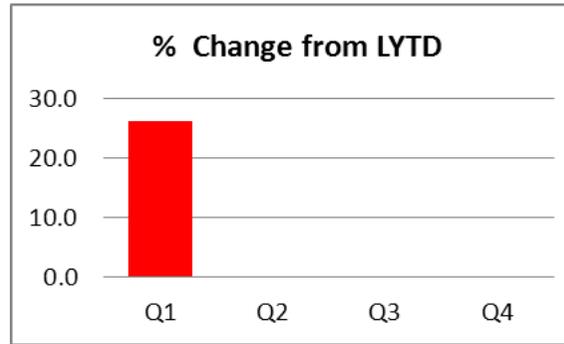
Source: SCT Database/ASBU/RSLs

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

**Reduce the number of youth related ASB incidents**

**Performance**

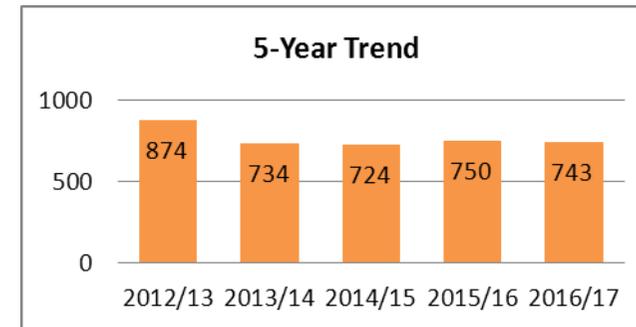
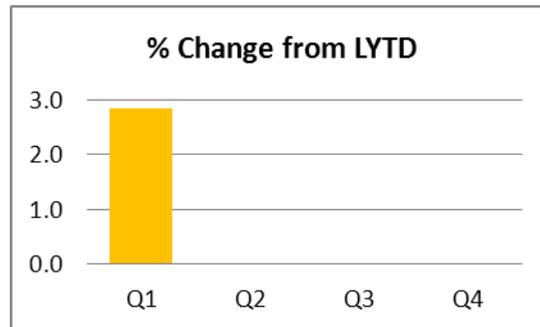
YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
564	447	+117	+26.2%



Source: SCT Database

**Reduce the number of reported vandalism**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
217	211	+6	+2.8%



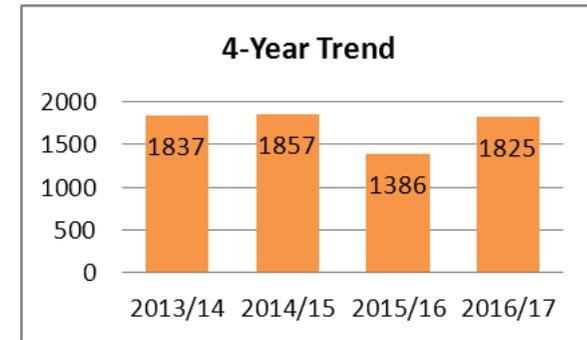
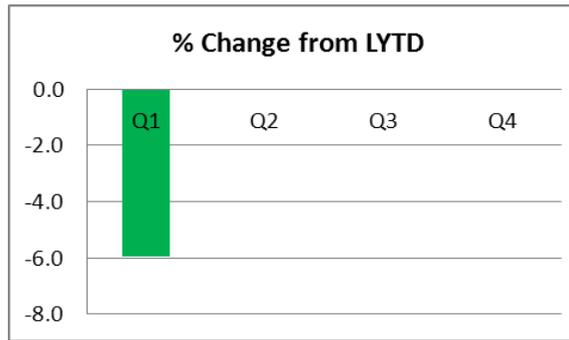
Source: Police Scotland

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

**Reduce the number of persons being monitored for antisocial behaviour**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
441	469	-28	-6%

