

Scrutiny Report

1st April 2017 – 30th September 2017

East Lothian



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Police Performance Indicators East Lothian

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Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories. For example, 'Group 1' refers to 'Non Sexual Crimes of Violence', (such as serious assault, robbery). Group 2 refers to 'Sexual Crimes', (such as rape, voyeurism) and so on.

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The reports can be accessed here: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The East Lothian Policing Plan uses the following Police Performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the scrutiny report to maintain parity of understanding:

Non-Sexual Crimes of Violence (Group 1) - crimes per 10,000 population

Sexual (Group 2) - crimes per 10,000 population

Anti-social Behaviour Incidents (public reported) - crimes per 10,000 population

Racially Aggravated Conduct - crimes per 10,000 population

Crimes of Dishonesty (Group 3) - crimes per 10,000 population

Proportion (%) of Domestic Abuse incidents which result in a Crime Report – total for reporting period

Number of Domestic Abuse incidents recorded - total for reporting period

Road Casualties - total for reporting period

Source: Police Scotland Analysis Performance Unit

(Based on East Lothian's population of 103,050 in 2015 - *Scottish Government figures*)

Glossary

- **MATAC** (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) responsible for identifying and targeting high risk domestic offenders. A meeting where effective decision making ensures resources are deployed to tackle individuals who pose the greatest risk to victims of Domestic Abuse, using any and all means at the group's disposal. Clear lines of communication, ownership and accountability ensure that victims and their children remain safe.

- **MARAC** (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) responsible for identifying and protecting high risk victims of domestic abuse.

A victim focused information sharing and risk management meeting attended by all key agencies, where high risk cases are discussed. The role of the MARAC is to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing to enable appropriate actions to be taken to increase public safety. In a single meeting, MARAC combines up to date risk information with a timely assessment of a victim's needs and links those directly to the provision of appropriate services for all those involved in a domestic abuse case: victim, children and perpetrator.

- **iVPD** (interim Vulnerable Persons Database)

iVPD is a Police Scotland database that records information about individuals who are experiencing adverse circumstances or situational vulnerabilities which may impact on their current or future wellbeing, and records incidents where there has been an immediate crisis response required in respect of adult or child protection, domestic abuse, hate crime and youth offending.

Where there is a legal basis to, Police Scotland will share relevant, necessary, justifiable and proportionate information with partners to secure appropriate intervention with statutory requirements and national guidance.

Non-Sexual Crimes of Violence (Group 1)

Our Intention

National

- Remain committed to maintaining a prevention, partnership and intelligence-led approach to Serious Assault, and deliver a multi-agency National Violence Prevention Conference.
- Safer Communities' operational resources have been restructured to enhance support to Local Policing and specialist areas. This includes the Prevention Task Force.

Local

- Work in partnership to prevent and reduce antisocial behaviour and crimes of violence through early and effective intervention, enforcement and education.
- Reduce the harm caused by public and private space violence.

Current Situation

You will note an encouraging decrease in Non-Sexual Crimes of Violence in East Lothian over the first 6 months of this year. These relate to crimes of murder, culpable homicide, serious assaults, robbery and other serious crimes.

Most noteworthy is the decrease in serious assaults from 23 to 18, a reduction of 3 robberies from 12 to 9. Crimes of attempted murder have increased from 1 to 3, however, to put this into context, 2 of these crimes relate to the same incident and one is a historical offence which was committed in the 80's.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

As has been previously reported prevention activity is well embedded within East Lothian, with an excellent partnership approach taken across a wide range of activity to improve public safety.

The multi-agency report in relation to the tragic death of Bailey Gwynne was reviewed by relevant partner agencies and recommendations considered for local implementation. Within East Lothian this has resulted in local community officers being trained in the delivery of the No Knives Better Lives presentation. This excellent training program has so far been delivered to over 200 S1 pupils, via a pilot at one High School. Positive feedback was received from that initial program and further scheduled inputs are planned at High Schools throughout East Lothian, which will be extended to S3 students. The purpose of the session is to highlight the personal, legal risks and consequences of carrying a knife. Work to progress other recommendations within the report is underway.

