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POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD FRIDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2019

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, 14TH JUNE, 2019 at 9.30 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

31 May 2019

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declaration of Interest	
4.	Minutes and Matters Arising (Pages 3 - 8) Consider Minute of Meeting held on 8 February 2019. (Copy attached).	5 mins
5.	Progress Reports/Updates on Service Matters	
	(a) Police (Pages 9 - 16) Performance Report (Copy attached). Update on Service Matters. Police Chief Superintendent John McKenzie.	30 mins
	(b) Fire & Rescue (Pages 17 - 54) Performance Report (Copy attached) Update on Service Matters Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Consultation (Copy attached). LSO Stephen Gourlay.	30 mins
6.	Safer Communities Update and Key Activities (Pages 55 - 74) To consider report by Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager, Graham Jones (Copy attached).	30 mins

7.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
8.	Any Other Items the Chairman Decides are Urgent	
9.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 30 August 2019.</p> <p>The following dates have been confirmed by Council for 2019/20.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Friday, 8 November 2019 Friday, 7 February 2020 Friday, 15 May 2020.</p> <p>Following today's meeting members will have an opportunity to view one of Police Scotland's Armed Response Vehicles.</p>	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 J 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, 8th February, 2019 at 9.30 am

Present:- 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 and Ms M Simpson - Voluntary Sector

In Attendance:- DC Chief Superintendent L Clark, Chief Inspector S Reid, Police Scotland; Group Manager - M Jaffray, LSO S Gourlay, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Mr G Jones, Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager SBC, Ms W Marsden, Partnership Intelligence Analyst, SBC, Mr D Scott, Senior Policy Advisor SBC and J Turnbull, Democratic Services Officer SBC.

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and there was a round of introductions.

2. **MINUTES**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 9 November 2018.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE**

3.1 With reference to paragraph 3.11(b) of the Minute, the Senior Policy Advisor, Mr Scott, advised that the statistics would be referred to in the Police update.

3.2 With reference to paragraph 5.7(b) of the Minute (Crucial Crew), the Safer Communities Manager, Mr Jones, advised that Eildon Mill had been demolished and various options had been considered. Costs for a similar venue to host a similar event were likely to be prohibitive as there was no reoccurring budget for the event, transport and other associated costs were already several thousand pounds. There was also a significant resource requirement from the Police and Fire Service to facilitate the event. Mr Jones explained that he had secured a digital resource from Glasgow City Council (Go Safe Scotland) at no cost. The material had lesson plans and other resources written by education staff on a variety of topics with input from practitioners. This resource linked to the Curriculum for Excellence. Work was underway, with Education, regarding building this into the school syllabus so that all topics were covered; this was not the case under the previous arrangement. A report has been prepared for the Corporate Management Team.

3.3 With reference to paragraph 6.3 of the Minute, a report on the review of priorities and reporting arrangements had been circulated and would be discussed during the Safer Communities update.

DECISION

AGREED that a report be presented at the next meeting on the cost of the Crucial Crew event and options for a revised format of delivery.

MEMBER

Councillor Robson joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATE ON SERVICE MATTERS - POLICE

- 4.1 Chief Superintendent Clark gave an overview of service matters and an update on recent appointments. She advised that Chief Inspector Andy Mclean had retired and introduced Chief Inspector Stuart Reid who had been appointed from within the Division. The Division was now fully staffed with the appointment of Greg Banks as Superintendent for Service Delivery. The Chief Superintendent also advised that the Division was planning for Brexit and was hoping to brief the four local authorities on progress in March.
- 4.2 Chief Inspector Reid then presented Police Scotland's Scrutiny Report for the period 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda.
- 4.3 Domestic Abuse – During the period there had been an 8.7% reduction from last year in domestic abuse incidents which positively reflected the work being carried out by Police and partner agencies in the Scottish Borders. Chief Inspector Reid advised that every domestic abuse incident was thoroughly scrutinised and reviewed. Significant change to legislation was expected to increase recorded incidents. In response to a question, Superintendent Reid advised that officers would receive training to ensure they understood the new legislation relating to psychological offences. Mr Jones added that the Safer Communities Team would support this training.
- 4.4 Road Safety - There had been an increase in the number of people killed and seriously injured, 40% of which involved motorcyclists visiting the Scottish Borders. During the Festive period, over 40 road checks had been carried out with 22 road traffic offences detected. The addition of two mobile camera units and a further two 'Pop-up Bobs' were effective tools against speeding. Drivewise would continue and now included a motorcycle programme which was hoped would positively impact figures going forward
- 4.5 Violent Crime – There had been a 25% reduction in Serious Assault over the period. The 86.7% robbery detection rate was in line with the national detection rate.
- 4.6 Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) – There had been a slight fall in all antisocial behaviour incidents with 385 incidents compared to 394 the previous year. Decreasing incidents remained a priority and the Community Action Team (CAT) continued to tackle incidents through engagement, patrolling and enforcement.
- 4.7 Drugs and Alcohol Misuse – There had been a 30.2% increase in the detections for drug related offences and enforcement with the CAT taking a leading role. Residents were encouraged to engage with Crimestoppers to report any activity.
- 4.8 Protecting People (Missing Persons) – There had been a 21.4% increase in missing person incidents. The majority of those reported had a vulnerability, with mental health related issues being most prevalent. Chief Inspector Reid advised that during the seven month period they had received 135 reports of missing persons from the Borders General Hospital (BGH). In response to a question, Mr Reid advised that Superintendent Dalglish was liaising with NHS colleagues to address the issue. Mr Dickson advised that he would consider the Border General Hospital's search protocol and discuss with Chief Inspector Reid. In response to a question regarding the use of social media to assist with missing persons, Chief Superintendent Clark advised that social media was used when appropriate but privacy issues had to be managed.
- 4.9 Acquisitive crime – Housebreaking - There was a 10.6% decrease over the period in housebreaking and theft compared with the same period last year. The detection rate for Acquisitive Crime was 35% and for housebreaking was 20.6%, which positively reflected work around increased security to deter criminals including a structured patrol matrix

during the hours of darkness and increased foot patrols during the festive period. In response to a question, Chief Inspector Reid advised that house breaking was defined as dwelling or non-dwelling (business premises), others were sheds, lock ups etc.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

5. ARMED RESPONSE VEHICLE OFFICER

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Andy Hall, who was present to give a briefing on Police Scotland's Armed Response Vehicle (ARV) Officers. Inspector Hall began by advising that ARV officers were specialist fire arm officers who attended priority incidents where a situation could worsen if they did not intervene. Their priority was to deescalate incidents and stop any threat to life. Inspector Hall detailed the appointment process for ARV Officers, which included: an 11 week training course every four years, refresher training every six weeks, a stringent paper process to assess abilities and annual authorisation by the Commanding Officer. Inspector Hall explained that incidents were assessed by the ARV Commanding Officer, before authorising deployment of ARVs. ARV officers also supported colleagues by responding to a wide range of incidents with an emphasis on public protection. ARVs contained night vision equipment to assist with missing person searches, specialist equipment for forcing entry into buildings, and first aid equipment including defibrillators to enable the provision of emergency medical assistance. Inspector Hall responded to questions explaining that the single police authority had increased fire armed availability and improved capability. He also advised that over the five year period, ARV officers had only deployed arms twice, neither of which had been fatal. The Chairman thanked Inspector Hall for his attendance and informative briefing.

DECISION

NOTED the briefing on the role of Armed Response Vehicle Officers.

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

- 6.1 There had been circulated copies of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) Local Plan Performance Report. Local Senior Officer (LSO) Gourlay began by explaining that Martin Blunden had been appointed as new Chief Officer, commencing his appointment on 16 February. A Watch Manager had also been appointed to support five stations in the Berwickshire cluster. Referring to the Newbridge training project, he advised that the facility would be completed on 18 March, with training commencing in May. Regarding the SFRS transformation project, negotiations were still ongoing on the reinstatement of the Out of Hour's Cardiac Arrest scheme.
- 6.2 Group Manager (GM) Jaffray then presented the SFRS Local Plan Performance Report for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 December 2018, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda. He firstly referred to the tragic minibus accident on 29 December, advising that the SFRS had attended and provided assistance. The Board commended the work of the emergency services in response to this incident.
- 6.3 Reduction of 'Dwelling Fires' – There had been 76 incidents, an increase of five compared to the same period last year, 11 of these were started deliberately. Cooking still remained the main cause of incidents. GM Jaffray highlighted the importance of smoke detectors, and that SFRS continued to target high risk groups in order to drive down fire risk within local communities.
- 6.4 Reduction of 'All Fire Casualties' – There had been 12 casualties, two less than last year. Seven casualties required hospital treatment for what was thought to be minor injuries, with first aid being given on all occasions by SFRS.

- 6.5 Reduction of 'All Deliberate Fires Excluding Dwellings' – There had been a welcome 25% decrease with 104 incidents recorded. It was noted that this trend was below the rest of Scotland.
- 6.6 Reduction of 'Special Service Road Traffic Collisions' (RTC) - The SFRS had attended 67 RTCs, a 3% increase compared to the same period last year. GM Jaffray advised that they were receiving increased number of calls from the police and ambulance service which was positive, as the SFRS could assist with removing casualties from vehicles and making accident scenes safe.
- 6.7 Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties – All' - There was 67 Special Service casualties during the reporting period, a 4% decrease in comparison to the same period last year.
- 6.8 Responding to questions, GM Jaffray advised that Police Scotland considered road accident statistics when determining road accident prevention initiatives. The Board suggested that SFRS statistics should also be considered to promote necessary improvements to roads. With regard to 'Special Service Casualties' GM Jaffray explained that 'Hazmat' referred to Incidents involving hazardous materials. With regard to the high volume pump he advised that this had been deployed from Hawick to Dundee. However, the SFRS still had access if required in the Scottish Borders and it had recently been on standby in Galashiels. Hawick now had a dedicated Swift Water Rescue Team. The Chairman referred to the Scottish Government consultation on fireworks. LSO Gourlay advised that legislation sat with Westminster. The SFRS's view was for stricter legislation and a ban from public use unless appropriately risk assessed and licensed, an update would be provided to the Board following the consultation period.
- 6.9 GM Jaffray then went on to advise on Prevention and Protection Activities. Copies of a report detailing figures from Quarter 1, October 2018 to 31 December 2018 had been circulated with the agenda. GM Jaffray explained home fire safety visits had increased and highlighted the importance of partnership liaison to offer support to those most of risk of fire within their homes. During the reporting period referrals had been received from: MARAC, Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS), British Red Cross, Housing Associations, NHS and Social Services. GM Jaffray went on to advise of other work including the delivery of 55 Community Safety events, the continual success of Drivewise, and involvement in the Falls Strategy Review forum at Borders General Hospital. With regard to future works streams, the SFRS continued to engage with those who managed properties and schools to look at various options to reduce the number of UFAS calls. In response to a question regarding the relationship between the increase in fire safety visits and the reduction in fires. GM Jaffray advised that there might have been an impact, although analysis had not been carried out.

DECISION

NOTED the report

7. SAFER COMMUNITIES UPDATE AND KEY ACTIVITIES

- 7.1 There had been circulated copies of the Safer Communities Performance report covering the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 December 2018. Mr G Jones, Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager, highlighted the main points:-
- 7.2 Priority 1 – Reduce the level and Impact of Gender Based Violence through effective partnership working. The number of incidents reported to Police Scotland was down by 7.6%. However, the number of referrals to all domestic abuse services remained static.
- 7.3 Priority 2 – Reduce the level and impact of Substance Misuse through effective partnership working. There had been a 2.2% rise in the number of alcohol related incidents. There has been a lot of proactive work by the CAT aimed at addressing ASB concerns in the community.

- 7.4 Priority 3 – Reduce the level and impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working. There was a 5.6% reduction in people being monitored for antisocial behaviour which showed that early interventions were having a positive affect. Mr Jones added that they were presently trialling noise monitoring equipment which would avoid having to escalate monitoring to Environmental Health. There had been a decrease in referrals to mediation but this was not uncommon.
- 7.5 Priority 4 – Reduce the level and impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working. Around 600 young people had participated in the pre-driving experience at Charterhall; with 223 older drivers attending the information sessions. Funding from Transport Scotland for Drivewise had concluded. However, alternative funding opportunities were being explored to enable the project to continue.
- 7.6 Priority 5 – Reduce the level and impact of incidents in the home through effective partnership work. Materials from the ‘Keep you child safe’ poisoning campaign had been distributed to childcare venues accompanied by digital medial activity.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

8. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM - PROPOSED SCRUTINY REPORT STRUCTURE FROM 1 APRIL 2019

- 8.1 There had been circulated a briefing note by the Safer Communities Team on proposed changes to the scrutiny report structure from 1 April 2019. The briefing note explained that following on from the Strategic Assessment work the Safer Communities Team had been reviewing the performance indicators currently presented to Scrutiny each quarter. Changes to the indicators were proposed which would more accurately reflect the work of the team and allow for better scrutiny of the service in delivering their priorities. A draft revised report had been circulated with the agenda to enable Scrutiny Board members to review the proposed changes prior to the meeting. Ms Marsden discussed the changes, explaining that the new format would allow for rationalisation of information and avoid duplication of reporting by Safer Communities, which had already been provided by the SFRS and Police. Ms Marsden then discussed the new priorities which would allow for analysis of targets, performance and work with partner agencies. This would also include looking at demand and responses and measuring the interventions which proved successful. Mr Jones added that the narrative of the reports would change slightly depending on seasonal intervention activity during the quarter.
- 8.2 With regard to information on hospital admissions being included in the new report, Ms Marsden advised that no information would be lost, but the frequency of reporting would change, for example, hospital admission statistics could be reported annually. However, if Board members required any specific performance indicators these could be supplied. The Board welcomed the new reporting formal and noted that the report could be adjusted going forward. It was also suggested that subjects could be scrutinised in more detail, for example road safety, with each of the three services inputting into the reporting process.

