



East Lothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



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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

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<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:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people.
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
3. 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 East Lothian’s population of **107,090 in 2019** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2020).

East Lothian Performance Summary Report
Reporting Period: April – March

Total Crime: (Group1-5) 3,735

Crime Decrease: - 4.33%

Protecting the most vulnerable people

Sexual Crime

19.3%



235 (38 more)

Hate Crime

29.0%



120 (27 more)

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

Serious Assault

-16.2%



31 (7 less)

Common Assault

-8.6%



715 (68 less)

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Crimes of Dishonesty

-15.6%



1,607 (298 fewer)

All Housebreaking

-28.7 %



189 (76 fewer)

Improving road safety

Road Traffic Casualties

- 33.3%



90 (45 fewer)

Executive Summary – Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell

I am delighted to present this year's scrutiny report which covers the period 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021. Covid 19 has had a significant impact on all our lives and this is reflected throughout this report however it will be difficult to assess the full impact of the pandemic on reported crime and it may be some time before we are able to fully assess this. 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, grasped and overcome the challenges presented. The pandemic has further tested and strengthened our collaborative approach and we have built even greater relationships to collectively provide the best service and outcomes for our communities.

We have kept our front counters open throughout the pandemic and sought different ways to reach out and communicate with our communities. Officers have engaged with people and groups using online platforms and with them all having their own Police mobile devices this has been very successful. We have and continue to have 'pop up' police events. This is where we attend at specific times and dates around the county and erect a pop up police station which allows the public to speak directly to officers without having to travel into a station. We have invested further in our social media and are posting updates on our activity more than ever, keeping people informed.

As part of our policing priorities, we have begun a scheme where we supply and install shed alarms to elderly and vulnerable residents who can be referred by friends or neighbours or identified by officers. During the installation, officers carry out a crime prevention survey but also deal with any vulnerability and make referrals to partner agencies where required. This scheme is advertised on our social media and has proved popular, particularly in the Musselburgh area recently following a spike in thefts from sheds.

We continue to deliver our policing response focussed on our priorities. In the last year through our community fund we have provided monetary donations to charities and youth groups including; Heavy Sound, Pennypitt Youth Centre, Bridges Project, Musselburgh Men's Shed, The Champions Board and others. Community officers work closely with these projects and assist them to improve outcomes for all.

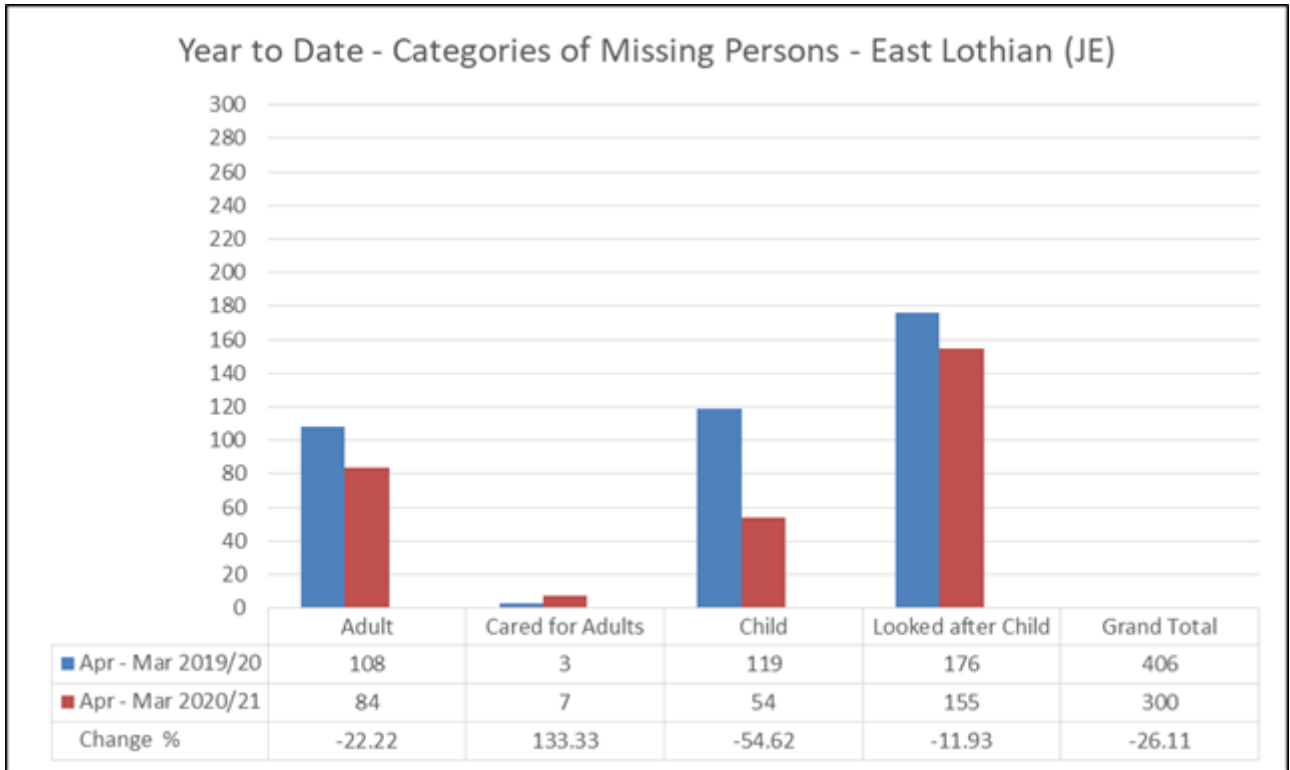
As we head into the summer months we will again work closely with partners to minimise the disruption to local communities brought through increased footfall at the beaches and beauty spots and work has been ongoing since February preparing for this. One of the great assets of a single national Police force is the ability to flex resources and East Lothian has certainly benefitted from this with resources from the Mounted Section, Motorbike Unit, Force Reserve, Operational Support Unit, Marine Unit, Safety Camera Partnership and more all being deployed regularly in the County.

