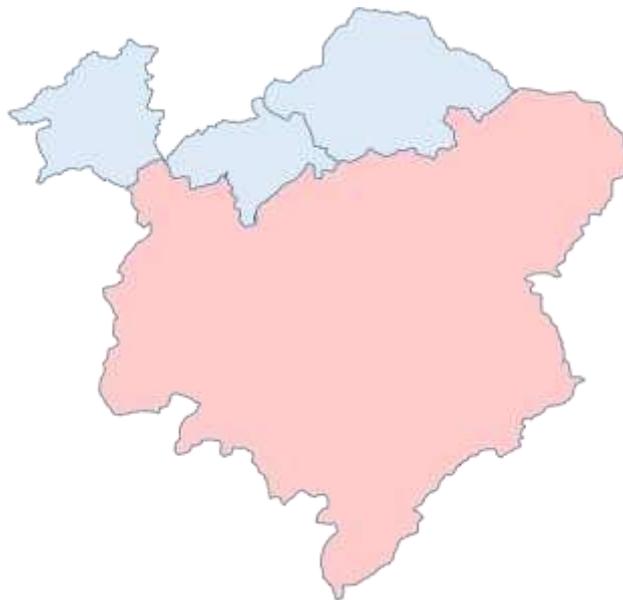




Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarters 1 & 2 – 2020/2021

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. This report has been generated to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.



Our Vision

Sustained excellence in service and protection.

Our Purpose

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Our Values

Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

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Lothian and Scottish Borders Division Policing Priorities

Your local policing priorities across THE LOTHIANS AND SCOTTISH BORDERS

Our vision
Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland

Our values
Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights

Our purpose
Working in partnership for the safety and wellbeing of communities in the Lothians & Scottish Borders

Protecting the most vulnerable people	Reducing violence & anti-social behaviour	Reducing acquisitive crime	Improving road safety	Tackling serious & organised crime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect vulnerable people to prevent abuse, neglect & exploitation. Implement a delivery model supporting a Violence Against Women & Girls Prevention Strategy. Implement the National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland. Proactively target domestic abuse offenders. Develop partnership approaches to improve public confidence to report incidents of harm & abuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work collaboratively to identify and target violent offenders. Increase awareness of the impact of violence & antisocial behaviour. Work in partnerships to reduce alcohol related criminality. Collaborate to capture the under reporting of violence & explore preventative approaches (i.e. Navigator). Develop night time economy plans with licensed premises & promote participation in 'Best Bar None'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on domestic housebreaking. Raise awareness of current crime trends & prevention tactics. Tackle emerging acquisitive crime patterns to identify & target prolific offenders. Work to prevent acquisitive crime. In partnership, maximise support for victims of acquisitive crime. Work with Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC). Use Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to deliver crime prevention information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate on the engineering of the roads through our communities to improve road safety. Detect offenders who disregard road traffic laws & endanger others. Support partnership driver education programmes. Raise awareness of the consequences of speeding, not wearing a seat belt, drink or drug driving & using a mobile phone while driving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to divert people from becoming involved in serious & organised crime & using its products (drugs, counterfeit good etc). Use social media to raise awareness and educate about human trafficking. Work to prosecute those involved in serious organised crime, including online, 'cuckooing' & 'county lines'. Maximise the disruption of serious organised crime groups. Target the production, cultivation & supply of illegal drugs.

Police Scotland Strategic outcomes

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service
- The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery
- Public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
- Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public
- Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

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Introduction

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories, as follows;

- Group 1 – Non Sexual Crimes of Violence
- Group 2 – Sexual Crimes
- Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
- Group 4 – Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc.
- Group 5 – Other (Pro-activity) Crimes
- Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland’s commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all of these reports on the ‘Our Performance’ section of the Police Scotland website. The reports can be accessed here:

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

The Scottish Borders Policing Plan uses the following Police performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people;
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour;
3. Reducing Acquisitive Crime;
4. Improving Road Safety;
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime.

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2020 to September 2020 and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on Scottish Border’s population of **115,510 in 2019** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2020).

Scottish Border Performance Summary



Executive Summary

During the month of September we have seen a rise in the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 and subsequent changes to legislation and guidance.

Whilst the vast majority of residents across the Scottish Borders continue to adhere to the guidelines we continue to receive calls to COVID-19 related incidents and we fully expect an increase in calls as restrictions tighten. This picture is reflected in September's figures, as we received a total of 68 COVID-19 related calls this month which is a 126% increase in calls compared to August.

We have placed a large emphasis on working with our licensed premises to make sure they understand and are adopting the necessary practices to ensure they operate within the current guidelines. During the month of September 153 licensed premise inspections were carried out in the Scottish Borders.

As we move forward to the new 5 Tier system, being introduced at the beginning of November, officers will continue to work with our communities to increase understanding of the changes to restrictions and encourage compliance. We remain committed and dedicated to working with and protecting the citizens of the Scottish Borders, whilst recognising the challenges faced by us all.