DECISION

NOTED the proposed changes to the Safer Communities Team scrutiny report.

MEMBER

Councillor Robson left the meeting during consideration of the above report

9. PRESENTATION - SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME

- 9.1 The Chairman welcomed Police Constable (PC) Anne McNair, Divert/Deter Officer for Lothian and Scottish Borders who was in attendance to give a briefing on Serious Organised Crime (SOC). PC McNair began by explaining that Serious Organised Crime involved more than one person, in a coordinated and controlled plan, with the potential to cause serious harm, involving financial gain and victimised individuals, particularly

vulnerable and young people. Types of SOC included the supply of illegal drugs, counterfeiting, money laundering, fraud and 'cuckooing'. SBC and Police Scotland had a multi-agency robust action plan to tackle SOC including the Antisocial Behaviour Unit, Police CID, CAT and community police as well as initiatives such as the banking protocol – where banks identified and protected potential victims from suspicious cash transactions. To conclude, PC McNair highlighted the need to raise community awareness and encouraged reporting suspicious activity through Crimestoppers.

- 9.2 In response to questions, PC McNair advised that young people could report concerns anonymously to the Scottish Borders School Police Liaison Officers. With regard to 'cuckooing', PC McNair explained that this was when people took over another person's home or property to distribute drugs in the area, there had been no reported cases in the Scottish Borders of this. With regard to Cold Caller Zones, PC McNair explained that this could protect older members of the community; and the local community police team would be able to provide further information how these were operated. PC McNair explained that the Scottish Borders Alert System was effective and used where appropriate to share information with the community. The Chairman thanked PC McNair for her attendance and informative briefing on SOC.

DECISION

NOTED the briefing.

10. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Friday, 17 May 2019 at 9.30 am. The following dates had been confirmed by Council for 2019/20

Friday, 30 August 2019
Friday, 8 November 2019
Friday, 7 February 2020
Friday, 15 May 2020.

DECISION

NOTED the meeting dates for 2019/20

The meeting concluded at 12.25 pm.



**POLICE
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Scrutiny Report

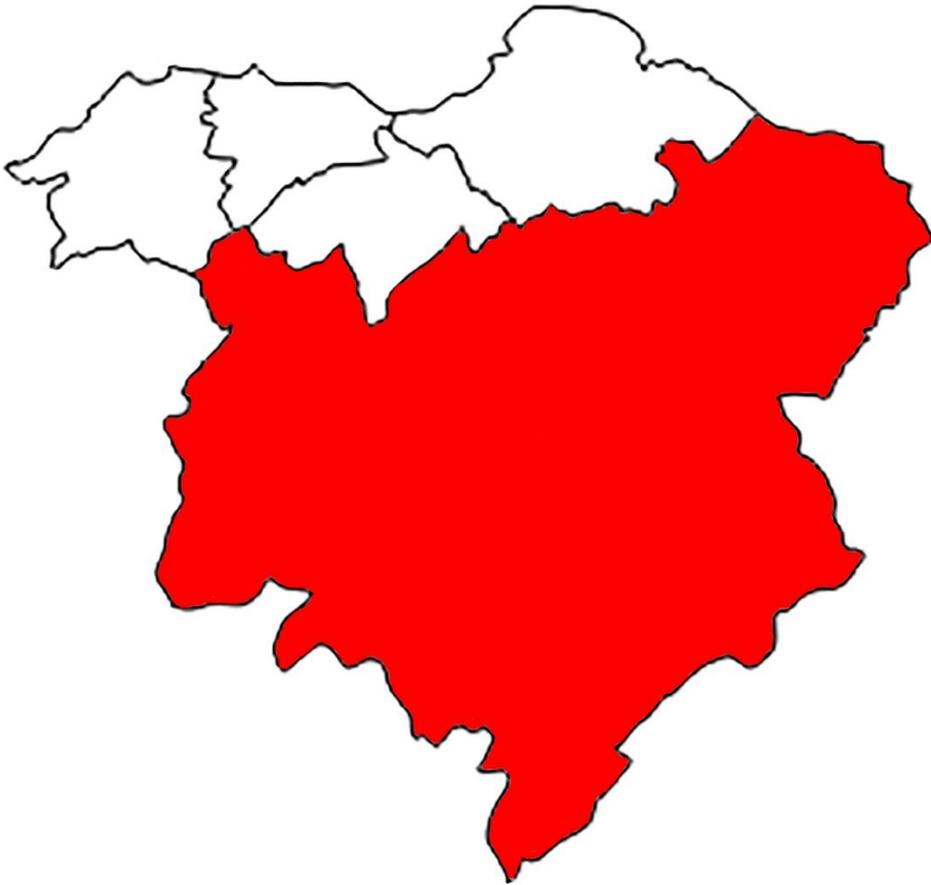
1st January, 2019 – 31st March, 2019

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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.



INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to provide a summary and brief assessment of performance in the Scottish Borders Command Area for the Quarter 4 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 24th April 2019.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES



Domestic Abuse

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1005	1082	-7.1%
Total Crimes and Offences in Domestic Abuse Incidents	402	560	-28.2%
Detection Rate - Total Crimes and Offences in Domestic Abuse	68.2%	68.8%	-0.6%

The number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to Police has decreased 7.1%. Of the 1005 incidents reported 402 or 36.3% met the evidential threshold of being recorded as a crime. Of this number 68.2% were detected, which is in keeping with detection rates for last year. This reduction in reported Domestic Abuse incidents may reflect positively on the work being carried out by Police and partner agencies but I also take cognisance of the well-publicised fact that domestic violence is less reported to Police than most.

That said there are strong pathways in place within the Scottish Borders which allows victims to report such incidents and I am confident that our work to tackle not only the perpetrators but our support of the victims through the MARAC and MATAC process has contributed to this decrease. Our pro-active work also ensured that 100% of all domestic abuse initial bail checks were conducted within the prescribed timeframe.

We have also increased our use of the Scottish Borders Police Facebook and Twitter accounts to highlight Domestic Abuse as a crime and provide details on how to report it.

Group 2 (Sexual crimes) crime overall has reduced to 188 incidents compared to 201 last year.



Road Safety

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

ROAD SAFETY

Fatal	12	9	+ 33%
Serious	71	60	+ 18.3%
Slight	174	201	- 13.4%
KSI	83	69	+ 20.3%

The increase in the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads within the Scottish Borders is concerning given that we have seen a 33% and 18% increase respectively from last year.

Despite targeted awareness raising in the motorcycle community of the need to drive safely and within the speed limits it is frustrating to note that of the 12 people killed 6 were motorcyclists. After full examination of the circumstances all 6 were attributed to rider error/speed.

The pro-active work and targeted patrol matrices across the main arterial routes has not stopped and it is worthy of note that 40 people were reported for dangerous driving, 303 were detected for speeding and 273 for insurance offences.

The two mobile camera units operated by our camera safety partnership continue to deploy to hot-spot areas and have without doubt provided an enhanced coverage in the Scottish Borders. Our strategic aim is to provide increased road policing (RP) cover throughout the Scottish Borders to influence driver behaviour and reduce road casualties.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES



Violent Crime

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

VIOLENT CRIME

Serious Assault	61	53	+ 15.1%
Serious Assault Detection Rate	80.3%	77.4%	+ 2.9%

There has been an increase of 37% in recorded crimes of violence which equates to 29 more crimes from the previous year. The detection rate has increased 3% to 78% from last year. Serious assaults have increased 15% with 61 recorded compared to 53 last year with a detection rate of 80% which is up 2%. There were 10 reported crimes of robbery compared to 9 last year with a detection rate of 60%. In addition there was a 100% reduction in the number of murders with none reported compared to 3 the previous year.

Licensed premises checks, focusing on early intervention, preventing violence and disorder, where 159 licensed premises visits were carried out. Promoting 'Ask for Angela' campaign through education within licensed premises. This is a campaign run by Rape Crisis Scotland and allows customers who could be feeling threatened or unsafe after meeting someone, to get help by approaching the bar and "Asking to speak to Angela".

Finally, the Community Action Team regularly carry out reassurance patrols in the Scottish Borders community in the aftermath of any violence and disorder.



Antisocial Behaviour

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	5740	5683	+ 1.0%
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There has been a slight increase in the number of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents with 5740 being reported compared to 5683 last year.

ASB remains a priority for police in the Scottish Borders, and we are currently reviewing our plans around the numerous events that take place over the summer to ensure that our response is proportionate. The majority of this work is carried out by our dedicated Community Beat Officers with support from the Community Action Team through engagement, patrolling and enforcement, targeting ASB caused by youths.

After a successful trial, re deployable "CCTV" cameras are being deployed to assist with tackling ASB and crime.

The Youth Community Officers continue to work in partnership to deter youth ASB focussing this quarter on issues that arise during the holidays.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES



Drugs and Alcohol Misuse

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE

	April 2018 – March 2019	April 2017 – March 2018	% Change
Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs production, drugs cultivation	86	59	+ 45.8%

A proactive and intelligence led approach by the Scottish Borders Community Action Team has seen a 45.8% rise in detections for drug related offences, a significant increase compared to previous year.

In relation to alcohol misuse we continue to work with our partners to carry out regular licensed premises checks engaging with staff to ensure compliance with licensing regulations. 159 licensed premises checks were conducted. All licenced premises visited with information and examples of fraudulent identification to enable staff to detect and deal with these documents. We have worked collaboratively with the licensing forum and SBC in regards to gathering evidence for the possible implementation of alcohol byelaws in the Scottish Borders.

The national Crimestoppers County Lines and Cuckooing (drug supply) campaign input was delivered to all RSL's and the SBC private landlord liaison.

We continue to work with the local authority to task the Community Action Team with regard to drug related issues, assisting in the execution of drugs warrants. There has been a significant increase in drug enforcement over the last quarter with the Community Action Team taking a leading role in this regard.



Protecting People

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

PROTECTING PEOPLE

	April 2018 – March 2019	April 2017 – March 2018	% Change
Missing Persons – Total Incidents	707	582	+ 21.5%

The increase in the number of missing persons highlights the impact that these resource intensive incidents place upon police. The majority of these reported had a vulnerability of some sort. Approximately half of these persons are children/looked after accommodated children under the age of 18.

Police continue to host multi-agency discussions at 17 Vulnerable Young Persons meetings, 40 Child Protection Case Conferences, 30 Adult Protection Case Conferences and through 31 Adult Protection Inter Agency Referrals in order to protect both children and adults at risk of significant harm. Information sharing is a key part of this process.

A leaflet has been created in conjunction with the members of the Multi Agency Contest Group, designed to provide parents with information on how to protect their child from extremism, this leaflet will be shared with Education and posted on the SBC website.

The National Missing Person Application commenced in March, an invaluable tool for operational officers when dealing with protracted missing person enquiries.

Police Scotland Social Media has been used to support the National Child Sexual Exploitation campaign on both Facebook and Twitter.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES



Acquisitive Crime

April 2018 –
March 2019

April 2017 –
March 2018

% Change

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Theft by Housebreaking (including attempts)	256	236	+ 8.5%
Detection Rate – Theft by Housebreaking (including attempts)	21.9%	24.6%	- 2.7%

Housebreakings increased slightly to 256 reports compared to 236 last year with a detection rate of 21.9%. Ultimately the vast majority of detections for housebreakings are dependent upon a positive result from any forensic evidence gleaned from the scene. By its very nature forensic science sometimes requires a greater detail of evidence than that which can be obtained from minimal contact with surfaces by those responsible who are wearing gloves.

We have worked with our colleagues in Northumbria to target persons responsible who are crossing the Border to steal from rural farms and dwellings and this work continues.

Work continues with our partners to ensure that the residents of the Scottish Borders are protected against Bogus Callers, Frauds and Scams which are becoming more and more technical and are aimed at the most vulnerable in our community.

The bogus caller victimisation prevention scheme identified vulnerable victims to be visited by Community officers with scam prevention packs and referrals to Trading standards where appropriate.

PREVENTION & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Events, Operations & Activity from 1st January – 31st March 2019

During Q4 the CAT has:

Conducted 81 targeted foot patrols in the identified areas of concern. On patrol, officers have engaged with residents to gain a better understanding of the problems in their areas.

162 Mobile patrols are regularly carried out throughout the Borders by the CAT. Some of these patrols are intelligence led in relation to disrupting drugs supply or responding to information received regarding vehicles being driven by disqualified or uninsured drivers. The CAT also uses these patrols to cover more rural areas which have been subject to crime such as Quad bike and other agricultural machinery thefts. As a result of these patrols officers have made a number of drugs recoveries and issued traffic tickets and reported offenders.

20 static road checks on many of our arterial routes. The visibility of Police conducting these types of checks has a positive effect on road safety with speed guns often being used to monitor speeds in the smaller towns and villages. Over the last three months the CAT has worked closely with Roads Policing colleagues in carrying out some of these static road checks.

7 Road Traffic Fixed penalties have been issued. A lot of work has been done with young drivers in the Borders to increase their understanding of how their driving behaviours can have a negative impact on their local communities and when required, enforcement action has been taken.

252 Parking tickets have been issued across all borders towns.

45 Drugs stop and searches have been carried out, 33.3% of these searches were positive. 8 house searches were carried out, 80% of these were positive.

Road Safety

The award-winning Drivewise programme recently introduced an older drivers' practical event to raise awareness of vehicle safety features and road safety techniques.

Other prevention activity has included:

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) delivering cycle-safety demonstrations in areas where local youths were displaying unsafe road sense.

Officers from the mounted branch in conjunction with Roads Policing have carried out "Lose the Blinkers" operations in the Kelso area. Where a Police horse and rider go undercover and stop and educate drivers on how to pass the horses safely on busy roads.

Operation "Close Pass" which people may have seen advertised on STV is continually running. This is similar to "Lose the Blinkers", where an undercover police pedal cyclist is deployed with Roads Policing officers to stop and educate drivers on how to pass the cyclists safely on busy roads.

