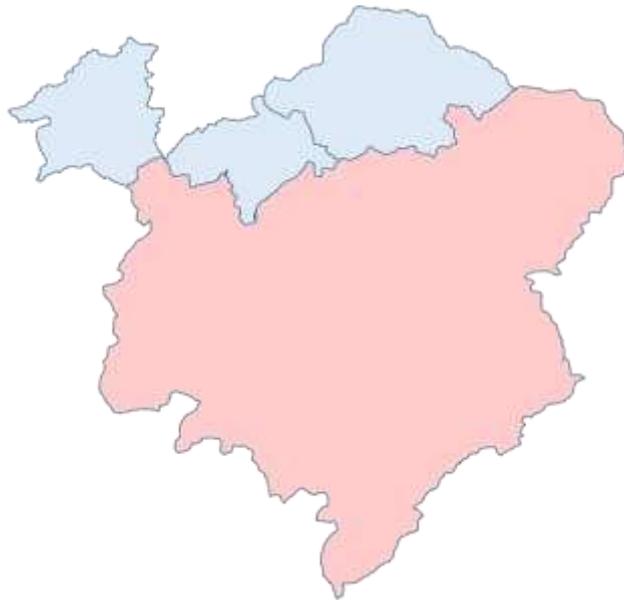




Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 4 – 2020/2021

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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

- 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.

Reducing violence & anti-social behaviour

- 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'.

Reducing acquisitive crime

- 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.

Improving road safety

- 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.

Tackling serious & organised crime

- 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:

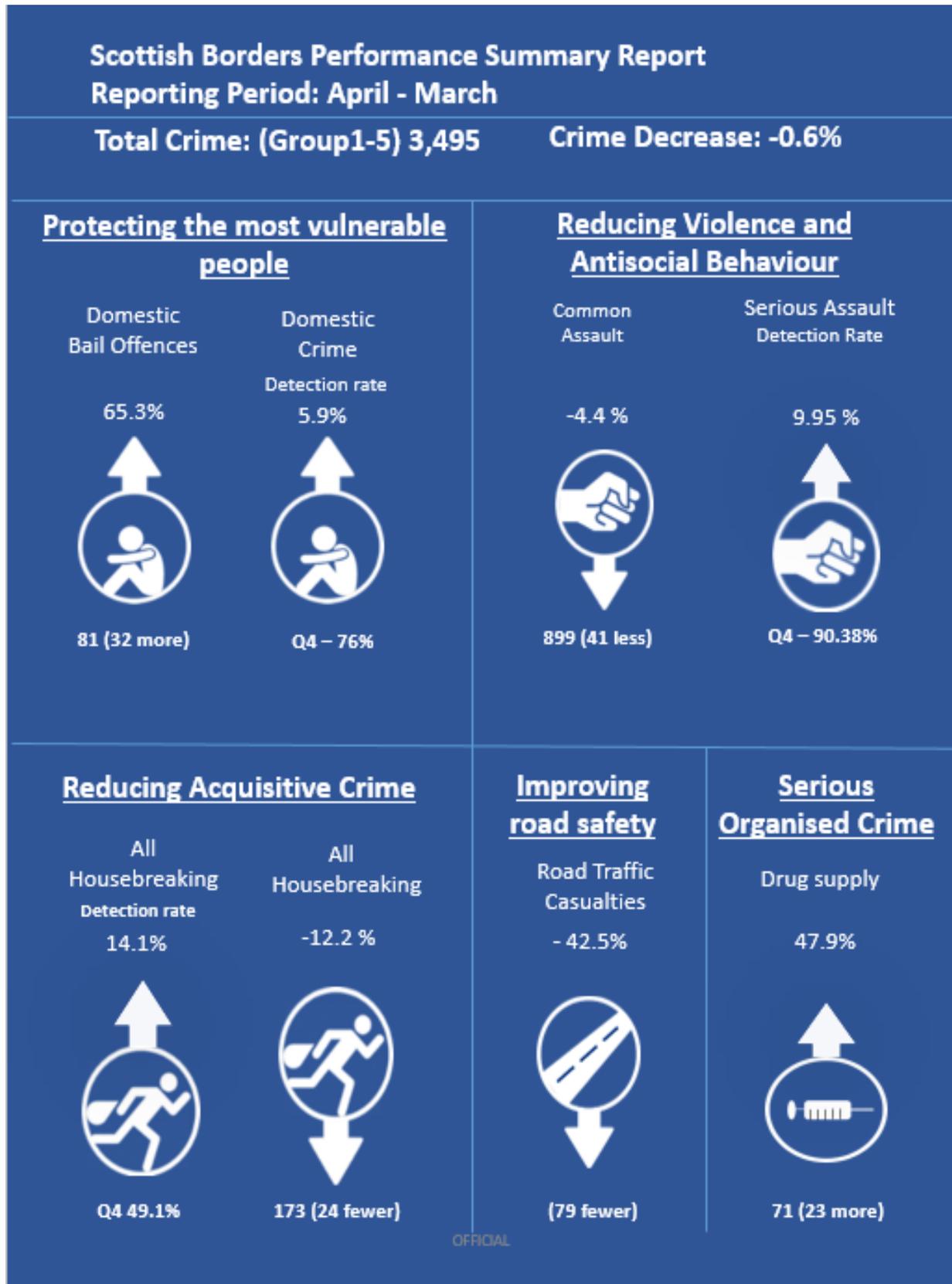
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

