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POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2018

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, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2018 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

2 November 2018

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declaration of Interest	
4.	Appointment of Vice Chair To appoint a Vice Chair for the Police, Fire and Safer Communities Board.	2 mins
5.	Minutes and Matters Arising (Pages 3 - 8) Consider Minute of Meeting held on 31 August 2018. (Copy attached).	5 mins
6.	Progress Reports/Updates on Service Matters	
	(a) Police (Pages 9 - 18) Performance Report (Copy attached). Update on Service Matters Police Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark	30 mins
	(b) Fire & Rescue (Pages 19 - 46) Performance Report (copy attached) Update on Service Matters LSO Stephen Gourlay	30 mins
7.	Safer Communities Update and Key Activities (Pages 47 - 68) To consider report by Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager, Graham Jones (Copy attached)	20 mins

8.	Presentation - Strategic Assessment on Safer Communities in the Scottish Borders Presentation on Strategic Assessment on Safer Communities in the Scottish Borders by Graham Jones, Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager and Wendy Marsden, Partnership Analyst.	30 mins
9.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
10.	Any Other Items the Chairman Decides are Urgent	
11.	Dates of Future Meetings Friday, 8 February 2019 at 9.30 am Friday, 17 May 2019 at 9.30 am	2 mins

NOTES

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

Membership of Committee:- Councillors G. Turnbull (Chairman), D. Moffat, N. Richards, E. Robson, H. Scott, E. Small.
Mr M Dickson, NHS Borders, Mrs J Mulloy- Scottish Borders Housing Network,
Ms M Simpson - Voluntary Sector, Mr H Waltl - Business Sector

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

MINUTES of Meeting of the POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD held in Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on Friday, 31st August, 2018 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors: G Turnbull (Chairman) D Moffat, N Richards, E Robson, H Scott, E Small, Mr M Dickson - NHS Borders, Ms J Mulloy – SBHA, Mrs M Simpson - Voluntary Sector.

In Attendance: Superintendent D Walker, Chief Inspector A McLean, Police Scotland; Group Managers - D Girrity and M Jaffray & LSO S Gourlay, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Ms A Beavon – Violence Against Women Coordinator, SBC, Mr D Scott, Senior Policy Advisor SBC, J Turnbull, Democratic Services Officer SBC.

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Neil Richards and Superintendent David Walker to their first meeting of the Board. The Chairman thanked Councillor McAteer, the outgoing Chairman, for his valuable contribution to the Board.

2. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 22 June 2018.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE**

3.1 With reference to paragraph 5.13(b) and (c) of the Minute, it was noted that a briefing on the armed response deployment model and an update on CCTV would be presented to a future meeting of the Board.

3.2 With reference to paragraph 5.12 of the Minute, it was noted that the Borders General Hospital (BGH) would continue to provide statistics on persons presenting at A&E as a result of a violent incident. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute, Group Manager Jaffray advised that the collaboration with the BGH on the Falls Strategic Group had been successful and would continue.

DECISION

NOTED:

(a) **That a briefing on the armed response deployment model be presented to a future meeting of the Board; and**

(b) **That an update on CCTV be presented to a future meeting of the Board.**

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON SERVICE MATTERS - POLICE SCOTLAND**

4.1 Superintendent Walker, representing Chief Superintendent Clark, advised that Iain Livingstone had been appointed as the next Chief Constable of Police Scotland. Mr Livingstone was well respected within the police service and officers were delighted at his appointment. Superintendent Walker then gave a brief overview of service matters

explaining that road safety continued to be a challenge in the Scottish Borders, particularly with regard to motorcyclists. He then discussed the work of the Community Action Team (CAT) successfully tackling rural crime. He concluded by advising that Mental health issues continued to be a challenge with 80% of incidents requiring police attendance, not being crime related. Police Scotland continued to work with the NHS, Scottish Ambulance Service and local councils to try to improve mental health provision in rural areas.

- 4.2 Chief Inspector McLean then presented Police Scotland's Scrutiny Report for the period 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda.
- 4.3 Domestic Abuse – During the period there had been a reduction in domestic abuse incidents which positively reflected the work being carried out by police and partner agencies. The introduction of TecSOS technology had also contributed to this reduction.
- 4.4 Road safety – The report showed that during the period there had been two motorcyclist fatalities, both motorcyclists were from outwith the area. The report advised that motorcyclists were encouraged to attend the Drivewise Borders programme which had been introduced to enhance safer driving practices for motorcyclists. Police Scotland also supported the National Motorcycle Safety Plan engaging with local and visiting motorcyclists to provide advice and guidance on their driving behaviour. Chief Inspector McLean advised that although there had been a decrease in under 25s and over 65s involved in collisions, education and enforcement needed to be expanded. Chief Inspector McLean referred to the deployment of 'Pop up Bob' which was still being well received and it was intended to introduce further life size images of police officers in the future. In response to a question, he advised that he would request monitoring the speed of farm vehicles at Westruther
- 4.5 Violent Crime – There had been a 14% reduction in violent crime which reflected the work being carried out by police and partners in the Scottish Borders. Chief Inspector McLean referred to the importance of the Best Bar None scheme, Challenge 25 and weekend high visibility patrols in certain areas. However, these initiatives could not influence excessive alcohol consumption in the home
- 4.6 Antisocial Behaviour – Incidents were down by 5.1%. Chief Inspector McLean explained that this figure also included social media incidents. There were regular meetings with the Antisocial Behaviour Core Group and work with landlords to influence behaviour. There had been an increase of 33.3% (2 additional) racially aggravated incidents, both of which had been at the lower end of the scale. Chief Inspector McLean praised the work of the Street Pastors which freed up police time to allow for the continuation of their high visible patrols.
- 4.7 Drugs and Alcohol Misuse – There were no specific figures to report. However, Chief Inspector McLean referred to the partnership working with the Licensing Board, licensees and event organisers to ensure Challenge 25 and Don't Buy, Don't Supply were being adhered to at events and festivals. Police Scotland together with the CAT were also providing a high visible deterrent at these events.
- 4.8 Protecting People – There had been a 22% increase in missing person incidents (31 incidents). Chief Inspector McLean clarified the grading of incidents and advised that any person graded high risk involved all police officers and backroom staff. Police Scotland's focus on doorstep crime also continued, especially crimes targeting the vulnerable and elderly. The Banking Protocol initiative was discussed and Chief Inspector McLean referred to a recent incident when the Protocol had prevented a large cash withdrawal.
- 4.9 Acquisitive crime – There had been a 27.6% decrease, resulting in 19 fewer premises being broken into. This positively reflected the work the police and community were doing

to increase security and deter criminals. Collaboration also continued with the NFU which had contributed to the decline.

- 4.10 Demand Analysis – The report explained that although there had been a reduction in crime this did not correlate to a reduction in demand for police in the Scottish Borders. A significant amount of the work carried out by Police Scotland was not for a reported crime but related to concerns for the wellbeing of a person or an appropriate referral to partner agencies. Chief Inspector McLean, concluded his report by advising that during the period there had been 45 complaints against Police Scotland, including 56 allegations, 32 on duty complaints and 52 regarding quality of service. The majority of complaints were resolved by discussion although some would be upheld. It was requested that statistics on detection rates be included in the next report.
- 4.11 Police Community Action Team
Chief Inspector McLean then gave a briefing on the work of the Police Community Action Team (CAT) and circulated at the meeting copies of an impact report for quarter 1 – April to June 2018, detailing the tasking being carried out in the five localities. The report showed that the CAT had undertaken 69 stop and searches with a 35% success rate. Warrants for searches had also resulted in 90% success rate. The CAT had also been involved in the recovery of a significant amount of drugs as well as issuing 219 parking tickets.
- 4.12 In response to questions, Chief Inspector McLean advised that with regard to online abuse, if an incident was reported then Police Scotland's Online Investigation team would assess. Incidents should also be referred to online agencies e.g. Facebook, Twitter who had a duty to investigate any abusive content on their sites. With regard to the notification of drug raids to local Members, he advised that as part of partnership working, elected Members were advised, he would investigate why this had not occurred on the occasion referred to. Regarding removal of items during stop and searches, he advised that this was dependant on the type of equipment found and if removal was covered by the appropriate legislation. With regard to police attendance at road accidents, he confirmed that if there were no injuries or allegations, and the drivers had exchanged insurance details, there was no necessitate for police attendance.
- 4.13 The Board then discussed cyclists and suggested a safety media campaign reminding cyclists to wear helmets, use reflective equipment and lights. Chief Inspector McLean advised that as a part of their Winter Campaign, Police Scotland would target paperboys and newsagents reminding them of the need to use lights and reflective equipment when cycling. Chief Inspector McLean then clarified that proxy buying of alcohol was an offence and that regular operations were carried out to try to deter proxy buying. The Board welcomed the Banking Protocol Initiative and Chief Inspector McLean advised that he would explore if there was an opportunity to include local post offices within the Protocol. The Board suggested that it would be useful if future reports could include longer trend statistics e.g. over the three to five year period and Inspector McLean advised that they were still developing the format but reports could be tweaked to meet the demands of the Board.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

5. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES ON SERVICE MATTERS - SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

- 5.1 There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) Local Plan Performance Report. Local Senior Officer (LSO) Gourlay began his report by advising that Ash Denham MSP had recently been appointed Minister for Community Safety. He further advised that the SFRS Chief Officer would be retiring in March 2019; recruitment to the post was underway and was at the shortlist stage. Regarding the SFRS transformation programme, national negotiations were ongoing and it was hoped

would allow for the reinstatement of the Out of Hour's Cardiac Arrest scheme and the expansion of the Falls in the Home project - successfully piloted in the Cheviot area. As part of the transformation, he had bid for two rural full time Watch Managers posts. These posts would be based in Duns and Peebles and would cover a cluster of fire stations.

5.2 Newbridge Training Project

With reference to paragraph 7.10(d) of the minute of the 22 June, there had been circulated copies of a report on the Newbridge Training Project. The report detailed the planned facilities, including road traffic collision, urban search and rescue and petrochemical training areas. LSO Gourlay advised that the project was scheduled for completion and handover in March 2019. He extended an invitation to the Board for a tour of the facility, following the partial handover in December. In response to a question he advised that it would be possible for collaboration with other agencies for joint training, when appropriate.

5.3 Group Manager Jaffray then presented the SFRS Local Plan Performance Report for the period 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda. In summary, Group Manager Jaffray explained:-

5.4 Reduction of 'Dwelling Fires'- There had been an increase from 19 to 24 dwelling fires recorded for the same period last year. All, apart from one were minor. The causes were smoking, cooking and electrical faults, with two deliberate.

5.5 Reduction of 'All Fire Casualties' – There had been five casualties all of which had suffered slight smoke inhalation to varying degrees.

5.6 Reduction of 'All Deliberate Fires Excluding Dwellings' – There were 45 deliberate fires, a reduction of 23 from the same period last year. This trend was well below the rest of Scotland highlighting the importance of prevention activities and the positive work being carried out by local area liaison officers

5.7 Reduction of 'Special Service – RTCs' – There had been 16 RTCs, five less than last year. Four occasions required the use of hydraulic rescue equipment.

5.8 Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties' – There had been 19 casualties a reduction of four from last year. Group Manager Jaffray highlighted that four of the incidents were affecting entry for emergency medical response and persons who had fallen in the home.

5.9 Reduction of 'False Alarm – Equipment Failure' – There had been 235 false alarm signals (UFAS) 64 were of good intent with 11 of a malicious nature.

5.10 In response to a question Group Manager Jaffray advised that with regard to fires in disused properties, there was no trend. As part of the SFRS thematic action plan they proactively targeted derelict properties and engaged with owners and partners to make such properties secure. Fires in derelict properties posed a risk, not only to the person starting the fire but to fire officers, as structures in derelict building were often unsafe. With regard to youth engagement, Group Manager Jaffray explained that youth engagement work such as TD1 and work with Peebles High School had been positive. Through national forums they were sharing the best practice from these initiatives.

5.11 Group Manager Girrity then went on to advise on Prevention and Protection Activities, copies of a report from the Quarter 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018 had been circulated with the agenda. GM Girrity explained that the report showed that Home Fire Safety Visits were below target. He explained that the SFRS were now focusing on highest risk households which would ensure that resources were used with greatest effect. An update on progress would be given at a future Board meeting. GM Girrity went on to discuss SFRS road safety prevention activities and highlighted the successful road safety event delivered at Hawick Fire Station which it was intended to roll out to other areas. GM

Girrity concluded his report by referring to UFAS. He explained that this issue did not just affect the Scottish Borders but was UK wide. All local authorities and the NHS had been advised of the burden UFAS caused to the SFRS. SBC's Director of Education was engaging with the SFRS to consider ways to reduce the number of UFAS.

Predominantly, UFAS were due to equipment failure and the SFRS were suggesting a call filtering system which would negate the need for the fire service to initially attend. The alarm would still be activated in schools and they would be evacuated. GM Girrity reassured the Board that the fire service would be mobilised following a 999 call or when more than one fire detector had been activated at a premises. In response to questions, GM Girrity advised that they were adopting a staged approach to UFAS, schools being the initial focus. However, they would be looking at a range of UFAS offenders going forward. Regarding UFAS in hospitals, LSO Gourlay advised that an initiative introduced by NHS Lothian had been successful in reducing UFAS. The SFRS would be considering introducing the initiative to NHS Borders, although the number of UFAS was in the minority.