In Conclusion

I acknowledge the rise in violent crime and this will be my priority moving forward. To tackle this increase, the division has introduced Operation Parejos, which has a focus on violent crimes in our communities.

We have revised our night time dispersal plans to reduce alcohol related violence, especially in Kelso, Hawick and Galashiels and for 2019/2020 refreshed our violence plans both locally and divisionally. In addition we are reviewing outstanding crimes and warrants with a focus on targeting violent offenders as a priority.

The Council Funded Community Action Team will also be at the spearhead of the Anti-Violence campaign by:

- Targeting nominals currently subject of live warrants linked to all violent offending, prioritising Group 1.
- Significantly increasing police activity, visibility and proactivity at key times in hotspot locations or problem areas
- Increasing number of licensed premises visits to ensure compliance with liquor laws and provide visible presence

I will report on what progress has been made on violent crime in my next report.



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

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT 1ST APRIL 2018 TO 31ST MARCH 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April 2018 to March 2019 and quarterly performance data in addition to the performance report for Prevention and Protection activities for the same period.

2. OUTPUTS

- 2.1 The following identifies the headline outputs from April 2018 to March 2019.

Dwelling Fires

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 102 dwelling fires during this period, two more than the previous year.

Twelve of these fires were started deliberately.

54% of these fires originated in the kitchen and 35% involved cooking.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

There have been 20 fire related casualties over the last year, two more than last year. One of these casualties was a fatality.

Further analysis shows that 8 casualties went to hospital for precautionary checks suffering from smoke inhalation and one with serious injuries. Eight casualties received first aid at the scene and did not require any further treatment.

Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).

There were 135 deliberate fires in the reporting period, a 10% decrease in comparison to last year.

Breakdown of these figures show a quarter on quarter decrease followed by a slight increase in Quarter 4.

Unfortunately, the majority of the above fires were a result of anti-social behaviour. This resulted in a number of proactive and reactive prevention initiatives by SFRS and Safer Communities partners.

Road Traffic Collisions

During the reporting period, the SFRS attended 86 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), this is a 6% decrease from last year.

There have been 59 RTC related casualties in this YTD period including two fatalities.

During the year the SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 31 occasions to extricate casualties.

Special Service Casualties

The term "special service" is used for attendance at a number of non-fire related incidents, this includes, amongst others, RTC's, rescues from water and height, persons trapped in machinery or a lift, medical emergencies and effecting entry to a premises. The table below represents an overview of YTD Special Service Casualties for 2018-19.

Special Service Type	Non-fatal	Fatal	Total
Effecting entry	14	2	16
Assist other agencies	4	3	7
RTC casualties	57	2	59
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	10	2	12
			94

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	100	102	+2
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	18	20	+2
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	150	135	-15
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	92	86	-6
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	903	951	+48

Priority	Q4 2017-18	Q4 2018-19	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	29	24	-5
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	4	5	+1
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	11	31	+20
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	27	18	-9
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	181	239	+58

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.

STEPHEN GOURLAY
Local Senior Officer
Scottish Borders
14th June 2019

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LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT SCOTTISH BORDERS



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Year End Report, 1st April 2018– 31st March 2019

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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 2018/19 (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.) Mar					RAG rating
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
Dwelling fires	84	109	91	100	102	▲
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	15	18	27	18	20	◆
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	92	101	97	150	135	●
Special Service - RTCs	92	108	99	92	86	●
Special Service Casualties - All	67	139	145	101	94	●
False Alarm - Equipment failure	645	570	629	614	645	▲

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.

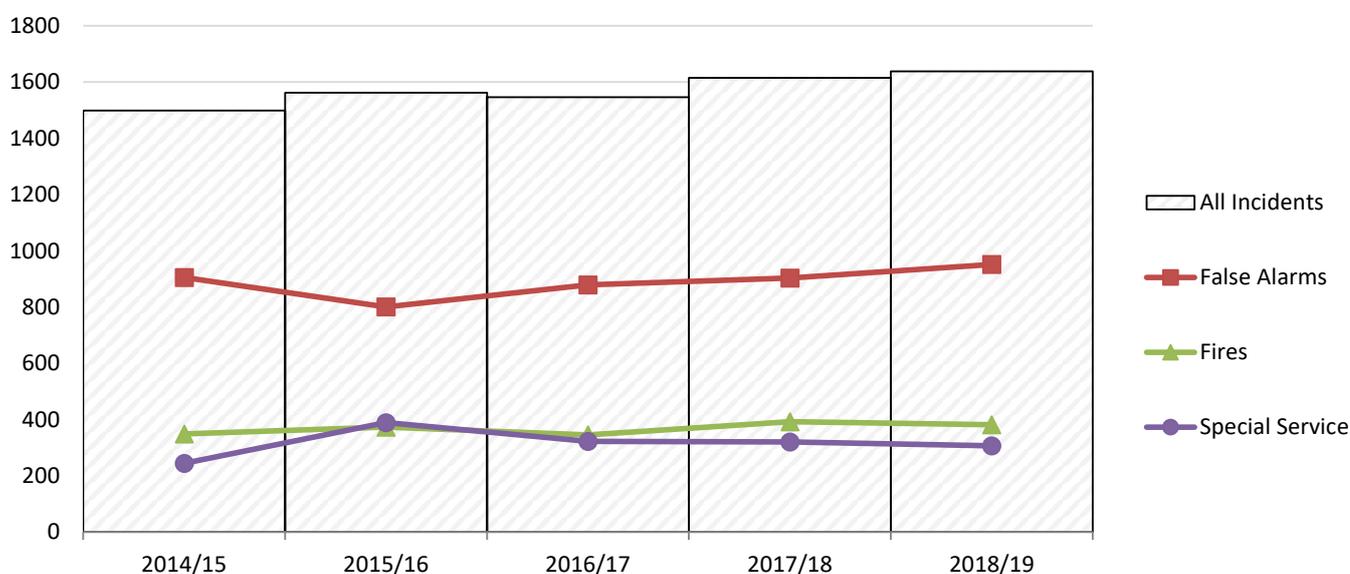
Note

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 period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, the SFRS responded to 1638 incidents within the Scottish Borders, this is 23 more incidents than the same period last year. False alarms accounted for 58% of our emergency calls for the year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Scottish Borders council over the last 5 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

Scottish target of a 10% reduction, over a three-year rolling period.

There have been 102 dwelling fires recorded compared to 100 for the same YTD period last year, this represents a 2% increase.

Twelve of these fires were started deliberately.

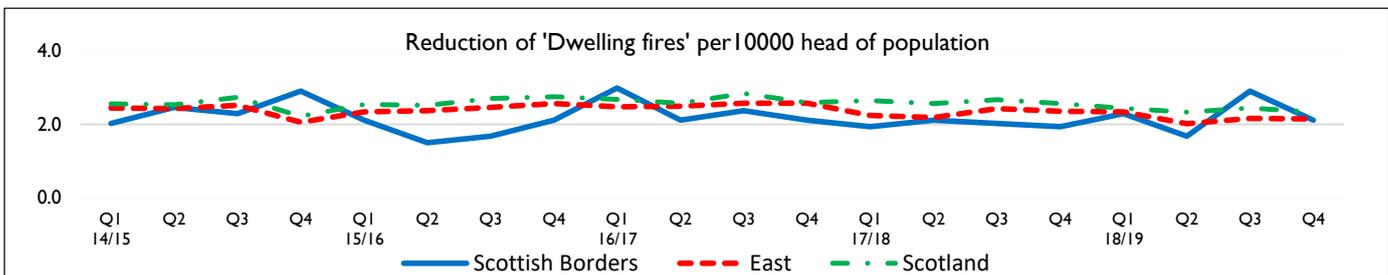
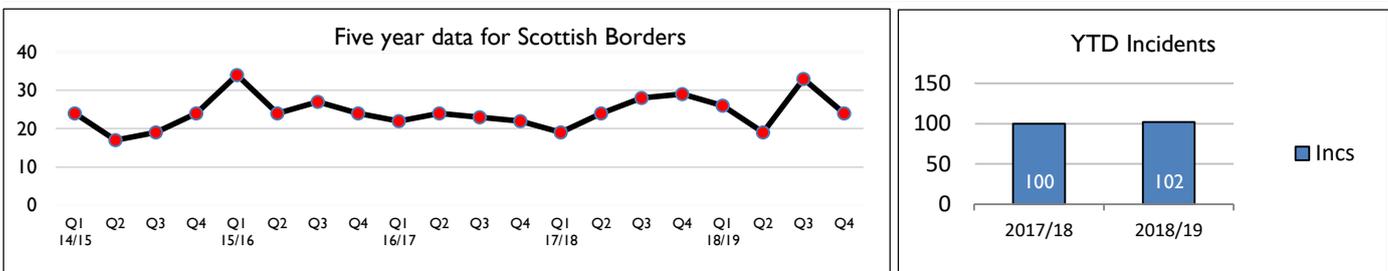
Reasons

Cooking accounted for 36 of these dwelling fires with a further 7 attributable to careless disposal of smoking materials. Analysis highlights 54% 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 - 9	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	84	109	91	100	102	
Tweeddale West	4	6	6	5	10	
Tweeddale East	4	5	4	0	4	
Galashiels & District	16	19	14	22	12	
Selkirkshire	3	4	10	11	10	
Leaderdale & Melrose	15	8	4	5	10	
Mid Berwickshire	10	11	13	13	13	
East Berwickshire	7	20	12	12	12	
Kelso & District	5	9	7	6	13	
Jedburgh & District	3	7	3	6	6	
Hawick & Denholm	8	9	7	10	6	
Hawick & Hermitage	9	11	11	10	6	

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

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

Results

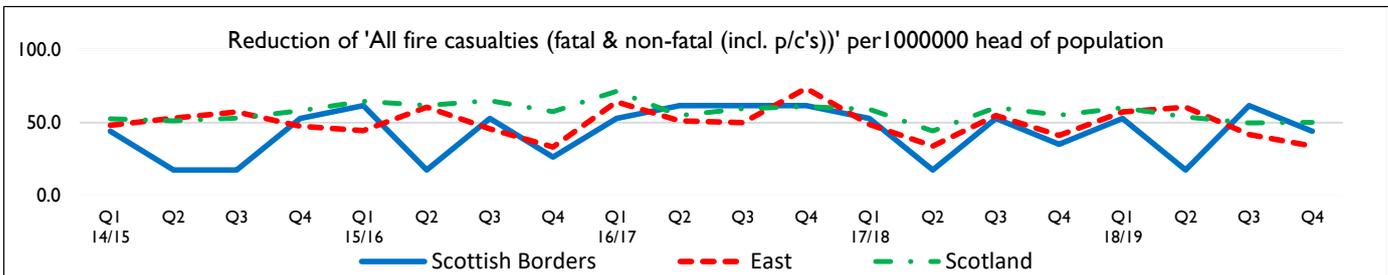
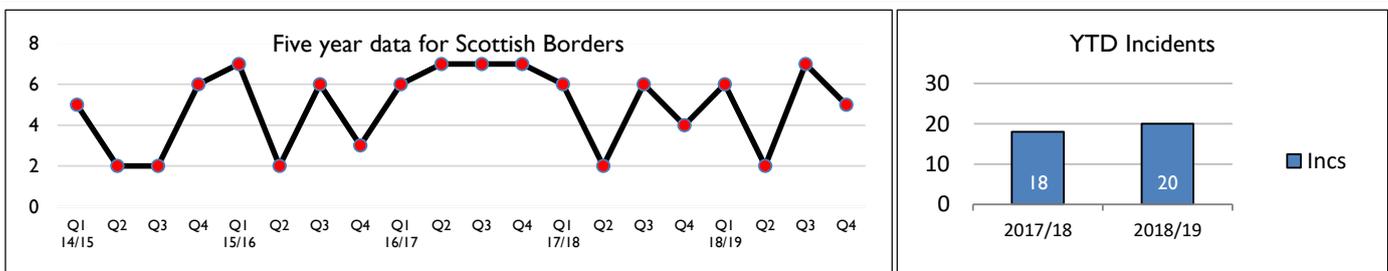
We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in the Scottish Borders year on year that contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. There have been 20 casualties in the YTD period, this is two more than the same period last year.

Reasons

Oxygen was administered by SFRS at the scene to 80% of all casualties. Three of the casualties were led to safety by firefighters. Eight casualties were required to go to hospital with slight injuries, one with serious injuries and 8 received first aid at the scene only. There has been one fatal casualty over the last year.

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 - 2	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	15	18	27	18	20	
Tweeddale West	1	2	4	0	1	
Tweeddale East	0	0	0	0	0	
Galashiels & District	0	3	4	9	2	
Selkirkshire	1	0	4	1	1	
Leaderdale & Melrose	4	2	1	1	2	
Mid Berwickshire	3	2	5	5	3	
East Berwickshire	1	1	1	0	2	
Kelso & District	0	1	1	0	7	
Jedburgh & District	1	3	0	0	2	
Hawick & Denholm	1	2	2	1	0	
Hawick & Hermitage	3	2	5	1	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

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

Results

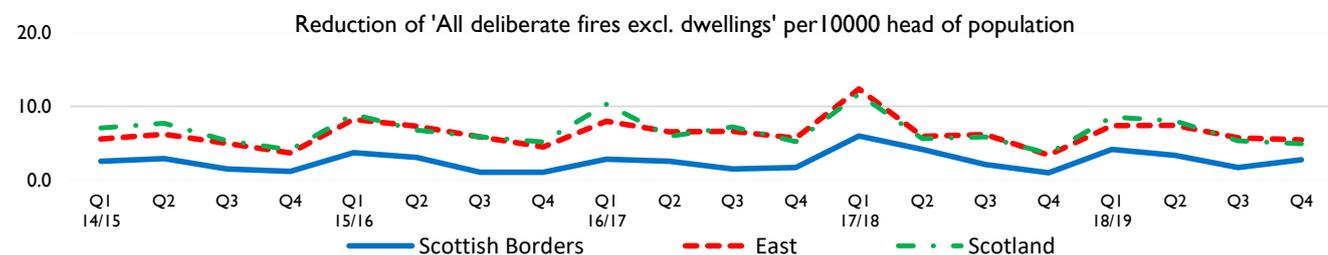
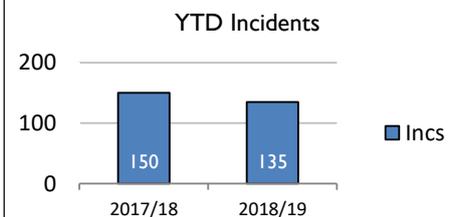
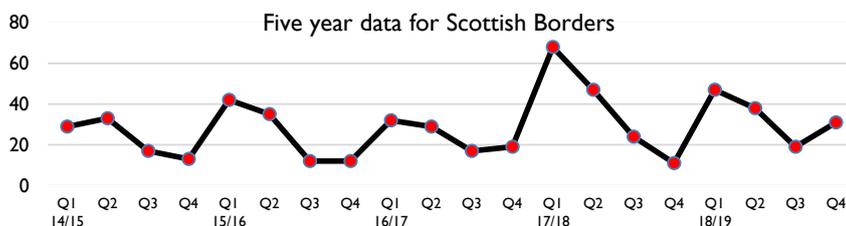
There have been 135 incidents of this nature in the YTD period, this is a 10% decrease for the same reporting period last year.