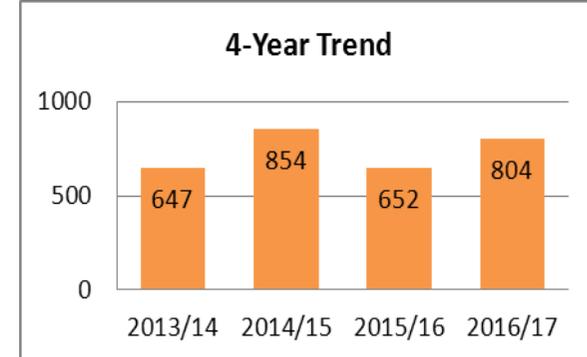
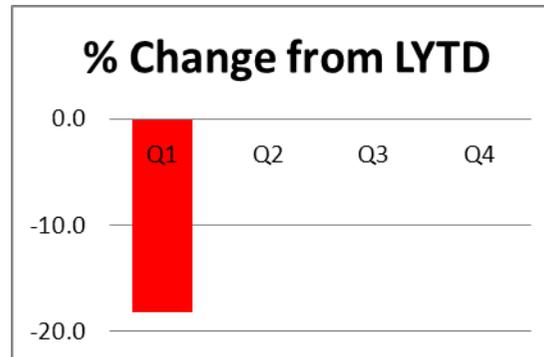


Source: ASBU

**Increase the number of early interventions made by ASB partners**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
242	296	-54	-18.2%

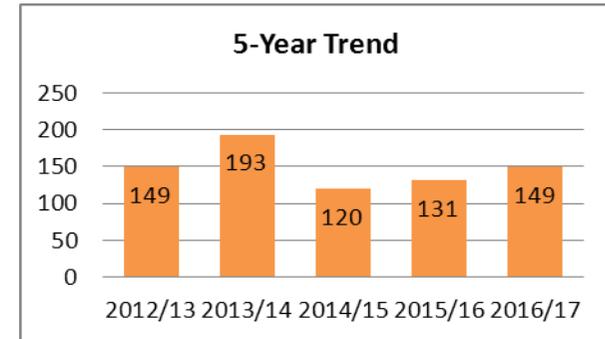
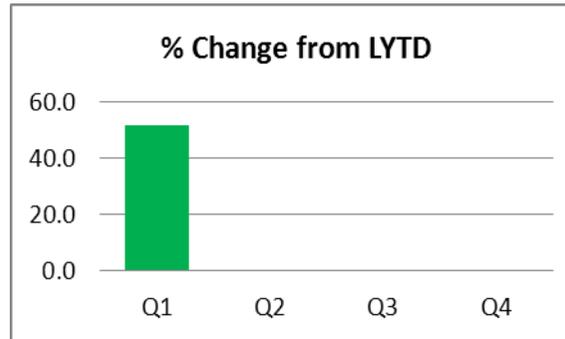


**Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working**

**Increase the number of mediation referrals**

**Performance**

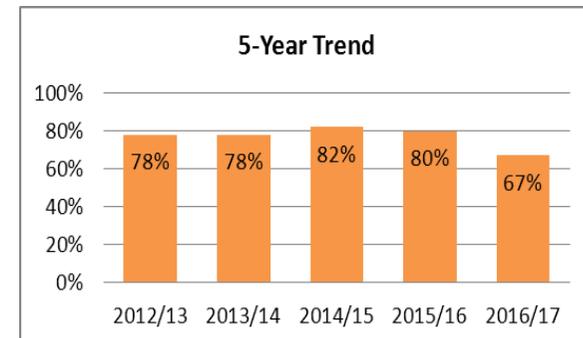
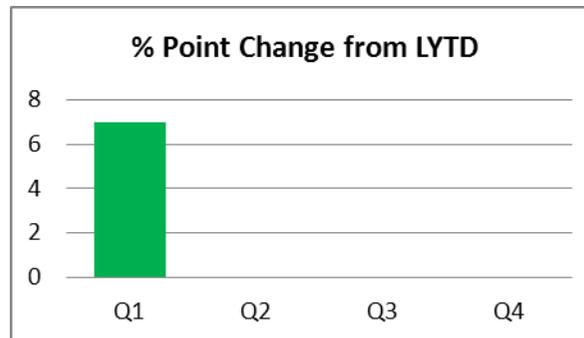
YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
50	33	+17	+51.5%