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 March 2021 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

I am delighted to present this year's scrutiny report which covers the period 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The last 12 months have had a significant impact on everyone, but different people, families, communities, sectors and industries have all been affected in their own way.

Policing has faced the same challenges faced by many; such as increased staff absence through sickness, precautionary isolation or shielding, or the ever shifting challenge of ensuring the most appropriate PPE is being worn in any given situation and the most up-to-date guidance is being communicated and followed. Uniquely though, the Police Service has met the quick-time challenge of interpreting and enforcing a whole raft of new and constantly evolving legislation that would normally take years to work its way through the statutory system.

The flexibility and resilience of our police service has been tested like never before and I am proud of how police officers and staff have stepped up to face the challenges presented. The policing response to the pandemic has evolved and adapted as regulations have been introduced and amended and we have endeavoured to stay ahead of a criminal landscape that has changed just as quickly.

It will take us some time to fully understand the impact the pandemic has had, both on offending and reporting of crime. There has been sharp falls in areas such as road casualties, domestic housebreakings and shopliftings with sudden rises in anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and cybercrime. These changes are likely to continue as we ease out of lockdown and hopefully enter a sustained period of recovery. We will continue to monitor these variations looking for emerging trends and opportunities for mitigation while we continue to adapt our policing and multi-agency responses.

During quarter 4 there have been some excellent proactive stops of vehicles resulting in significant recoveries of illegal drugs. Two separate stops on the A1 resulted in £312,000 of cannabis being recovered and 2 males being reported to the procurator fiscal. A vehicle stop on the A68 recovered £4700 of cannabis and a female was reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to this. On the 21st of March it was discovered that a business in Kelso had been broken into, the swift enquiry carried out by local officers resulted in an 18 year old male being identified, charged and appearing at court on the 24th of March in relation to the offence.

I can assure you that whatever challenges the next 12 months hold, the skilled and dedicated team of officers and staff based within the Borders and beyond, will continue to meet them.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Missing Persons
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The Lothians & Scottish Borders Policing Division (J Division) stand united with communities and other public and third sector service providers across the Scottish Borders in recognising the protection of vulnerable people as a priority. Tracing those who are reported missing is a vital component of the work undertaken by Police Scotland to protect the most vulnerable in our communities, often at their greatest time of need. To put the scale of this commitment into context, Police Scotland undertake over 22,000 missing person investigations on an annual basis. In the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division this equates to;

- Year 2017 / 2018 – 2390 missing person investigations
- Year 2018 / 2019 – 2581 missing person investigations
- Year 2019 / 2020 – 1786 missing person investigations
- Year 2020 / 2021 – 1468 missing person investigations

The National Missing Persons Framework which seeks to provide a coherent and effective multi-agency response when a person is reported missing, highlights three areas of vulnerability;

- Adults who go missing from care settings,
- Looked After children who go missing from residential and foster care, and;
- Patients who go missing from NHS care.

The framework provides 'best practice' protocol for each of these areas, to be introduced into practice in each of the local policing divisions.

The local protocol for looked after children who go missing from residential and foster care (Scotland) has now been approved and representatives from Police Scotland and SBC are currently making arrangements for delivery of training to the Local Authority YPU and to raise awareness among foster carers. Implementation within the Scottish Borders is due to take place later in 2021.

In terms of those in the care of the NHS, the Missing Person protocol relative to those in mental health care settings has been reviewed in line with the national protocol, approved and an implementation date is imminent. The protocols for those in all other NHS care settings will follow soon after with implementation expected within 6 weeks.