DECISION

NOTED:

(a) the report; and

(b) an update on the transformation programme would be presented at the next meeting

6. SAFER COMMUNITIES UPDATE AND KEY ACTIVITIES

6.1 There had been circulated copies of the Safer Communities Performance report covering the period Ms Andrea Beavon, Violence Against Women Coordinator, presented the report and highlighted the key points:-

6.2 Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working - Referrals to specialist domestic abuse services had increased compared to last year. Ms Beavon advised that a new Domestic Abuse Act would come into force in 2019. The Act would mean changes to the classification of certain actions deemed to be an offence. Ms Beavon also advised that following a recent positive ITV media piece on the work of the Domestic Abuse Service in rural areas, they had received a number of referrals.

6.3 Priority 2 – Reduce the level and impact of Substance Misuse through effective partnership working. Analysis had been undertaken of police demand during various festivals and had shown a general reduction in incidents compared to last year.

6.4 Priority 3 – Reduce the level and impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working – There had been improvement compared to the same period last year. This was likely to have been the result of a range of activities with partner agencies, for example, Safety Advisory Group, multi-agency Core Group and Community Action Team

6.5 Priority 4 – Reduce the level and impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working - Successful initiatives such as the Drivewise Borders 2018/19 and the relaunch of the 17-25 advance driving training continued to have a positive impact.

6.6 Priority 5 – Reduce the level and impact of incidents in the home through effective partnership work - Adult and child protection referrals from RSLs had increased by 70 referrals since the previous quarter. Ms Beavon highlighted the work of the Early Years Subgroup campaign being delivered through nurseries and schools to try to reduce the number of under 5s admitted to hospital with accidental poisoning caused by household chemicals such as dishwasher tablets.

- 6.7 In response to a question regarding the multidisciplinary visits to individual properties where there was a disproportional level of antisocial behaviour. Ms Marsden explained that the Antisocial Behaviour Team automatically worked in partnership for a multidisciplinary response to individual cases. Chief Inspector McLean added that no one agency should have to tackle these issues and that partnership working was the nucleus to success. Ms Simpson added that the third sector also had a part to play and they were looking at opening more centres within the Scottish Borders to encourage dialogue.
- 6.8 Ms Beavon then clarified that the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) did not undermine existing protection levels that were in place, when there was a certain level of risk or threat GDPR did not apply.

**DECISION
NOTED the report.**

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Friday 9 November 2018 at 9.30 am.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am



**POLICE
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Scrutiny Report

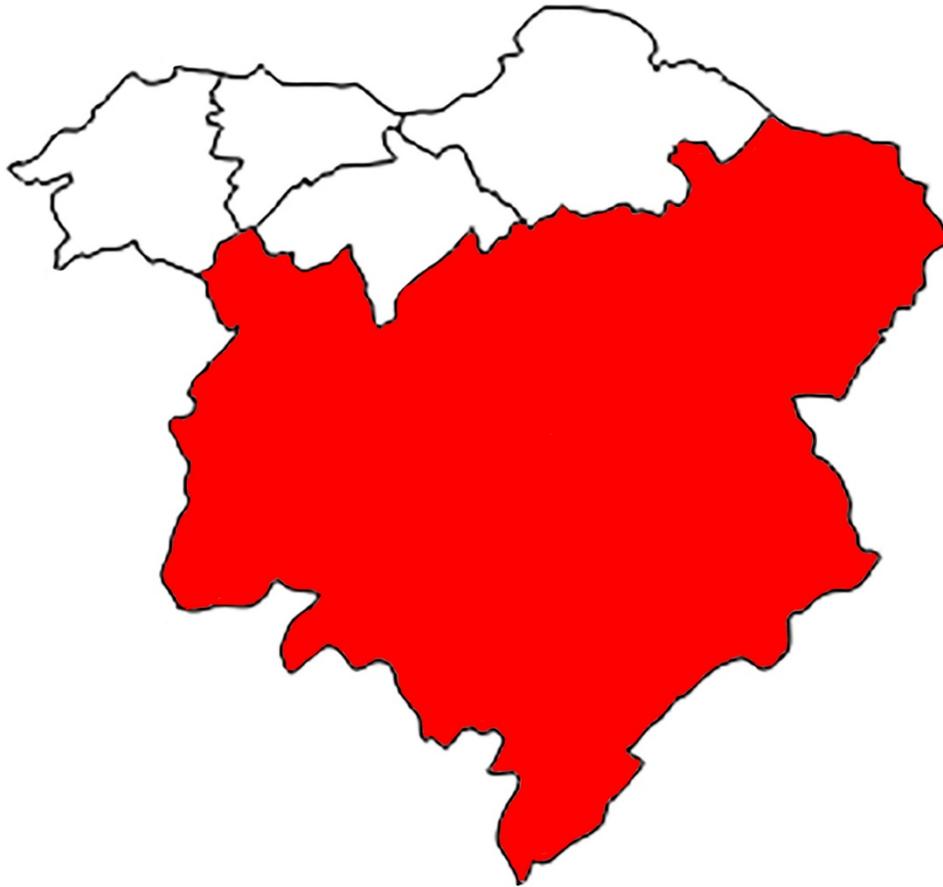
1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018



Scottish Borders

The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. The extraction date from recording systems can also differ so it would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in the report as official statistics.

Data contained in this report should only be used to identify trends as figures are likely to change over time.



INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to provide a summary and brief assessment of performance in the Scottish Borders Command Area for the Quarter 2 period of 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019.

The report references the themes from Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnerships Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the aligned priorities within the Local Policing Plan for the Scottish Borders, namely:-

- Domestic Abuse
- Road Safety
- Violent Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Drug and Alcohol Misuse
- Protecting People
- Acquisitive Crime

All data is sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 22nd October, 2018

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Domestic Abuse Incidents	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr- Sep 2018	Change
	558	510	-8.6%



This continued reduction in domestic abuse incidents positively reflects the work being carried out by police and partner agencies in tackling the perpetrators of domestic abuse in the Scottish Borders.

Proportion of Domestic Abuse Incidents which become Domestic Abuse Crimes	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr- Sep 2018	Change
	41.8%	36.9%	- 4.9%



This reduction positively reflects on the work being carried out by police and partner agencies to intervene at an early stage reducing the risk of behaviour becoming criminal.

Domestic Abuse – Achieving Priorities and Outcomes

1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018

We continue to work with our partner agencies to reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse in the Scottish Borders.

We are achieving this by:

New TecSOS devices rolled out and 6 issued as part of safety planning. TecSOS technology unlike the vigilant alarm system is not limited to the home and can be used across the UK and in some countries in Europe.



Continuing to work with our partners through the MARAC, MAPPA, MATAAC, MAC and DAAS process to identify and support victims, identify and target offenders, and identify and support children living in an environment where there is domestic abuse. MARAC referrals resulted in several MATAAC referrals and DSDAS disclosures.

Continuing to submit comprehensive reports to the procurator fiscal in relation to all domestic abuse crimes.

Continuing to complete risk assessments which assist in reducing the risk to victims and repeat victims and offering appropriate support.

Continuing to proactively check bail conditions of perpetrators of domestic abuse, ensuring they adhere to their conditions reducing the risk to victims. Identify and detect offenders to protect victims.

ROAD SAFETY

Road Casualties



	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
Fatal	4	8	+100%
Serious	28	39	+39.3%
Slight	119	82	-31.1%
KSI	32	47	+46.9%
Children Seriously Injured	1	2	+100%

It is disappointing to see the 100% increase in fatalities in the Scottish Borders. 6 of these accidents relate to motorcycles, 4 of the riders reside out with the Scottish Borders and were passing through the area. It is hoped that the motorcycle programme introduced into Drivewise this year and the current interest in rolling out Drivewise in other council areas will positively impact these figures going forward.

Road Safety – Achieving Priorities and Outcomes - 1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018

We continue to work on reducing road accidents and casualties within the Scottish Borders through prevention and influencing road user behaviour.

We are achieving this by:

Maintaining our commitment to the award winning Drivewise Borders which has positively influenced the behaviour of over 1000 residents. Winning an accolade of Best Community Road Safety award by Brake.

Continuing to work in partnership with councillors, SBC officials, Transport Scotland, Amey and residents utilising measures such as speed checks and road engineering to reduce the risk in areas that have been identified as problematic.



Continuing to carry out static and rolling road checks, using the opportunity to influence driver behaviour and provide a visible presence on our roads including key collision routes.

Continued targeted patrols of areas known for ASB driving.

Training Community Officers and CAT Team officers in the use of Hand held radars to provide a visible presence to prevent speeding. Deployment 'Pop up Bob' (life size image of police officer) to deter speeding.

Maintaining partnership working by holding presentations with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on motorcycle safety.

Implementing Operation "Lose the Blinkers" to educate drivers and horse riders about safety on our roads. Promoted on Facebook and Twitter this reached an audience of over 55,000.

VIOLENT CRIME

Serious Assault (Group 1) crime rate per 10,000 population	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
	2.2	1.7	- 20%



This 20% reduction positively reflects on the work being carried out by police and partners to reduce violence in the Scottish Borders. As a result 5 less people have been subjected to a serious assault. The serious assault detection rate for the Scottish Borders is 80%.

Violent Crime – Achieving Priorities and Outcomes 1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018

We continue to work on reducing the harm caused by violent crime within private and public areas of our community and reduce the impact of serious and organised crime.

We are achieving this by:

Increasing knowledge and awareness of SOCG, highlight good working practice and develop partnerships by attending the National SOCG Conference held Scottish Police College for police and partners.

Implementation of the National Firearms Surrender Campaign; numerous firearms and ammunition were surrendered.

Continue to carry out intelligence led stop and searches targeting individuals believed to be carrying weapons.



Pro-actively checking violent offenders are adhering to their bail conditions.

Monitoring and adapting our deployment plans to ensure we can robustly police the night time economy. Commencement of planning resources over the Halloween and Bonfire Period - Operation Moonbeam and the Festive period.

Continuing to use Crimestoppers to raise the profile of police activity, raise awareness of harm caused by SOCG and raise the opportunity for further intelligence gathering.

Continuing to work in partnership through the MATAC and MAPPA process to target the behaviour of violent offenders.

Working in partnership with SBC Emergency Planning to deliver WRAP inputs (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) to Social Work. Enabling front line staff to identifying and assist vulnerable individuals at risk of radicalisation.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social Behaviour Incidents per 10,000 population	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
	271	268	- 1.1%



There has been a fall in all anti-social behaviour incidents by 1.1%. There has been a slight increase in ASB communication incidents by 10% compared to last year to date, this trend will be monitored.

Racially Aggravated Conduct per 10,000 population	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
	0.5	0.6	+ 20%



The increase of 20% in racially aggravated conduct amounts to 1 extra incident compared to last year to date. This can be attributed to victims having more confidence in reporting these crimes to the Police. The detection rate for Racially Aggravated Conduct is 71.4%.

Anti-social Behaviour – Achieving Priorities and Outcomes 1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018

We are working to reduce the instances of harm caused by anti-social behaviour within our community and highlight how it impacts on the wider community.

We are achieving this by:

Trialling new, re deployable, “CCTV” cameras at various locations including a primary school subject to youth ASB. The resource is now available for use across the region to assist with tackling ASB and crime.

Working with SBC Anti-Social Behaviour Unit to plan training sessions to all Scottish Borders Police Officers highlighting RSL, Victim Support and ASBU role in tackling ASB in the Borders.



Continuing to work in partnership with SBC to implement the anti-social behaviour process which successfully targets prolific offenders.

Continuing to robustly investigate allegations of hate crime, providing support to victims and reporting offenders seeking appropriate bail conditions.

Continuing to work in partnership to provide 3rd Party Reporting Centre’s. Staff within center’s have been trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police and can make such a report on their behalf.

Dedicated patrols targeting youth ASB in Scottish Border towns.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE

Drug and Substance Misuse

We are working to reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse within the community and educate people about the impact that serious and organised crime groups have on drug misuse.

We are achieving this by:

Carrying out the 2018 recruitment phase of the Best Bar None program. 28 licensed premises have applied to take part in the scheme.

Proactively targeting significant persons concerned in drug supply in the Scottish Borders, resulting in custodial sentences.

Continuing to utilise the SOCG Governance Group to identify and deter targets. Operation Cottonwood used MDA warrants to disrupt criminal activity within the Scottish Borders.



Actively working with Scottish Border Council to finalise a new licensing policy for the Scottish Borders. A transparent guide aiming to simplify the actions of the Police, Council Licensing Standards Officers and consultees in the licensing process, promoting good practice.

Carrying out regular licensed premises check engaging with staff to ensure they are adhering to licensing objectives as well as identify any areas of concern at an early stage.

Continuing to attend partnership training to ensure our officers are kept up to date with current drug trends.

Continuing to engage with drug users discussing the risks and wider implications of drugs misuse as well as signposting to local services.

PROTECTING PEOPLE

Missing Person Incidents	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
	285	350	+22.8%



Early identification and communication of a possible missing person assists in achieving a positive outcome. The increase in missing persons is a positive reflection on the continued work being carried by the police and partner agencies identifying missing persons from an early stage.

Protecting People – Achieving Priorities and Outcomes 1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018

We are working to reduce the harm and instances of harm to persons ‘at risk’ within our local community by education, enforcement and signposting and collaboration.

We are achieving this by:

Continue to host multi-agency discussions surrounding Child Protection Case Conferences, Adult Protection Case Conferences and Adult Protection Inter Agency Referrals in order to protect both children and adults at risk of significant harm.

Continuing to deliver training to practitioners across all agencies in relation to Child Protection and Child Sexual Exploitation.