Source: ASBU

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

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
77	70	+7	-



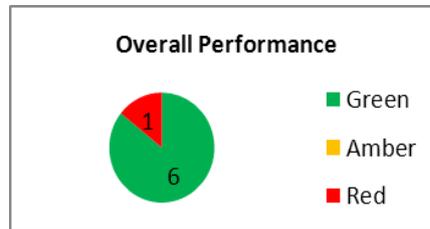
Source: ASBU

## 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

- To date approximately 320 young people have participated in the young driver event held at Charterhall. This event is aimed at young people at a point just prior to them being eligible to hold a provisional license. A range of partners provide participants with theoretical input on driver behaviour, a positive driving attitude and facilitate a supervised driving experience.
- A rolling programme supported by the Institute of Advanced Motorists enables newly qualified drivers to access an advanced driving course. For young drivers the fee of £150.00 is returned upon successfully passing the course. Since 2014 over 100 17 – 25 year olds have completed the course.
- The first of 12 over 65's driver courses have been held across the Borders delivered by the Community Safety Officer. They consist of a 60 minute theory refresh and attendees can then sign up for a practical driving session to improve confidence and ability. There were 74 attendees for this period. A further 10 courses have been arranged between August and October with details on the council web site.

#### Key Issues

- Motorbikes have been less prominent in partnership activity this year however Galashiels fire station hosted a partnership event in the earlier part of the summer. While there are local residents using motorbikes a large number are visiting or passing through necessitating a different approach. Accidents involving motorcyclists have increased in the first quarter of 2017 when compared to the same time period in 2016.

#### Key Activities

- The Safer Communities Team, education and other partners are in the process of examining ways of incorporating a road safety message through the use of publically available information woven into lesson materials.
- The Safer Communities Team is currently refining arrangements for Crucial Crew 2017 which runs for 3 weeks in September at Eildon Mill. Approximately 1100 Scottish Borders primary school children will attend. The purpose is to identify and highlight dangers across a range of themes that young people may come into contact with including road safety. After the event they should be better equipped to identify hazards and have the necessary knowledge to keep themselves safe.
- The Community Safety Officer attends the Borders Road Safety Working Group and supports delivery of the Road Safety Plan.

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

**Reduce the number of road users killed or seriously injured**

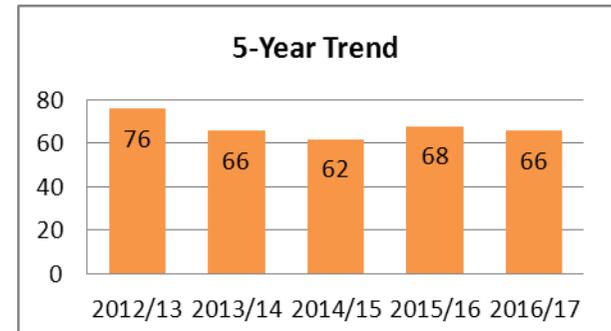
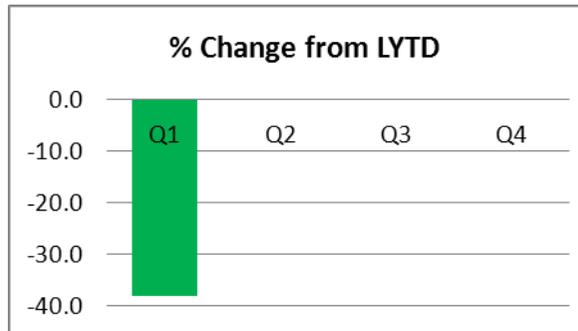
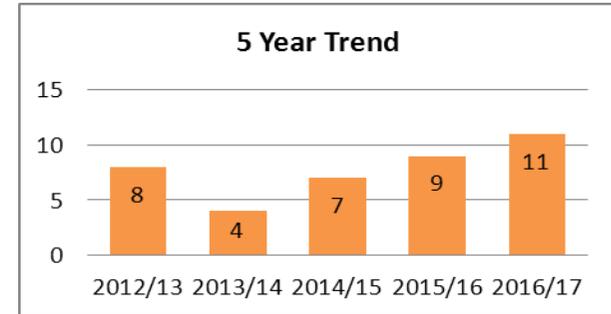
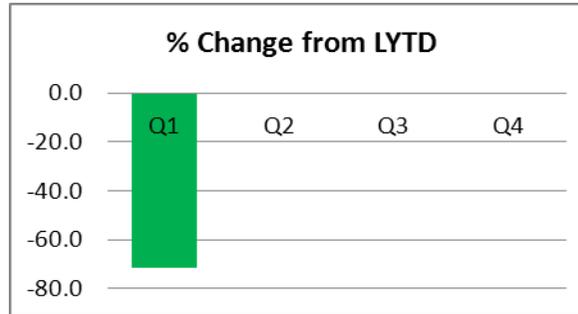
**Performance**