Over and above dealing with incidents relating to the public health crisis officers in the Scottish Borders continue to work hard to present criminals to the courts and assist in keeping our communities safe. A few of the more notable incidents and operation that officers have dealt with are:

Significant enquiry and was carried out into a high risk missing person who was believed to be in the Berwickshire area in August. Sadly 10 days later the body of the missing person was recovered from the sea.

In September two males were found in possession of £10,000 worth of Class A Drugs. The males involved have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for being concerned in the supply of drugs.

The wildlife officer and community policing teams carried out a hare coursing day of action on Saturday the 12th of July across Kelso and Berwickshire as part of the National Wildlife Crime Prevention Strategy. Concentrated high visibility patrols were conducted in identified hot spot areas of Swinton, Chirnside, Duns, Longformacus, Greenlaw, Kelso, Leitholm, Birgham, Coldstream and Yetholm.

Our Community Policing Team and Community Action Team continue to prioritise the tackling of Anti-Social Behaviour related to youths in some towns across the Scottish Borders. Reports from the community continue to highlight this as an ongoing issue and show how the negative behaviour of a small proportion of the youth population can negatively impact on the community. We recognise that the vast majority of young people are law abiding citizens and make significant contribution to society. Through the fullness of time and the passing of the COVID19 restrictions we look forward to reinstating our '*Blue Zone*' events in more communities across the Scottish Borders. These events provide opportunities for engaging with young people through organised sporting activity.

The community teams will continue to focus on disrupting and deterring this antisocial behaviour over the coming months.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Missing Persons
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The Lothians & Scottish Borders (J) Division and the communities of Scottish Borders recognise that protecting people, particularly those considered vulnerable, is a policing priority. Within the remit of protecting people is the work and investigations carried out to trace people who are reported missing. To put the scale of this work into context Police Scotland, on an annual basis undertake over 22,000 investigations into missing people. In the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division this equates to the following;

- Year 2017 / 2018 – 2390 missing person investigations
- Year 2018 / 2019 – 2581 missing person investigations
- Year 2019 / 2020 – 1786 missing person investigations

Recognising the vulnerability associated with missing people, particularly those that are young or suffering from mental health challenges, Police Scotland has adopted a rigorous investigation structure and management approach to missing person incidents. This year to date there has been a **38% reduction** in the number of children reported missing, and a **58% reduction** in the number of looked after children missing. In this same period there has been a 16% increase in the number of adults reported as missing.

Over the lifetime of the 2020-2023 Scottish Borders Local Police Plan it is our intention to implement a number of protocols which will assist with missing person enquiries. These include the nationally recognised Herbert Protocol which encourages carers, family and friends to provide and put together useful information that can then be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing. The scheme is designed to help those caring for someone with dementia and is named after George Herbert, a War veteran of the Normandy landings, who had dementia and sadly died while he was ‘missing’ on his way to his childhood home.

The Lothians & Scottish Borders Division is working with partners to develop and implement a similar protocol for children with autism.

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Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents		
	Q2 2019/20	Q2 2020/21	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	585	667	14.02%
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	327	407	24.46%
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	39.50	44.70	5.20%
Total crimes and offences detection rate	70.30	77.10	6.80%
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	25	37	48.00%

Supporting victims of Domestic Abuse and pursuing perpetrators remains a key priority for Police Scotland, J Division and officers across the Scottish Borders.

At the end of quarter 2 of 2020/2021 there were 667 domestic incidents reported to police, which equates to an increase of 82 incidents compared to the same period last year. The detection rate for Domestic crimes this year to date is 77.1%.

MATAAC aims to reduce the risk of harm to victims through targeting perpetrators. In quarter 2 there has been 13 MATAAC referrals.

With Domestic abuse incidents remaining a focus for us we will continue to support victims through robustly enforcing proactive bail checks. There have been 37 detections for bail offences YTD. A rise of 48% when compared to the same period in 2019/20.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Racially Aggravated Conduct
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Scottish Borders			
	2019/20 Q2	2020/21 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2
Hate Incidents	50	51	4.42
Hate Crimes	33	35	3.03
Hate Crime Detection Rate	86.10%	82.10%	

Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types which have a hate crime aggravator added to the crime. The aggravators are as follows:

- *Disability, Race, Religion or belief, Sexual Orientation, Transgender Identity*

A hate crime is “any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group”.

- There has been a 6% increase in Hate Crime this year compared to last year. At this time there are no emerging trends.
- The detection rate for Hate Crime at the end of September is 82.1% which is a decrease of 4% when comparing to the same period last year. Since the Q2 figures were produced officers have made a significant effort to increase this detection rate. As of 19th of October 2020 the detection rate was 89.1% an increase of 7% since the end of September.

