

Scrutiny Report June 2015

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

First quarter referrals for 2015/16 are showing only a slight reduction on 2014/15 figures, 3 fewer referrals made which equates to 0.8% difference.

Reasons

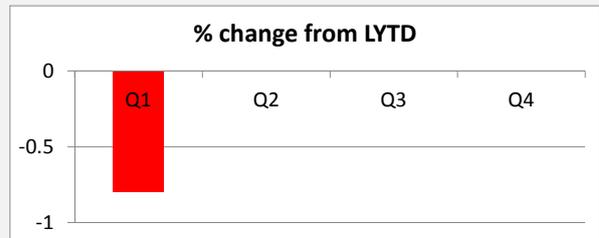
Similar performance to the same quarter last year therefore the continued awareness raising among officers to identify vulnerabilities and raise adult concern referrals is proving effective.

What are we doing

- The Vulnerable Persons Database (VPD) was implemented in March 2014 and is now fully established making it easier to raise a referral for adults.
- A new process is in place whereby those at risk from fire (e.g. due to age, ill health, alcohol) will be referred to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	359	362	-3



Priority 1 – Protecting People

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

Target - 95%

Current situation

A decrease in performance on the same time last year, but 2.1% better than target.

Reasons

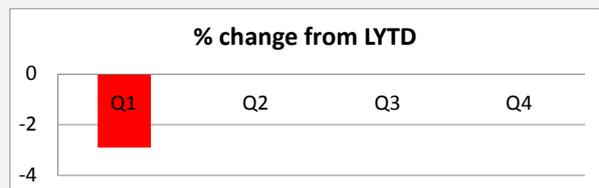
Supervisors and officers are fully aware of the importance of these checks and a disciplined process is in place between the courts and the police.

What are we doing

- Thorough compliance processes are in place.
- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks are undertaken.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
97.3	95.3	97.1	100	-2.9



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

Current situation

A very positive picture with a 10.8% reduction in common assaults in the first quarter of 2015/16 compared to the same time period in 2014/15. This equates to 21 fewer victims.

Reasons

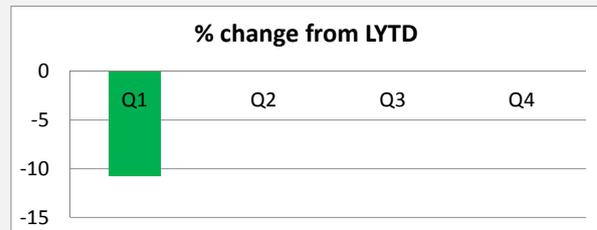
Close liaison with licensees of local festivals and promoting responsible drinking has had a positive impact and helped reduce the level of assaults in the quarter.

What are we doing

- "Best Bar None" has been launched in the Scottish Borders which encourages licensed premises to adopt recognised best practice in and around premises.
- Monitoring bail conditions of known offenders
- Officer development through Campaign Against Violence (CAV).

Indicator - Reduce the levels of common assaults

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	173	194	-21



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

Current situation

A 12.7% reduction (185 incidents) in the first quarter when compared to the same time period last year.

Reasons

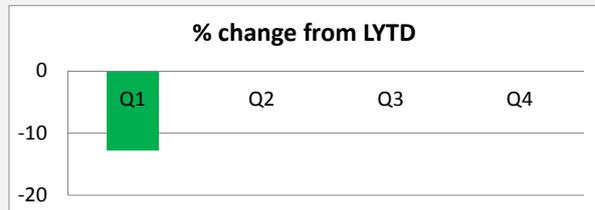
Scottish Borders continues to take a proactive multi-agency approach to combatting antisocial behaviour through early identification of potential issues and targeted interventions with individuals.

What are we doing

- We will continue to target individuals and locations to try and further reduce instances of antisocial behaviour through early intervention of hotspot locations leading to party house letters and formal ASB interventions.
- Expansion of diversionary projects (e.g. Rural Urban Training Scheme) gives challenging young people a positive experience and recognised skills.

Indicator - Reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	6646	1266	1451	-185



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

Current situation

A slight increase in the number of recorded victims of hate crime in this quarter.

Reasons

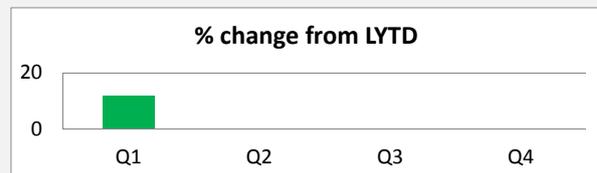
Race related hate crime continues to be the most frequent type of hate crime recorded. This quarter there have been 12 reported racial crimes with 3 repeat victims, each reporting 2 offences.