The Herbert Protocol, for adults with dementia in more general care settings, has also been approved and is currently being trialled by the Post Diagnostic Services Team. All areas of J Division, including the Scottish Borders, will be fully trained to enable the protocol to be fully operational by the summer of 2021.

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Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents		
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	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	1136	1282	12.85%
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	682	835	22.43%
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	41%	46%	5.10%
Total crimes and offences detection rate	70%	76%	5.90%
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	49	81	65.31%

Domestic abuse continues to be a priority for the Scottish Borders and every incident reported is subject to intense intrusive scrutiny by a range of trained officers and staff in different ranks and roles. We continue to work very closely with support and advocacy services and ensure we refer victims in a timely manner through our Concern Hub.

At the end of quarter 4 of 2020/2021 there were 1282 domestic incidents reported to police, which equates to an increase of 146 incidents compared to the same period last year. The detection rate for domestic crimes this year is 76% which is up 5.9% on the same period last year. This is in line with the increase of between 4 and 8% seen nationally.

Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) meetings were introduced nationally in 2013 to ensure perpetrators of domestic abuse ‘receive a robust and effective response’. The aim of MATAC is to effectively tackle offending by perpetrators who present the greatest risk of harm, in order to achieve positive outcomes for victims and their families. In Quarter 4 there were 6 MATAC referrals in the Scottish Borders which led to proactive investigations by the specialist Domestic Abuse Task Force (DATF).

Providing an effective policing response to incidents remains a priority and we will continue to support victims through rigorous investigation of reports and robust enforcement. We will seek remands or bail conditions where appropriate and proactively check bail conditions are being adhered to. We have detected 81 bail offences YTD, a rise of 65.31% when compared to the same period in 2019/20.

Protecting the most vulnerable people. **Hate Crime**

	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4
Hate Incidents	100	106	9.2
Hate Crimes	79	92	8.0
Hate Crime Detection Rate	82%	78%	

Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types with a hate crime aggravator added. The aggravators being;

- 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 reported Hate Crime this year compared to last which is in line with the increase seen nationally during the pandemic.
- The detection rate for Hate Crime at the end of March is 78% which is a decrease of 4% when comparing to the same period last year.
- Police Officers were the victims in 27% of reported Hate Crimes in the Scottish Borders.

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

[Hate crime - Police Scotland](#)

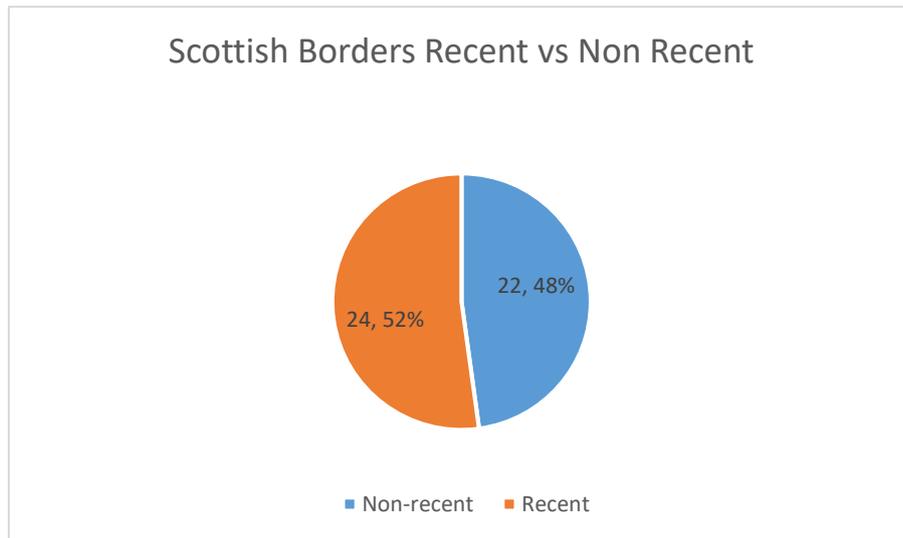
It is recognised some victims and witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to police. To encourage and facilitate the reporting of perceived hate crime, Police Scotland work in partnership with a variety of agencies who perform the role of Third Party Reporting Centres.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

As referenced in previous scrutiny reports, there are over 300 Third Party reporting sites across Scotland, 14 of which are in the Scottish Borders. Due to the global pandemic a number of these organisations have altered their operating models, leaning more towards the provision of remote/telephone/video-call reporting rather than face-to-face.