For further information on Hate Crime you can visit the Police Scotland website via the following link:

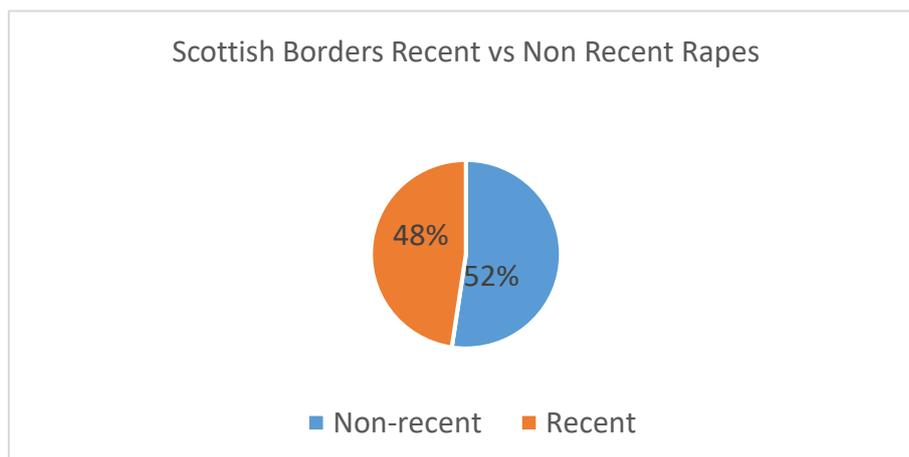
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/campaigns/2019/hate-crime-2019/>

It is known that some victims and witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to police. To minimise under reporting, Police Scotland work in partnership with a variety of agencies who perform the role of Third Party Reporting Centres. These partners have been trained to assist people in submitting a report to the police, or they can make a report on their behalf. We continue to raise awareness of Hate Crime and Third Party Reporting Centres through social media and national initiatives such as Keep Safe.

As referenced in previous scrutiny reports there are over 400 Third Party reporting sites across Scotland. Due to the current health crisis a number of these organisations have altered their way of working so some services are currently available over the phone rather than in person.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Sexual Crimes (Group 2)
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Q2 2019/20	Q2 2020/21	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
115	133	15.65%	11.61



Tackling criminality that poses the greatest threat and risk is, and will always be, a priority for officers in the Scottish Borders. Rape and Sexual Crime is an area of focus in terms of providing confidence to report, undertaking professional investigations, providing victim support, pursuing perpetrators and managing offenders.

A year to date comparison between last year and this year for Sexual Crime in the Scottish Borders shows the following;

- There has been 16% increase in Sexual Crime (Group 2) when comparing year to date:
 - Reports of Rape are down from 23 to 18 when comparing the same period last year;
 - Reports of Indecent and Sexual Assault are down from 54 to 43;
 - There has been an increase of 34 other Group 2 crimes which includes, communicating indecently, communications act and threatening/disclosure of intimate images.
- Group 2 Detection rate is **72.9% which is an increase of 7.7%** when comparing to same period last year;
- Rape detection rate year to date for **2020/2021 is 83.3% up 22.4%** when comparing to the same period last year.

The investigation of sexual crime, alongside the management of offenders and support of victims is achieved through close partnership working. The support offered to victims of Sexual Crime by partner agencies is essential and we continue to refer victims to these agencies.

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Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation		
	Q2 2019/20	Q2 2020/21	Change
	32	36	12.50%
<p>Tackling substance misuse remains a priority and local policing teams continue to respond to intelligence in relation to drug misuse.</p>			
<p>To ensure Police Scotland remain focused on Tackling Substance Misuse the following activities take place;</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Briefings are circulated to all Response and Community Officers to keep them up to date with recent intelligence and encourage the submitting of additional intelligence.• Response and Community Officers engage with members of the Community to gain additional intelligence re illegal drug activity in the community.• Intelligence is tasked out for specific further research or intelligence gathering to make the intelligence actionable.• We work with our partners in the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to ensure we have the most up-to-date information to circulate to our officers regarding drug trends in our area.• Our Schools Officers maintain regular contact with our schools to ensure we are aware of any concerns regarding drug taking activity amongst our youths.• Our Antisocial Behaviour Unit monitor all reported incidents and collate data on areas where it is suspected drug activity is taking place, this informs patrol matrix tasking for officers.• We participate in the Drug Deaths Review group which considers any learning points for all agencies involved.• We utilise Social Media to encourage reporting of Criminal Behaviour through 101, 999 or Crimestoppers.			

