

# Scrutiny Report June 2017

## Scottish Borders



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

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

**Priority 1 – Protecting People**

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

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

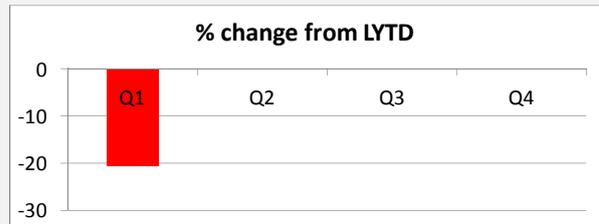
All officers are now fully conversant with the iVPD system which has made submission of referrals much easier, but we have re-assessed the criteria for submitting referrals and are now only submitting these where required, so numbers have levelled out and indeed are showing a decline.

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



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

**Current situation**

On target.

**Reasons**

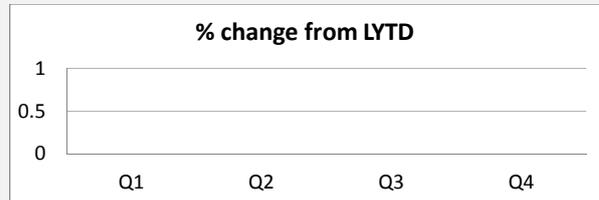
Close scrutiny by supervisors and daily Tasking and Coordinating process.

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



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

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

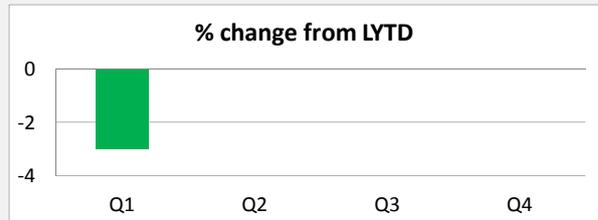
Ongoing focused approach to address violence disorder and antisocial behaviour throughout J Division monitored on a weekly basis through Gold Performance structure.

**What are we doing**

- Weekend tasking system initiated to address the issues surrounding the night time economy.
- Monitoring bail conditions of known offenders is carried out and proactive bail checks of perpetrators conducted to ensure compliance.
- Targeted deployment of officers and specialist resources to any identified problem area.
- A number of ongoing problem solving packages in respect of youth related ASB are assisting in reducing related common assaults in the younger age groups.

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

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



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

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

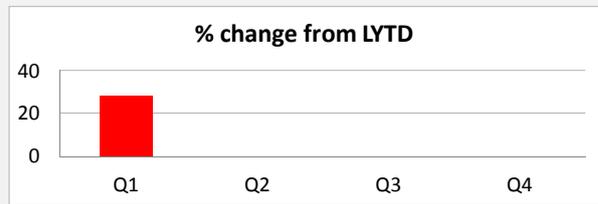
- Whilst the percentage increase appears high a large number of these calls are very low level. Due to significant improvements with Police call handling and the 101 system public confidence in contacting the Police has undoubtedly increased.
- a rise in alcohol related youth ASB at larger scale events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

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



**Priority 2 – Reducing Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**

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

**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

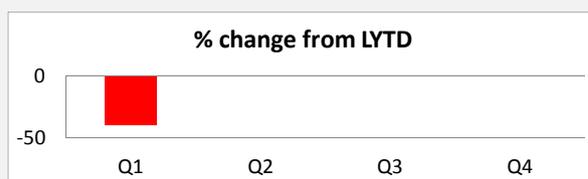
Whilst it is widely suggested that hate crime is underreported throughout the country and our focus has been to proactively encourage reporting of this crime type, our robust response to hate crime in the Scottish Borders may contribute to these reduced numbers.

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



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

**Current situation**

During the period 01/04/2017 to 30/06/2017, officers in the Scottish Borders conducted a total of 87 stop and searches, of which 47 proved positive (54%). Unfortunately due to current reporting methods, further breakdown of stop and search activity into individual categories is impossible, therefore the number of searches conducted under the Misuse of Drugs Act cannot be reported.

**Reasons**

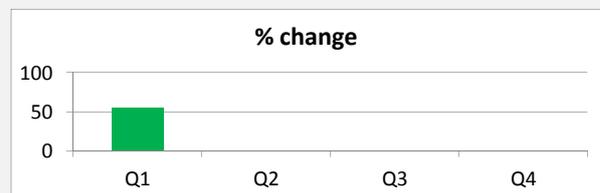
An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1st June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes to the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data. No previous year to date figures are provided.

**What are we doing**

We are continuing to ensure we target the right people at the right time in the right places with intelligence led policing and also encouraging the public to use crimestoppers to provide information confidentially.

**Indicator - Increase the proportion of positive stop and searches for drugs**

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



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

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

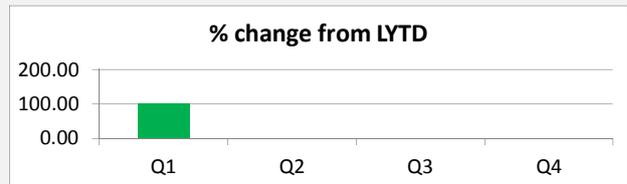
- Figures are significantly higher than last year, more licensed premises are being visited as a form of early intervention to try to deter patrons from becoming involved in violent crime and ASB.
- Objections and observations are submitted to the licensing Board upon application of extended hours requests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

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



**Priority 4 - Making our Roads Safer**  
**Indicator - Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads**  
**Target - Decrease from LYTD**

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

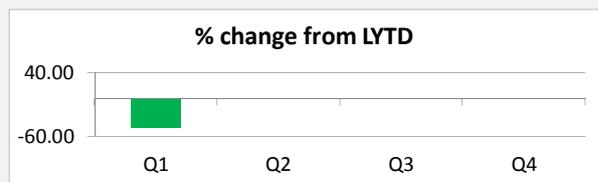
-Focused attention on younger and older drivers over the last 5 years within the Scottish Borders appears to be paying dividends with these groups.  
 -The road network in the Scottish Borders is now nationally recognised as an area to visit for recreational motorcyclists.