Reasons

Secondary fires involving refuse, grass, scrub and woodland accounted for 52% of all deliberate fires. 23% of these fires occurred in the Galashiels and District ward, a continued decrease for the area.

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 - 12	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	92	101	97	150	135	
Tweeddale West	8	14	7	14	6	
Tweeddale East	9	17	9	6	12	
Galashiels & District	18	23	22	61	33	
Selkirkshire	8	5	7	12	7	
Leaderdale & Melrose	6	6	7	5	8	
Mid Berwickshire	9	4	8	7	8	
East Berwickshire	4	2	4	4	13	
Kelso & District	4	6	5	12	17	
Jedburgh & District	6	11	12	5	6	
Hawick & Denholm	14	11	12	16	15	
Hawick & Hermitage	6	4	4	8	10	

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

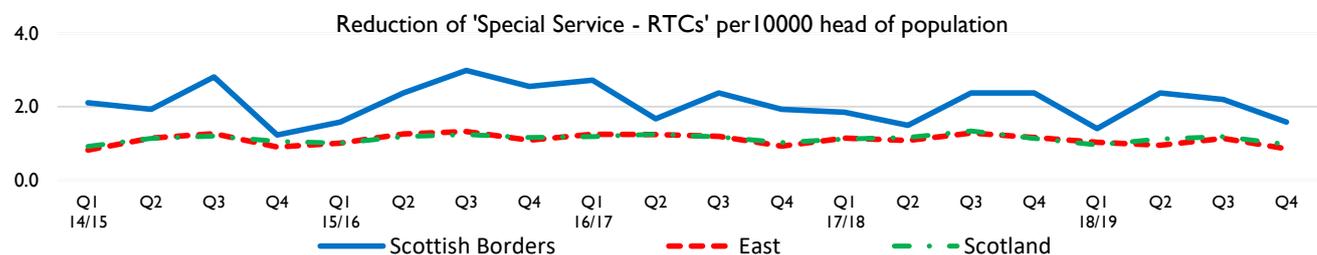
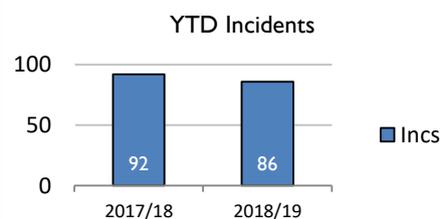
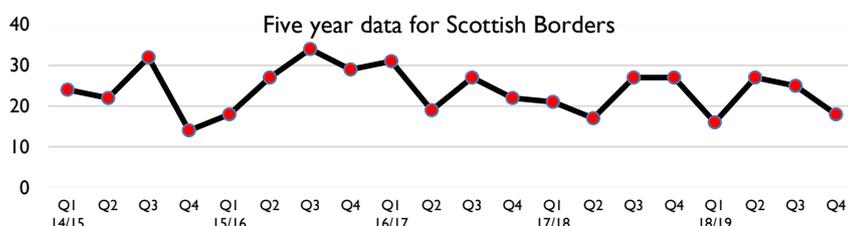
The SFRS attended 86 RTC's in the last year, this represents a slight decrease of 6% compared to last year. Further analysis indicates that hydraulic rescue equipment was used on 31 occasions to extricate persons trapped in vehicles. The remaining incidents required limited intervention from the SFRS 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.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 8	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	92	108	99	92	86	
Tweeddale West	18	11	8	19	11	
Tweeddale East	13	13	9	6	8	
Galashiels & District	13	14	12	11	11	
Selkirkshire	6	7	6	8	6	
Leaderdale & Melrose	8	16	11	9	9	
Mid Berwickshire	8	5	12	4	10	
East Berwickshire	8	12	6	10	11	
Kelso & District	5	8	10	5	0	
Jedburgh & District	8	14	15	13	11	
Hawick & Denholm	2	6	5	5	5	
Hawick & Hermitage	3	6	5	2	4	

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

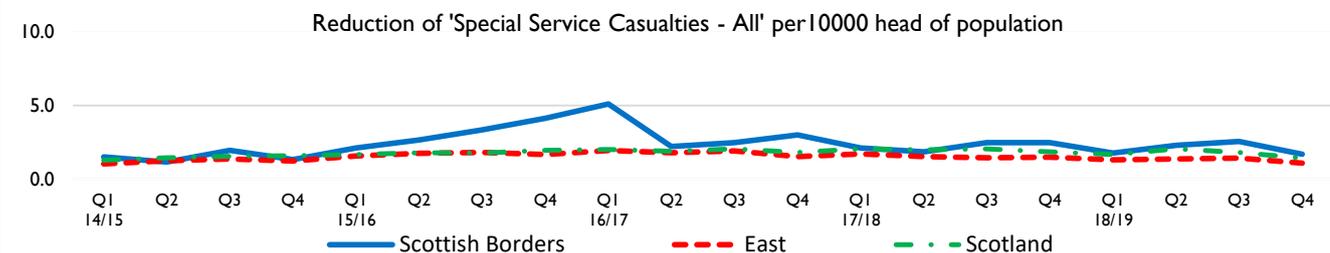
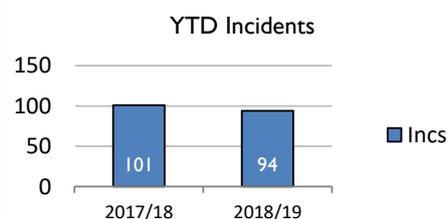
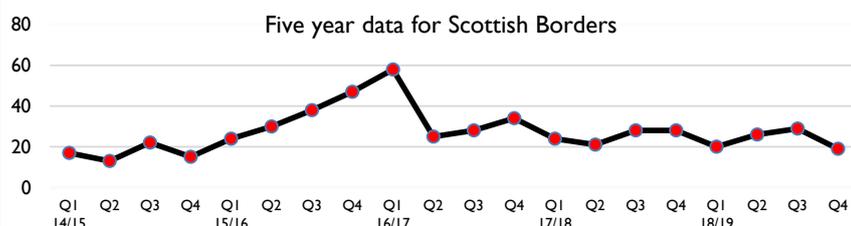
There have been 94 Special Service casualties during the last year, a 7% decrease in comparison to last year. A snapshot analysis of incident and casualty type is included in the report summary page.

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 - 9	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	67	139	145	101	94	
Tweeddale West	8	27	16	22	10	
Tweeddale East	6	5	9	5	4	
Galashiels & District	13	18	20	17	12	
Selkirkshire	4	7	7	10	7	
Leaderdale & Melrose	5	14	7	6	10	
Mid Berwickshire	6	10	16	14	13	
East Berwickshire	7	12	7	7	6	
Kelso & District	4	9	19	4	5	
Jedburgh & District	6	25	20	7	11	
Hawick & Denholm	7	7	11	5	11	
Hawick & Hermitage	1	13	4	5		

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

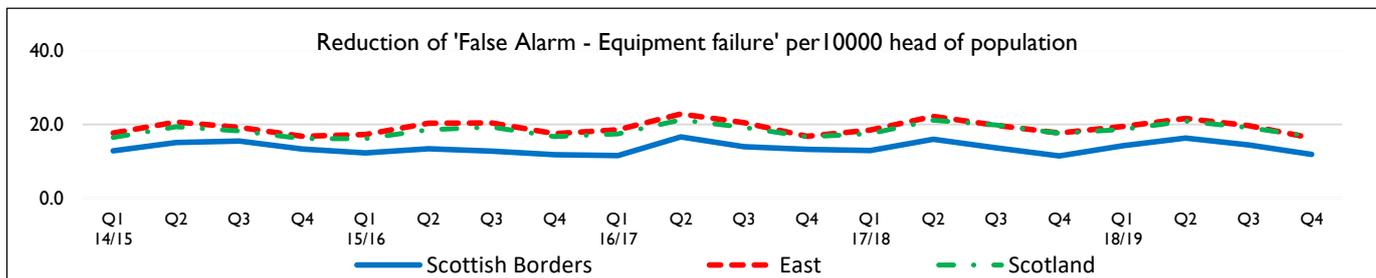
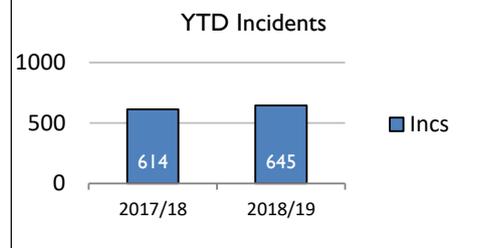
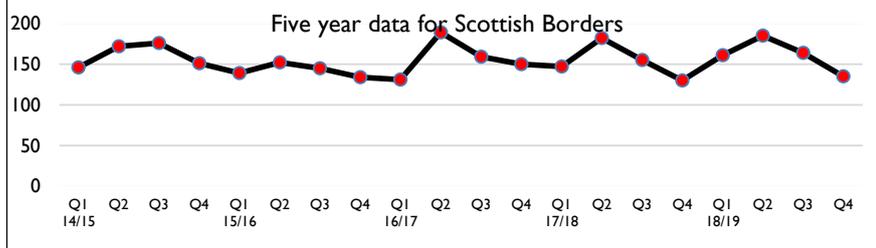
There have been 951 false alarm incidents in the Scottish Borders during this reporting period. Equipment failure accounted for 645 of these incidents with 241 and 66 the figures for good intent and malicious respectively. The figures illustrated in this report relate only to False Alarm equipment failures.

Reasons

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

Actions

We continue to proactively monitor UFAS calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further UFAS incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future UFAS incidents. This forms part of an incremental approach with the ultimate aim of educating duty holders whilst reducing UFAS calls. The reduction of UFAS across the Borders has been supplemented by appointing one of our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers as UFAS Champion.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 59	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	645	570	629	614	645	
Tweeddale West	93	86	88	94	76	
Tweeddale East	28	30	36	34	49	
Galashiels & District	92	104	85	96	95	
Selkirkshire	81	61	72	60	60	
Leaderdale & Melrose	92	78	64	71	82	
Mid Berwickshire	52	33	44	32	47	
East Berwickshire	41	34	30	30	49	
Kelso & District	36	25	46	53	56	
Jedburgh & District	33	28	31	24	43	
Hawick & Denholm	30	31	54	43	37	
Hawick & Hermitage	67	30	79	77	51	

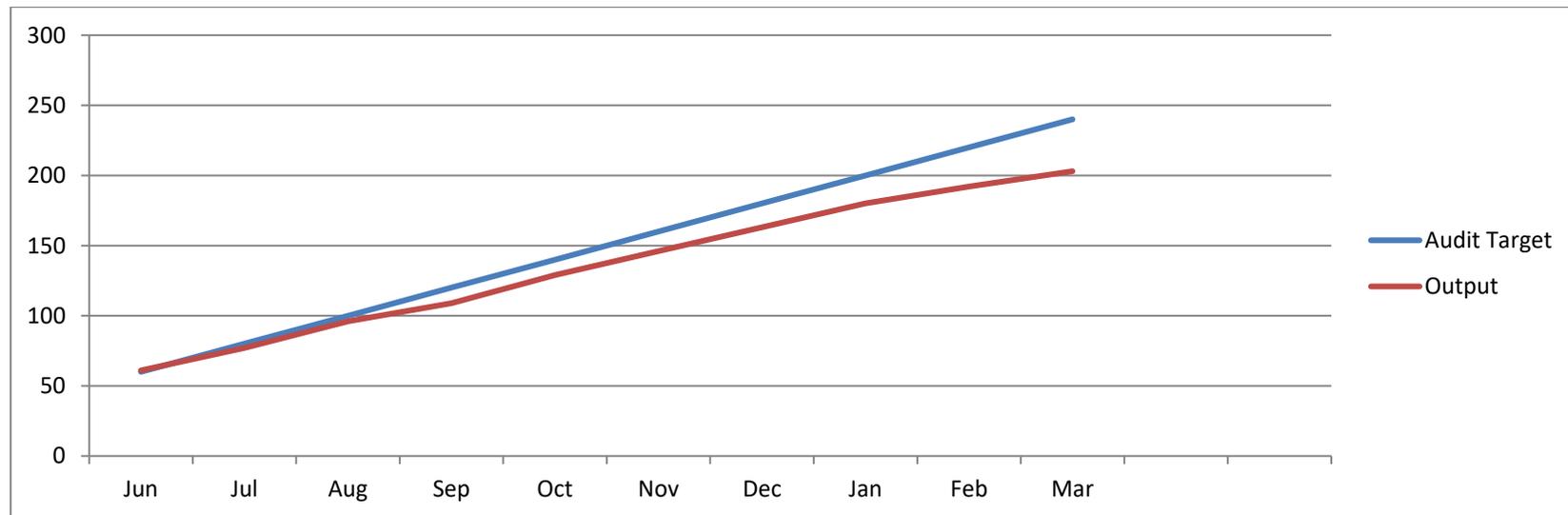
Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 4 2018/2019: (1st January 2019 to 31st March 2019)

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 are based at Galashiels Fire Station. It should be noted that those properties identified within our framework as high risk have been audited. Our annual targets have not been achieved. This is due to new staff joining our team and not being fully trained so therefore unable to carry audits. This will be addressed over the coming months.