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Crimes of Violence (Group 1)
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Crime Type	Q2 2019/20	Q2 2020/21	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2020/21 Detection Rate
Group 1	45	75	66.67%	6.55	78.67%
Serious Assault	21	28	33.33%	2.44	92.86%
Robbery	10	10	-	0.87	60.00%
Common Assault	462	457	-1.08%	39.90	73.30%

** Common Assaults are not a Group 1 crime however can be considered an act of violence and as such are included here*

Reducing violence is a policing priority for the Scottish Borders local authority area and the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders (J) Division of Police Scotland. We all recognise the impact violence has in our communities and the desire from these communities that we collectively work to make a difference.

There has been a 66.7% increase in violent crime in the Scottish Borders compared to the same period last year. This increase is attributed to the following crimes:

- There has been a 33.3% increase in serious assaults in the Scottish Borders compared to the same period last year which equates to a rise of 7 crimes;
- There has been an increase of 4 Domestic Abuse Scotland Act crimes;
- There has been an increase of 9 crimes relating to the cruel and unnatural treatment of children, from **1 LYTD to 10 YTD. The detection rate is 100%**, which evidences our commitment to fully pursuing those committing these offences;
- There has been an increase of 11 crimes of threats or extortion, from **1 LYTD to 12 YTD**. A significant number of these relate to incidents where individuals have been subject to extortion attempts following their involvement in on-line personal relationships, including with individuals who reside out with the Scottish Borders area.

There are no obvious trends to Group 1 Offences across the Scottish Borders, the following are some points worthy of note:

- 1 Serious Assault this year has taken place in a licensed premise;
- 41% of Serious Assaults this year to date have taken place in public spaces;
- The **detection rate for violent crime is 78.7%** an increase of 0.9% when compared to the same period last year;
- The detection rate for serious assault is **92.9% an increase of 16.7%** compared to the same period last year.

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour		
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Indicator	2019-20 Q2	2020-21 Q2	Change
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (per 10,000 population)	2,933	4,089	39.41%
Number of complaints regarding disorder	2088	3128	49.80%

The number of Anti-Social behaviour incidents has increased by 39.4% this year to date when compared to the same period last year to date. This is an increase of 1156 incidents.

All incidents relating to the breach of COVID-19 guidelines are categorised as Antisocial Behaviour. 24% of all of the antisocial behaviour calls this year to date are attributed to COVID19 related incidents. Without COVID19 related calls the rise in anti-social behaviour is 6%. Over the YTD the nature of ASB calls has changed significantly. Historically ASB calls tended to peak at the weekend and particularly during the evening hours, however during the time of the COVID19 pandemic ASB calls are being received 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. This change is reflected across the country.

Reports of Vandalism in the Scottish Borders **fell by 276 crimes (from 1908 to 1632), equating to 14% reduction** at the end of Q2 when compared to the same period last year.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit monitors incidents of an Anti-Social nature, ensuring that repeat locations and perpetrators are identified early, intervention opportunities are explored in full, and where required, enforcement activity undertaken.

As mentioned in the Executive Summary the CAT and Community Policing Teams have continued to work together to tackle the rise in reports of youth disorder. This work includes the new system which they introduced in Q1 whereby the parents of youths identified as being involved in antisocial behaviour are sent a letter highlighting their child's involvement in the incident.

During the midpoint of Q1 2020/2021 the matter of off road motorcycles at Monynut Scottish Borders was raised during the Scottish Borders Community Action Team Strategic Oversight Group. As a result a number of awareness days were undertaken by both East Lothian and Scottish Borders Officers with the assistance of the National Motorcycle Unit during both the Q1 and the Q2 2020/2021 periods. Over these 'awareness days' in excess of 40 participants were spoken with and educated along with some minor offences being detected and disposed of by use of direct measures. During Q2 2020/2021 period Police Scotland observed a 46% reduction in calls with 6 reported incidents within the areas of interest.

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Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (Group 3)										
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<p>Given the wide range of 'acquisitive crimes' this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report:</p>											
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dishonesty (which is covered in this section);- Housebreaking (which is covered on the next page).											
<p>YTD 2020/2021 Group 3 crimes have decreased by 158 (20%) when compared to the same period last year (This overall figure incorporates housebreaking crimes).</p>											
<p>When comparing the year to date data within this report the following points are worthy of note:</p>											
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the end of Q2 the Group 3 detection rate was 37.3% which is down 3.2% compared to the same period last year;• There has been a 30% decrease in Motor Vehicle crime;• There has been a 24% decrease in Thefts;• There has been a 36% decrease in Theft Shoplifting;• There has been an increase a 25% increase in frauds. 63% of reported frauds are cybercrimes.											

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Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking
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Crime Type	Q2 2019/20	Q2 2020/21	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2020/21 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	62	24	-61.29%	2.10	62.50%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	25	25	-	2.18	20.00%
Other (Business) HB	24	36	50.00%	3.14	44.44%
All HB	111	85	-23.42%	7.42	42.35%

YTD 2020/2021 all housebreaking (including attempts) crimes decreased by 23.4% when compared to the same reporting period last year.