**Killed**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
2	7	-5	-71.4%

**Seriously Injured**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
13	21	-8	-38.1%



Source: Police Scotland

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

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

**Performance**

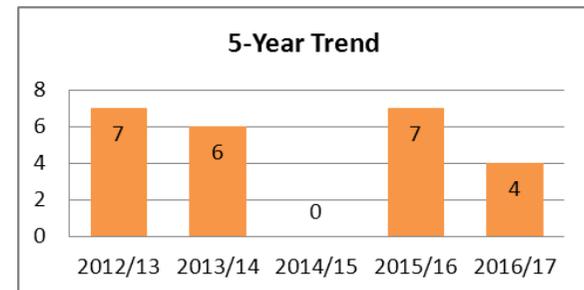
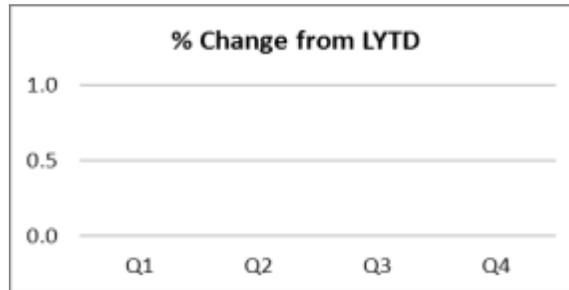
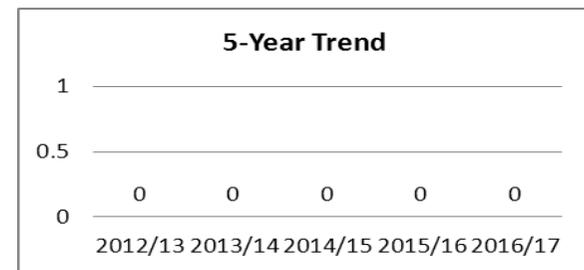
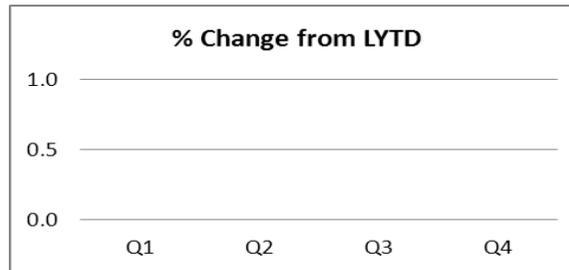
**Killed**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0	0	0	0