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Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Sexual Crimes (Group 2)			
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Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q4 2020/21 Detection Rate
225	283	25.78%	24.71	69.96%



The above chart shows 48% of all reported rapes (including attempts) were non-recent.

Tackling the types of criminality that pose the greatest threat and risk is, and will always be, a priority for officers in the Scottish Borders. We endeavour to instil confidence in victims of Rape and Sexual Crime to report incidents, providing assurance we will be sensitive, thorough and professional in our investigations. We undertake to work with partners to provide victims with the best support possible, to be dogged in our pursuit of perpetrators and manage offenders closely to minimise the risk of further offending or harm.

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

- There has been a 25.78% increase in recorded Sexual Crime (Group 2)
- Reports of Rape (including attempts) are down from 58 to 46
- Reports of Indecent and Sexual Assaults are down from 94 to 91
- 50.88% of all Group 2 crimes relate to 'Other Crimes' (this category includes, communicating indecently, communications act and threatening / disclosing intimate images). Many of the crimes recorded are non-contact offences perpetrated over the internet, which reflects the increased use of online systems during the pandemic.
- There has been a 100% increase in 'Other' Group 2 crimes (up from 72 LYTD to 144 TYTD)
- Group 2 Detection rate is 70% which is a decrease of 4.2% compared to the same period last year but an increase of 4.2% when compared to the 5 year average

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	
Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change
48	71	47.92%

Tackling substance misuse remains a priority and local policing teams continue to respond to intelligence in relation to drug misuse. Detections in relation to Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation are significantly up by 47.92% on the same quarter last year due to the proactive intelligence gathering and enforcement action undertaken

To ensure Police Scotland remain focused on Tackling Substance Misuse the following activities take place;

- Daily Briefings are circulated to all Response and Community Officers to keep them up-to-date with recent intelligence.
- Uniformed officers engage with members of the Community to gain additional intelligence re illegal drug activity.
- Intelligence is tasked out for further development to make it 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 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 use 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	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q4 2020/21 Detection Rate
Group 1	99	142	43.43%	12.40	76.76%
Serious Assault	46	52	13.04%	4.54	90.38%
Robbery	17	20	17.65%	1.75	70.00%
Common Assault	940	899	-4.36%	78.49	72.64%

** 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 another policing priority for both the Scottish Borders and the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders (J) Division. We recognise the impact violence has on our communities and work collectively to reduce it.

Within the data supplied in this report the following points are worthy of note:

- There has been a 43.43% 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 an increase of 8 serious assaults in the Scottish Borders compared to the same period last year;
 - There has been an increase of 17 crimes relating to the cruel and unnatural treatment of children;
 - There has been an increase of 20 crimes of threats or extortion, from 4 LYTD to 24 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 with people from out with the Scottish Borders area or even UK. This increase is consistent with the national picture.
- The detection rate for violent crime is 76.8% a slight decrease of 2% when compared to the same period last year;
- The detection rate for serious assault is 90.4% which is significant increase of 9.95% compared to the same period last year.
- Common Assaults are also down 4.4% which is a decrease of 41 crimes. The detection rate is 72.6% which again is an increase of 0.5% on the same period last year.

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour			
	Indicator	2019-20 Q4	2020-21 Q4	Change
	Antisocial Behaviour Incidents*	5406	7289	34.8%
	Antisocial Behaviour Incidents minus COVID related calls	5406	5559	2.8%
	Number of complaints regarding disorder	Figures are not available at this time		

*ASB figures have been taken from Sunday 28/03/2021

The number of Anti-Social behaviour incidents has markedly increased by 34.8% this year-to-date when compared to the same period last year. This is an increase of 1883 incidents.

All incidents relating to the breach of COVID guidelines are categorised as Antisocial Behaviour. 23.7% of all of the antisocial behaviour calls this year-to-date are attributed to COVID related incidents. Without considering COVID related calls there has been a slight increase in anti-social behaviour of 2.8%.

All Group 4 Crimes which include Vandalism and Fire-raising have decreased 10.9% when compared to the same period last year.

There has been an increase of 13.4% in threatening and abusive behaviour when comparing to the same period last year.

There has been a 46% decrease in Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct when compared to the same period last year.

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

The CAT and Community Policing Teams continue to work together to tackle reports of youth disorder across the Scottish Borders. High Visibility Patrols where officers engage with youths to deter anti-social and criminal behaviour form part of weekly tasking.