Further breakdown of the data provided in this report:

- There were 38 fewer reports of dwelling housebreaking in the Scottish Borders for the comparable period last year, a decrease of 62.5%;
- There were 12 more business housebreakings for the comparable period;
- **Detection rate for Housebreakings to dwellings is 62.5% up 22%** on the same period last year;
- Overall Housebreaking **detection rate is 42.4% up 9%** on the same reporting period last year.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
<p>We continue to target Serious & Organised Crime and work closely with partners to identify vulnerable members of the community whose lifestyle put them at risk of “cuckooing” by SOCG’s trying to establish County Lines into the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Interventions through intelligence led policing as well as close working with our police colleagues in Northumbria ensure that we are in a better position to effectively target those who would wish to do harm to our local communities.</p> <p>Between July and September 2020 4 MDA warrants were executed in the Eyemouth area and 1 in Galashiels in relation to those who use vulnerable people for their own illicit gain in the sale of drugs. During the searches class A drugs were recovered along with 2 canisters of Entonox believed to have been stolen from a dentist in the Northumbria area.</p> <p>The recoveries of both Crack Cocaine and Heroin is believed to have a street value of approximately £15,500. Enquiries in relation to the recoveries are ongoing.</p>	

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Complaints

	April 2020 – September 2020			
	Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
Complaints received about the Police	63		37.8	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations Recorded	42	0	34	76

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Scottish Borders area command as at 30th September 2020.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a very limited increase (+1) in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

Area	Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
Scottish Borders	On Duty - TOTAL	53	42	-20.8%
	Corrupt Practice	1	0	<i>-100.0%</i>
	Excessive Force	2	3	<i>50.0%</i>
	Incivility	16	14	<i>-12.5%</i>
	Irregularity in Procedure	30	22	<i>-26.7%</i>
	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	0	1	<i>x</i>
	Other - Non Criminal	1	0	<i>-100.0%</i>
	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	2	2	<i>0.0%</i>
	Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	1	0	<i>-100.0%</i>
	Quality Of Service - TOTAL	22	34	54.5%
	Policy/Procedure	2	5	<i>150.0%</i>
	Service Delivery	9	9	<i>0.0%</i>
	Service Outcome	11	20	<i>81.8%</i>

The Scottish Borders have received 17 COVID-19 related complaints about the police YTD, with the key theme being 'lack of police action as regards the enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines'.

Lessons Learnt

Police Scotland are continuously looking to learn from public feedback, particularly when a complaint is made about the police. The following are some of the learning outcomes from complaints made about the police in The Lothians & Scottish Borders within the YTD period:

- Conflicting information between the Direct Measures SOP and the Recorded Police Warning ticket book, as regards the colour copy given to offenders. Policy Support and CJSD informed, advised of the need to review this information;
- Possible gap in SPELS training identified as regards recognising and addressing hypoglaecemia. National SPELS co-ordinator informed of this, for consideration;
- Two pieces of corrective advice given to individual officers (one relating to crime file management; the other relating to flaws in an enquiry and its final disposal).

Scottish Borders CAT team – Q2 Update

Scottish Borders Council have not published the CAT Quarter 1, as such it cannot be published in this document.

A verbal update on CAT activity will be provided at the meeting.

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Local Policing Plan Commitments

Local Policing Plan Commitments-	Protecting the most vulnerable people	
	Summary of Activity undertaken towards Commitment	Planned activity towards Commitment (next 3 to 6 months)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With partnerships, deliver a ‘Safe Space’ pilot to provide safety for those in distress, whether through a mental health crisis or intoxication. • Continue to work with Scottish Borders Alcohol and Drug Partnership to ensure effective and appropriate prescribing practices. • Deliver, in partnership with Scottish Government, NHS, SAS, Penumbra and Support in Mind, Distress Brief Intervention (DBI), which provides problem solving contact with an individual in distress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lothians & Scottish Borders Division Partnership Superintendent is actively working with the Scottish Borders Council CMT to establish a way forward to deliver the ‘Safe Space’ pilot. COVID19 has had an impact on the methods available for providing support, with an increased reliance on remote (telephone or on-line) support. • The Alcohol and Drug Partnership have implemented local guidelines for appropriate dispensing in the Scottish Borders. A review of these dispensing practices has been added to the agenda at the quarterly meetings. • DBI has continued to be successfully delivered to individuals across the Scottish Borders. Providing much needed support to individuals who are in distress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue follow-up contact for vulnerable victims, reverting back to CPT Officer visits when lock-down restriction ease. • Review of appropriate prescribing practices will continue at quarterly meetings with any concerns being addressed timeously. • We will continue to deliver the successful DBI process which supports individuals who we meet in distress. • We will continue to provide feedback on the DBI process so that any learning points can be addressed timeously to ensure individuals are receiving the required support.