Continuing to collate all the Missing Person protocols from partner agencies to ensure we are working together to reduce instances of missing persons within the Scottish Borders.



Providing Borders General Hospital and medical facilities posters. The message addresses actions patients should take in order to not become a missing person when leaving the hospital prior to discharge.

Continuing to deal promptly and thoroughly with reports of missing persons or concerns for adults and children at risk. Ensuring that on every occasion the relevant referrals are made to the appropriate agencies and specially trained officers are utilised to support victims.

Continuing to pilot the Distress Brief Intervention scheme in partnership with NHS Borders and SAMH. This scheme has been positively received and has resulted in positive interventions for residents in the Scottish Borders.

Continuing with our focus on doorstep crime, especially crimes targeting the vulnerable and elderly. There have been roadshows as well as reassurance visits to previous victims. We have also used Social Media to remind the public about the importance of reporting these incidents.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Housebreaking and Theft (Group 3) crime rate per 10,000 population	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
	12.2	8.9	-27%



This 27% decrease positively reflects the work the police and the community have been doing to increase security and deter criminals. As result 38 fewer premises have been broken into in the Scottish Borders compared to last year to date. The detection rate for Acquisitive Crime (Group 3) is 35% Housebreaking is 23.5%.

Acquisitive Crime – Achieving Priorities and Outcomes 1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018

We are working 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.

We are achieving this by:

Continuing the Bogus Caller and Repeat Victimisation Prevention scheme. Vulnerable victims continue to be identified and visited by community officers with specifically designed doorstep crime and scams prevention packs and referrals to Trading Standards partners as appropriate.

Proactively follow enquiries to ascertain if suspects of acquisitive crime are part of SOCG, working with other Police areas in the UK to detect, identify, trace and report.



Continuing to conduct road checks on our main arterial routes to detect, disrupt and deter criminals travelling into our area.

Enhancing relations with Police Forces within Northern England to share information on travelling criminals who target all force areas.

Continuing to provide crime prevention advice and surveys for businesses and residents across the Scottish Borders. Working in partnership with Architects to ensure that new social housing and public buildings are designed in such a way that they prevent or reduce the risk of crime.

Continuing to use media outlets including SB Alert to alert residents about scams and opportunistic thieves in the area and provide the relevant crime prevention advice.

Utilising our antisocial behaviour process to identify individuals who may benefit from the nominated neighbour scheme and further prevention advice regarding bogus callers in partnership with Trading Standards.

DEMAND & ANALYSIS

Crimes Reported	Apr-Sep 2017	Apr-Sep 2018	Change
	1555	1489	-4.2%

A decrease in crime is always positive as fewer people have suffered the negative impact crime has on the community. However this reduction in crime does not correlate to a reduction in demand for police in the Scottish Borders. A significant proportion of the work we carry out does not end with a crime report submitted, for example many incidents where concerns for the wellbeing of a person result in numerous hours of searching, attending hospitals and completely the appropriate referrals to partner agencies for support.



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

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT 1ST APRIL 2018 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April 2018 to September 2018 including 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 2018 to September 2018.

Dwelling Fires

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 44 dwelling fires YTD, a slight increase of 1 from the same period last year.

Seven of these fires were started deliberately.

48% of these fires originated in the kitchen with almost all of these involving cooking or cooking appliances.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

There have been 8 fire related casualties so far in 2018. This is the same as the figure for the corresponding period last year.

Further analysis shows that five casualties went to hospital for precautionary checks suffering from smoke inhalation. Three casualties received first aid at the scene and required no further treatment.

Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).

There have been 82 deliberate fires YTD, a decrease of 33 in comparison to the same period last year.

Breakdown of these figures shows Galashiels and District experiencing 31% of all deliberate fires across the Scottish Borders, however, there is a welcome decrease of 44% for the ward area compared to the same period last year.

The majority of the above fires involved grass, scrubland and woodland which may partly be attributable to the prolonged dry period earlier in the year.

Road Traffic Collisions

During the first two quarters of 2018 SFRS have attended 41 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), 3 more than the same period last year.

There have been 23 RTC related casualties YTD with one fatality during Quarter one.

On 13 occasions SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment 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 premises. The table below represents an overview of Special Service Casualties for 2018/19.

Special Service Type	Non-fatal	Fatal	Total
Effecting entry	8	0	8
Assist other agencies	3	1	4
RTC casualties	22	1	23
Other (water, flooding, Hazmat, release persons, etc.)	8	1	9
			44

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

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

Priority	YTD 2017-18	YTD 2018-19	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	43	44	+1
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	8	8	0
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	115	82	-33
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	38	41	+3
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	488	484	-4

Priority	Q2 2017-18	Q2 2018-19	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	23	18	-5
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	2	3	+1
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	48	36	-12
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	17	26	+9
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	268	248	-20

3. PREVENTION & PROTECTION

See attached report

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

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Local Senior Officer
Scottish Borders
9TH November 2018

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LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



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Year to Date Report, 1st April – 30th September 2018

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Introduction

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 Community Fire and Rescue Plan for the Scottish Borders, five priorities for the local Fire and Rescue Service to work towards have been identified for 2018 (listed below).

1. As part of a Community Partnership approach, we will make people safer in their homes
2. We will promote Community Resilience whilst contributing to improved outcomes for people involved in non-fire emergencies
3. Together with our Community Partners, we will contribute to making Scottish Borders roads safer
4. As part of a Community Partnership, we will challenge Anti-social Behaviour
5. In partnership, we will aim to reduce the occurrence and impact of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Manager Stephen Gourlay, Local Senior Officer for the Scottish Borders

Performance Summary

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

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
Dwelling fires	41	58	46	43	44	▲
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	7	9	13	8	8	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	62	77	61	115	82	●
Special Service - RTCs	46	45	50	38	41	▲
Special Service Casualties - All	30	54	83	45	44	●
False Alarm - Equipment failure	318	291	320	327	339	▲

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.

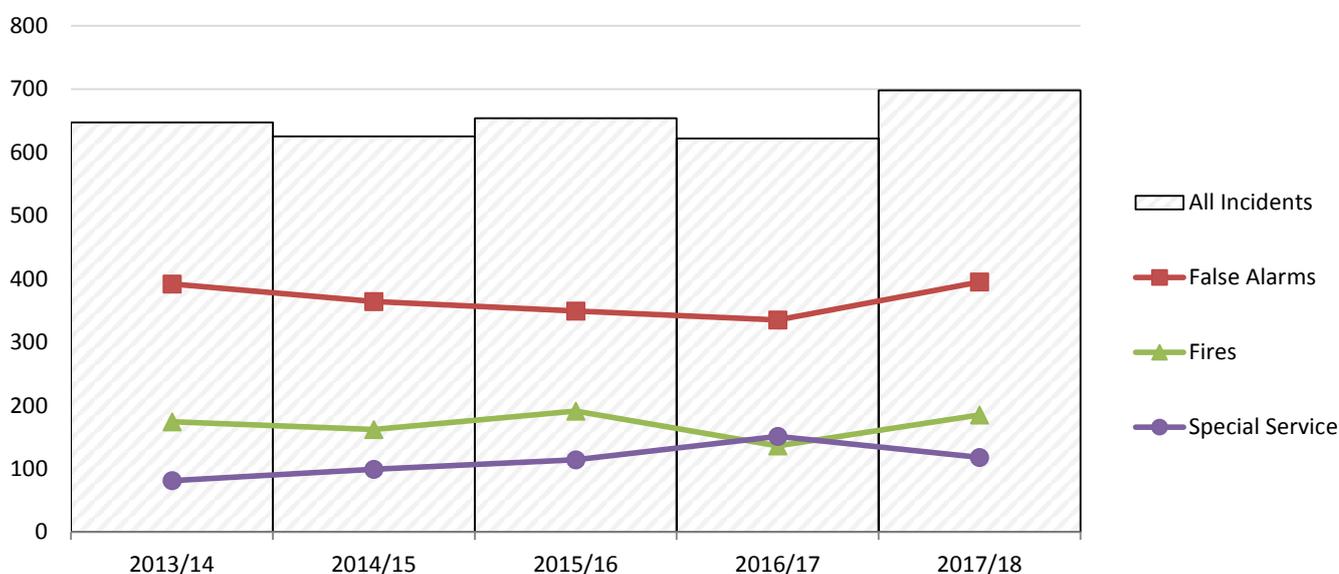
Note

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 September 2018, the SFRS responded to 863 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is 46 more incidents than the same period last year. False alarms accounted for 56% of our emergency calls for the year so far.

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 2018-19, all firefighters in the Scottish Borders will participate within the Training for Operational Competence Programme. Current modules for the year to date period include Ladders, Water Awareness, Incident Command, Health, Safety and Risk Management and Petrochemical and Gases.

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.

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Reduction of 'Dwelling fires'

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

Results

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

There have been 44 dwelling fires recorded compared to 43 for the same YTD period last year, this represents a very slight increase of 2%. Seven of these fires were started deliberately.

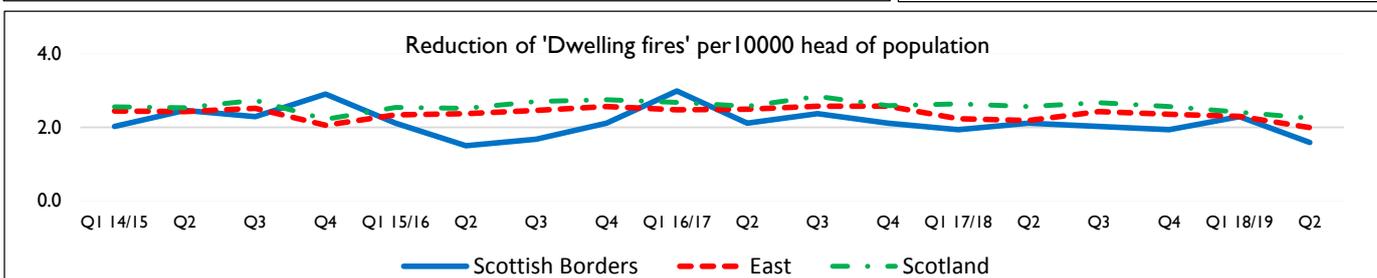
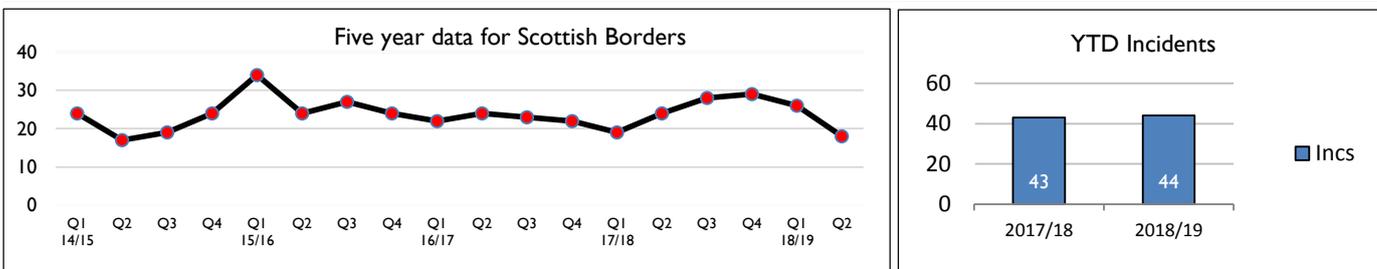
Reasons

Cooking accounted for 20 of these dwelling fires with a further 4 attributable to careless disposal of smoking materials. Analysis highlights 48% of these incidents originated in the kitchen with 50% involving adults 18-64 years.

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 - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	41	58	46	43	44	
Tweeddale West	2	3	1	3	5	
Tweeddale East	1	3	3	0	2	
Galashiels & District	8	11	8	11	6	
Selkirkshire	3	3	4	4	7	
Leaderdale & Melrose	6	5	2	3	5	
Mid Berwickshire	4	3	7	5	6	
East Berwickshire	4	8	5	4	4	
Kelso & District	1	5	5	3	3	
Jedburgh & District	2	3	1	2	1	
Hawick & Denholm	5	5	4	4	3	
Hawick & Hermitage	5	5	6	4	2	

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

SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. There have been 8 casualties in the YTD period, exactly the same as the corresponding period last year.