In the latter months of this period we have seen an increase in large gatherings of youths. The majority of these are well behaved and only a small minority cause some form of disorder. We are exploring all options to support these young people and ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. We have also started a new Problem Solving Partnership (PSP) to tackle off-road motorcycling and the dangers that this can bring. This is a new PSP where all options will be explored to tackle the issue, whilst also looking at alternative, legal and safe areas for this activity to take place.

Nationally, we are piloting the use of body worn cameras and this will be done during COP26 however this is only for firearms officers and no officers in East Lothian will have cameras in the near future. We are increasing our roll out of Tasers to more officers, however at this time only a handful of officers are trained in East Lothian. Drones are currently used in remote areas up North and there are no plans to utilise these in East Lothian any time soon. We will continue to utilise the Force Helicopter for our searches.

Despite all the challenges this year has brought, I am really pleased with how we have adapted and delivered our policing response to make the area a safe place to live, work and visit.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Missing Persons
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The Lothians & Scottish Borders (J) Division and the communities of East Lothian 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
 Year 2020 / 2021 – 1468 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.

Work has been undertaken in respect of engaging with children identified as repeatedly being reported missing. This has led to several partnership meetings being convened to support these children. Input has also been provided to establishments for looked after children. This has led to a significant reduction in reported incidents involving such children and ensured support for them.

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During this reporting period the co-ordinated use of specialist resources and local police officers to search for several High Risk missing people resulted in positive outcomes with them being found.

Across the reporting period there has been an overall reduction in reports of missing persons. In 2019/20, 406 reports were received and investigated, however in this reporting period 300 reports were investigated which represents a total reduction of 26.1%. Reductions were seen in all categories except cared for adults which saw a very small increase from 3 reports to 7.

Work is well underway with introducing the Herbert protocol across the division and in the next reporting period we will be piloting a new process to support vulnerable people with autism which maximises opportunities to protect them should they be reported missing.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Domestic Abuse Incidents
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	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	1254	1163	-7.26%
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	692	672	-2.89%
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	39%	41%	2.30%
Total crimes and offences detection rate	71%	66%	-5.00%
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	64	77	20.31%

Domestic Abuse definition (Taken from the COPFS joint protocol on domestic abuse).

Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, co-habiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse can be committed in the home or elsewhere, including online.

The introduction of the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act 2018, has been welcomed as it recognises the multiple ways in which people are affected by domestic abuse. It has expanded the definition of what domestic abuse is in Criminal Law in Scotland and how police and the courts investigate and prosecute this crime. These crime types are recorded as a group 1 offence. This year we have reported 26 DASA offences, 23 of these were committed against females (4 more than 2019) and 3 committed against a male, 2 more than last year. We will continue to use this legislation whenever we can to bring offenders to justice and keep people safe.

In this reporting year reported incidents of domestic abuse have dropped by 7.26% and recorded crimes by 2.89% compared to 2019/20. The detection rate for domestic crimes dropped by 5%. Domestic abuse continues to be a priority for East Lothian and every incident reported is subject to intense intrusive scrutiny by a range of trained officer's 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 timeously manner through our Concern Hub.