**Seriously Injured**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0	0	0	0

Source: Police Scotland

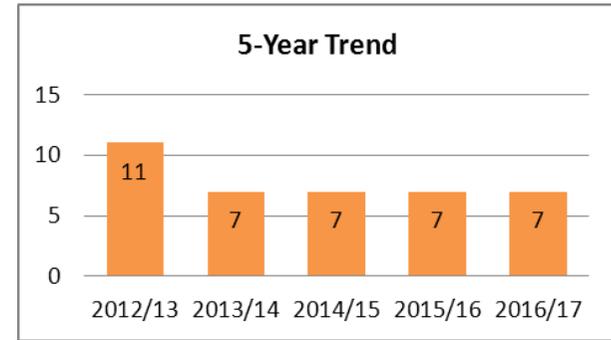
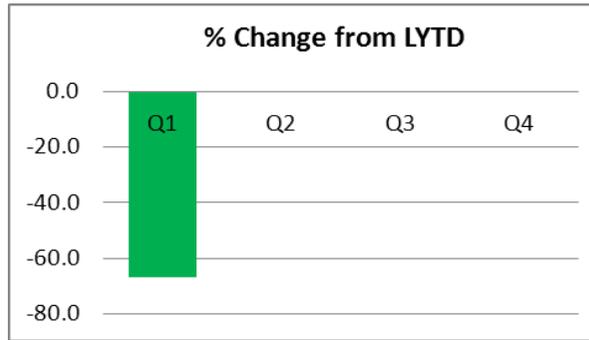


**Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working**

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
1	3	-2	-66.7%

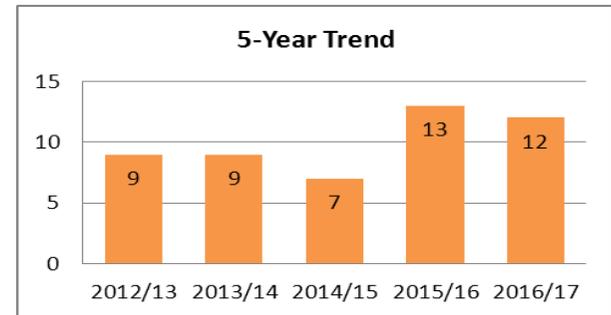
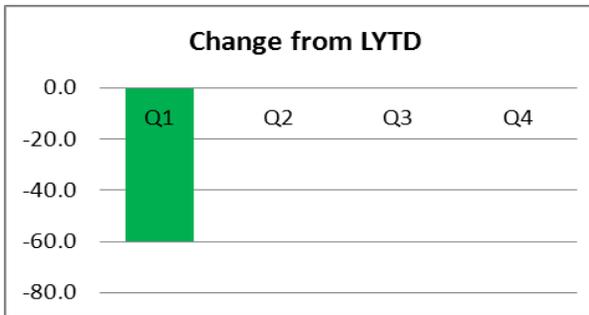


Source: Police Scotland

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
2	5	-3	-60%



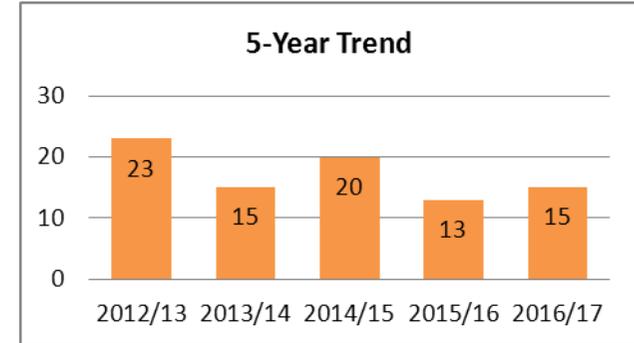
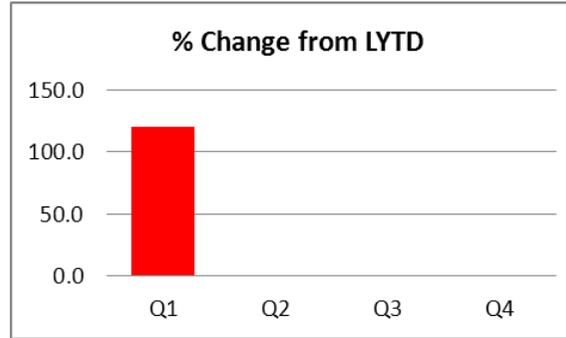
Source: Police Scotland