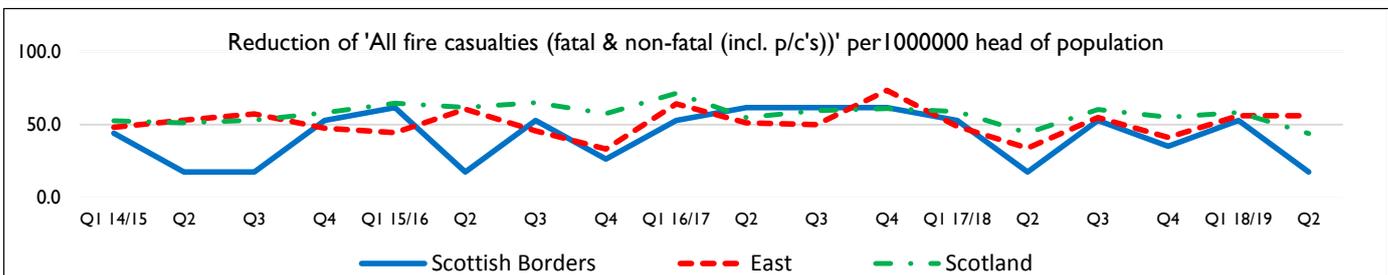
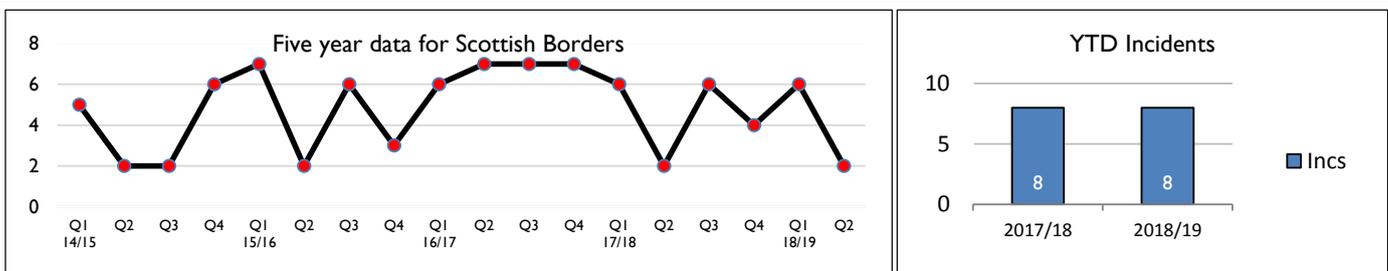
Five casualties were required to go to hospital and three required first aid only at the scene. SFRS crews administered oxygen on all occasions with two casualties aged between 10 to 19 years, one 30 to 39, one 50 to 59, two aged between 60 to 69 and two 70 to 79 years.

Reasons

Six casualties suffered slight smoke inhalation of varying degrees with 2 being other medical conditions. Two on discovering the fire, one being bedridden and one deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. One casualty required rescuing by firefighters however they were led to safety and the use of 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	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	7	9	13	8	8	
Tweeddale West	0	1	0	0	1	
Tweeddale East	0	0	0	0	0	
Galashiels & District	0	3	0	4	1	
Selkirkshire	0	0	1	0	1	
Leaderdale & Melrose	2	1	1	1	1	
Mid Berwickshire	3	0	3	3	0	
East Berwickshire	1	0	1	0	2	
Kelso & District	0	1	1	0	2	
Jedburgh & District	0	2	0	0	0	
Hawick & Denholm	1	1	2	0	0	
Hawick & Hermitage	0	1	4	0	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

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

Results

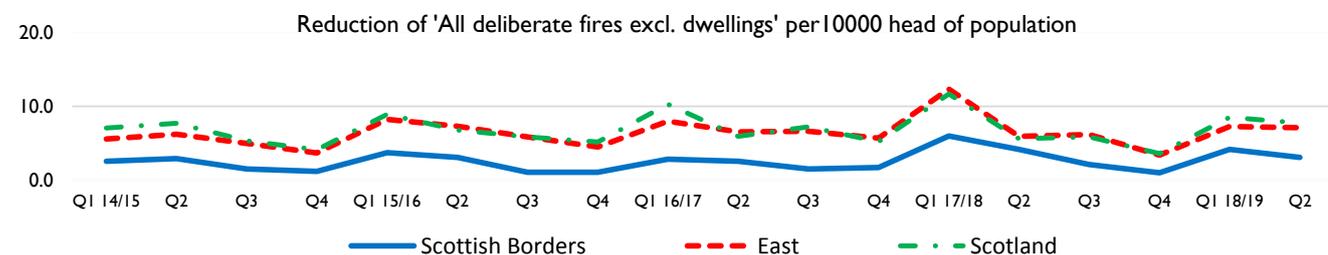
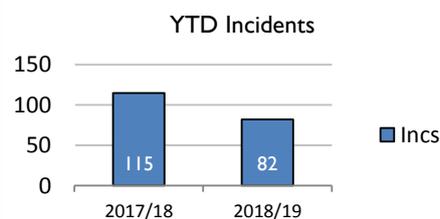
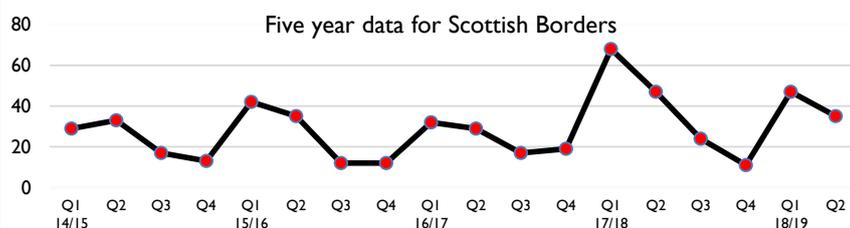
There have been 82 incidents of this nature in the YTD period, this is a 29% decrease for the same reporting period last year. This is a welcome decrease given the spike in deliberate fires across Scotland during the first quarter of last year.

Reasons

Refuse, grass, scrub and woodland accounted for 66% of all deliberate fires. 30% of these fires occurred in the Galashiels and District ward which is 44% decrease for the same period last year.

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 - 7	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	62	77	61	115	82	
Tweeddale West	6	12	3	13	3	
Tweeddale East	5	15	6	5	6	
Galashiels & District	11	17	14	45	25	
Selkirkshire	8	2	6	10	2	
Leaderdale & Melrose	5	6	4	3	5	
Mid Berwickshire	7	4	4	6	3	
East Berwickshire	1	2	3	3	10	
Kelso & District	3	5	3	10	8	
Jedburgh & District	4	6	9	2	4	
Hawick & Denholm	8	6	6	14	9	
Hawick & Hermitage	4	3	3	4	7	

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

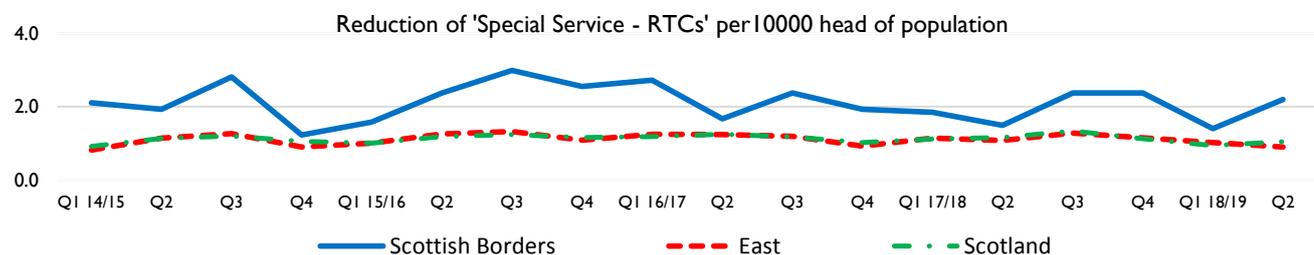
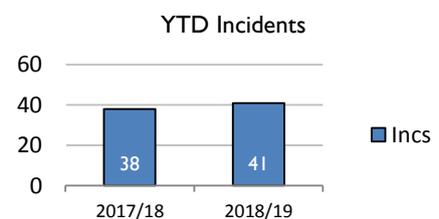
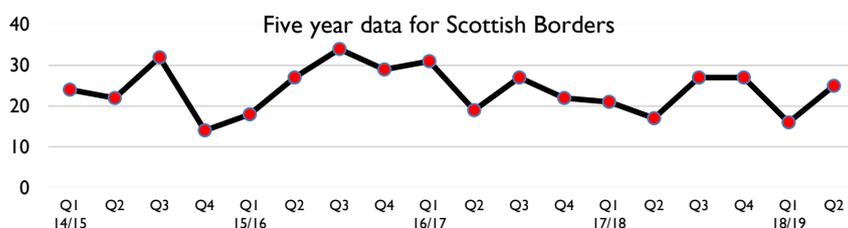
The SFRS attended 41 RTC's during the reporting period, this represents an 8% increase in comparison to the same period last year. Further analysis indicates that hydraulic rescue equipment was used on 13 occasions to extricate persons trapped in vehicles. The remaining incidents required limited intervention 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 Drivewise Event. Reduction of RTC's also forms part of the SFRS action plan regarding the Reducing Inequalities Group within the CPP.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	46	45	50	38	41	
Tweeddale West	11	4	2	6	5	
Tweeddale East	8	5	7	2	6	
Galashiels & District	5	7	6	6	7	
Selkirkshire	2	1	3	3	2	
Leaderdale & Melrose	5	7	5	3	4	
Mid Berwickshire	2	3	4	0	1	
East Berwickshire	3	8	3	4	8	
Kelso & District	3	6	4	2	0	
Jedburgh & District	5	3	10	7	2	
Hawick & Denholm	1	1	3	3	3	
Hawick & Hermitage	1	1	3	2	3	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

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

Results

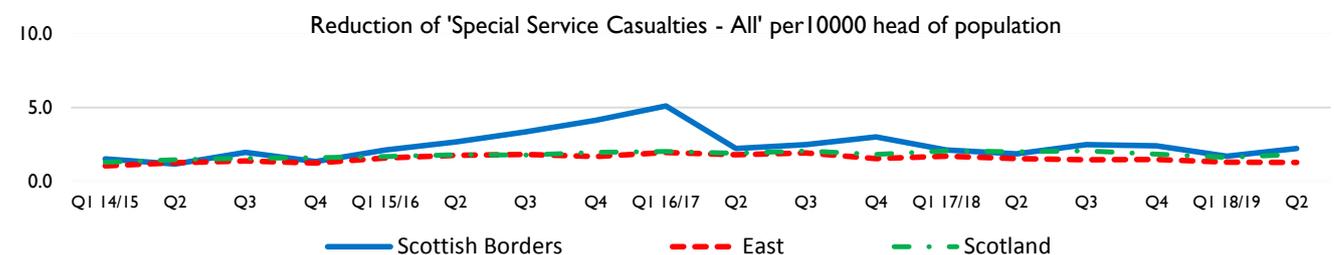
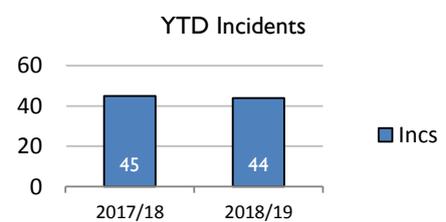
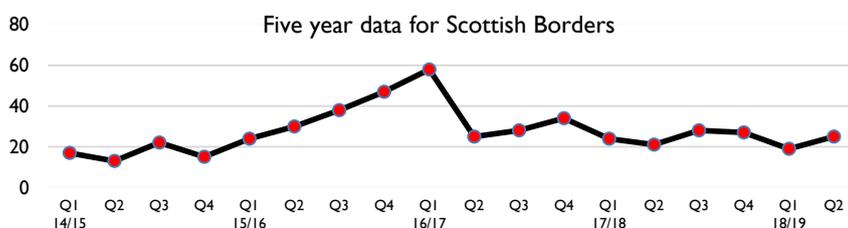
There have been 44 Special Service casualties during the reporting period, a 2% increase in comparison to the same period last year. A snapshot analysis of incident and casualty type is included in the report summary page.

Reasons

The amount of “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 with effecting entry for emergency medical response and persons who have 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 severity 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 CPR, those suffering an out of hospital cardiac arrest have a better chance of survival due to early intervention.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	30	54	83	45	44	
Tweeddale West	5	12	7	6	5	
Tweeddale East	4	2	6	3	3	
Galashiels & District	2	10	14	6	7	
Selkirkshire	0	1	4	8	3	
Leaderdale & Melrose	4	6	4	1	5	
Mid Berwickshire	3	2	5	5	3	
East Berwickshire	3	10	6	4	3	
Kelso & District	1	3	11	2	3	
Jedburgh & District	4	6	13	4	3	
Hawick & Denholm	4	1	7	3	6	
Hawick & Hermitage	0	6	6	3	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

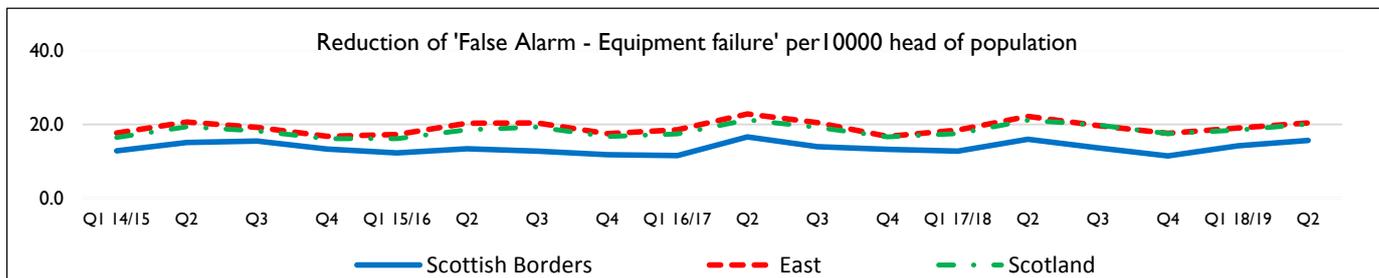
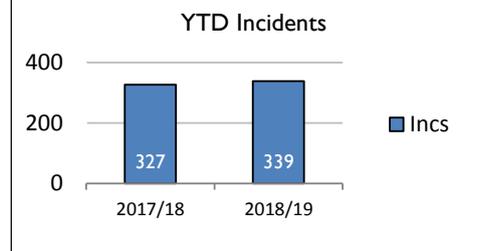
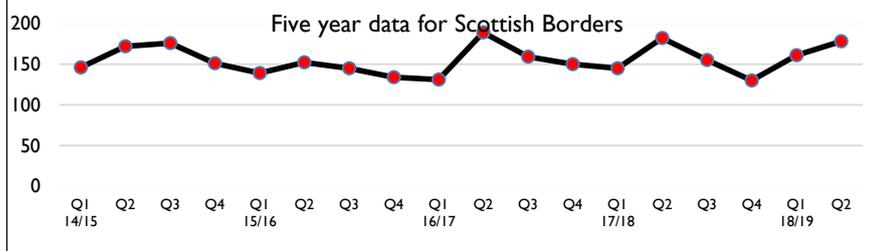
There have been 484 false alarm incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 339 of these incidents with 127 and 18 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figures illustrated in this report relate only to False Alarm equipment failures.