Intervention

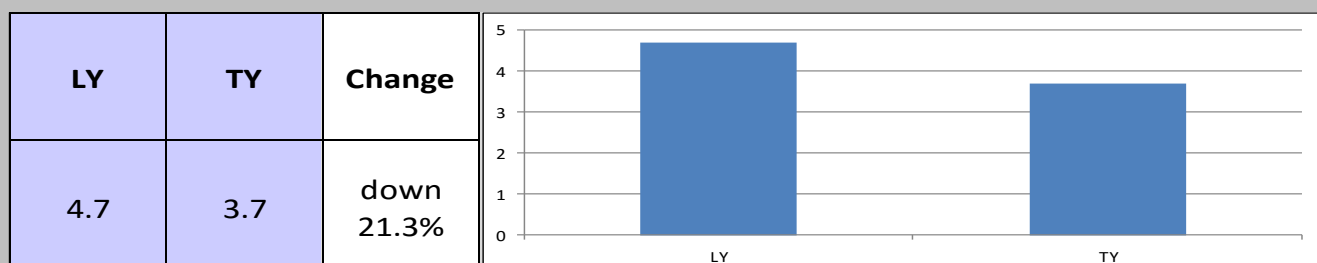
Best Bar None, is a national initiative, supported by partner agencies that reward well run licensed premises. The initiative continues to go from strength to strength in East Lothian. It aims to reduce alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour and has seen a year on year increase in those premises supporting the scheme. Evidence from other schemes confirm that incidents of violence and anti-social behaviour reduce in areas where there are Best Bar None premises. In East Lothian, we have seen an increase of participants this year, bringing the number to 24 with a reciprocal increase in award winners. Police in East Lothian will continue to promote this scheme and encourage more premises to participate.

Enforcement

This is no better demonstrated than our recent partnership approach taken to the recent large scale drug enforcement activity to disrupt those involved in drug supply activity activities across East Lothian. We also know that those involved in drug supply are often involved in other crimes of serious violence. Information was shared throughout the planning stages with relevant partner agencies, involving joint re-assurance patrols undertaken between Police and Community Wardens and letter drops to raise public awareness. Those convicted of drug dealing activity were considered by East Lothian Council for eviction proceedings.

This has significantly disrupted the activities of those involved leading to a number of arrests and recoveries of drugs. The feedback from impacted communities and residents has been very supportive

Non Sexual Crimes of Violence (Group 1) crimes per 10,000 population



Sexual Crime (Group 2)

Our Intention

National

- Develop and launch Phase III of Police Scotland's national 'We Can Stop It' campaign to support a grass roots shift in attitudes to Rape and Other Sexual Crime.
- Expand engagement with key partners who work with perpetrators of Rape and Other Sexual Crime in order to improve prevention and intervention opportunities.

Local

- Support the victims of sexual crime by proactively sharing information with partner agencies (where consent is provided) and ensure a victim centred approach.
- Protect children, young people and the most vulnerable within our communities, working in partnership, sharing relevant information and, where appropriate, taking action to support individuals through intervention and referral.

Current Situation

There has been a decrease in sexual crimes over the first half of 2017.
A large percentage of the crimes recorded in this category continue to be historical in nature.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

The East Lothian based Local Delivery Officer is tasked with co-ordinating and delivering prevention activity within East Lothian. This officer has been integral in the delivery of Bystander Training to Queen Margaret University Student Association. The aim of this is to reduce violence and sexual crime by challenging attitudes around consent, and is particularly important in light of recent media coverage by assisting to empower and inform our younger people. Further training is planned over this year. This builds upon the recent Student Safety Campaign focusing on all aspects of student life including online safety, home security and personal safety.