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Local Policing Plan Commitments-	Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	
	Summary of Activity undertaken towards Commitment	Planned activity towards Commitment (next 3 to 6 months)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted use of the funded Scottish Borders Community Action Teams to hotspot areas, as identified through partnership meetings and analysis of information. Support Live Borders in the delivery of 'Borders Blue Zone' with the aim of providing youths with health beneficial and peer engagement activities. Work with Scottish Borders Council Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and work collaboratively to implement preventative measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile CCTV camera installed in Kelso in response to vandalism to playparks. Mobile CCTV camera continues to be operated in Peebles town centre as deterrent to youth ASB. Work has started on preparations to roll out the Borders Blue Zone to 2 additional areas in the Scottish Borders. Current government guidelines mean these projects will not be actioned until it is safer to progress and gather in groups. Monthly ASB partnership meetings are held to discuss ongoing and new cases. Work is carried out in partnership to implement measures with the aim of reducing antisocial behaviour. Training presentation has been designed in partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue for teachers to deliver in schools in relation to dangers relating to Bonfire night. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with SBC, Mobile CCTV cameras to be deployed across SB in response to significant ASB. Work will continue to ensure that Borders Blue Zone will be ready to begin as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow. Monthly partnerships meetings will continue to meet to discuss preventative measures in relation to antisocial behaviour. Partnership visits with Trading Standards and Scottish Fire Service will be made to premises selling fireworks to ensure they adhere to guidelines. Community Officers will be making contact with local shopkeepers making them aware of the issues of selling eggs to children. Officers will carry out patrols to identify any Bonfires/Fireworks displays which are breaching COVID-19 guidelines and patrol events that may occur if restrictions change.

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Local Policing Plan Commitments-	Reducing Acquisitive Crime	
	Summary of Activity undertaken towards Commitment	Planned activity towards Commitment (next 3 to 6 months)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the acquisitive crime board, understanding and tackle the prevalence of cross-border offenders. • Promote and increase subscribers to the ‘SB Alert System’, raise awareness and inform borders residents of ongoing acquisitive crimes. • In partnership with Scottish Borders Council support vulnerable victims of bogus caller crime through the provision of follow up visits and phone call blockers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Farm CP information packs including wide range of recommended physical CP measures targeting priority items particularly Quad bikes. • ‘Secured by Design’ (SBD) architectural liaison work including at the new extra-care housing complex in Duns. • Preparation for update and refreshment of No Cold Calling Zone in Coldstream. New information packs and road signs for 90 houses with high proportion of elderly residents. • Warnings and prevention advice re internet and phone scams published using ‘SB Alert System’ and local social media channels. • Vulnerable victims of Doorstep, Phone and Internet bogus crime provided with a follow-up prevention pack by post and referred to SBC Trading standards if consenting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of Farm CP Information Packs by CPT Officers. Facilitating face to face engagement re importance of prevention. • Distribution of 200 Forensic DNA marking kits and signage to Farms across SB by CPT officers. Enabling farmers to implement proven deterrent / prevention measures. • Continue to support SBD process for new developments, encouraging developers, architects and planners to follow SBD guidelines to help create safer places to live. • Continue to promote the uptake and refreshment of No Cold Calling Zones across SB. • Continue to use ‘SB Alert System’ and local social media channels to raise community awareness of crime trends and scams and reinforce prevention advice.

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Local Policing Plan Commitments-	Improving road safety	
	Summary of Activity undertaken towards Commitment	Planned activity towards Commitment (next 3 to 6 months)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in partnership with the ‘Drivewise’ programme to improve during standards in key vulnerable groups. • Through licensing partners, media messaging and enforcement, target disproportionate number of drink drivers in the Scottish Borders. • Engage with motorcycle organisations to promote road safety. • Work with partners to assist develop a strategy for severe weather issues, particularly wind, on the A1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Operation Glow worm, in partnership with SBC, 200 bike lights and reflective bag / arm bands are being procured for newspaper delivery boys & girls . These will be distributed to newsagents across SB by CPT Officers who will use the opportunity to engage and provide road safety advice. • Drivewise programme was not implemented this year as it would have been impossible to implement whilst adhering to Government Social Distancing guidelines. • Officers continue to carry road checks at peak times, stopping any vehicle where the driver is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive drink drive campaign – including distribution of aide-memoire graphic cards to all off-sales and on-sales premises. • Festive Drink Drive campaign messages to be circulate via Social Media. • Local Community Police Officers will be carrying out licensed premise inspections engaging with licensee’s to encourage them to support our festive drink drive campaign. • A Drivewise planning meeting will be held at the beginning of 2021 to assess whether next year’s programme can be implemented. • Officers continue to carry road checks at every opportunity, taking cognisance of the possibility of driving “the morning after”. • Attend Multi Agency debrief on adverse weather incidents from last year to identify learning points and any ways in which we can improve our response to future incidents.