Reasons

Equipment failure accounted for 70% 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. The reduction of UFAS across the Borders has been supplemented by appointing one of our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers as UFAS Champion.



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Tweeddale West	56	43	43	50	28	
Tweeddale East	10	17	8	20	21	
Galashiels & District	43	49	41	50	55	
Selkirkshire	44	30	37	34	30	
Leaderdale & Melrose	45	37	38	34	39	
Mid Berwickshire	25	18	28	19	26	
East Berwickshire	16	15	15	16	32	
Kelso & District	19	13	24	23	36	
Jedburgh & District	13	17	19	10	19	
Hawick & Denholm	14	14	25	28	16	
Hawick & Hermitage	33	38	42	43	37	

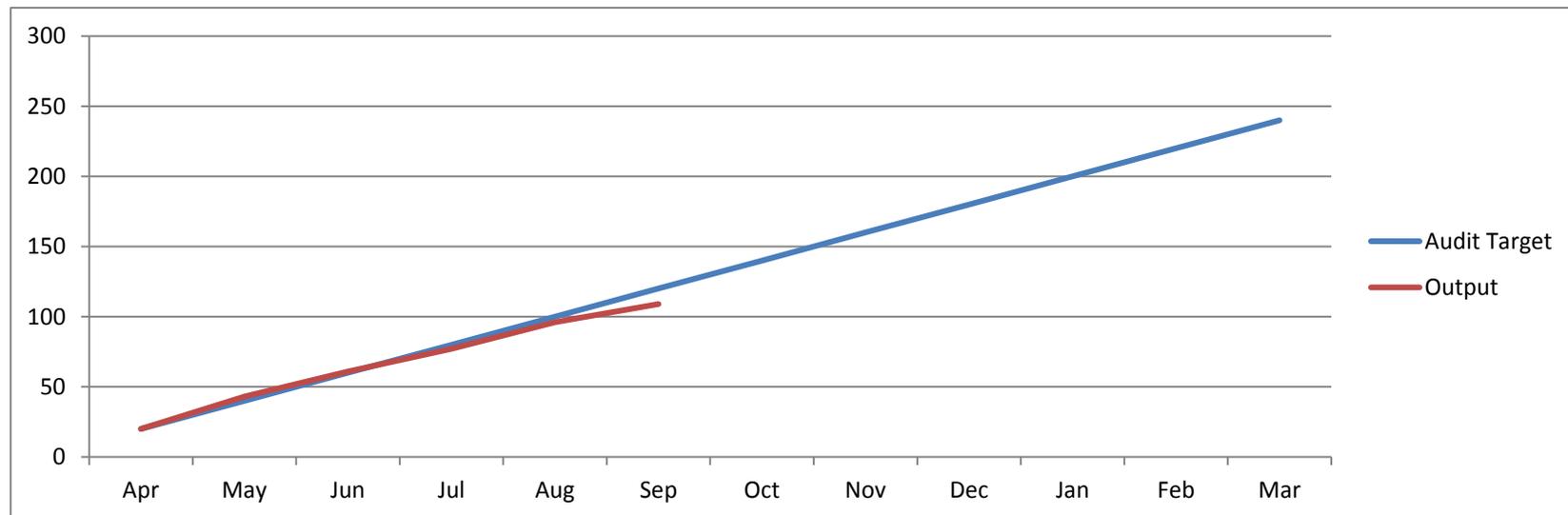
Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 2 2018/2019: (1st July 2018 to 30th September 2018)

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. It should be noted that those properties identified within our framework as high risk have been audited. Although current audits completed are below the target set, this will be addressed over the coming months, with no negative impact on agreed workloads.

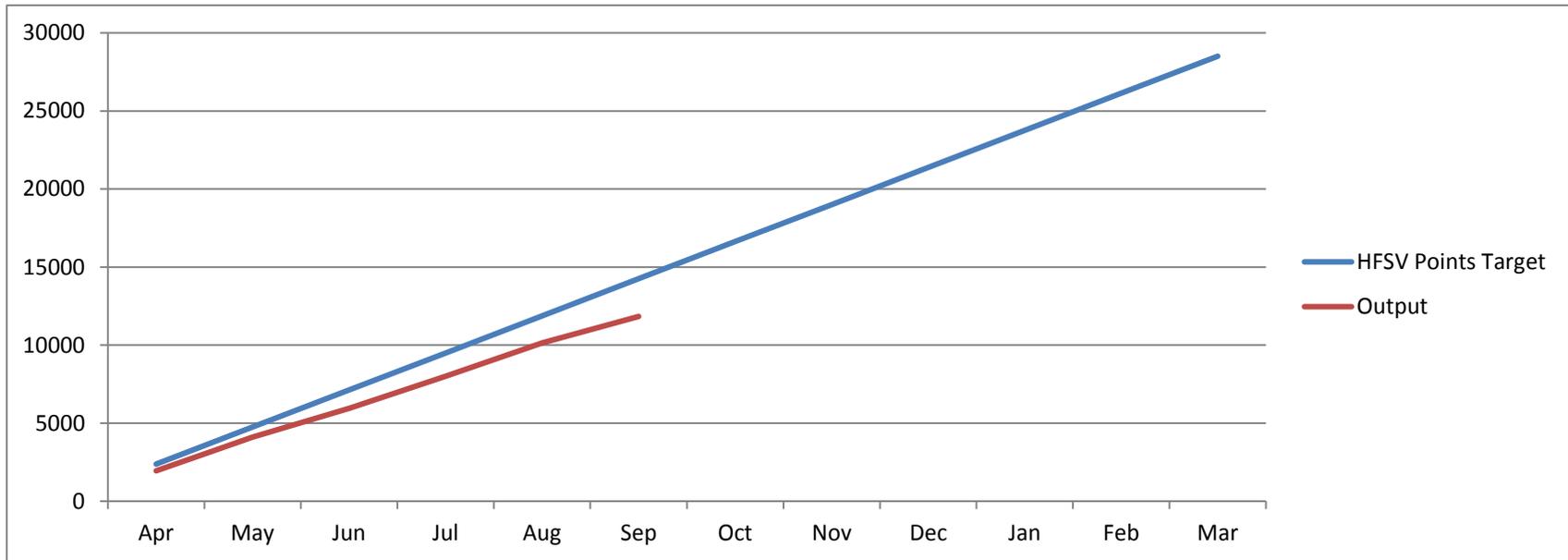
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	20	43	61	77	96	109							



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). In order that we focus are resources on those at greatest risk of fire, SFRS decided earlier this year that those properties which scored either medium or low after a visit, would not be automatically offered a revisit after a specific period of time. This has had an impact on the number of HFSVs generated as can be seen from the points below (YTD). We are currently reviewing local HFSV targets, how they are determined and how we report.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	2375	4750	7125	9500	11875	14250	16625	19000	21375	23750	26125	28500	28500
Completed	1944	4096	5944	8004	10144	11832							



Total visits delivered in 2018/19 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 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q2 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q3 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q4 2018/19
East Berwickshire	17	27		
Galashiels and District	98	81		
Hawick and Denholm	68	66		
Hawick and Hermitage	96	98		
Jedburgh and District	34	25		
Kelso and District	22	21		
Leaderdale and Melrose	39	41		
Mid Berwickshire	26	29		
Selkirkshire	40	35		
Tweeddale East	24	20		
Tweeddale West	23	19		
TOTAL	487	462		

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement Fire skills and Risk Factory programmes in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. In addition to these core activities, the CAT continue to support the delivery of youth engagement through Fire skills with young offenders at Polmont.

The Community Action Team have also had **2** Fire setter Intervention referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period.

Safeguarding (Vulnerable persons)

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our HFSV referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child protection policy and procedure and have generated referrals (AP1) during this period.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been delivered.

Referrals

Home Fire Safety Visits are generated via several pathways involving partner agencies. Generation of referrals from partners is key to identifying individuals most at risk of fire within the home. Our LALO role is supporting this is vital. This is an ongoing task, with new referral pathways being created regularly.

In addition to MARAC outcomes, the CAT team have facilitated a further **14** 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 period.

Housing Association partner referrals total **71**. Our LALO continues to actively engage in communicating with Housing Associations to deliver further training and familiarisation in Fire Safety and the referral process. This is supporting our objective of identifying person most at risk of fire within the home.

We received **8** referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period.

NHS provided **6** referrals and Social Services **5**. 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.

Within the Scottish Borders we continue develop partnership links with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project. This relates to falls assessments screening and referrals.

Road Safety

Drive Wise has also been successfully delivered during this period with all partner agencies involved in the programme. SFRS are a key partner in this multi-agency event and have provided support via operational crews from Gala and Hawick along with the Community Action Team. Other events are scheduled for the remainder of this year.

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.

- Our LALO continues to work as an integral partner within the Safer Communities Team.
- SFRS staff continue to attend monthly MARAC meetings.
- SFRS personnel continue to work with Hawick High School Partnership with a view to setting up Fireskills course.
- Our LALO attended Suicide Awareness training at Perth Fire Station.
- Our LALO continues to attend the Community Learning & Development Target Setting Steering Group meetings.
- The Community Action Team continues to support 2 x Wholetime and 11 RDS stations with the delivery of HFSV's and Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.
- SFRS representation on the Syrian Refugee Families Operational Group.
- Local staff delivered Fire Safety and Water Safety talks to several groups within the Scottish Borders during this period.
- Members of the CAT attended an ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) event at Hamilton. This is a very informative session which provides understanding of why individuals behave and react to certain situations, due to negative experiences during childhood.
- SFRS staff attended Domestic Abuse training at SBC.
- Our LALO attended Falls Strategy Review forum at Borders General Hospital.
- SFRS are now represented on the Gypsy Travellers Operational Group.

Future Work Streams

As we plan for the future, we are actively involved in several areas of work, including;

- Expansion of our HFSV awareness training to partners across the Scottish Borders to assist with identifying individuals at greater risk of fire within the home setting.
- We are actively looking for ways to reduce the number of UFAS calls we attend across Scotland. At previous Scrutiny meetings we have presented papers outlining the issues we face and how we propose to address them. SFRS are about to engage directly with SBC Education to assess the impact of UFAS within Schools and other educational premises. It is hopeful that this exercise will promote a considerable reduction in UFAS and subsequent SFRS attendance to SB Schools.



Quarterly Performance Report October 2018

Period Covered: 1 April 2018 to 30 September 2018

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

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

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

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 4 indicators:



Key Successes

- Training delivered by a range of staff in the specialist services continues to be well attended by a range of voluntary and statutory staff. The training is delivered quarterly and covers FGM, Risk Assessment, Basic Domestic Abuse Awareness and MARAC training. Requests from new voluntary sector services for a range of domestic abuse training inputs are being delivered in the next quarter.
- Referrals to all the Safer Communities based domestic abuse services have increased in the year to date when compared to last year. The increase is in part due to all services being fully resourced and includes Domestic Abuse Advocacy Support, Domestic Abuse Advocacy Outreach, Safer Housing Options and Court Advocacy Service. The increase is predominantly down to outreach and court services referrals as these services were not operational in 2017/18.

Key Issues

- Recent corporate change has created a vacancy for the MARAC coordinator post. Contingency arrangements are in place pending the outcome of the ongoing Public Protection review. There is an anticipated Scottish Government consultation on MARAC which may result in future guidance to Local Authorities.

Key Activities

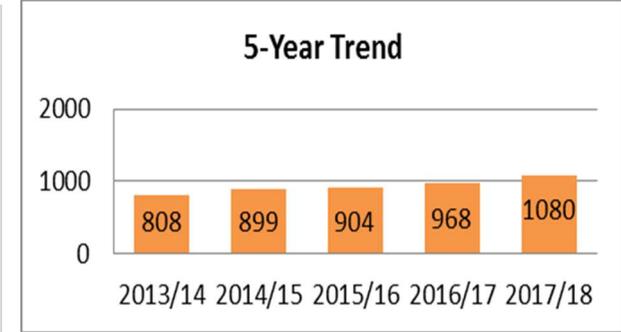
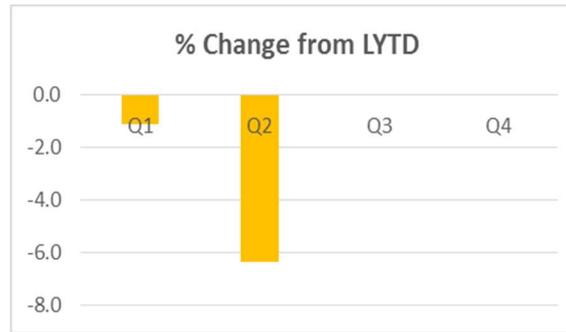
- The Gender Based Violence Strategic Assessment has been produced and a consultation process is underway. Priorities for 2019 - 2021 are being developed, underpinning activity agreed with relevant management information to demonstrate progress. This information will provide clarity on the contribution made by the Safer Community Team and co-located partners in relation to delivery of the Scottish Borders Community Plan.
- Female Genital Mutilation guidance was presented as a piece of policy work to the Joint Adult Protection, Child Protection and Offender Management Committee at the October 2018 meeting and endorsed.