The Local Delivery Officer has delivered training events in partnership with Barnardo's, East and Midlothian Public Protection Partnership, Best Bar None and Police Scotland, raising awareness of the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and encouraging those who work in the night time economy to intervene or report their suspicions. An information leaflet has been developed to provide all licensed premises and taxi drivers with information about CSE. East Lothian officers have supported the work of the Risk Factory which is a purpose built venue that allows children to learn about safety and crime prevention through exposing them to practical scenarios supported by the Police and Fire Service.

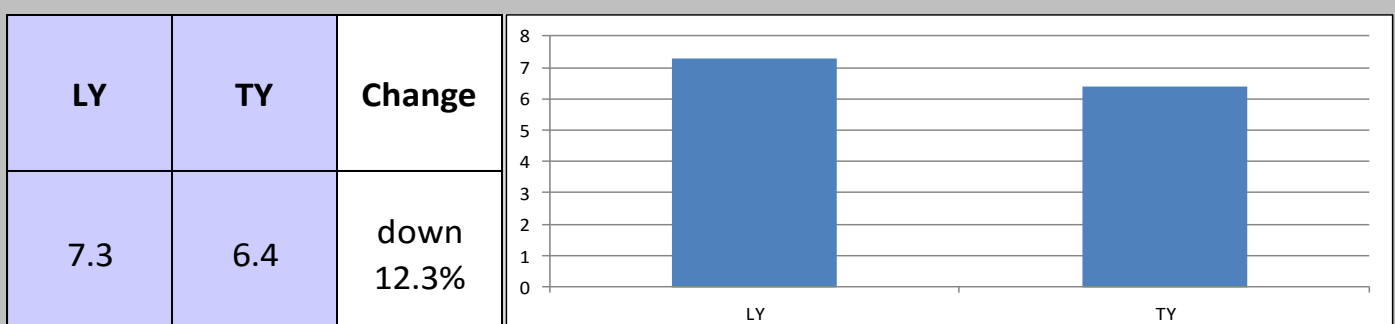
Intervention

Over the course of the coming weeks we will be launching the Keep Xmas Safe Campaign in East Lothian, involving social media, posters and road shows all aimed at providing safety advice and encouraging people to have a safe and enjoyable festive period. Additional re-assurance patrols will be undertaken by local officers and community wardens in towns and villages across the county.

Enforcement

Within East Lothian we have a dedicated divisional Public Protection Unit with specialist officers providing support and investigation lead. This is further supported by Divisional and National Domestic Investigation Units and Divisional and National Rape Investigation Units. These specialist officers are routinely deployed in East Lothian to support on-going investigations.

Sexual (Group 2) crimes per 10,000 population



Anti-social Behaviour Incidents

Our Intention

National

- Collaborate with local and national partners in order to better share information and prevent violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour linked to domestic properties and other private spaces.

Local

- Work in partnership to prevent and reduce antisocial behaviour and crimes of violence through early and effective intervention, enforcement and education
- Work in partnership to prevent drug and alcohol misuse through effective early intervention, education and enforcement.

Current Situation

The East Lothian Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordinating Group meet weekly to discuss and agree priority actions to reduce anti-social behaviour. This partnership approach is well embedded within East Lothian and has been successful in tackling ASB over the course of this year.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

When required Problem Solving Partnership's (PSP) have been instigated in East Lothian. This was made up of representatives of Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, East Lothian Council's Safer Communities and other agencies. Through regular meetings and increased patrols by Police Officers, Neighbourhood Outreach Workers and Community Wardens, Anti-social Behaviour has been effectively targeted in a number of areas.

Intervention

A youth diversionary initiative is currently being devised for the target group of S3 pupils. This initiative will provide young people with an experience of all aspects of Policing to foster better and more positive relations between young people and the Police.