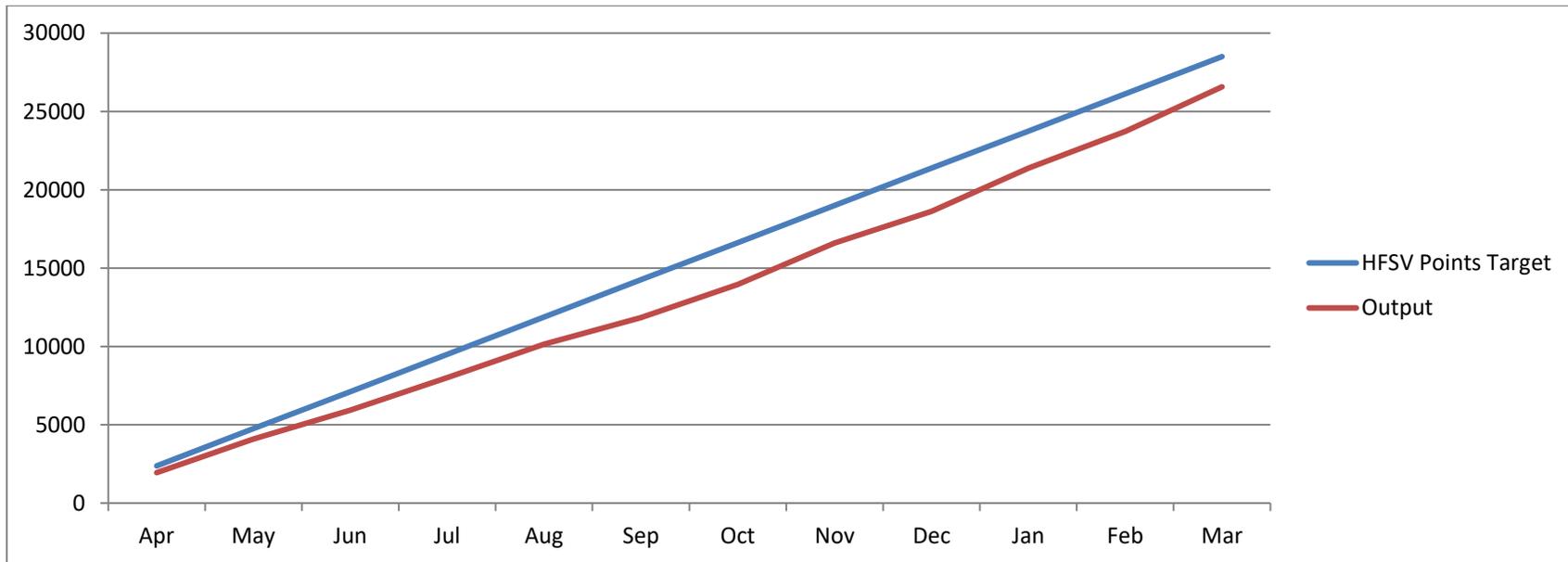
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	20	43	61	77	96	109	129	146	163	180	192	203	203



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 target based on risk has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). In order that we focus our 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. We have just reviewed current reporting arrangements in relations to points per visit. This has been increased for each station within the area. However, the main focus will always be to provide a HFSV to those persons at greatest risk of fire.

	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	13948	16604	18624	21372	23724	26571	26571



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	22	59
Galashiels and District	98	81	115	105
Hawick and Denholm	68	66	97	96
Hawick and Hermitage	96	98	72	120
Jedburgh and District	34	25	34	34
Kelso and District	22	21	28	48
Leaderdale and Melrose	39	41	71	49
Mid Berwickshire	26	29	18	30
Selkirkshire	40	35	32	42
Tweeddale East	24	20	21	27
Tweeddale West	23	19	19	32
TOTAL	487	462	529	642

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have delivered and supported Fire skills programmes in the Scottish Borders (Hawick High School) and East Lothian. In addition to these core activities, the CAT continues to support the delivery of youth engagement through Fire skills with young offenders at Polmont YOI and the Risk Factory initiative in Edinburgh.

The CAT have also had **5** 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 **8** Social Work referrals 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 supporting this is vital. This is an ongoing task, with new referral pathways being created regularly. Recent initiatives facilitated by our LALO has seen the number of referrals received increasing every month. This quarter we received just under **400** referrals. We have recently agreed to train approx. **900** SB Cares staff, which will generate additional referrals. This is a great example of partnership work supporting the identification of those individuals at greater risk, facilitating SFRS interventions and risk reduction measures.

In addition to MARAC outcomes, the CAT have facilitated a further **17** referrals from the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS) in partnership with the Safer Housing options worker for the Scottish Borders Council.

Housing Association partner referrals total **60**. 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 persons most at risk of fire within the home.

NHS provided **8** referrals and Social Services **10**. 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 to 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 assessment screening and referrals.

SFRS staff have been involved in the delivery of 65 Community Safety events in Scottish Borders during this period. This includes fire safety talks, liaising with other services and road safety initiatives as detailed below.

Road Safety

The scheduled Drivewise event was cancelled, however, SFRS supported a similar event for drivers over 65 years of age. This was delivered over two days in March.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

The information detailed below is further work the 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
- We have delivered Home Fire safety awareness training as part of the Adult Protection training arrangements within the Borders. This is aimed at managers and practitioners
- CAT delivered Anti-Social Behaviour talks for all 2nd year pupils at Hawick High School
- Our LALO continues to attend the Community Learning & Development Target Setting Steering Group meetings
- The CAT continues to support 2 x Wholetime and 11 RDS stations with the delivery of HFSV's and Seasonal Thematic Action Plans
- Our LALO attended Falls Strategy Review forum at Borders General Hospital
- The CAT attended Borders Advanced Motorist Group open day
- We continue to support the Falls Strategy Review forum at Borders General Hospital.

Future Work Streams

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

- 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 hoped that this exercise will promote a considerable reduction in UFAS and subsequent SFRS attendance to SB Schools. This initiative is still being actively pursued by SFRS and we await communication from our partners at Scottish Borders Council.
- One of our primary aims is to reduce fires, fire deaths and injuries. As can be seen from this report, we are focusing on the creation of Home Fire Safety referral pathways with other partners/agencies. This is an ongoing initiative and we will provide regular updates in relation to the number of partners we train and referrals received.

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

Date: 14th June 2019

Report By: Area Manager Steve Gourlay

Subject: SFRS Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Consultation

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board with the information required to feedback on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Board notes the draft plan and provides feedback on the proposals.

3 THE CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is inviting the Board to share your views on our draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022.
- 3.2 As a cornerstone of our ongoing development, this Strategic Plan aims to ensure that we remain fully committed to improving the safety and wellbeing of the communities of Scotland that we serve.
- 3.3 The draft Strategic Plan was prepared following a statutory review of our current Strategic Plan 2016-19. A number of evidence sources were used to support the review, resulting in several recommendations which were taken forward to inform the development of the draft Strategic Plan 2019-22.

- 3.4 We have a duty to have in place a Strategic Plan covering a period of three years. As we move into our seventh year since we were established, we are required to have a new Strategic Plan for 2019-22 published by October 2019.
- 3.5 This is your Service and we want to hear your views on our ambition to balance national priorities with the needs of local communities – now and in the future.
- 3.6 The consultation on our draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 is **open for ten weeks, closing on 18 July 2019.**
- 3.7 Your opinion matters and we hope you will help us to shape the future of the fire and rescue service delivered in Scotland.

4 DRAFT STRAEGIC PLAN 2019-2022

- 4.1 The draft summary plan is provided with this report
- 4.2 The link provides access to the full Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 and all relevant documents and the consultation return.

<https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/draft-strategic-plan-2019-22/>

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Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 Summary Version

This summary provides an overview of the draft Strategic Plan, 2019-22 for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). It sets out our broad ambitions over the next three years.

The purpose of this consultation is to gain a wide range of views and opinions to help us ensure our proposals are focused on the most important priorities and that they will continue to meet the evolving needs of our communities. To achieve this, we want to hear your views.

The formal consultation for this draft Strategic Plan is open between **Thursday 9 May 2019 and Thursday 18 July 2019**. Please feedback to us using our **online survey** <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/> before the closing date. We will publish the results once the consultation is closed.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

This plan sets out our commitments to the delivery of a first class fire and rescue service for all people across Scotland. In delivering these services we recognise the significant role we play in helping to achieve the Scottish Government's purpose, which is to focus government and public services on creating a more successful country by increasing sustainable economic growth, providing opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish.

We have developed this plan by building on the successes and experience gained over recent years. In particular, we have drawn from the results of our first ever **staff survey** in **2018** as well as our **Transformation consultation** in **2018**, which gathered views on the future of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and involved our staff, partners and the public. The consultation set out our need to transform, and presented a vision of how the Service could do even more for the people of Scotland.

We are committed to continuing this engagement with stakeholders as our journey progresses. This Strategic Plan outlines the longer term outcomes we aspire to achieve and the shorter term strategic objectives we will work towards to realise these aspirations. The outcomes and objectives are highlighted in the diagram below and the following pages. We'd love to know your thoughts.

Following this consultation, we will produce an updated version of the Strategic Plan that incorporates your feedback. This will go to the Minister for Community Safety and will be laid before Parliament by October for final approval. Once approved, we will develop a flexible three year programme that will include an Annual Operating Plan. This will be published each year and monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board and our Strategic Leadership Team.

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OUTCOME 1

Our collaborative and targeted prevention and protection activities improve community safety and wellbeing, and support sustainable economic growth.

Objective 1.1 **We will work with our partners to ensure targeted prevention and early intervention are at the heart of what we do to enhance community safety and wellbeing.**

To achieve this we will:

- Work in partnership to target our education programmes and community safety initiatives to reduce the risk of fire and other incidents of unintentional harm in the home.
- Continue to expand our prevention activity.
- Work in partnership to jointly utilise intelligence and data to identify those most at risk in our society.

Objective 1.2 **We will enforce fire safety legislation in a risk-based and proportionate manner, protecting Scotland's built environment and supporting economic growth.**

To achieve this we will:

- Continue to target fire safety audits to support those responsible for premises (the dutyholders), and ensure they are meeting their responsibilities to keep people safe.
- Continue to improve the safety of high rise premises.
- Continue to protect Scotland's built environment and support economic growth through our fire engineering work.

Objective 1.3 **We will evaluate and learn from our prevention and protection activities and analyse data to ensure our resources are directed to maximise community outcomes.**

To achieve this we will:

- Create a culture of reflection and review that helps our staff to improve the quality of their work and the services they deliver.
- Develop robust methods of planning and evaluation so that our prevention work is aligned with local and national priority needs and our impact on communities is maximised and understood.
- Continue to learn through the investigation of fires to improve prevention, protection and emergency response arrangements.

Objective 1.4 **We will respond appropriately to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and work with our partners to reduce and manage their impact on businesses, communities and our Service.**

To achieve this we will:

- Work with duty holders to reduce false alarms and to reduce the risk to communities and our people by minimising unnecessary blue light journeys.
- Maintain the availability of resources where they are needed most, and increase the time available for operational personnel to undertake training and community safety activities.

OUTCOME 2 Our flexible operational model provides an effective emergency response to meet diverse community risks across Scotland.

Objective 2.1 We will analyse and understand a broad range of community risks across Scotland so that we have the right resources in the right places at the right time.

To achieve this we will:

- Ensure we have the most appropriate balance and distribution of capabilities to address potential risks to communities.
- Undertake a longer term exploratory review of what Scotland may look like in the future, Our Futures Vision, to understand what changes we may need to make to our operational footprint to be able to respond to any new or changing demands.

Objective 2.2 We will be more flexible and modernise how we prepare for and respond to emergencies, including working and learning with others and making the most of technology.

To achieve this we will:

- Review our operating model and duty systems to build in flexibility, reconfiguring resources to where and when they are needed most.
- Take further steps to reconsider the role of firefighters in today's society, aiming to improve a wider range of community outcomes.
- Put arrangements in place to ensure our firefighters are appropriately trained and equipped to save more lives in different ways.
- Continue to evolve the types of appliances and firefighting technology we use.
- Continue to explore and embrace technological advances and new ideas which provide a safer environment for our firefighters as we enhance safety within all the communities of Scotland.

Objective 2.3 We will maintain a strong presence across Scotland to help communities prepare for and recover from emergencies.

To achieve this we will:

- Work with our partners to assess risks, prepare for and respond to any significant threats or major emergencies.
- Improve how we can work together across command and control structures at the early stages of an incident through the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) programme.
- Support local resilience partnerships to build capacity within communities so that they are prepared and can go some way to help themselves during an emergency situation.

Objective 2.4 We will make our frontline service delivery more effective by enhancing our command, control and communications arrangements.

To achieve this we will:

- Implement the new command and control mobilising system to enhance our resilience and emergency call handling capability.
- Work with a range of partners to ensure the successful delivery of the Home Office's Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP).

OUTCOME 3 We are a great place to work where our people are safe, supported and empowered to deliver high performing innovative services.

Objective 3.1 We will build strong leadership and capacity at all levels within the Service, and improve the diversity of our workforce.

To achieve this we will:

- Create a supportive and rewarding workplace environment which attracts and retains the best people.
- Maintain dynamic resourcing and workforce plans which are fully aligned to our business and budget planning processes.
- Continue to work with representative bodies to secure appropriate terms and conditions, which are fair and reflective of expanding job roles and deliver the best possible benefits packages for all staff who work for the SFRS.
- Promote a healthy work life balance to increase motivation and productivity, and support good mental health.