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

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
11	5	+6	+120%



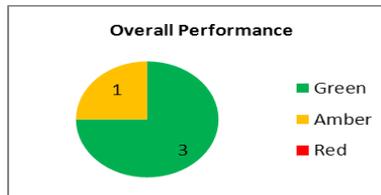
Source: Police Scotland

## 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

- Safety concerns were raised in relation to water craft and bathers coming together at Coldingham Bay. The Royal National Lifeboat Institute coordinated a meeting incorporating the Safer Communities Team, Coast Guard and various other stakeholders and operators which led to agreement being reached.
- The total number of Level 1 Conversations carried out by fire service personnel as part of the Living Safely in the Home project between 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 is 127, referrals on to the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT) sits at 61 (these are people who meet the referral criteria). In addition to fall prevention fire safety advice is also offered. Effective information gathering on the outcomes associated with visits is an essential component within the project.

#### Key Issues

- The delivery of individual community safety inputs to groups across the Borders is resource intensive for the Community Safety Officer. In order to maximise the potential audience options in relation to using a digital platform are being considered alongside looking at locations the recipient group already attend during which some information can be provided as an alternative to a standalone event.

#### Key Activities

- Each year across the United Kingdom a number of young people predominantly males aged between 15 – 19 years drown. The Safer Communities Team used social media to support the Royal Life Saving Society UK Drowning Prevention Week (16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017) and the Royal National Lifeboat Institute campaign on cold water shock.
- The Community Safety Officer has delivered training to new mothers on safety associated with young children and as highlighted earlier there is some work necessary to maximise access to these safety messages. Fire service personnel are looking at ways of supporting this work.
- Evaluation report on Cheviot pilot in collaboration with Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT) and service users has now been completed and circulated to appropriate stakeholders. The expectation is that the pilot will be rolled out to other areas of the Scottish Borders, Teviot and Liddesdale areas coming next.

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

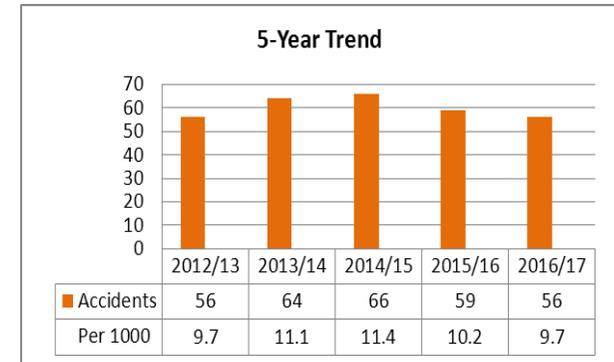
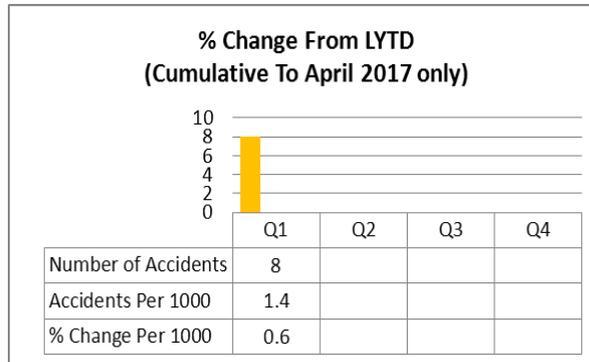
**Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for children under 5 where a home accident is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
1.4	0.9	+0.5	+0.6