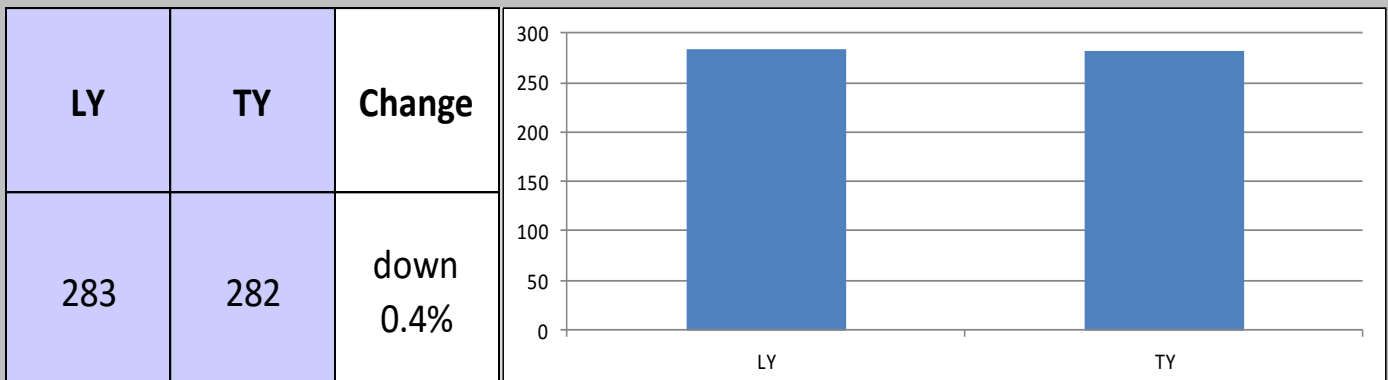
Enforcement

Our Halloween/Fireworks Initiative saw targeted and increased Police patrols during the Halloween/Fireworks period to reduce associated Anti-social behaviour.

An intelligence gathering 'The Writing's On The Wall' leaflet has been developed between East Lothian Council and Police Scotland and is being distributed by both Police and ELC staff to gather intelligence on ASB, Drugs and Vandalism.

Please also refer to the full report provided by Kenny Black, East Lothian Safer Communities Team Leader for full information.

Anti-social Behaviour Incidents (public reported) per 10,000 population



Racially Aggravated Conduct

Our Intention

National

- Use community engagement processes to identify barriers to Hate Crime reporting, support a preventative approach to reduce victimisation and develop an improvement plan to enhance service provision.
- Continue to devise and promote national campaigns to highlight the nature and extent of Hate Crime, encourage reporting and encourage public support to ensure such criminality is not tolerated.

Local

- Devise innovative and practical ways of fostering 3rd party reporting processes
- Continue to improve collaborative working processes between Youth Community Officers and our partners in education to promote and engender awareness of hate crime

Current Situation

Reports have shown an increase of 62%. The main areas of increase relate to point of sales, youths and adult neighbour disputes. Despite the increases, and as a result of strong governance processes in place, there is a detection rate of 78.6%.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

Working alongside ELC Safer Communities team and Queen Margaret University, we are raising awareness of Hate Crime, how victims can be supported and how to report incidents using the 3rd Party Reporting site.

We will continue to support national campaigns such as Hate Crime Awareness Week and we will continue to provide inputs on 3rd Party Reporting and Hate Crime Awareness.

Youth Community Officers provide regular inputs with Schools on the subject of Hate Crime, raising awareness of this subject. There is also a planned expansion of Third Party Reporting sites.

Intervention

We are engaging with Ross High LGBT Group to raise awareness of Hate Crime and how to report it.

Working alongside East Lothian Council and 'I am me' we will be rolling out the 'Keep Safe' initiative. 'I Am Me' is a community partnership charity developed in Renfrewshire, raising awareness of Disability Hate Crime. It aims to help people with a disability feel safe within their community.