It is clear that the Pandemic has undoubtedly has an impact on domestic abuse crimes and it may be some time before we are able to fully understand the full picture.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Hate Crime
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	2019/20	2020/21	Per 10,000
Hate Incidents	102	128	12.0
Hate Crimes	93	120	11.2
Hate Crime Detection Rate	81%	70%	

Hate Incident definition

Any incident 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 but which doesn't not constitute a criminal offence.

Hate Crime definition

A hate crime is a 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.

Social Groups

There are currently five social groups protected under hate crime legislation; Disability or presumed disability, race or presumed race (including Gypsy traveller groups), religion or presumed religion, sexual orientation or presumed sexual orientation and transgender identify or presumed transgender identify.

This period has seen an increase of 26 addition hate incidents and 27 hate crimes across the county compared to 2019/20. These reports have been scrutinised and assessed and there is no pattern or emerging threat to identify the reason for the increase. 29 of the 120 crimes recorded have been crimes perpetrated against a police officer whilst dealing with an incident. The detection rate for hate crime is 70%. Nationally we have seen an increase in hate crime of 3.5%.

Every hate incident and hate crime reported in East Lothian is subject to intense scrutiny. The Local Area Commander has overall responsibility for this, ensuring that incidents are not treated in isolation and processes are in place to identify repeat victims, offenders and locations and that steps are taken to support people and bring offenders to justice.

In the Lothian and Scottish Borders we have ten hate crime champions who are given additional training. Hate Crime Champions are a network of trained staff who are readily available to provide advice, support and assistance to colleagues in identifying and tackling the issues surrounding hate crime.

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Protecting the most vulnerable people. **Sexual Crimes (Group 2)**

Crime Type	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2020/21 Detection Rate
Group 2	197	235	19.29%	22.58	65.11%
Rape & Attempt Rape	41	39	-4.87%	3.75	102.5%
Indecent/ Sexual Assault	71	93	30.9%	8.93	62.37%
Other Group 2	84	103	22.6%	9.9	53.4%

Other than rape/attempted rape, there has been an increase in sexual crimes reported this year compared to last year. Overall, group 2 crimes have increased by 19.2% which equates to 38 additional crimes and the detection rate is 65.1%. Indecent assaults have increased by 30.9% with 22 more crimes being reported with a 62.3% detection rate. Other sexual crime increased by 19 crimes (22.6%). Reports of rape fell by 2 compared to last year and the 102.5% solvency rate reflects historical enquires that were reported in previous years but solved during this reporting period.

Many of the crimes recorded are non-contact offences perpetrated over the internet. It is difficult and will take some time to fully understand the impact the pandemic has had, both on offending and the reporting of sexual crime. The increased reporting of sexual crimes does not necessarily mean an increase in the incidence of crime and we know that overall sexual offences are under reported. We work very closely with our partners, especially support and advocacy services to encourage anyone to report these kind of crimes.

We have been running the 'Get Consent' campaign throughout April to highlight and raise awareness of consent and that without it, it is rape. This campaign has been spread across TV, radio and social media channels.

Protecting the most vulnerable people. **Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation**

Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population
38	49	28.95%	4.71

There has been an increase of 28.9% in drug supply charges libelled this year compared to 2019/20. Across the County there has been some significant recoveries including £100k of cannabis from an address in Tranent.

Possession of drugs offences increased from 390 to 487 which is also well above the 5 year average of 317. This increase highlights our pro-active approach and clear commitment to reducing substance misuse through partnership work and enforcement.

Operation Juneau

In October 2020 we implemented Operation Juneau which was our response to collaboratively tackle the harm caused in our communities through substance misuse. The initial 3 week enforcement phase led to 18 warrants executed, 46 people arrested, 58 charges libelled and over 50k in drugs seized. 206 targeted letter drops and 60 people given fast track referrals to partner agencies.

The Operation has continued with many more warrants executed, drugs seized and arrests made and this will continue through the year ahead. We supported vulnerable victims subjected to Cuckooing and robustly pursued those involved in County Lines drug dealing.

As a direct result of learning from the operation, a new information sharing process has been set up where people who have taken a near or non-fatal overdose now get referred to support services within 24 hours of police contact. Due to the success of this approach there is a plan to extend it across the rest of the division and ensure we are providing the best support services at the earliest possible time.

One of the main aims of Operation Juneau was to create a new multi-agency group to collectively tackle and minimise the impact of drug and alcohol harms on individuals, families and communities. We are really pleased that this group is now up and running and is called the ‘Substance Use Harms Co-ordinating Group’ and is chaired by Iain Gorman from the Health and Social Care Partnership.