**What are we doing**

- Increased, focused patrols on problem roads in the area, regular road checks are being carried out to ensure that enforcement is carried out.  
 - Additional road policing patrols and roadchecks are being undertaken in the Borders in conjunction with partner agencies.  
 - Nationally recognised "Drivewise" initiative ongoing.  
 -Targeted intervention by roads policing in respect to the increased volume of motorcycle traffic during the summer months in the Scottish Borders.

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

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



**Priority 5 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**  
**Indicator - Increase the number of cash seizures through POCA**  
**Target - Increase from LYTD**

**Current situation**

Cash seizures are slightly higher than the value seized in the first quarter of 2016/17.

**Reasons**

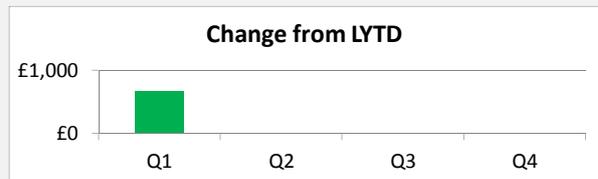
A single seizure in Quarter 1. There are strict criteria that have to be present to allow seizures under the POCA legislation.

**What are we doing**

Police Scotland continues in its efforts to identify and assess the scale and impact of serious organised crime and to manage the threat posed by those Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) operating in the Scottish Borders.

**Indicator - Increase the number of cash seizures through POCA**

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



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

**Current situation**

No assets referred for restraint in Quarter 1.

**Reasons**

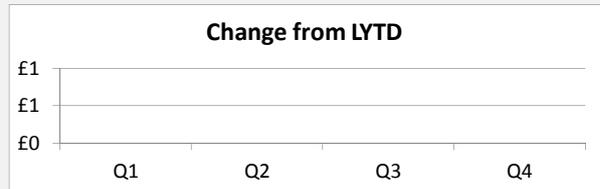
No assets referred for restraint in Quarter 1.

**What are we doing**

Police Scotland continues to identify and assess the scale and impact of serious organised crime, and to manage the threat posed by those Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) operating in the Scottish Borders. This work is continually ongoing and while no restraints have been made, this quarter, the work continues to be done.

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

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



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

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

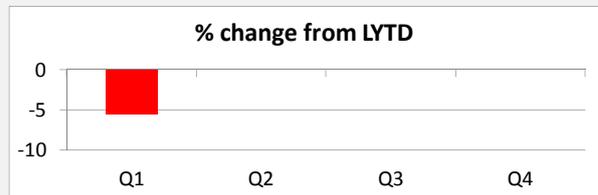
Ongoing proactive tactics continue to be implemented in the Borders to deter, disrupt and detect SOCG activity. These activities continue to achieve very positive results, particularly with regards to drug supply. Work is continually ongoing in this area.

**What are we doing**

- Divisional Intelligence Unit officers are aligned to the Scottish Borders and continue to target dealers.
- There is a focus on actionable intelligence in relation to drug supply at the TTACG.
- Several recent proactive operations have utilised a significant number of specialist resources from throughout Scotland which have contributed to achieve the results reported.
- Recent structural changes to our proactive capacity in the Scottish Borders should enable us to increase activity under this priority.

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

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



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

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

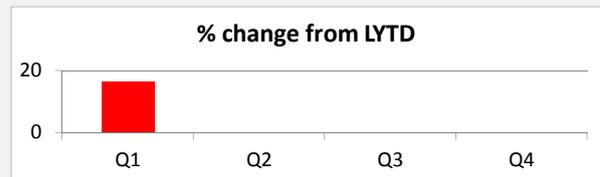
The Scottish Borders has seen an increase in travelling criminals committing both business and domestic housebreakings in recent months. This is not unique to this area with this crime type replicated throughout the Lothians.

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



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

**Current situation**

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

**Reasons**

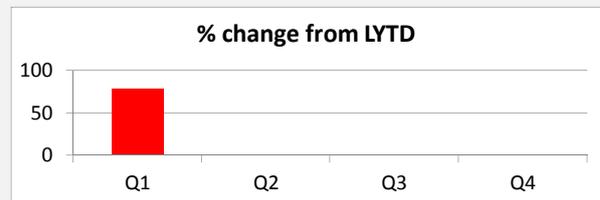
This increase relates to the same travelling criminal issues as identified in relation to housebreaking.

**What are we doing**

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

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

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



## Overall Crime

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

### Current situation

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

### Reasons

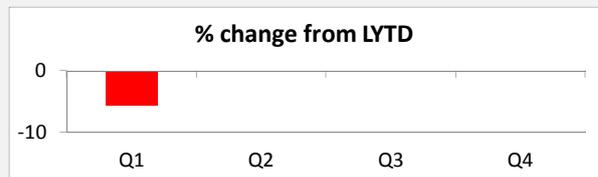
Detection rates for violent crime are down on the same time period last year, which is contributing to the overall decrease in detection rates.

### What are we doing

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

### Indicator - Increase the Group 1-5 detection rate

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



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

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

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

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