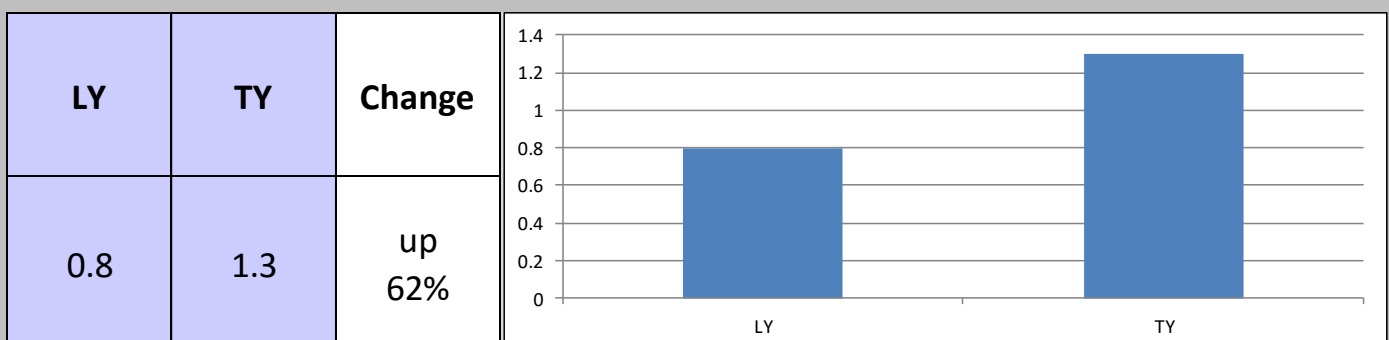
The Keep Safe initiative works with a network of local businesses such as shops, libraries and cafes who have agreed to make their premises a 'Keep Safe' place for people to go if they feel frightened, distressed or are the victim of crime when out in the community.

Enforcement

A thorough and robust investigation process is in place and monitored by Community Inspectors to consider repeat victims. Hate crime is also a standing agenda item on the daily Police Tactical Tasking and Co-ordinating process, providing governance.

Regular analysis of Hate Incidents is also undertaken in order to tackle any emerging trends.

Racially Aggravated Conduct crimes per 10,000 population



Crime of Dishonesty (Group 3)

Our Intention

National

- Support and develop current and new relationships that focus on prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance activities.
- Develop and deliver inputs for businesses to raise awareness of acquisitive crimes, cyber issues, insider threats and fraud.

Local

- Continue the work of the Local Delivery Officer to produce and enhance crime reduction in this key area
- Enhance the profile of understanding within 'at risk' groups in our communities

Current Situation

There has been an increase in crimes of dishonesty by 3% over the first half of this year. On a positive note there has been a large reduction in the crime of domestic housebreaking; this has reduced from 71 to 38. The main areas of increase relate to motor vehicles crimes and shoplifting offences.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

To combat shoplifting offences we have launched shopwatch in the Preston, Seton and Gosford area. This is a crime prevention retail partnership, including numerous retailers, providing an umbrella organisation to provide safety, security and increase detection rates.

In East Lothian numerous new developments are underway. Secure By Design Input is an Information seminar organised by Police Scotland in partnership with East Lothian Council Architectural Services and Planning and Building Control. This aims to raise awareness of the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

We have been involved in the promotion of the Rural Watch/Neighbourhood Watch National Alert, which is an alert system that allows targeted information to be disseminated to the communities that require it.

Further prevention activity is planned to combat and reduce vehicle related thefts. Focusing primarily on motorcycle owners, the initiative will engage with the motorcycle community to encourage owners to self-assess and maximise the security they have in place for their bikes and associated equipment.

Intervention

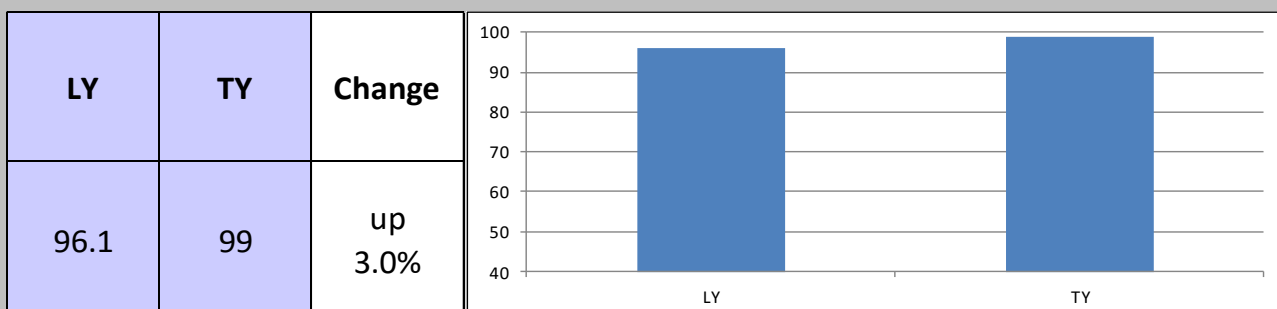
A Reducing Re-offending Group has recently been established as part of the East Lothian Community Justice Local Outcome Improvement Plan. This is a multi-agency approach to reduce or prevent offending.