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Crimes of Violence (Group 1)				
Crime Type	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q4 2020/21 Detection Rate
Group 1	88	101	14.77%	9.70	80.20%
Serious Assault	37	31	-16.22%	2.98	93.55%
Robbery	12	19	58.33%	1.83	84.21%
Common Assault	783	715	-8.68%	68.69	67.41%

We have seen an increase in group 1 crimes with 13 more crimes recorded compared to last year however this can be attributed to an increase in Section 1 DASA's (6 more) and threats and extortion (7 more). The vast majority of threats and extortion crimes are sexual crimes perpetrated online with a victim residing locally and a perpetrator usually in foreign country. A change in our crime recording processes mean these crimes are recorded with the location of the offence where the victim is, previously it was where the perpetrator was when they committed the crime.

Generally violence in East Lothian is down with 6 fewer victims of serious assault and 68 fewer victims of minor assault compared to last year. The 5 year average for serious assault is 39 and for minor assault it is 704. We have disappointingly seen an increase in crimes of robberies from 12 to 19 and this is 2 crimes above the 5 year average of 19, however detections remain high at 84.2%.

Common assault on emergency workers which includes all services, not just police officers has dropped by 19 crimes to 58 however is still above the five year average which is 47.

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Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
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Indicator	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (per 10,000 population)	5156	7135	38.38%

The significant increase recorded across ASB and disorder calls can be attributed directly to Covid 19 and the manner in which Police Scotland code the calls as they enter the system. All Covid 19 related calls are recorded as a public nuisance call [ASB] which has given an unrealistic increase in volume.

Across this period we have seen PSP’s created across Haddington Town Centre and Tranent High Street (Loch Centre). This was in relation to complaints made about an increase in disorder. We have been working closely with ELC Safer Communities teams and other agencies to reduce this disorder and used different tactics at each location.

We are committed to tackling all forms of ASB and disorder and will utilise all tools available to do this. In recent weeks we have seen an unprecedented increase in large gatherings of youths and are actively working with partners to tackle this.

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Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty and Housebreakings (group 3)
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All group 3 crimes

Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2020/21 Detection Rate
1905	1607	-15.64%	154.39	34.85%

Overall Group 3 crimes are down by 298 recorded crimes which equates to a 15.64% reduction. Detections for this group is 34.85%. It is acknowledged that through the lockdown period many more people were at home and alongside continued home working there is less opportunity for thieves to commit crime.

Housebreakings

Crime Type	2019/20	2020/21	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q4 2020/21 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	105	61	-41.90%	5.86	31.15%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	79	70	-11.39%	6.72	4.29%
Other (Business) HB	81	58	-28.40%	5.57	43.10%
All HB	265	189	-28.68%	18.16	24.87%

Domestic Dwellings (houses).

Theft by housebreakings of domestic homes is down by 41.9%, from 105 to 61 with solvency at 31.1%. This figure is well below the five year average for domestic housebreakings which is 113.

Non-dwelling.

Theft by housebreakings to non-dwelling which includes sheds, garages and outbuilding has decreased by 9 from 79 to 70 and this is below the 5 year average which is 85.

All HB

Across all housebreakings there is a 28.68% reduction and detections sit for this year at 24.87%.

Other crimes of dishonesty

These crimes include common theft, shopliftings, fraud, and theft from and of motor vehicles and shows a reduction in all areas except fraud. Shoplifting is down by 25.5%, Theft from a motor vehicle is down by 38.2% and common thefts are down by 19.5%.

We have seen a significant rise in reports of fraud, most of these crimes have been perpetrated online and have gone up from 160 last year to 284 this year, a rise of 124 crimes. This rise is replicated across other areas and can probably be seen as a consequence of the pandemic and people being at home longer.

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Improving Road Safety	Road Casualties
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	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change
Fatal	2	1	-50.00%
Serious	39	32	-17.95%
Slight	94	57	-39.36%

	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	Change
Dangerous driving	44	61	38.64%
Disqualified driving	24	30	25.00%
Driving Licence	79	141	78.48%
Insurance	241	400	65.98%
Drink/Drug Driving Detections	97	111	14.43%

Covid 19 brought challenges across all areas of business, however in East Lothian we saw a significant increase in road traffic through our coastal towns, bringing disruption and complaints from residents. Through our visitor management plan road and speed checks are consistently carried out which has contributed to making our roads safer but has resulted in large increases across our Group 7 figures.

Making our roads safer is a key priority and we have focussed our resources across all the towns and villages of the county to carry out speed checks. Overall there has been a 33.3% reduction in collisions where someone has been injured. There was one fatal accident compared to 2 last year, 7 less serious injury accidents and 37 less minor accidents.