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Local Policing Plan Commitments-	Tackling Serious and Organised Crime	
	Summary of Activity undertaken towards Commitment	Planned activity towards Commitment (next 3 to 6 months)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver cuckooing and county lines awareness sessions to partner agencies, to educate and encourage information sharing. • Increase intelligence gathering through direct links to neighbouring force’s (Cumbria/Northumbria) partnership boards and to target those committing crime in the Scottish Borders. • Continue to work closely with partner agencies to identify and protect vulnerable and exploited workers from organised crime groups, ensuring all legislative opportunities are explored. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital delivery of “County Lines & Cuckooing” awareness raising inputs via Teams being developed - initially targeting DWP staff in priority areas (Galashiels and Eyemouth). • Partnership meetings have been held with Northumbria and Cumbria to rebuild partnerships, to enable sharing of intelligence and swift dealing of cross border incidents. • Community Officers in Eyemouth now have regular meetings with counterparts in Northumbria/Berwick in order to ensure a “joined up” approach to tackling serious and organised crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further roll out of digital inputs to partner agencies including RSLs and Education highlighting concern-reporting mechanisms. • Regular contact will be maintained with Northumbria and Cumbria to ensure that information is being shared timeously and criminals travelling into the Scottish Borders to commit crime are identified and targeted.

Appendix

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	2019/20 Q2	2020/21 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	302	332	6.66	80.72
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	2	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	3	1	0.02	200.00
Attempted murder	9	7	0.14	100.00
Serious assault	141	133	2.67	84.96
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	46	51	1.02	70.59
Domestic Abuse (of female)	31	52	1.04	84.62
Domestic Abuse (of male)	-	1	0.02	100.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	31	53	1.06	84.91
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	50	35	0.70	100.00
Threats and extortion	7	28	0.56	35.71
Other group 1 crimes	13	24	0.48	83.33
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	558	598	12.00	61.37
Rape	111	85	1.71	67.06
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	4	2	0.04	150.00
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	115	87	1.75	68.97
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	10	3	0.06	33.33
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	169	156	3.13	69.23
Lewd & libidinous practices*	70	51	1.02	45.10
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	249	210	4.22	62.86
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	1	-	-	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	23	34	0.68	88.24
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	26	57	1.14	59.65
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	21	34	0.68	41.18
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	23	23	0.46	60.87
Public indecency (common law)	3	5	0.10	80.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	66	93	1.87	46.24
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	8	8	0.16	112.50
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	23	47	0.94	57.45
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	193	301	6.04	58.14
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	4752	3842	77.12	37.01
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	221	119	2.39	36.97
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	157	128	2.57	12.50
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	166	149	2.99	45.64
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	544	396	7.95	32.32

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Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	129	80	1.61	27.50
Theft of a motor vehicle	244	228	4.58	56.14
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	374	215	4.32	26.05
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	18	12	0.24	33.33
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	765	535	10.74	39.25
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	72	48	0.96	14.58
Common theft	1361	1012	20.31	22.83
Theft by shoplifting	1257	923	18.53	60.13
Fraud	407	549	11.02	21.13
Other Group 3 Crimes	346	379	7.61	46.17
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	2124	1849	37.12	29.80
Fireraising	120	104	2.09	16.35
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	1908	1632	32.76	28.13
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	2	5	0.10	20.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	88	101	2.03	71.29
Other Group 4 Crimes	6	7	0.14	28.57
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	2215	2400	48.18	90.21
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	84	95	1.91	97.89
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	80	84	1.69	96.43
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	81	65	1.30	93.85
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	36	38	0.76	78.95
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	281	282	5.66	93.97
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	32	36	0.72	94.44
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	111	110	2.21	81.82
Bringing drugs into prison	11	33	0.66	9.09
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	154	179	3.59	70.95
Possession of drugs	1052	934	18.75	88.01
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	9	8	0.16	0.00
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	1215	1121	22.50	84.66
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	4	1	0.02	100.00
Bail offences (other than absconding)	349	561	11.26	94.12
Other Group 5 crimes	366	435	8.73	97.01
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	5001	5251	105.41	72.42
Common Assault	2030	2036	40.87	64.93
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	209	220	4.42	97.73
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	2239	2256	45.29	68.13
Breach of the Peace	80	64	1.28	92.19
Threatening & abusive behaviour	1830	2035	40.85	78.77
Stalking	44	73	1.47	82.19
<i>BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	1954	2172	43.60	79.28
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	77	73	1.47	89.04
Drunk and incapable	27	19	0.38	105.26
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	23	26	0.52	100.00