Operation Monarda is the campaign to combat door step crime. This has included social media, talks to vulnerable groups and days of action targeting door step criminals.

Enforcement

Recent enforcement activity has resulted in the arrest of several high tariff offenders involved in shoplifting offences, a number of whom have subsequently been remanded in custody.

Crimes of Dishonesty (Group 3) crimes per 10,000 population



% Domestic Abuse Incidents that result in crime report

Our Intention

National

- Reduce barriers to reporting domestic abuse, including developing online reporting processes.
- Support victims of domestic abuse by working with partners to identify and fill gaps in service provision.

Local

- Continue rigorous local oversight and examination of the proportion of domestic abuse incidents that result in a crime report, thereby maintaining process integrity and statistical rectitude

Current Situation

This has shown a decrease of 1% in the total number of incidents that were initially reported as a domestic abuse incident, which have subsequently resulted in a domestic abuse crime report. The total number in this reporting period being 200.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

All operational officers are trained in risk assessment through the domestic abuse questionnaire, and the Domestic Abuse investigation unit lends expertise to deal with complex and high tariff cases.

Disclosure Scheme Domestic Abuse was rolled out nationally on 1 October 2015. Through the scheme people can request a disclosure if they believe their current partner may have an abusive past, or a request can be made on their behalf.

Intervention

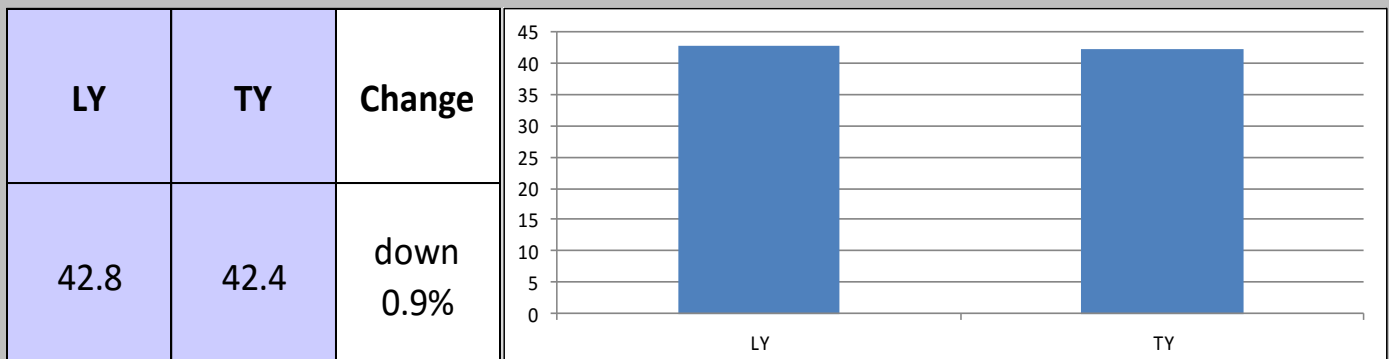
MATAC and MARAC meetings are adhered to and attended ensuring victims are given the protection and help they need, and perpetrators are targeted effectively.

iVPD's inform a key part of Risk & Concern management and assessment in conjunction with Partner Agencies, allied to strong national Police Scotland media campaigns.