The CAT Team continue to send letters to parents of children who have been involved in anti-social behaviour to ensure they are aware of their child’s involvement. This year-to-date 185 such letters have been sent.

The collation of data from these youth letters identified key offenders in the Peebles area. As a result, police are working with the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, School and Community Council to engage and divert those responsible and reduce ASB in the town. In addition, funding has been identified to initiate diversionary projects within the Peebles area. Updates will be provided as this work develops.

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Reducing Acquisitive Crime Housebreaking

Crime Type	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q4 2020/21 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	106	50	-52.83%	4.37	46.00%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	41	46	12.20%	4.02	21.74%
Other (Business) HB	50	77	54.00%	6.72	67.53%
All HB	197	173	-12.18%	15.11	49.13%

YTD 2020/2021 all housebreaking (including attempts) crimes decreased by 12.18 % when compared to the same reporting period last year.

Further breakdown of the data provided in this report:

- There were 56 fewer reports of dwelling housebreakings in the Scottish Borders compared to the same period last year, a significant decrease of 52.83% which can be linked to people being in their homes more as a result of the pandemic;
- There were 27 more business housebreakings which again may be due to premises being closed for long periods due to COVID restrictions;
- Detection rates for Housebreakings to dwellings is 46% up 4.5% on the same period last year;
- Overall Housebreaking detection rate is 49.1% up 14.1% on the same reporting period last year.

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Improving Road Safety	Road Casualties		
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	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change
Fatal	6	4	-33.33%
Serious	76	36	-52.63%
Slight	104	55	-47.12%

	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change
Dangerous driving	42	49	16.67%
Speeding	216	103	-52.31%
Disqualified driving	19	18	-5.26%
Driving Licence	99	123	24.24%
Insurance	278	355	27.70%
Seat Belts	21	11	-47.62%
Mobile Phone	24	13	-45.83%
Drink/Drug Driving Detections	115	80	-30.43%

As per the breakdown, above, there has been a decrease across all 3 categories of injury collision (fatal, serious and slight injury).

J Division and the Scottish Borders continue to support numerous national road safety campaigns. The national motorcycle safety campaign launched in Q4, and the Scottish Borders will receive enhanced road policing patrols in an effort to tackle injuries among motorcyclists. This group of vulnerable road users has long been of concern to all road safety partners in the Borders, and indeed, following the easing of travel restrictions we have seen a sharp rise in incidents.

There is little doubt the pandemic has significantly reduced traffic volumes on our roads this year, which has lessened the number of accidents. Road safety remains a key priority for us in the Scottish Borders and patrolling of the roads continues to form part of our daily tasking.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
<p>Police in the Scottish Borders continue to target those involved in serious and organised crime. While it may be difficult to believe such groups operate in the Scottish Borders, they do, and many instances of lower lever criminality; violence, drug misuse or acquisitive crime, can be linked back to them.</p> <p>We continue to tackle these groups at a local level through the gathering and development of intelligence, pro-active stop and search and through the exercise of search warrants and powers under the proceeds of crime act. We also receive support from national divisions to assist in tackling the wider criminal network and to disrupting the flow of drugs and other criminal commodities into the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Several operations are planned and it is anticipated the Q1 report will detail some positive outcomes.</p> <p>In March we delivered online training for the Department of Work and Pensions personnel in the Scottish Borders, in relation to cuckooing and county lines criminality. Participants were trained in the signs to spot relating to vulnerable persons, who maybe victims of drug dealers attempting to take advantage of their situations and the reporting processes. Local examples were highlighted. Plans are being developed to deliver similar training to the various housing association staff across the Borders.</p> <p>As previously mentioned in relation to Acquisitive Crime, in relation to COVID scams, police in the Scottish Borders area teamed up with The Scottish Borders Food Train, to provide advice aimed at elderly and vulnerable members of the community to highlight the dangers of current scams. Crime Prevention packs were included in regular deliveries, which provided information on COVID scams, doorstep crime and telephone scams.</p> <p>The #PedalProtect campaign was held in March to provide security advice in relation to high value bicycle thefts, often perpetrated by organised crime groups.</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	111		39.2	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations Recorded	106	2	60	168

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Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
On Duty - TOTAL	124	106	-14.5%
Assault	0	1	-
Discriminatory Behaviour	0	0	-
Excessive Force	6	7	16.7%
Incivility	30	23	-23.3%
Irregularity in Procedure	73	64	-12.3%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	2	3	50.0%
Other - Non Criminal	5	2	-60.0%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence	5	2	-60.0%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	2	2	0.0%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	58	60	3.4%
Policy/Procedure	5	7	40.0%
Service Delivery	21	18	-14.3%
Service Outcome	32	35	9.4%

Police Scotland aims to deliver high quality policing services to the communities it serves across Scotland. It is accepted that on occasions things will go wrong and mistakes will be made. Members of the public need to have confidence that when they wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about either the quality of the policing service provided or the actions of an individual, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Scottish Borders area command for this period.