Objective 3.2 We will embed inclusive learning and development arrangements so that we have the organisational capability to deliver high quality innovative services.

To achieve this we will:

- Invest in excellent training facilities and arrangements to ensure we have the capability and skills to deliver first class frontline and supporting services.
- Embed different learning pathways to ensure all our people have access to development opportunities to keep them safe and to support them to fulfil their potential.
- Ensure we have empowered, ethical and values-based leaders at every level to inspire greater workforce diversity.
- Challenge existing ways of doing things and encourage innovation.
- Embed effective succession planning to identify potential leaders for the future.

Objective 3.3 We will care for our people through progressive health, safety and wellbeing arrangements.

To achieve this we will:

- Protect the safety of our people through a strong proactive health and safety culture.
- Continue to improve our management information systems so we can identify trends and areas in need of attention, and recognise positive results and improvements to enable the sharing of good practice across the organisation.
- Create a mentally healthy environment within which all our staff can work and prosper.

Objective 3.4 We will engage with our people, and other stakeholders, in an open and honest way, ensuring all have a voice in our Service.

To achieve this we will:

- Carry out a staff survey every two years and take action on what our people say.
- Implement robust change management practices so that our people can get involved in the decisions that matter to them.
- Continue to host Board meetings in different towns and cities around Scotland, giving the opportunity for local teams, local partners and communities to engage with Board members and senior leaders on national policy and unique local issues.

OUTCOME 4 We are fully accountable and maximise our public value by delivering a high quality, sustainable fire and rescue service for Scotland.

Objective 4.1 We will maximise our contribution to sustainable development through delivery of economic, social and environmental benefits for the communities of Scotland.

To achieve this we will:

- Continue to contribute to social equality, economic viability and environmental protection.
- Implement a SFRS Sustainable Development Framework, communicating a clear plan from which to showcase and report on the wide range of activities which contribute to sustainable development nationally – in essence making global goals our business.

Objective 4.2 We will minimise the risks we face through effective business management and high levels of compliance with all our responsibilities.

To achieve this we will:

- Continue to manage our business and money appropriately, complying with various regulations, through a robust set of policies, business processes and identified responsibilities.
- Explore how we can develop more predictive insights and improve evidence led decision making to help us respond effectively to emerging risks and challenges and to further strengthen our governance arrangements.
- Enhance our ability to identify and respond appropriately to a variety of political, operational, financial and legal risks to safeguard our resources and reputation.

Objective 4.3 We will invest in and improve our infrastructure to ensure our resources and systems are fit to deliver modern services.

To achieve this we will:

- Invest in our ICT digital infrastructure to meet the growing demand for effective, efficient and secure systems.
- Implement a long term asset management strategy which will redesign our property and fleet portfolio to balance the needs of a modern national service with those of tightening budgets.

Objective 4.4 We will strengthen performance management and improvement arrangements to enable robust scrutiny, challenge and decision making nationally and locally.

To achieve this we will:

- Introduce a new performance management system to enhance how we manage our performance in the coming years.
- Employ measured and cumulative actions to improve what we do.
- Foster a culture where our people are empowered to use their skills and experience to make improvements in their work.
- Regularly review the design of our services, systems and processes to ensure they are delivered in the most efficient, effective and safe way.



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Quarterly Performance Report May 2019

Period Covered: 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

“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

- The Court Advocacy Service has exceeded performance targets set for the year and has developed effective working relationships within the local courts. The service provides a pivotal role in bridging the gaps between domestic abuse victims and the criminal justice process.
- Domestic abuse services, alongside other specialist agencies, have been delivering the “Domestic Abuse Matters” training programme on the new domestic abuse legislation to Scottish Police Officers. The training is having a positive impact on information shared to domestic abuse services by Police Scotland, particularly in less obvious aspects of domestic abuse such as coercive control.

Key Issues

- The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police Scotland from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 is 1005. This is 77 incidents (7.1%) lower than 2017/18. There has been a corresponding reduction in the number of cases referred to DAAS when compared to 2017/18. Referrals to all domestic abuse services (DAAS, SHO, DAAO and CAS) are very similar to last year and there is more in depth support being received by the most vulnerable clients with complex needs. There has also been an increase in males engaging with domestic abuse services and accessing a range of supports.

Key Activities

- The Gender Based Violence Strategic Assessment has been completed and priorities for the next 3 years have been established. Activities that will deliver on our stated priorities have been defined and they will form the basis of the revised reporting to the Scrutiny Board and to SBC management from April 2019.

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 %
1005	1082	-77	-7.1%

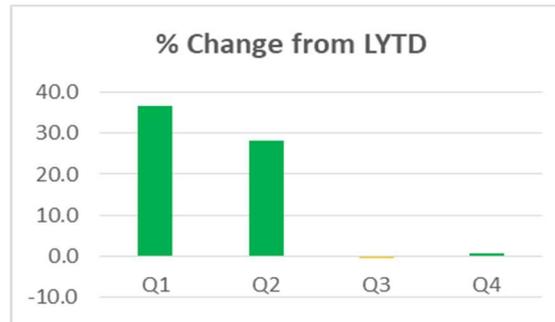


Source: Police Scotland

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
762	756	+6	+0.8%



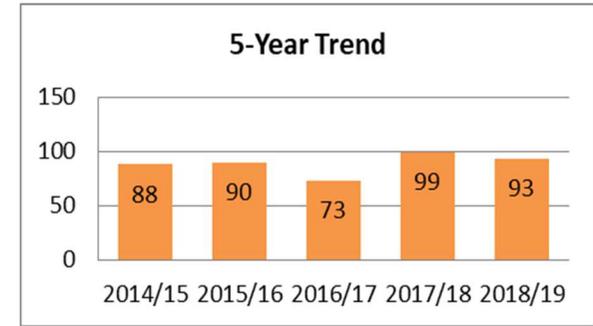
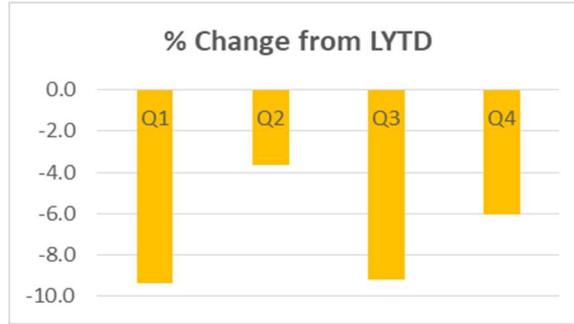
Source: DAAS

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 %
93	99	-6	-6.1%

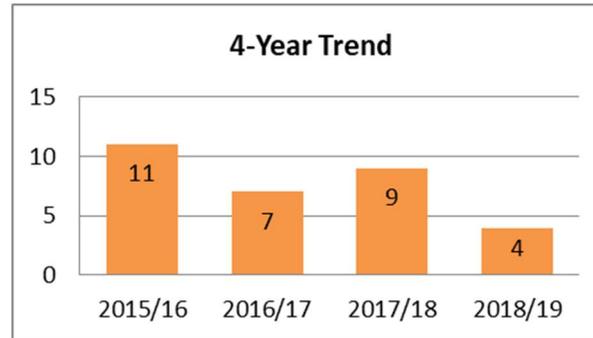
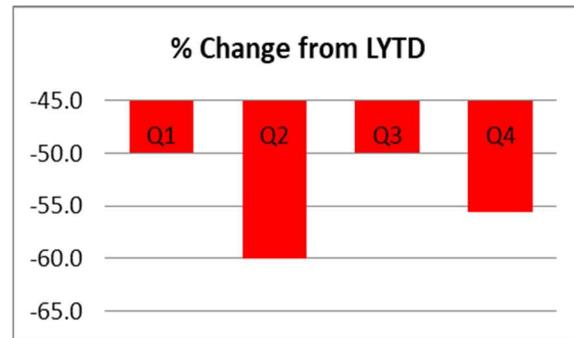


Source: MARAC

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
4	9	-5	-55.6%



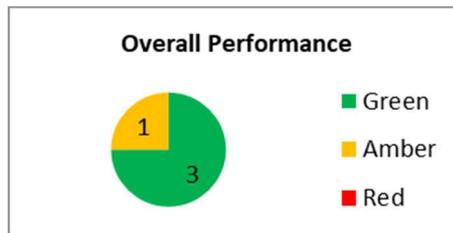
Source: Police Scotland

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 disclosures to Registered Social Landlords for consideration around potential tenancy agreement breaches, an increase of 143% on the same period last year. Privately owned property or private rental properties are not included.
- The SBC funded Community Action Team (CAT) has been active in drug enforcement activity both in relation to property searches under warrant but also on street intelligence lead stop and search activity.
- Needle finds have reduced significantly in quarter 4, which is positive.
- Quarter 4 showed a 33% increase in Alcohol Brief Intervention's (ABI) undertaken by Antisocial Behaviour Unit staff, these are always considered during face to face meetings with individuals accused of perpetrating ASB.

Key Issues

- The number of incidents that are considered to be alcohol related is 1 percentage points higher than last year at this time. This is in part due to the proactive work being done by the CAT and other officers when policing events and addressing ASB concerns in the community.

Key Activities

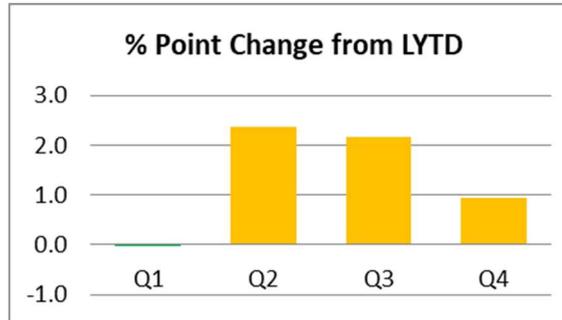
- The Best Bar None 2018/19 annual licensed premises application and accreditation cycle, supporting self-regulation within the trade, is complete. 18 premises were given awards in 2018/19. The award is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Business Resilience Centre supported locally by community safety partners.
- Support for the underage drinking campaign, "don't buy it, don't supply it", has been secured through attendance at the Safety Advisory Group Meetings. Organisers of local sporting and cultural events have been receptive to promote the campaign.

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 %
16.6%	15.6%	+1	-

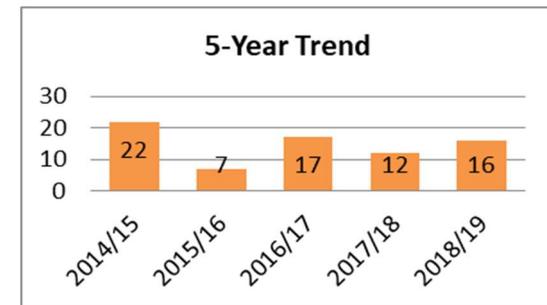
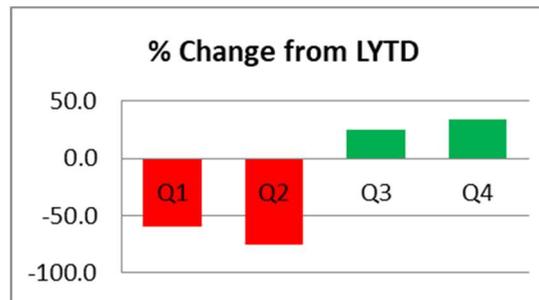


Source: SCT Database

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
16	12	+4	+33.3%



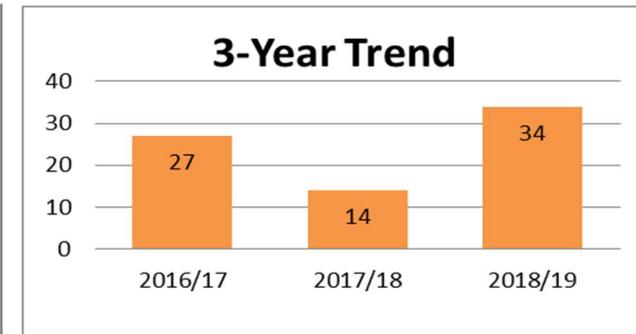
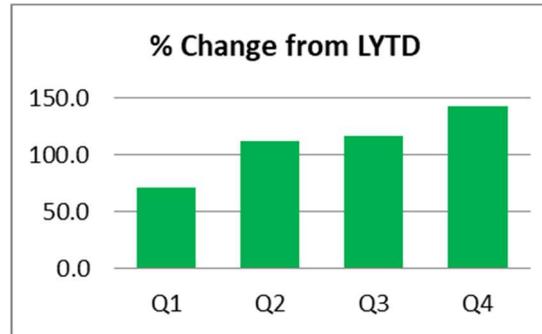
Source: ASBU

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 %
34	14	20	+142.9%

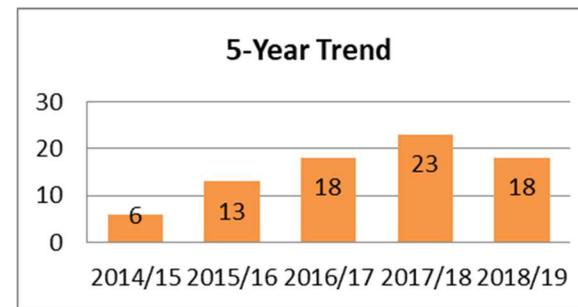


Source: SCT Database

Increase the number of "Best Bar None" premises

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
18	23	-5	-21.7%



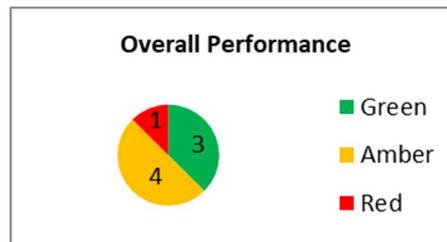
Source: Police Scotland

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 quarter 4 trends across crime, ASB and vandalism have been relatively consistent when compared to the same period last year.
- There has been a reduction of 7.5% in people being monitored for anti-social behaviour and the number of early interventions undertaken by ASB partners has increased by 11.5%. A partnership approach both in operational delivery and also policy decisions are followed in order to maintain consistency of process.
- The council funded Police Community Action Team has been active in tackling open space antisocial behaviour tasked monthly through a Councillor/Officer Oversight Group.