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

Increase the number of reported incidents of domestic abuse (adults)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
528	564	-36	-6.4%

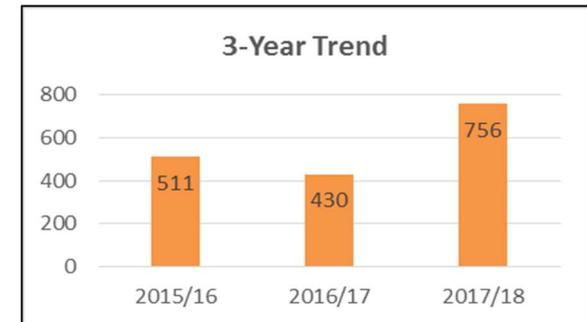
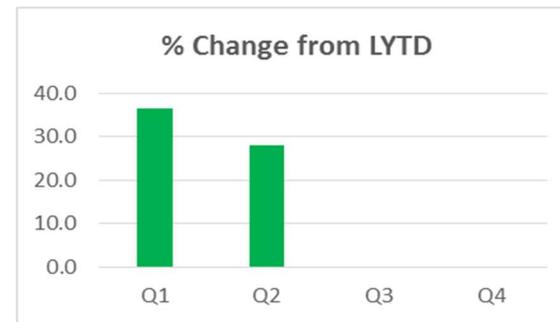


Source: Police Scotland

Increase the number of referrals to Safer Communities Domestic Abuse Support Services

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
370	289	+81	+28%



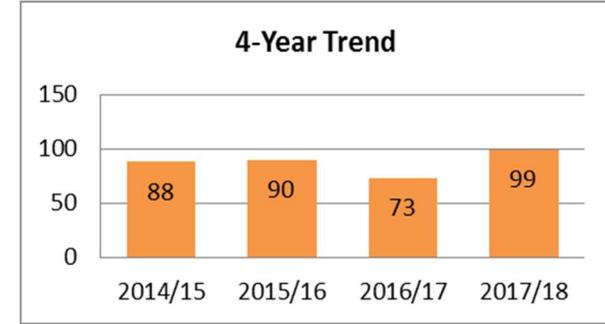
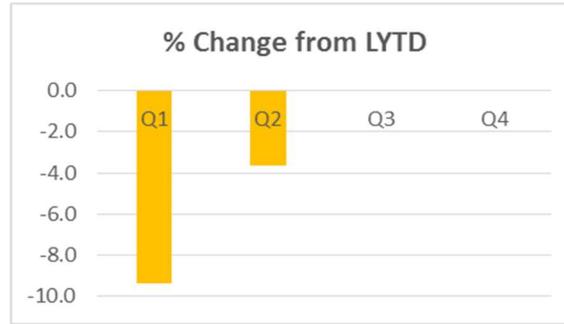
Source: DAAS

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

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
53	55	-2	-3.6%

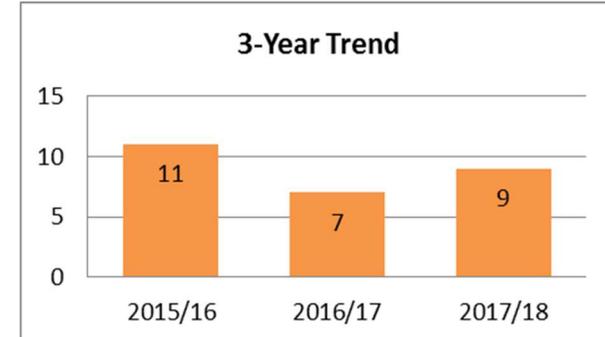
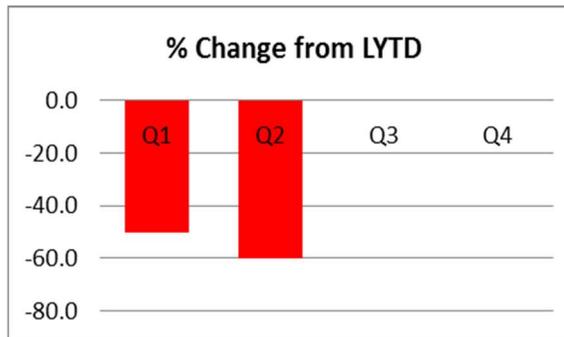


Source: MARAC

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

Performance

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



Source: Police Scotland

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

- Pro-active drug enforcement activity for the year to date has shown an increase in disclosure to Registered Social Landlords for consideration around potential tenancy agreement breaches. Privately owned property or private rental properties are not included.
- The SBC funded Community Action Team (CAT) has been active in enforcement activity both in relation to property searches under warrant but also on street intelligence led stop and search activity.

Key Issues

- In quarter 2 no further ABI screenings were completed. This was due to the suitability of the individuals being seen. An Alcohol Brief Intervention (ABI) is always considered during face to face meetings with individuals accused of perpetrating ASB. A variety of factors impact upon the opportunity to undertake an ABI. The diligence around screening is the important factor which generates the ABI. 100% of those screened as eligible for an ABI had one performed.
- Needle finds, particularly in Galashiels, remain a concern and multi-agency environmental meetings have taken place to address the issue. Safe disposal guidance has been reiterated to exchange points and 'sharps' containers made available. The CAT has been active in those areas experiencing needle finds as part of their deployment tasking.

Key Activities

- The Best Bar None 2018/19 annual licensed premises application and accreditation cycle is underway supporting self-regulation within the trade. This award is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Business Resilience Centre supported locally by community safety partners.
- Planning for the Festive campaign is underway and is a collaboration between council staff and co located partners.
- The Community Safety Partnership continue to promote the underage drinking campaign, don't buy it, don't supply it, intended to support attitudinal change among those people who supply alcohol to U18's. The campaign will continue throughout the 2018/19 Festive period in digital form.

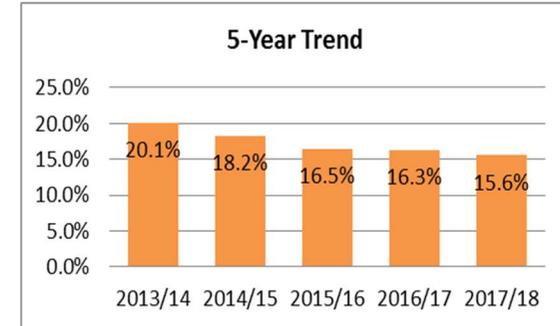
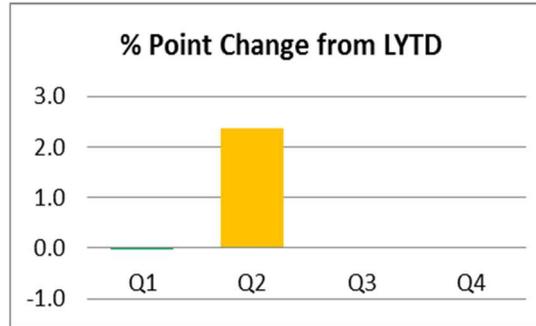
Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

Reduce the percentage of ASB incidents that are alcohol related

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
16.8%	14.4%	+2.4	-

Source: SCT Database

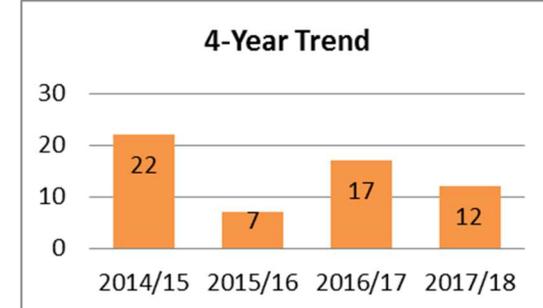
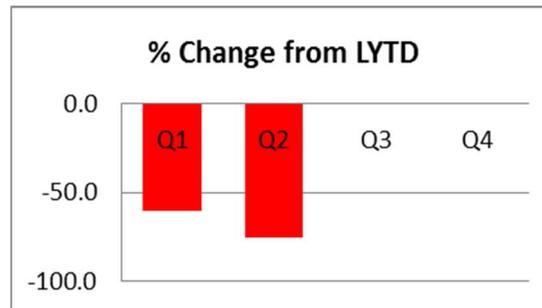


Increase the number of Alcohol Brief Intervention (ABI) screenings undertaken by the Antisocial Behaviour Unit (ASBU)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
2	8	-6	-75%

Source: ASBU



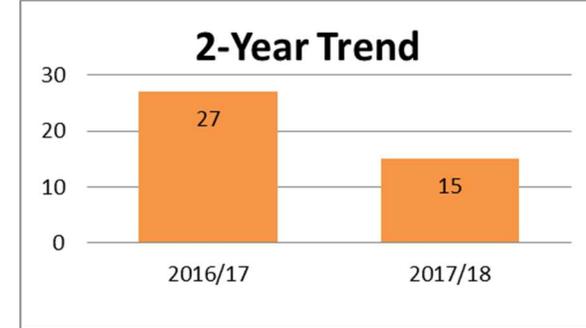
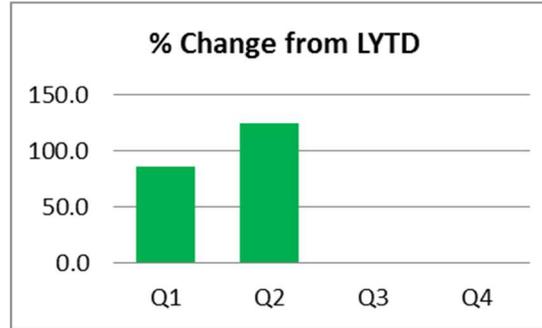
Strategic Priority 2 – Reduce the level and Impact of substance misuse through effective partnership working

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
18	8	+10	+125%

Source: SCT Database

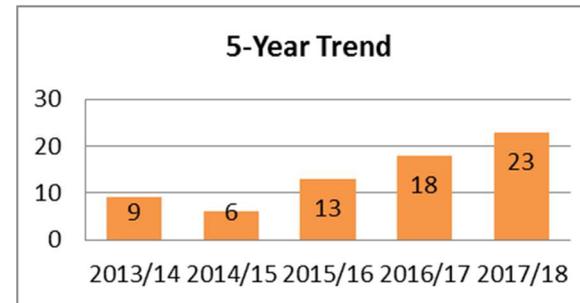


Increase the number of "Best Bar None" premises

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
23	18	+5	+27.8%

Source: Police Scotland

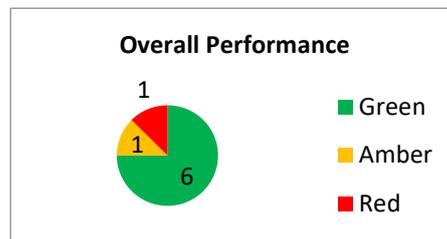


Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 8 indicators:



Key Successes

- The year to date trends across crime, ASB and vandalism have all shown an improvement compared to the same period last year, which is positive news. The improvement is likely to have resulted from a range of activities, for example, the multi-agency Core Group predominantly involving neighbour disputes, tasks allocated to the council funded Police Community Action Team and the work of the SBC event Safety Advisory Group in supporting the safe running of public events.
- There has been a reduction of 2.8% in people being monitored for anti-social behaviour and the number of early interventions undertaken by ASB partners has increased by 20.6%.
- An Antisocial Driving initiative has been launched to raise awareness of what constitutes this type of behaviour and the enforcement powers that exist to remedy the situation in the event that drivers fail to temper their driving behaviour. Some educational work has already been undertaken and the situation has improved in two of the areas experiencing complaints.
- In the lead up to Bonfire Night and the potential for offences relating to the sale of fireworks the community safety officer has been promoting the work of the Fire Service.

Key Issues

- The decrease in referrals to mediation and the reduced success rate is in part due to changes to internal operating processes, there has been a return to the previous way of working and quarter 2 figures are showing an improvement on quarter 1. The Mediation officer has recently taken over the role of Travelling Community Liaison Officer.

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

Overall Summary

Key Activities

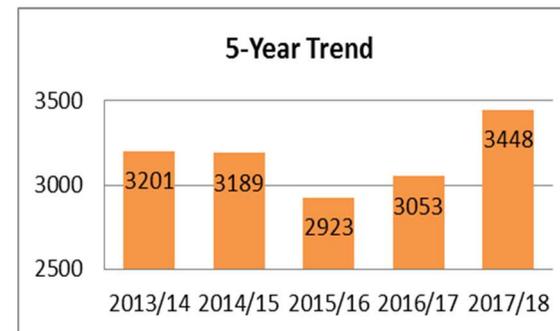
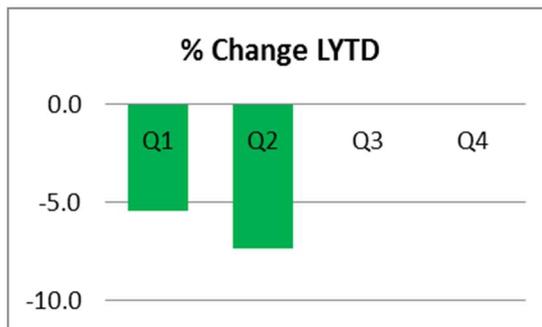
- Rural Crime day on 8th November 2018 is aimed at alerting householders, their families and neighbours to the issue of crime in rural communities particularly among the elderly.
- A Crime and Antisocial Behaviour strategic assessment has been developed and is going through a consultation process, with priorities, activities and management information being developed for 2019 – 2021.
- Work has commenced to prepare for an online safety campaign principally aimed at young people and older adults who are more vulnerable to online criminality. A national campaign is scheduled for February 2019.
- Following the success of the Young Farmers crime prevention and fire safety event planning is underway to identify other areas using the current format.