Scottish Borders CAT team – Q4 Update

Scottish Borders Council have not published the CAT Quarter 4, as such it has not been included in this document.

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

Local Policing Plan Commitment

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"> • 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. • Effective and appropriate prescribing practices have been implemented across the Scottish Borders. Ongoing scrutiny is carried by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to ensure process remains fit for purpose. • After the successful trial of the DBI process it is now part of the toolkit of responses available to support and protect the most vulnerable in the Scottish Borders. • Trading Standards Scotland free call blockers initiative promoted through local SM channels and SBAlert • IAmMe “Keep Safe” Initiative (Disability Hate Crime) virtual training input given to Borders College staff 31/03/21. The college will now become a “Keep Safe” place. https://iammescotland.co.uk/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue follow-up contact for vulnerable victims of bogus crimes, reverting back to Community Policing Officer visits when lock-down restriction ease. • Ongoing Liaison with local Trading Standards re Bogus incidents. • Continue to seek opportunities for Keep Safe places roll out.

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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"> CAT team deployments to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour continue throughout the Borders, including the Peebles, Innerleithen, Kelso and Eyemouth areas. Further details can be found in the CAT quarterly report. Crime Prevention surveys carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyemouth Primary School in response to ASB Mobile CCTV cameras continued to be operated in Kelso in response to vandalism to playparks and as a deterrent to youth ASB. Additional locations across SB assessed for potential deployment. Borders Blue Zone to be reviewed when COVID restrictions are lifted. Environmental Visual Audit of "Black Path" Galashiels carried out. Recommendations re lighting and graffiti clean-up passed to SBC for action. Extensive Domestic abuse prevention messaging through local Social Media channels in support of divisional DAPDG National Rape campaign supported through local Social Media messaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with SBC, Mobile CCTV cameras to be deployed across SB in response to significant ASB. Crime Prevention Surveys in response to local demand. In partnership with SBC, Mobile CCTV cameras to be deployed across SB in response to significant ASB.

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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"> • Crime Prevention surveys carried out at 4 farms following local quad bike thefts • Quad bike thefts from farms continue to be an issue across the region. Prevention advice has been distributed via social media and SBAlert. Forensic DNA marking kits and signage are being offered free to farms along with Crime Prevention visits. • Membership of local Scottish Borders Partnership Against Rural Crime (SBPARC) agreed. Initial meeting took place on the 02/03/21 and a 2nd meeting took place on the 30/03/2021. • No Cold Calling Zone area has been implemented at Wellington Court, Hawick in partnership with Future Hawick. Residents at Fisher Avenue in Hawick are also being surveyed for a possible zone. • Ongoing Secured by Design (SBD) work is in progress with new housing developments in Kelso and Galashiels. In addition a large assisted living development at Todlaw, Duns and a social housing development at Springfield Terrace, St Boswells are being progressed towards SBD Gold approval. • National "Pedal Protect" cycle theft campaign supported by Social Media Messaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Prevention Surveys to be progressed in response to local demand. • Continue to promote rural CP good practice. • Regular partnership meetings to progress local priority areas. • 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. • Continue to support 'Secured by Design' SBD process for new developments, encouraging developers, architects and planners to follow SBD guidelines to help create safer places to live.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scams prevention advice article published in “Peebles Life” - local free magazine distributed to all Peebles households (5200 copies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To tackle high value MTB thefts - Bike marking Events planned to be held at Glentress as lockdown restrictions ease.• Articles to be sent to other magazines in Scottish Borders for next publication date. (Kelso Life, JedEye, Gala Life).
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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 driving standards in key vulnerable groups. • Work with partners to assist develop a strategy for severe weather issues, particularly wind, on the A1. • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Operation Glow worm, in partnership with SBC, 200 bike lights and reflective bag / arm bands were procured for newspaper delivery boys & girls . These were distributed to newsagents across SB by CPT officers who used the opportunity to engage and provide road safety advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meeting with Drivewise to establish the feasibility of delivering the project this year.