Enforcement

A thorough and robust investigation process is in place, including reviews of all domestic abuse incidents by supervisors at an early stage, and detailed subsequent comprehensive analysis across a variety of specialist groups and officers, with a view to identifying any missed opportunities and adding rigour to the decision making process of crime types.

Proportion (%) of Domestic Abuse incidents which result in a Crime Report



Domestic Abuse Incidents

Our Intention

National

- Promote and evaluate the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS).
- Improve service provision for all victims of Domestic Abuse and identify a suitable national 'alarm' solution for vulnerable victims.

Local

- Through partnership working, identify those perpetrators who present the greatest risk of harm, actively targeting and utilising all available methods to reduce the threat posed by them and ensure the safety and wellbeing of victims and their families

Current Situation

There has been a small increase of 2%

The focus on Domestic Abuse since the formation of Police Scotland has resulted in an increase in reporting which has been evident in the longer term incident trend.

We would expect that this small increase provides evidence of a level with a good balance between proactively impacting on the issue and encouraging reporting.

It is also important to note that number of these reports are historical in nature and, as such, more complex to investigate.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

We will be looking to roll out the 'Bystander' training to other organisations throughout East Lothian.

We will continue to support national campaigns such as '16 days against Gender Based Violence' and the white ribbon campaign.

Intervention

Specially trained Crime Prevention Officers will be operate as directed by the MARAC, to provide security advice to victims of Domestic Abuse.

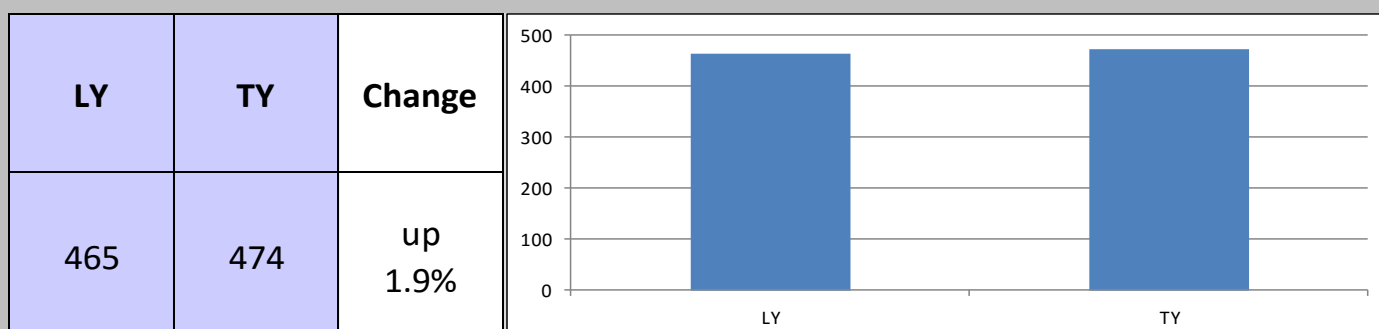
Enforcement

A thorough and robust investigation process is in place, and includes;

- Pro-active Domestic Abuse bail checks.
- MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination):
- MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference):
- Domestic Abuse investigation units (local and national) in place dealing with complex and high tariff cases.
- iVPD's
- Strong National Police Scotland media campaigns.

Locally, we recently undertook a proactive intelligence led operation to target outstanding domestic abuse perpetrators, which was very successful. We are constantly looking to incorporate new tactics and learning from such operations to continue the focus on tackling domestic abuse in our communities.

Number of Domestic Abuse incidents recorded



Road Casualties

Our Intention

National

- Develop and deliver a national Road Safety and Road Crime calendar of activity, which will be aligned to 'priority focus areas', as identified during the mid-term review of the Scottish Government's Road Safety Framework to 2020.
- Detect and deter all types of criminality on our roads through efficient use of intelligence and analytical products.

Local

- Improve driver behaviour and reduce injury on Scotland's roads, through engagement and proportionate enforcement of legislation.

Current Situation

There has been an increase in killed or seriously injured (KSI) from 12 to 24.

What are we doing next?