Key Issues

- Referrals to mediation have been lower than the same period last year however the success rate for those that participate remains high. The dual role of Mediation and Gypsy Traveller Liaison Officer has balanced demand across the two functions.

Key Activities

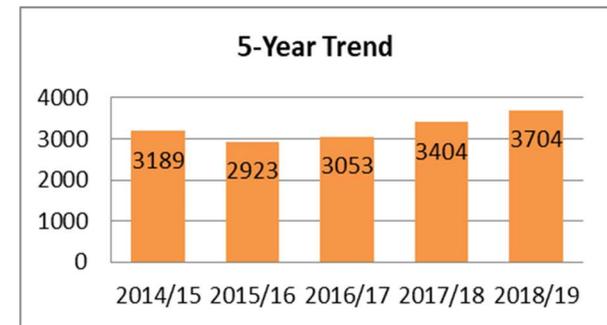
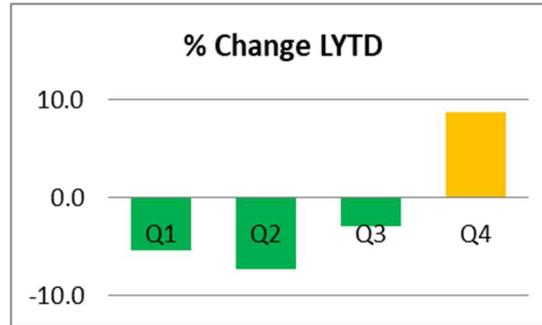
- The joint purchase of the third and final new piece of noise monitoring equipment has taken place. Environmental Health deploy, calibrate and evaluate recorded noise providing expert reports to the ASBU.
- Trials are being conducted of a 'Noise App' to assess its viability as an additional tactical option when assessing neighbour noise. Data handling and use are being considered by Legal Services and Data Protection staff.
- Training has been delivered to front line police and RSL staff to improve consistency of approach when dealing with instances of ASB. To date 112 police officers and 26 RSL staff have participated.
- The revised ASB strategy, policies and procedures and Equality Impact Assessment has been completed by the partnership to ensure we maintain consistency of approach when addressing antisocial behaviour.
- The analytical features of the ASBU database are being enhanced to improve our understanding of ASB outcomes when different interventions are applied.

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 %
3704	3404	+300	+8.8%

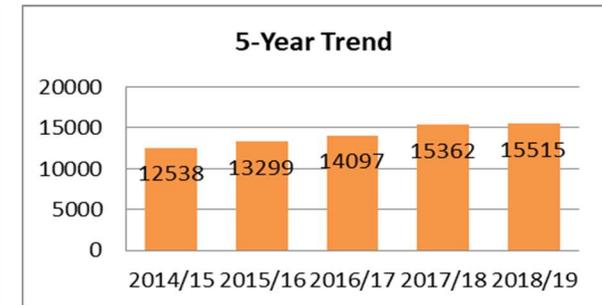
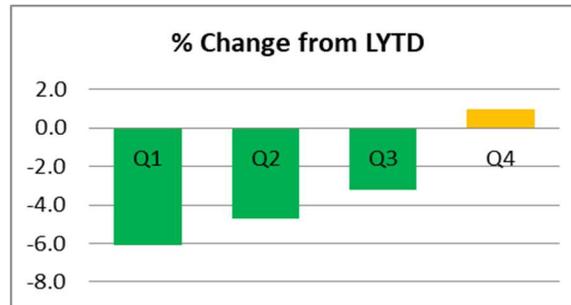


Source: Police Scotland

Reduce the number of recorded ASB incidents

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
15515	15362	+153	+1%



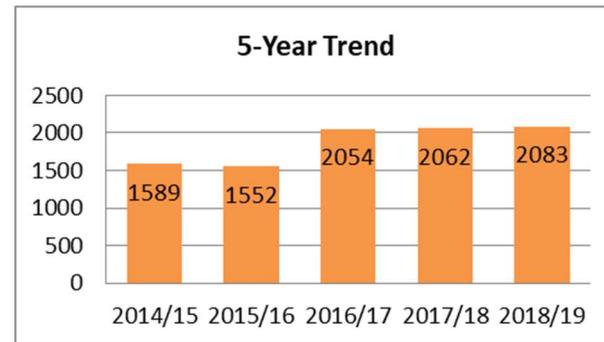
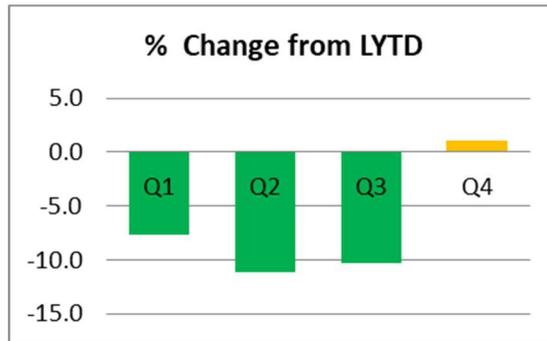
Source: SCT Database/ASBU/RSLs

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

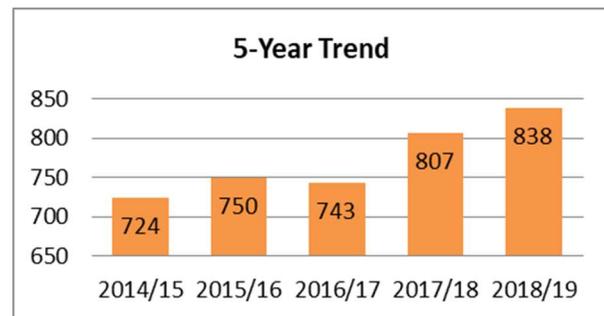
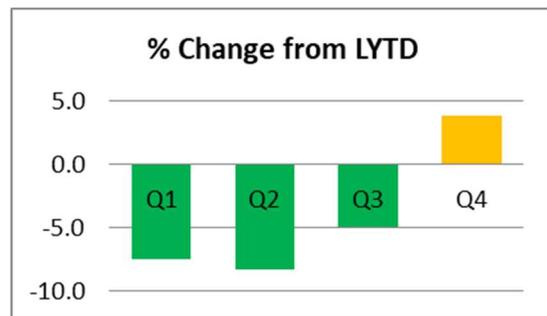
YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
2083	2062	+21	+1%



Source: SCT Database

Reduce the number of reported vandalism

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
838	807	+31	+3.8%



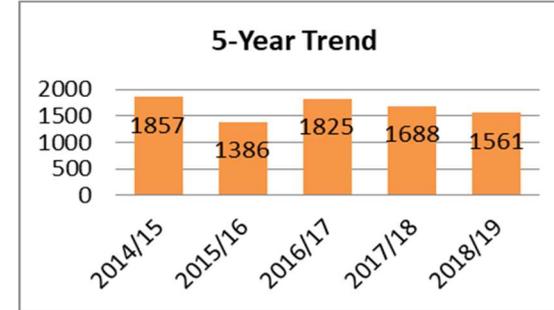
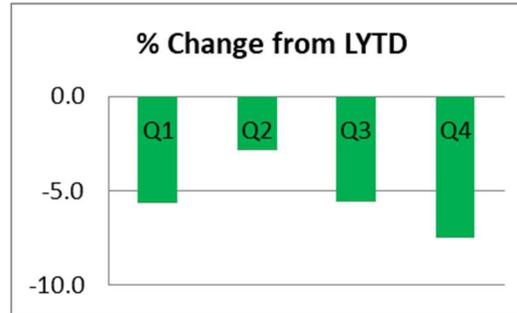
Source: Police Scotland

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

Reduce the number of persons being monitored for antisocial behaviour

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
1561	1688	-127	-7.5%

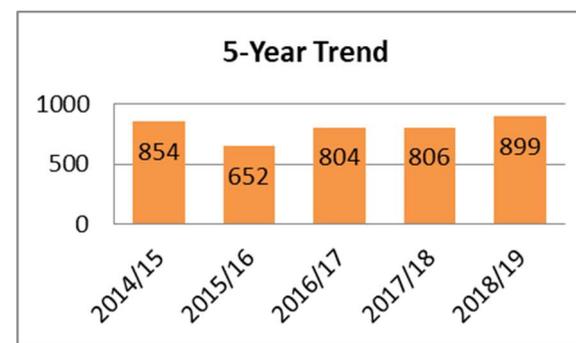
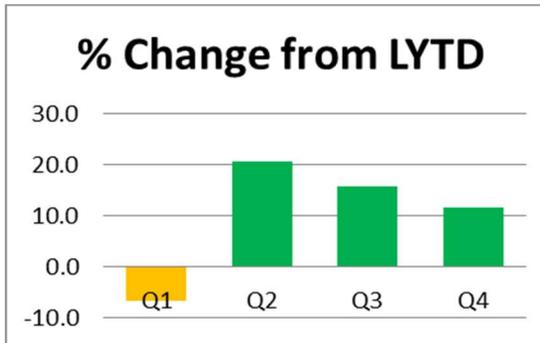


Source: ASBU

Increase the number of early interventions made by ASB partners

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
899	806	+93	+11.5%

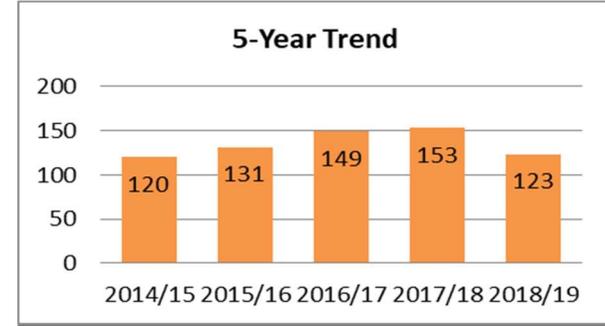
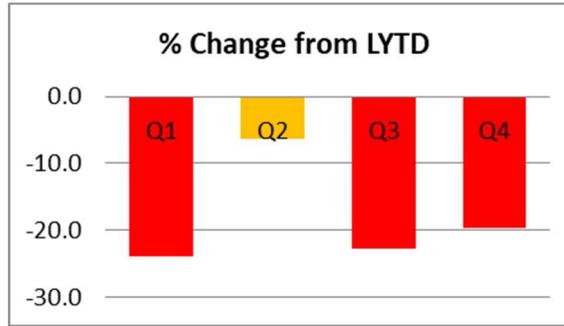


Strategic Priority 3 – Reduce the level and Impact of crime and antisocial behaviour through effective partnership working

Increase the number of mediation referrals

Performance

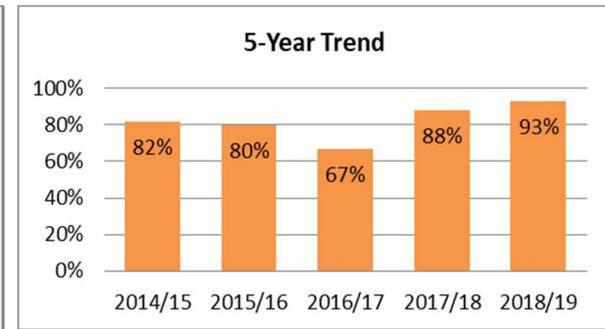
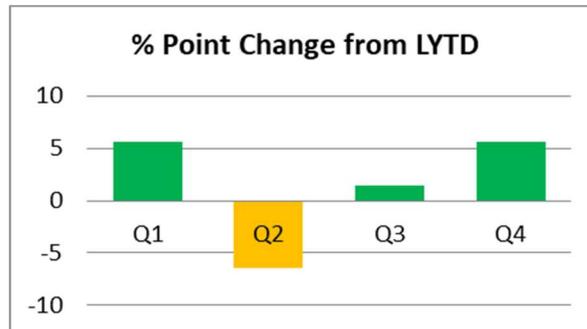
YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
123	153	-20	-19.6%



Source: ASBU

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

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
93.3	87.7	+5.6	-



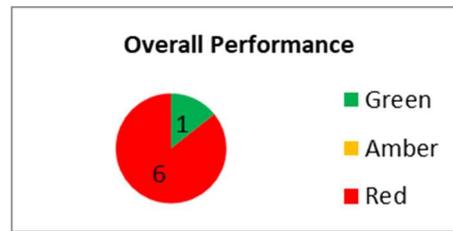
Source: ASBU

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

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Key Issues

- Group 7 (motor vehicle driving offences) are up on the same period last year with a detection rate of 91%.
- Collision figures for KSI categories are poor across all areas though slight injury collisions are down. This is despite enforcement activity and a range of initiatives to improve driver behaviour across all age groups through Drivewise.
- Parking, speeding and ASB driving complaints remain a concern for residents in the Borders and are a regular feature at the council funded Community Action Team Oversight meetings.

Key Activities

- Drivewise has been redesignated a charity. To reduce reoccurring cost, without compromising the concept, a variation to the over 65s event is being planned. This will involve a theory input and supervised drive at a central location and mirrors the pre-drivers format.
- Dates have been set for the over 65 sessions in the Borders with use being made of community fire stations to host events.
- Planning is underway for the Schools Countryside Day and road safety is a key feature for community safety.
- We are working with education to bring the Go Safe Scotland resource into the school curriculum which has a range of resources on a variety of road safety themes.