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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 input with DWP staff in priority areas (Galashiels and Eyemouth) 03/02/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input available for delivery to other agencies (e.g. Housing and Schools) to coincide with national campaigns. • Digital delivery of "County Lines & Cuckooing" awareness raising inputs with DWP staff in priority areas (Galashiels and Eyemouth). Dates confirmed in February.

Appendix

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	562	660	13.25	76.82
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	3	1	0.02	100.00
Culpable homicide (at common law)	1	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	6	6	0.12	116.67
Attempted murder	13	17	0.34	100.00
Serious assault	252	244	4.9	84.02
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	93	97	1.95	77.32
Domestic Abuse (of female)	67	108	2.17	83.33
Domestic Abuse (of male)	2	3	0.06	100.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	69	111	2.23	83.78
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	71	59	1.18	98.31
Threats and extortion	20	86	1.73	23.26
Other group 1 crimes	34	39	0.78	79.49
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	1058	1130	22.68	63.45
Rape	219	177	3.55	70.06
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	9	5	0.1	120.00
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	228	182	3.65	71.43
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	19	12	0.24	66.67
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	286	295	5.92	65.08
Lewd & libidinous practices*	119	74	1.49	63.51
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	424	381	7.65	64.83
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	2	-	-	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	50	72	1.45	94.44
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	54	114	2.29	58.77
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	35	55	1.1	40.00
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	36	39	0.78	66.67
Public indecency (common law)	7	5	0.1	60.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	144	175	3.51	52.57
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	22	19	0.38	105.26
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	56	88	1.77	47.73
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	404	567	11.38	59.96
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	9150	7910	158.78	33.07
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	436	254	5.1	33.86
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	326	293	5.88	12.29
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	370	278	5.58	48.56
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	1132	825	16.56	31.15

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Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	235	175	3.51	20.57
Theft of a motor vehicle	516	429	8.61	54.55
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	642	419	8.41	24.11
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	36	24	0.48	20.83
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	1429	1047	21.02	35.91
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	153	111	2.23	12.61
Common theft	2567	2133	42.82	19.50
Theft by shoplifting	2385	1878	37.7	55.22
Fraud	827	1284	25.77	17.99
Other Group 3 Crimes	657	632	12.69	45.09
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	4196	3763	75.54	28.62
Fireraising	225	186	3.73	20.43
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	3763	3279	65.82	25.92
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	3	8	0.16	25.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	190	279	5.6	66.31
Other Group 4 Crimes	15	11	0.22	18.18
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	3995	4695	94.25	94.21
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	150	149	2.99	95.30
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	153	166	3.33	94.58
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	131	123	2.47	91.06
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	69	72	1.45	86.11
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	503	510	10.24	92.75
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	61	76	1.53	93.42
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	181	214	4.3	81.78
Bringing drugs into prison	15	57	1.14	8.77
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	257	347	6.97	72.33
Possession of drugs	1866	1915	38.44	96.14
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	14	10	0.2	30.00
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	2137	2272	45.61	92.21
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	4	1	0.02	100.00
Bail offences (other than absconding)	665	1051	21.1	97.43
Other Group 5 crimes	686	861	17.28	96.40
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	9474	9964	200.02	73.13
Common Assault	4006	3896	78.21	66.58
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	395	448	8.99	98.44
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	4401	4344	87.2	69.87
Breach of the Peace	113	100	2.01	99.00
Threatening & abusive behaviour	3384	3756	75.4	78.97
Stalking	86	119	2.39	82.35
<i>BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	3583	3975	79.79	79.57
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	137	130	2.61	92.31
Drunk and incapable	45	30	0.6	103.33

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Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	33	35	0.7	100.00
Other alcohol related offences*	52	17	0.34	100.00
<i>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	130	82	1.65	101.22
Wildlife offences*	32	36	0.72	52.78
Other Group 6 offences	1191	1397	28.04	62.06
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	6049	6383	128.13	85.18
Dangerous driving offences	225	273	5.48	82.78
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	541	539	10.82	82.75
Speeding offences	329	248	4.98	99.60
Driving while disqualified	129	121	2.43	101.65
Driving without a licence	451	636	12.77	99.69
Failure to insure against third party risks	1335	1826	36.65	100.11
Seat belt offences	69	48	0.96	97.92
Mobile phone offences	68	43	0.86	100.00
Driving Carelessly	548	575	11.54	89.57
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	69	37	0.74	100.00
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	673	501	10.06	100.80
Other Group 7 offences	1612	1536	30.83	51.17