Please note: Data is to April 2017 only

Source: NHS BGH



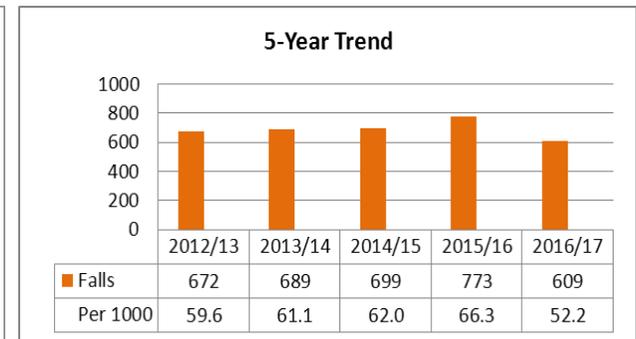
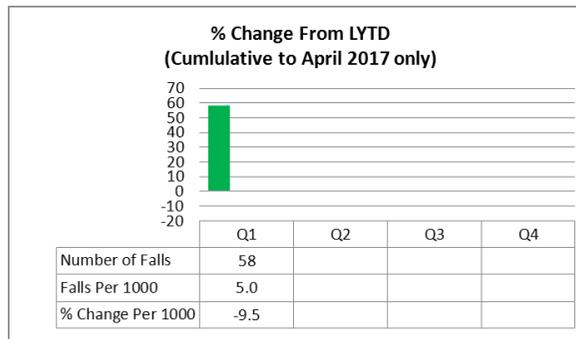
**Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for 75+ where a fall is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
5.0	5.5	-0.5	-9.5

Please note: Data is to April 2017 only

Source: NHS BGH

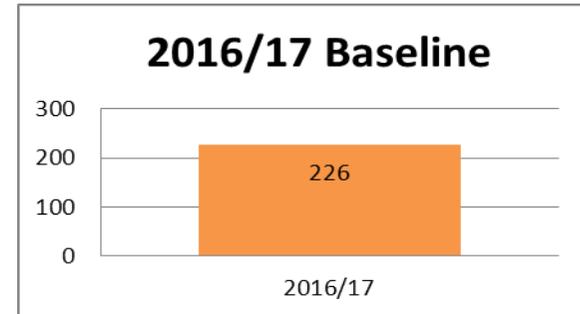
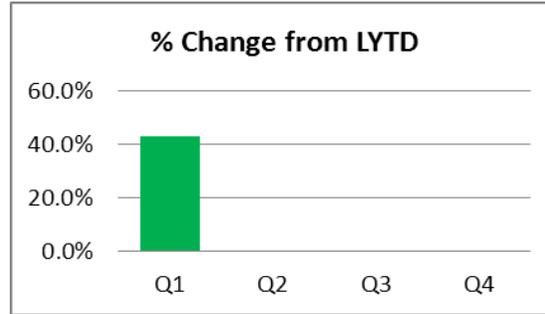


**Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working**

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

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
63	44	+19	+43.2%

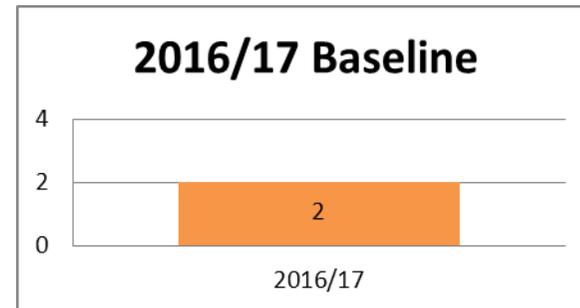
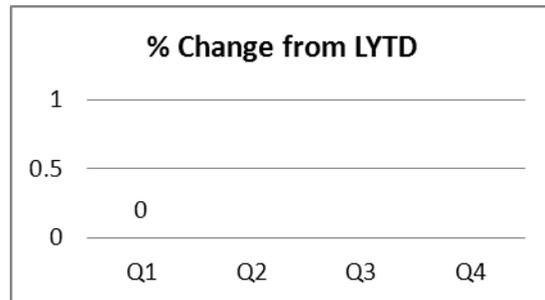


Source: SFRS

**Increase the number of Fire Service fuel poverty referrals generated**

**Performance**

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0	0	0	0



Source: SFRS

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