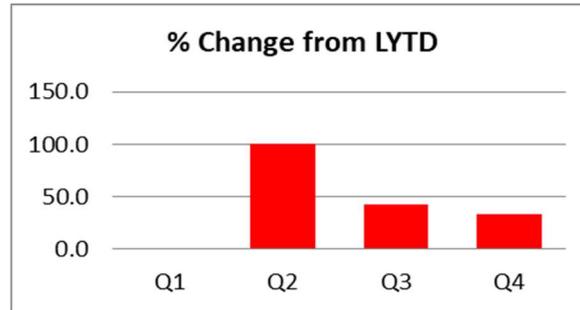
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Reduce the number of road users killed or seriously injured

Performance

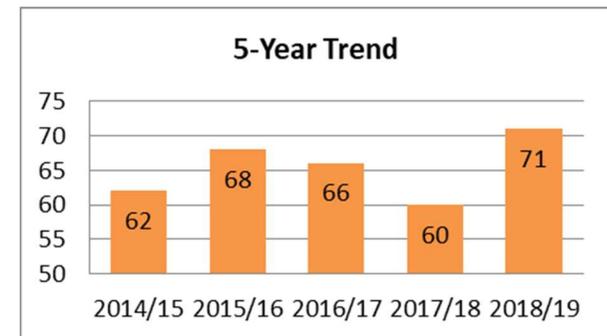
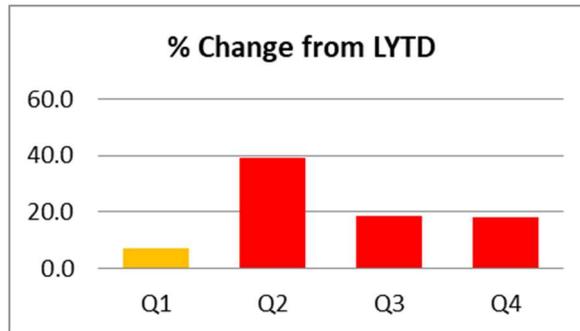
Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
12	9	+3	+33.3%



Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
71	60	+11	+18.3%



Source: Police Scotland

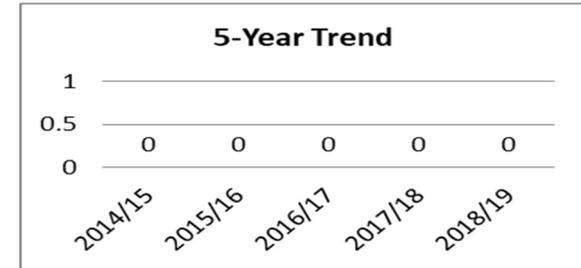
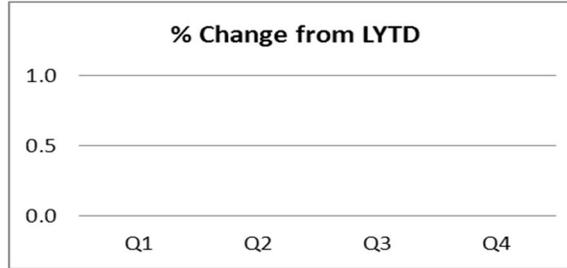
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

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

Performance

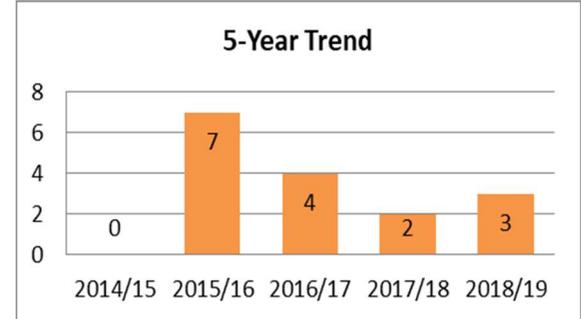
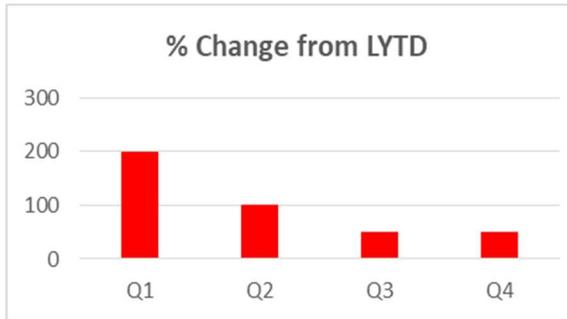
Killed

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0	0	0	0



Seriously Injured

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
3	2	+1	+50%



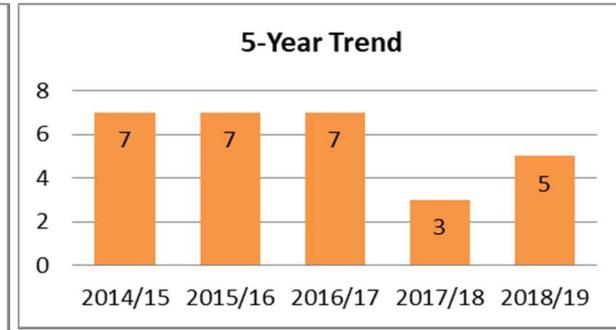
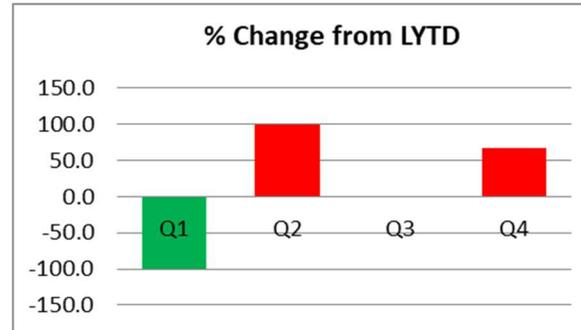
Source: Police Scotland

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 %
5	3	+2	-66.7%

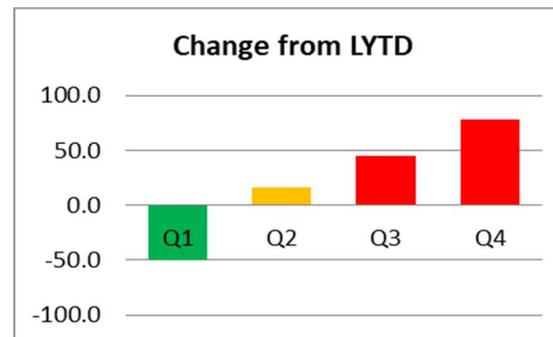


Source: Police Scotland

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
16	9	+7	+77.8%



Source: Police Scotland

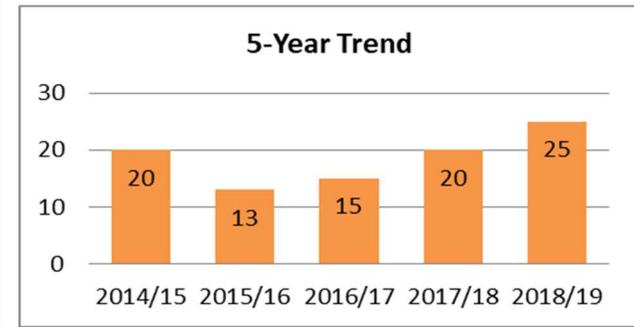
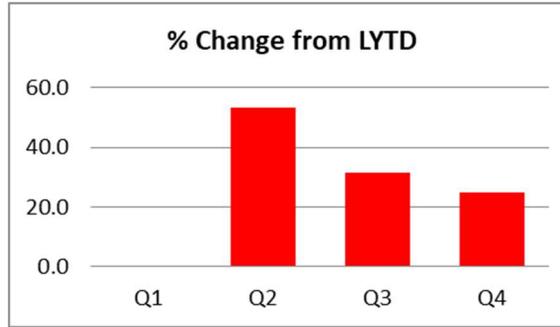
Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce the level and Impact of poor driver behaviour through effective partnership working

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
25	20	+5	25%

Source: Police Scotland

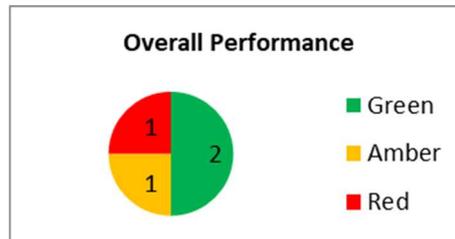


Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

Overall Summary

Overall Performance

Overall performance 4 indicators:



Key Successes

- Since the launch of the “Living Safely In The Home” (LSITH) project in the Cheviot Locality on 1st June 2016 through to 31st March 2019, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have successfully referred, with consent, 95 individuals to the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT) in relation to falls.
- Adult and child protection referrals from RSLs have increased significantly in 2018/19 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

- We have utilised the Go Safe Scotland resource, which is being embedded in the school curriculum, as a digital platform to broaden home safety information. Subjects such as spotting hazards, poisoning, burns, choking and falls are all incorporated. In addition, safety equipment such as child resistant bottles, fire guards, etc. are suggested in the inputs. These subjects have been built into the community safety officer annual work plan to target and reinforce the information across a broader cohort using social media.

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

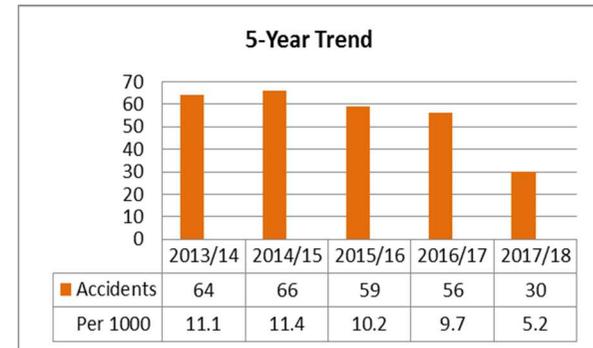
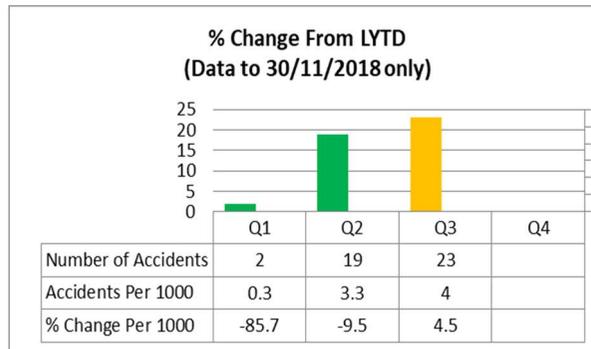
Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for children under 5 where a home accident is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
4.0	3.8	0.2	+4.5

Data only available to the end of November 2018.

Source: NHS BGH



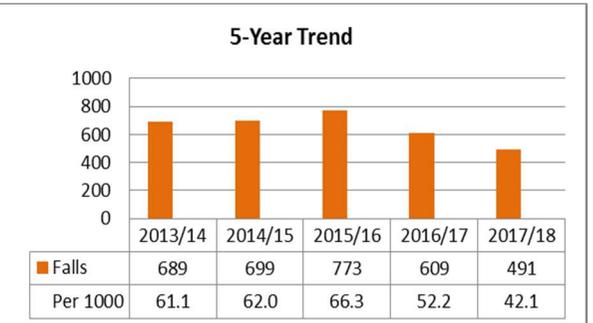
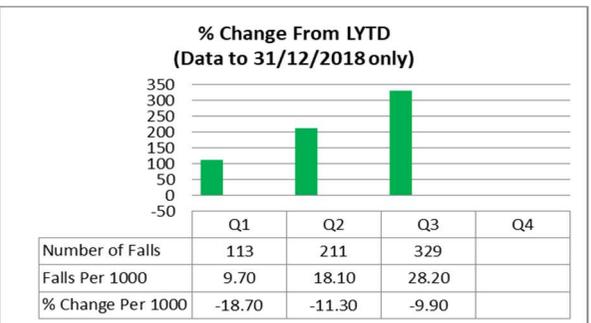
Reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions for 75+ where a fall is recorded as the main reason for attendance (per 1000 population)

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
28.2	31.3	-3.1	-9.9

Data only available to the end of quarter 3 2018/19.

Source: NHS BGH

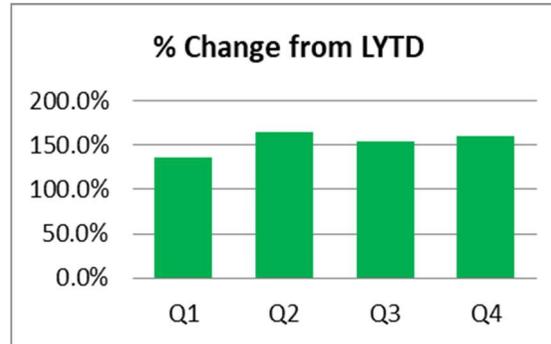


Strategic Priority 5 – Reduce the level and Impact of accidents in the home through effective partnership working

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

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
647	249	+398	+159.8%

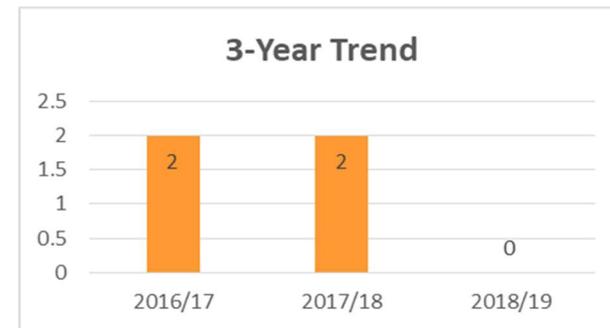
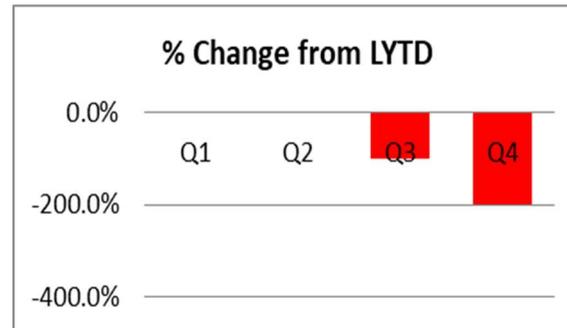


Source: SFRS

Increase the number of Fire Service fuel poverty referrals generated

Performance

YTD	LYTD	Change Value	Change %
0	2	-2	-200%



Source: SFRS