Prevention

2morrrows Driver is a multi-agency event specifically for East Lothian S6 pupils. The event, run by ELC Transportation, involves inputs from Police Scotland Roads Policing, the Baldy Bane Theatre Company, SPRS, and SPOKES (Lothian Cycle campaign).

Young Drivers Inputs at Torness involve our Roads Policing Officers providing information inputs, delivered to the young apprentices.

We will continue to engage with drivers both directly and indirectly through Social Media campaigns. Police will continue to support our partners in East Lothian Council, Amey and Transport Scotland to influence driver behaviour through education, and, where appropriate, enforcement and engineering. Police Scotland actively participate in the Road Safety Working Group.

Intervention

Junior Road Safety Officers and Police Scotland are supporting a Road Safety initiative run by ELC aimed at Primary School pupils.

The Close Pass initiative is being rolled out into next year.

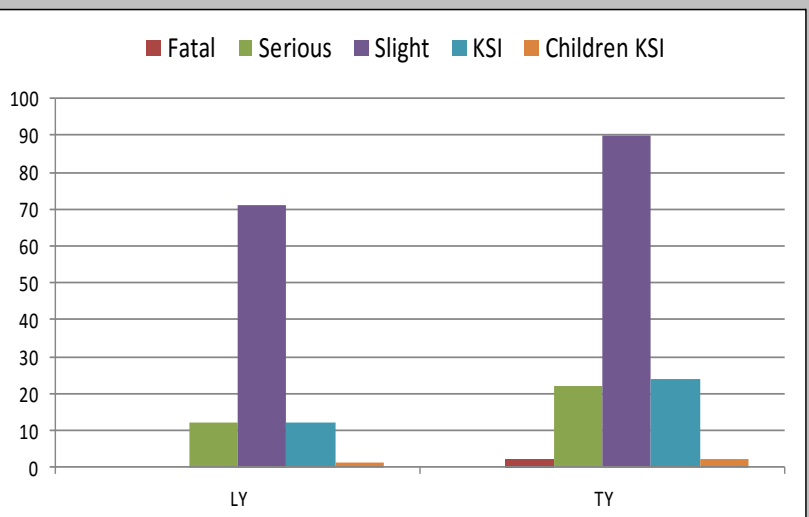
Enforcement

Our Vulnerable Road Users Campaign focuses on pedestrians, cyclists and children in car seats. There is also police activity focusing on parking around schools and speeding.

Through the Community and Police Partnership meetings, proactive, intelligence lead enforcement is regularly carried out across East Lothian. A cadre of community officers are trained in carrying out speed checks, with numerous speeding enforcement operations and road checks, directed via community information augmented by regular patrols and enforcement of any emerging issues around our communities' schools.

Road Casualties

	LY	TY	Change
Fatal	0	2	
Serious	12	22	up 83.3%
Slight	71	90	up 26.8%
KSI	12	24	up 100%
Children KSI	1	2	up 100%



Terrorism Awareness Week

National campaign featuring social media campaign and engagement with partners to raise awareness of Counter terrorism, including PREVENT and Run, Tell, Hide.

Suicide Prevention Week

Police Scotland working along with BTP, Choose Life, Radio Saltire and Queen Margaret University, providing and promoting information surrounding Suicide Prevention.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV)

The Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Programme has been a very successful undertaking, giving young people aged 10 – 18, an insight into policing in Scotland and inspires them to participate positively in their communities. PSYV in Scotland aim to:

- Promote a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people;
- Encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship;
- Support local policing priorities through volunteering;
- Give young people a chance to be heard; and
- Inspire young people to participate positively in their communities.

Locally, PSYV East Lothian volunteered at the Official Haddington fireworks display and bonfire event.

The event started with a spectacular torchlight procession, which saw the volunteers work alongside marshals. Thereafter the group was able to watch the bonfire and fireworks display before helping to clear up after the event. Another good event with an invite to return next year.

Volunteers from East Lothian have also performed duties and roles at East Fortune Airshow and the opening of the Queensferry Crossing.