What are we doing

- We will continue to increase the confidence in reporting this type of crime with our minority groups throughout the Scottish Borders.
- A Hate Crime Month is commenced on 17th August 2015 to raise awareness of hate crime and provide signposting to ways to report.
- Development of the Keep Safe scheme with an initial focus on learning disability.
- Migrant worker engagement events are planned.

Indicator: Increase the reporting of hate crime

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	19	17	2



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

Current situation

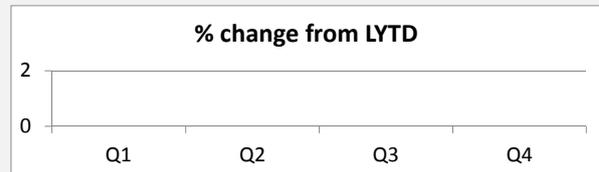
Police Scotland is undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search database that went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is still ongoing and data collected will appear in later reports.

Reasons

What are we doing

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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

Current situation

A 6.1% decrease in the number of visits to licensed premises, which equates to 29 fewer visits.

Reasons

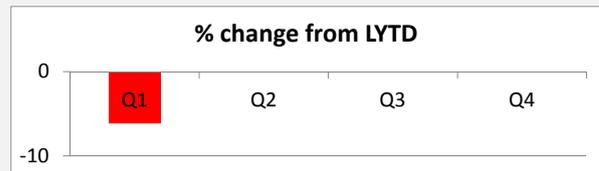
- On a positive note we have no problematic premises which would incur regular visits due to the excellent working relationship between Police, the trade and partner agencies.
- An area for improvement is that receiving returns from officers can be challenging and the actual number of licensed premise visits may be higher than recorded figures suggest.

What are we doing

- Continuing to develop working relationships with the trade and partner agencies to improve premises management.
- Actively seeking accurate licensed premise visit information from officers.

Indicator -Increase the number of licensed premise visits

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	447	476	-29



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 50% reduction (15 fewer casualties) in the first quarter of 2015/16. The number of people killed in the first quarter of 2015/16 is 3, the same as for the first quarter of 2014/15. The number of serious injuries is significantly reduced, there have been 15 fewer seriously injured casualties compared to the same point last year. No children were killed or seriously injured in the first quarter, which is positive.

Reasons

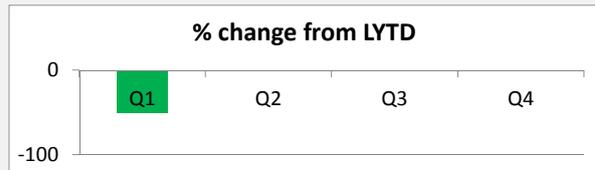
There is concern regarding the number of 17-25 year olds killed or seriously injured in the first quarter of 2015/16. There was a Fatal VA where one passenger was killed and one seriously injured in a vehicle where the driver was slightly injured. All casualties were under 25. There was also another Fatal VA where the driver of a vehicle aged under 25 was killed in a collision with a farm vehicle, the driver of the farm vehicle sustained only minor injuries but was also under 25.

What are we doing

- A young driver training programme "Skill for Life" is currently being rolled out. The programme aims to create positive driving behaviour in young people.
- Continuing programme of school age events including Countryside Day, Crucial crew, Safe T and Driving into the Future.
- Supporting Junior Road Safety Officers via an annual conference and ongoing school work.

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	44	15	30	15



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

Current situation

A promising start with cash seizures exceeding the value seized at the same point last year.

Reasons

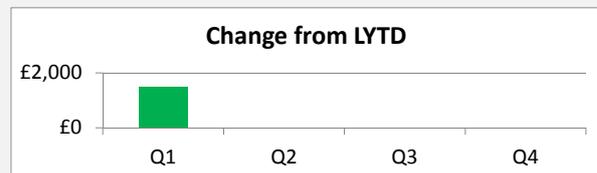
1 seizure from an individual accounting for the full amount for the quarter.

What are we doing

Police Scotland continue 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) involved in the Scottish Borders.

Indicator - Increase the number of cash seizures through POCA

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	£30,174	£2,898	£1,398	£1,500



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

Current situation

A promising start to the year with £105,025 in assets referred for restraint in the first quarter.