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Other alcohol related offences*	26	17	0.34	100.00
<i>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	76	62	1.24	101.61
Wildlife offences*	20	25	0.50	60.00
Other Group 6 offences	635	663	13.31	60.48
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	3125	3322	66.69	86.75
Dangerous driving offences	118	143	2.87	85.31
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	268	274	5.50	82.48
Speeding offences	212	229	4.60	99.56
Driving while disqualified	68	66	1.32	104.55
Driving without a licence	241	350	7.03	98.00
Failure to insure against third party risks	674	961	19.29	99.48
Seat belt offences	41	34	0.68	97.06
Mobile phone offences	45	37	0.74	100.00
Driving Carelessly	282	285	5.72	87.72
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	42	30	0.60	100.00
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	343	170	3.41	101.76
Other Group 7 offences	791	743	14.91	55.85

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Scottish Borders	2019/20 Q2	2020/21 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	45	75	6.55	78.67
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	2	-	-	x
Attempted murder	1	2	0.17	100.00
Serious assault	21	28	2.44	92.86
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	10	10	0.87	60.00
Domestic Abuse (of female)	7	11	0.96	100.00
Domestic Abuse (of male)	-	-	-	x
Domestic Abuse (Total)	7	11	0.96	100.00
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	1	10	0.87	100.00
Threats and extortion	1	12	1.05	25.00
Other group 1 crimes	1	2	0.17	50.00
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	115	133	11.61	72.93
Rape	23	18	1.57	83.33
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	1	1	0.09	100.00
Rape and attempted rape - Total	24	19	1.66	84.21
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	-	1	0.09	100.00
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	40	31	2.71	87.10
Lewd & libidinous practices*	14	11	0.96	27.27
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	54	43	3.75	72.09
Prostitution related crime - Total*	-	-	-	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	8	7	0.61	85.71
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	3	12	1.05	100.00
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	2	6	0.52	50.00
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	-	2	0.17	100.00
Public indecency (common law)	-	2	0.17	50.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	15	25	2.18	56.00
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	2	4	0.35	75.00
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	7	13	1.14	69.23
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	37	71	6.20	70.42
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	775	617	53.87	37.28
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	62	24	2.10	62.50
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	25	25	2.18	20.00
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	24	36	3.14	44.44
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	111	85	7.42	42.35

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Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	22	13	1.14	23.08
Theft of a motor vehicle	47	25	2.18	68.00
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	23	23	2.01	17.39
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	2	5	0.44	20.00
Motor vehicle crime - Total	94	66	5.76	37.88
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	12	15	1.31	6.67
Common theft	264	200	17.46	30.50
Theft by shoplifting	162	104	9.08	65.38
Fraud	71	89	7.77	19.10
Other Group 3 Crimes	61	58	5.06	37.93
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	445	397	34.66	32.24
Fireraising	22	11	0.96	27.27
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	405	366	31.96	31.15
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	3	0.26	0.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	16	16	1.40	68.75
Other Group 4 Crimes	1	1	0.09	0.00
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	516	512	44.70	86.33
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	28	14	1.22	100.00
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	18	19	1.66	94.74
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	10	20	1.75	80.00
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	8	5	0.44	80.00
Total offensive/bladed weapons	64	58	5.06	89.66
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	5	13	1.14	84.62
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	27	23	2.01	100.00
Bringing drugs into prison	-	-	-	x
Supply of drugs - Total	32	36	3.14	94.44
Possession of drugs	243	221	19.30	75.57
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	2	1	0.09	0.00
Total drugs crimes	277	258	22.53	77.91
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	-	-	-	x
Bail offences (other than absconding)	89	105	9.17	95.24
Other Group 5 crimes	86	91	7.95	97.80
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	1179	1150	100.41	77.91
Common Assault	409	411	35.89	70.32
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	53	46	4.02	100.00
Common Assault - Total	462	457	39.90	73.30
Breach of the Peace	24	9	0.79	100.00
Threatening & abusive behaviour	458	460	40.16	82.17
Stalking	6	28	2.44	82.14
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	488	497	43.39	82.49
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	12	9	0.79	100.00
Drunk and incapable	16	11	0.96	109.09
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	-	-	-	x

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Other alcohol related offences*	4	3	0.26	100.00
<i>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	20	14	1.22	107.14
Wildlife offences*	11	11	0.96	63.64
Other Group 6 offences	186	162	14.14	74.07
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	863	656	57.28	89.18
Dangerous driving offences	24	23	2.01	86.96
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	64	34	2.97	100.00
Speeding offences	142	94	8.21	100.00
Driving while disqualified	12	10	0.87	100.00
Driving without a licence	56	53	4.63	98.11
Failure to insure against third party risks	140	175	15.28	100.57
Seat belt offences	13	4	0.35	100.00
Mobile phone offences	17	12	1.05	100.00
Driving Carelessly	112	60	5.24	91.67
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	22	8	0.70	100.00
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	112	46	4.02	104.35
Other Group 7 offences	149	137	11.96	52.55