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Scottish Borders	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	99	142	12.4	76.76
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	2	1	0.09	100.00
Attempted murder	4	5	0.44	100.00
Serious assault	46	52	4.54	90.38
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	17	20	1.75	70.00
Domestic Abuse (of female)	15	16	1.4	93.75
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1	-	-	x
Domestic Abuse (Total)	16	16	1.4	93.75
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	4	21	1.83	100.00
Threats and extortion	4	24	2.1	12.50
Other group 1 crimes	5	3	0.26	100.00
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	225	283	24.71	69.96
Rape	58	46	4.02	58.70
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	1	2	0.17	100.00
Rape and attempted rape - Total	59	48	4.19	60.42
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	2	3	0.26	100.00
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	74	70	6.11	80.00
Lewd & libidinous practices*	18	18	1.57	50.00
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	94	91	7.95	74.73
Prostitution related crime - Total*	-	-	-	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	11	18	1.57	94.44
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	5	28	2.44	85.71
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	5	14	1.22	50.00
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	-	7	0.61	100.00
Public indecency (common law)	1	2	0.17	0.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	30	45	3.93	62.22
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	7	7	0.61	85.71
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	13	23	2.01	52.17
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	72	144	12.57	70.14
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	1431	1284	112.11	34.03
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	106	50	4.37	46.00
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	41	46	4.02	21.74
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	50	77	6.72	67.53
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	197	173	15.11	49.13
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	33	32	2.79	18.75

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Scottish Borders	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
Theft of a motor vehicle	75	55	4.8	60.00
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	40	44	3.84	27.27
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	2	6	0.52	16.67
Motor vehicle crime - Total	150	137	11.96	37.96
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	27	33	2.88	9.09
Common theft	501	371	32.39	26.68
Theft by shoplifting	313	210	18.34	60.48
Fraud	147	273	23.84	14.29
Other Group 3 Crimes	96	87	7.6	36.78
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	864	770	67.23	29.61
Fireraising	46	26	2.27	26.92
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	782	700	61.12	27.00
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	4	0.35	0.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	34	39	3.41	82.05
Other Group 4 Crimes	1	1	0.09	0.00
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	897	1016	88.71	94.29
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	36	17	1.48	100.00
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	34	39	3.41	100.00
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	13	30	2.62	80.00
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	14	8	0.7	87.50
Total offensive/bladed weapons	97	94	8.21	92.55
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	10	21	1.83	90.48
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	38	50	4.37	78.00
Bringing drugs into prison	-	-	-	x
Supply of drugs - Total	48	71	6.2	81.69
Possession of drugs	432	459	40.08	95.21
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	2	1	0.09	0.00
Total drugs crimes	482	531	46.36	93.22
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	-	-	-	x
Bail offences (other than absconding)	167	190	16.59	94.74
Other Group 5 crimes	151	201	17.55	97.51
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	2262	2181	190.43	76.66
Common Assault	838	789	68.89	69.20
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	102	110	9.6	97.27
Common Assault - Total	940	899	78.49	72.64
Breach of the Peace	33	19	1.66	94.74
Threatening & abusive behaviour	839	856	74.74	81.31
Stalking	18	36	3.14	86.11
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	890	911	79.54	81.78
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	21	25	2.18	96.00
Drunk and incapable	30	17	1.48	105.88
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	-	-	-	x

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Scottish Borders	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
Other alcohol related offences*	9	4	0.35	100.00
<i>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	39	21	1.83	104.76
Wildlife offences*	14	14	1.22	64.29
Other Group 6 offences	358	311	27.15	70.42
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	1554	1316	114.9	87.84
Dangerous driving offences	42	49	4.28	83.67
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	115	80	6.99	97.50
Speeding offences	216	103	8.99	100.00
Driving while disqualified	19	18	1.57	100.00
Driving without a licence	99	123	10.74	99.19
Failure to insure against third party risks	278	355	31	100.56
Seat belt offences	21	11	0.96	100.00
Mobile phone offences	24	13	1.14	100.00
Driving Carelessly	195	132	11.53	91.67
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	32	9	0.79	100.00
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	206	135	11.79	100.74
Other Group 7 offences	307	288	25.15	51.04