Reasons

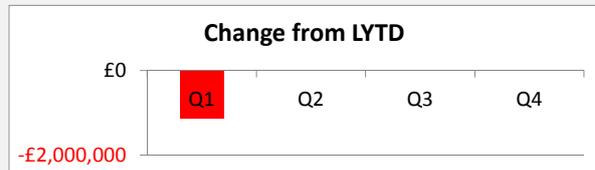
In early 201/15 there was a significant asset referral made and it will be challenging to match this total in the current year.

What are we doing

Police Scotland continue 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 involved in the Scottish Borders

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

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	£741,524	£105,025	£1,252,000	-£1,146,975



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

Current situation

It is positive to see there is a 9.1 % increase in the detections for drug supply, with 12 detected offences for drug supply.

Reasons

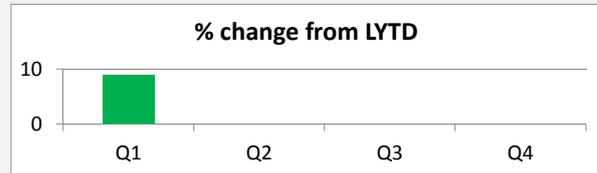
Police have made 35 arrests of SOCG nominals throughout the Lothians and the Scottish Borders YTD, up from 20 LYTD, with 64 offences recorded.

What are we doing

- Divisional Intelligence Unit officers are aligned to the Scottish Borders
- The intelligence led approach adopted in the Scottish Borders is producing positive results.

Indicator - Increase the number of people detected for drug supply

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	94	12	11	1



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

Current situation

A decrease in the number of housebreaking to dwellings has led to 3 fewer victims of this type of crime in the first quarter of 2015/16 when compared to the same time period in 2014/15.

Reasons

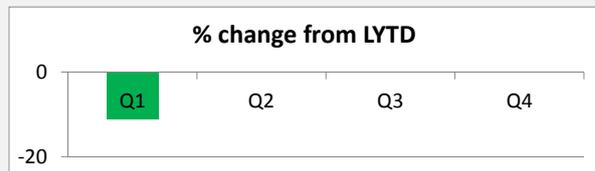
We continue to raise awareness of the need for home security and to actively pursue a programme of prevention activities.

What are we doing

- Successful funding bid which will result in 200 farms being visited and receiving Crime Prevention and Fire Safety advice.
- Funding is being sought for a housebreaking prevention road show.
- Farm walk and talk events are also planned to provide practical crime prevention and fire safety advice at a working farm.
- Crime prevention advice offered to all victims.

Indicator - Reduce the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	24	27	3



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

Current situation

A 23.8% reduction in theft of motor vehicles in the first quarter of 2015/16 which equates to 5 fewer victims of this type of crime.

Reasons

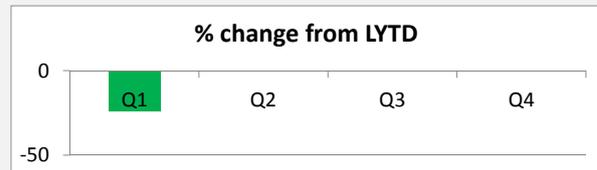
We continue to raise awareness of the need for vehicle security.

What are we doing

Funding is being sought for a housebreaking prevention road show which will also cover motor vehicle theft.

Indicator - Reduce the number of thefts of motor vehicles

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	16	21	5



Overall Crime

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

Current situation

A 1.7% increase in detection rate in this quarter compared to the same quarter in 2014, which is positive.

Reasons

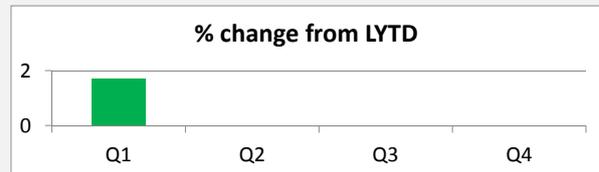
Vandalism and malicious mischief still have lower detection rates than other crime groups but the detection rate for this type of crime improved in the first quarter by 4.8% and has contributed to the overall improvement in performance.

What are we doing

A continued drive and focus on priorities.

Indicator - Increase the Group 1-5 detection rate

Force TYTD	Division TYTD	SB TYTD	SB LYTD	SB Change
N/A	N/A	54.1	52.4	1.7



Public Confidence - Number of complaints against the Police : YTD 2015

Number of complaints Scottish Borders	21	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - Borders	30.8
Number of complaints J Division	101	Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents - J Division	31

	On duty	off duty	Quality of service allegations	Total Number of allegations
Total allegations recorded	19	0	3	22