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 %
1735	1872	-137	-7.3%

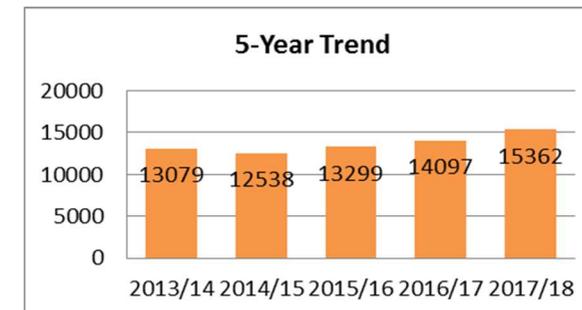
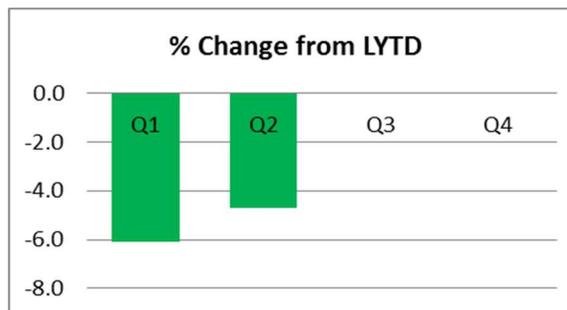


Source: Police Scotland

Reduce the number of recorded ASB incidents

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
7961	8355	-394	-4.7%



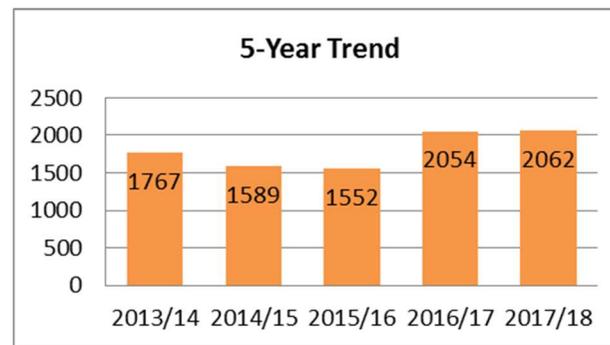
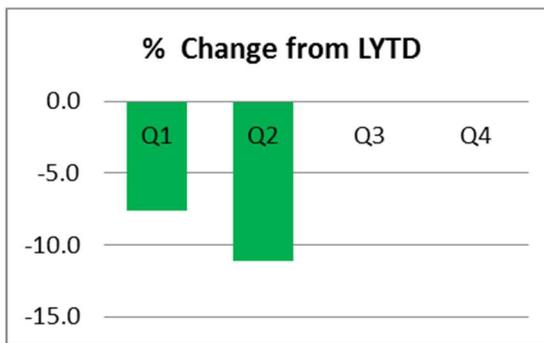
Source: SCT Database/ASBU/RSLs

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

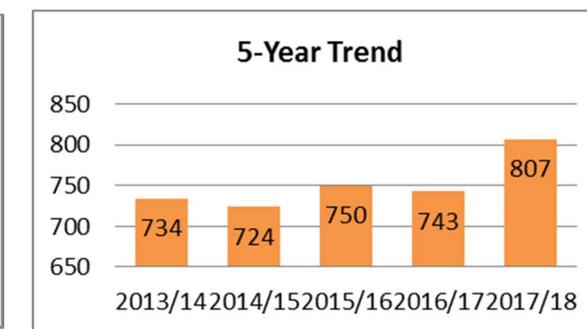
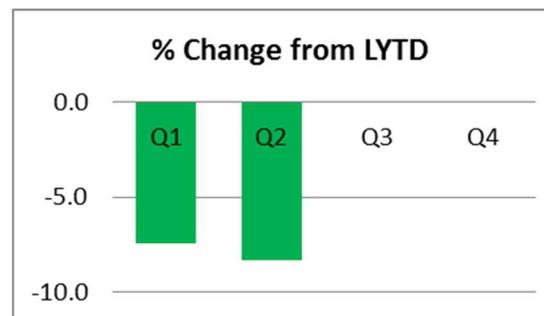
YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
990	1114	-124	-11.1%



Source: SCT Database

Reduce the number of reported vandalism

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
407	444	-37	-8.3%



Source: Police Scotland

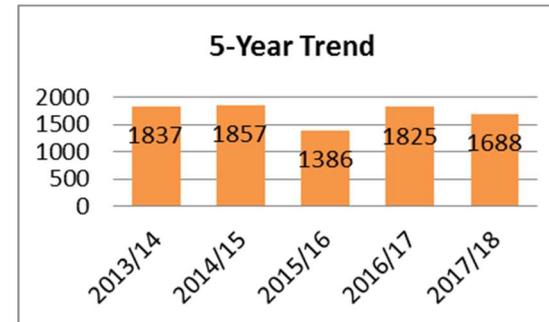
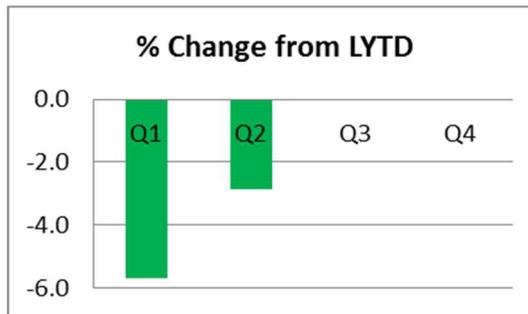
Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Reduce the number of persons being monitored for antisocial behaviour

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
820	844	-24	-2.8%

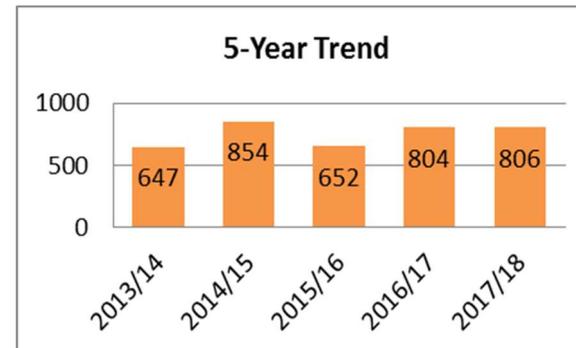
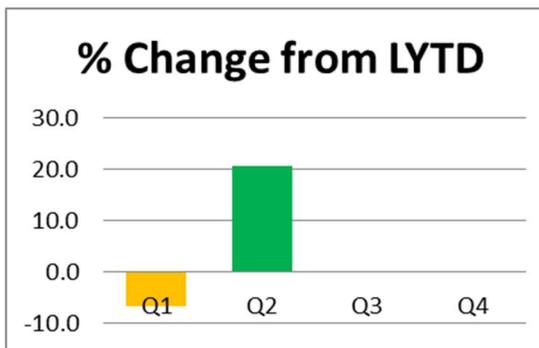
Source: ASBU



Increase the number of early interventions made by ASB partners

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
468	388	+80	+20.6%

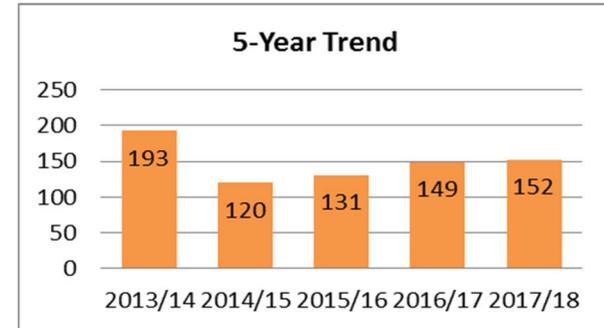
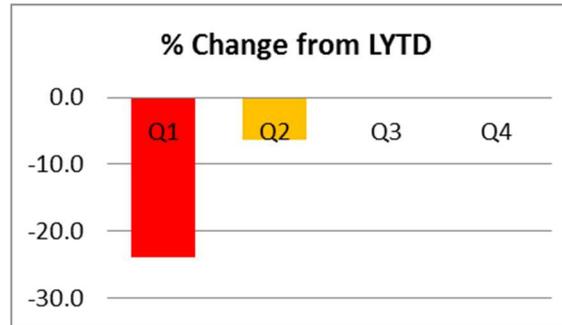


Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Increase the number of mediation referrals

Performance

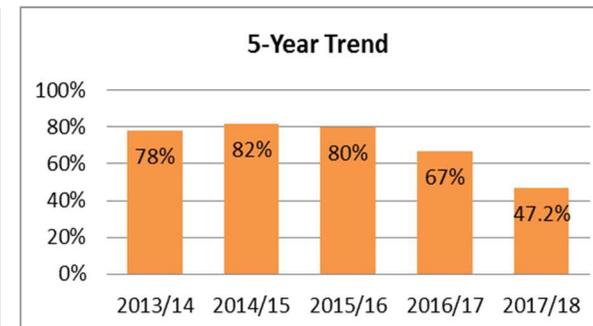
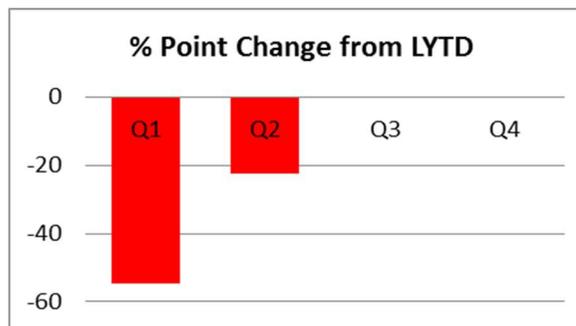
YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
74	79	-5	-6.3%



Source: ASBU

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

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
40.3	62.8	-22.5	-



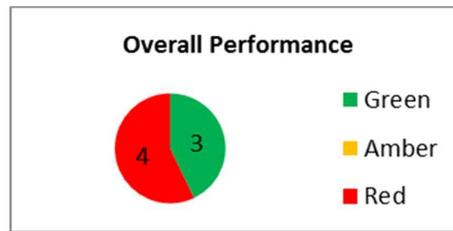
Source: ASBU

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

- Drivewise Borders 2018/19 is nearing an end. All over 65 sessions have been held and the 17 to 25 Advanced Driver Courses are well underway. The pre-driving experience at Charterhall has concluded for this cohort. Transport Scotland is the main funder for Drivewise and representatives have visited the various components in recent weeks.
- Motorbike riders have been able to participate in this year's training through the Institute of Advanced Motorists through the pairing up of rider and instructor.

Key Issues

- The number of collisions resulting in a casualty remain on an upward trend, the circumstances of each are considered to identify opportunities to prevent a further occurrence.
- Irresponsible parking and complaints around speeding remain a concern for residents in the Borders and are being identified by the Community Action Team Oversight Group. The CAT are addressing these issues in conjunction with Roads Policing as part of a wider road safety profile.

Key Activities

- As winter approaches some advisory material will be circulated though social media in preparing a vehicle and driving considerations. Part of the Drivewise training covers some of these components in particular low light conditions and visibility.

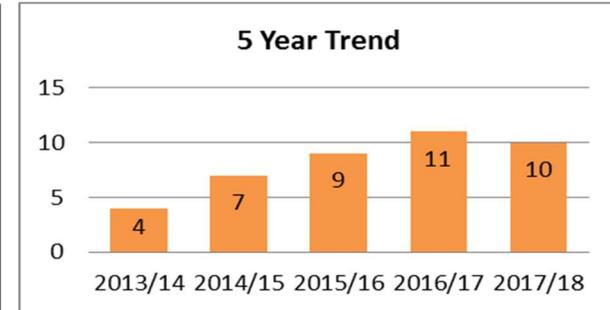
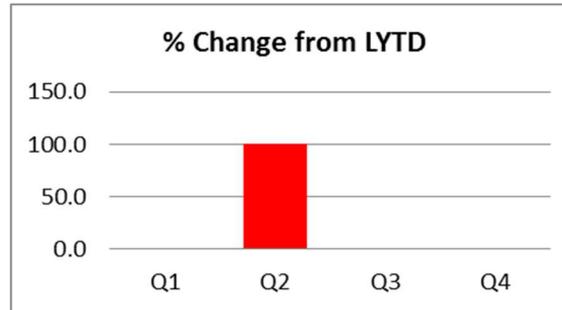
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

Reduce the number of road users killed or seriously injured

Performance

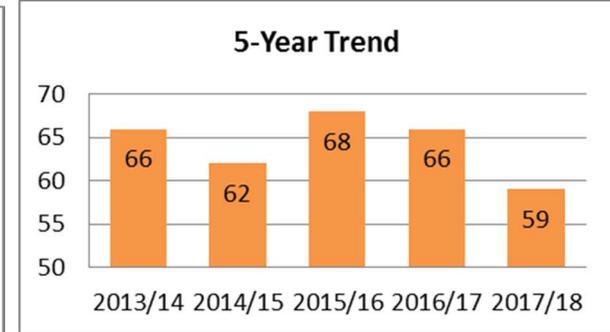
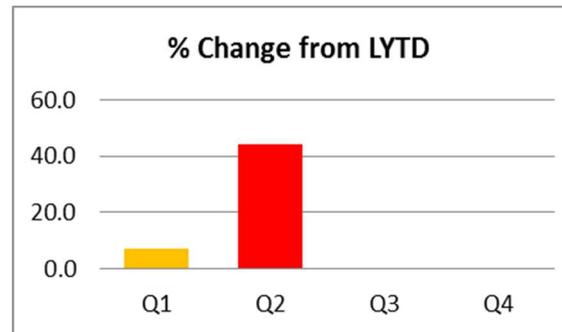
Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
8	4	+4	+100%



Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
39	27	+12	+44.4%



Source: Police Scotland

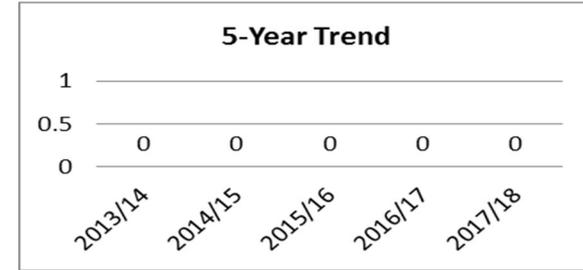
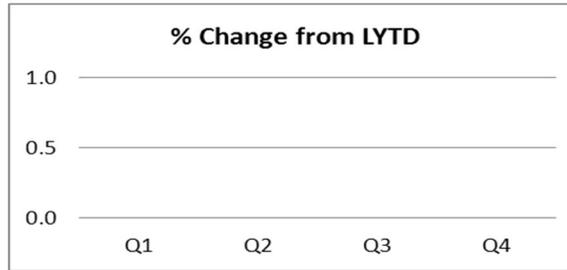
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

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

Performance

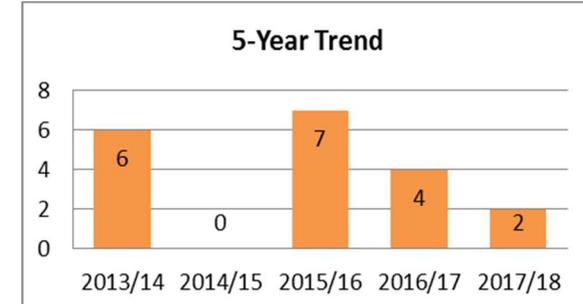
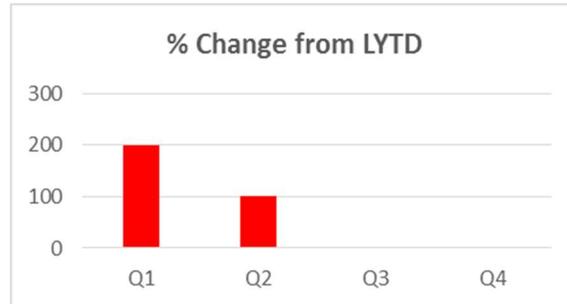
Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0	0	0	0



Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
2	1	+1	+100%



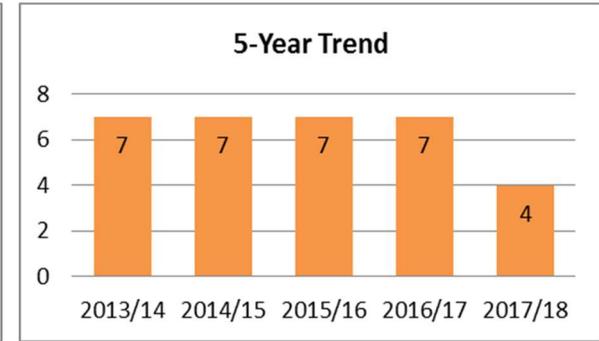
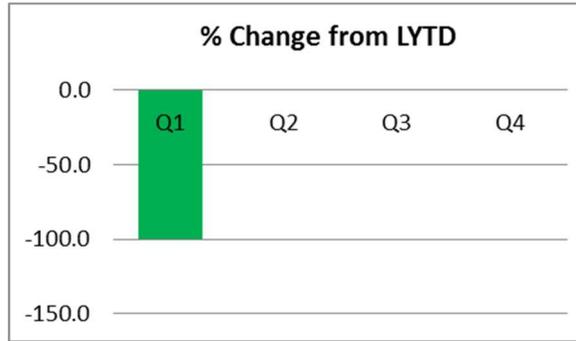
Source: Police Scotland

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 %
2	2	0	0%

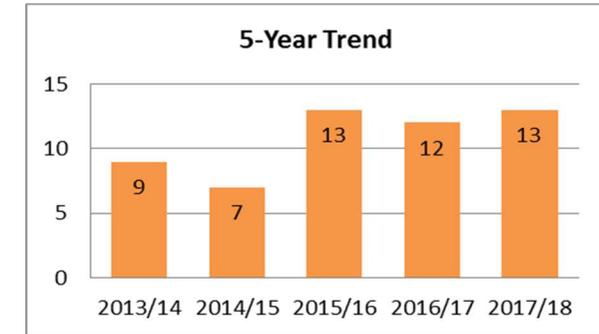
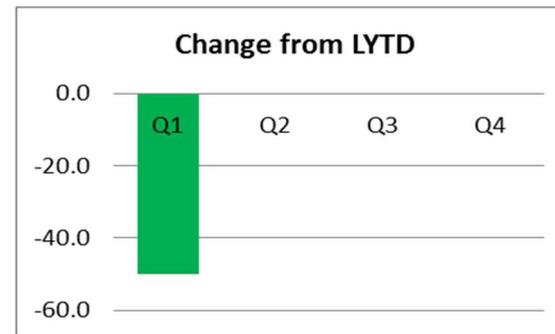


Source: Police Scotland

Reduce the number of older drivers aged 65+ killed or seriously injured on our roads

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
7	7	0	0%



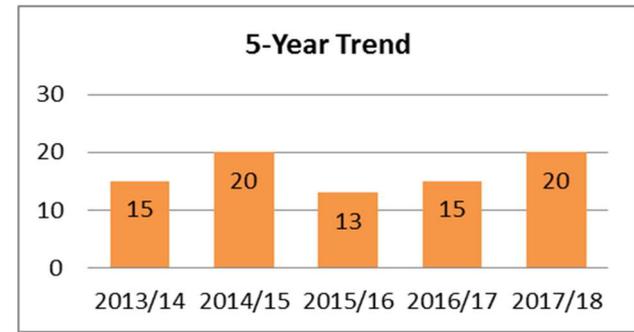
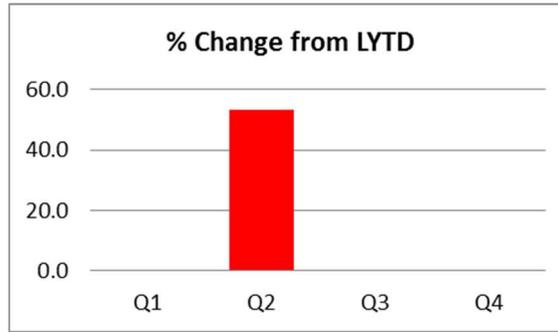
Source: Police Scotland

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

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
23	15	+8	53.3%



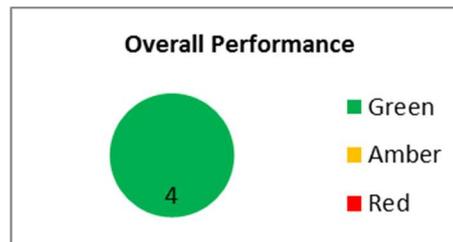
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Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 4 indicators:



Key Successes

- Since the launch of the “Living Safely In The Home” (LSITH) project in the Cheviot Locality on 1st June 2016 through to 30th September 2018, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have successfully referred, with consent, 92 individuals to the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT) in relation to falls.
- Adult and child protection referrals from RSLs have increased significantly in the year to date and referrals from other partners have been steady.

Key Issues

- Rollout of the LSITH project to other localities is currently suspended until the alignment of the SFRS national approach to Safe and Well visits is completed through the transformation programme.

Key Activities

- The accidental poisoning campaign among under 5's is about to be launched. While instances are not large the Borders have a higher rate than other areas. It is aimed at parents and carers, the message is simple, close lids, store household products out of children's reach (preferably in a locked cupboard), and keep products in their original containers.
- Options have been considered to update Crucial Crew, the annual safety event for P7 pupils. An online resource has been identified written by education practitioners with input from subject experts. An online resource consisting of lesson plans, exercises and associated material creates a comprehensive package of material. This is available at no cost to Scottish Borders Council. The content reflects all the safety subjects that are relevant to local children and aligns to the Curriculum for Excellence. The next stage is to consider how best to introduce an interactive component to the High School transition visit for P7 pupils and assess whether it could work as the basis for a youth award.

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

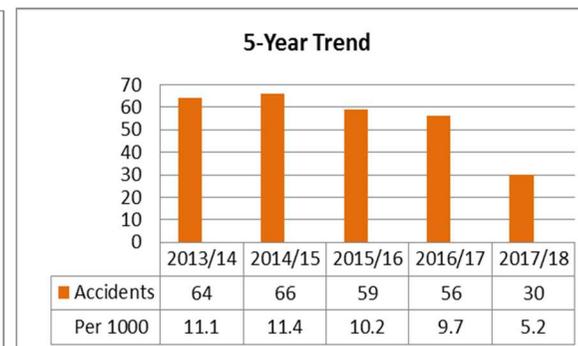
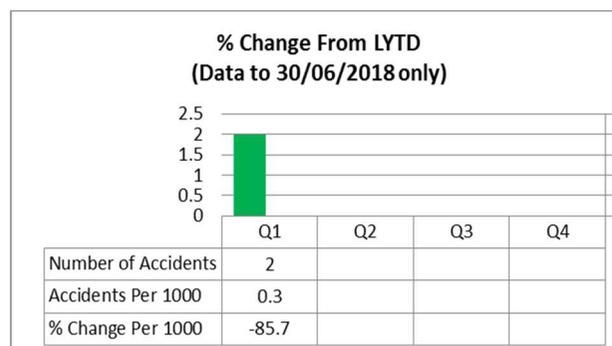
Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for children under 5 where a home accident is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0.3	2.4	-2.1	-85.7

Data only available to the end of quarter 1 2018/19

Source: NHS BGH



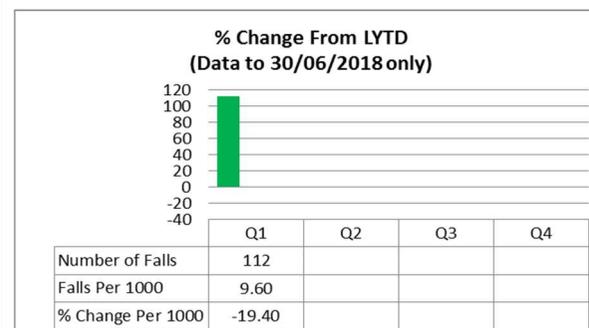
Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for 75+ where a fall is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
9.6	11.9	-2.3	-19.4

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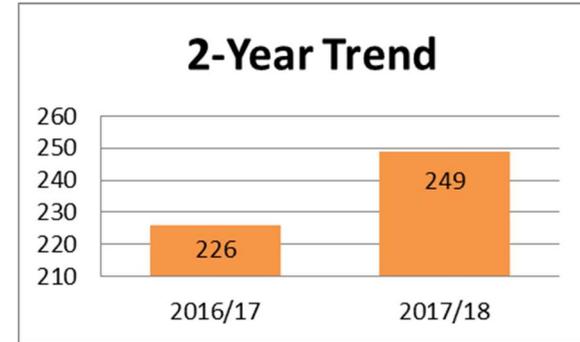
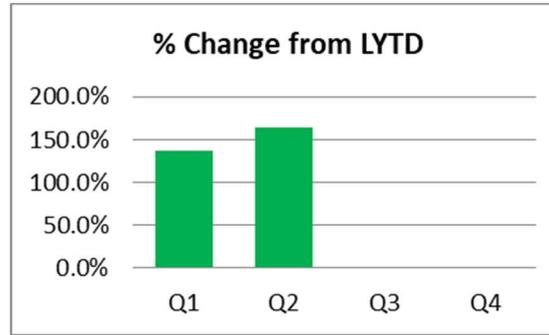


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Increase the number of actioned Fire Service adult and child protection referrals received from Safer Communities

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
296	112	+184	+164.3%

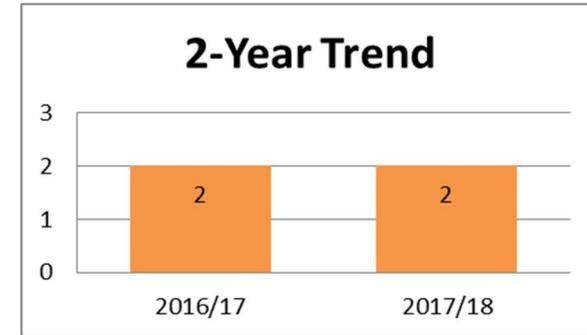
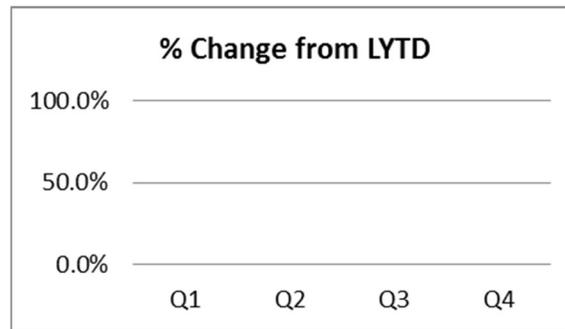


Source: SFRS

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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