We have purchased new equipment, including our new 'road safety crew' which we will deploy to local schools and have created a diary of events to have these at every primary school in East Lothian this year.

We continue to deploy our 'pop up cops' Jim and Jemima and work closely with Community Councils and partnerships to address local concerns around speeding. We have made use of national resources and utilised the Safety Camera Partnership at key hotspot locations.

We have carried out initiatives to combat off road bikes and have a new PSP set up to deal with that issue.

As we approach the warmer months we will again have significant national resources out on our roads to keep people safe. Currently the National Motorcycle Safety Campaign is underway and will continue throughout the summer. We have additional national resources patrolling the roads in the County promotion and enforcing road safety.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
<p>In November 2020 the National Terror Threat Level was reduced from SEVERE meaning an attack is highly likely, to SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely.</p> <p>Response Policing officers in East Lothian have received CT training ACT for Policing – Your Vital Role (Action Counters Terrorism). This is a campaign to raise awareness of the vital role front line officers play in spotting the signs of attack planning and radicalisation of individuals.</p> <p><u>Operation Aident</u></p> <p>Over the summer months complaints were received in relation to groups of persons picking cockles and razor clams across the beaches. Working closely with ELC, additional signage was placed detailing the regulations and health concerns. The Gang Masters Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) received 219 intelligence reports in relation to shellfish gathering activity across the UK between 01/04/20 and 31/07/20 (an increase of 267% from 2019), 235 separate sightings of shellfish gathering taking place in 70 different locations in the UK.</p> <p>In East Lothian, there was a significant increase in reported incidents and intelligence being received in relation to shellfish gathering taking place at Musselburgh beach involving Asian ethnicity, most commonly Chinese and Vietnamese nominals. In light of this a multi-agency operation was initiated under Operation Aident.</p> <p>Police working alongside GLAA and East Lothian Council have been involved in high visibility patrols at beaches across the County where nominals of Chinese nationality were observed hand gathering shell fish. Appropriate multi-agency action taken has been taken.</p> <p>Information leaflets, produced in Chinese were distributed and positive engagement and interaction with local residents was also observed alongside positive media coverage.</p> <p>We continue to monitor applications for nail bar licences and other similar premises to ensure organised crime groups do not infiltrate the area.</p> <p><u>County Lines</u></p> <p>County Lines refers to drug dealers from large cities who expand their operations into smaller towns. They endeavour to exploit young and vulnerable people to sell drugs, carry cash and weapons – bringing violence, coercion and abuse. They may also take over a vulnerable person’s house – known as cuckooing’. This activity does take place in East Lothian and across Scotland in general. People involved in County Lines have been subject to enforcement throughout the year as part of Operation Juneau as well as national campaigns.</p> <p><u>Breaking the Chain</u></p> <p>Labour exploitation occurs in every community across Scotland, here and now. It remains a hidden crime and analysis suggests it is significantly underreported. We have supported this campaign and in recent weeks we have conducted joint visits with the GLAA and Environmental Health to houses across the County checking on the welfare and living conditions of farm and factory workers.</p>	

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Complaints	Complaints against the Police
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	Number of Complaints		Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
Complaints	110		41.7	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations	81	0	64	145

Breakdown of complaints

<i>Allegation Category and Type</i>	<i>LYTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>% change</i>
On Duty - TOTAL	89	81	-9.0%
Assault	6	2	-66.7%
Discriminatory Behaviour	1	0	-100.0%
Excessive Force	7	6	-14.3%
Incivility	18	23	27.8%
Irregularity in Procedure	48	44	-8.3%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	2	100.0%
Other - Non Criminal	4	3	-25.0%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	1	0	-100.0%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	36	64	77.8%
Policy/Procedure	4	13	225.0%
Service Delivery	14	16	14.3%
Service Outcome	18	35	94.4%
Grand Total	125	145	16.0%

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 East Lothian area command for this period. The second table lists the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a small decrease of 8 less on duty complaints when comparing LYTD and YTD.

East Lothian Community Action Team (ELCAT)

The East Lothian Community Action Team is a council funded team of four police Constables. Three of these are operational officers deployed in line with local priorities and the fourth officer is based within the George Johnston Centre, working alongside the Council Safer Communities Team.

Remit

- The provision of a flexible police response based on identified incidents and intelligence;
- The provision of a high profile police presence within East Lothian to help deter crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour;
- Liaison with the East Lothian Safer Communities Team in crime prevention and reduction strategies;
- Liaison with, and sharing of information with the Council's solicitors, under the current information sharing agreement (ISA), required to support applications to the court made by the Council under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 and the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

These operational officers work alongside Community Policing officers to collectively deliver the best outcomes for the communities of East Lothian aligned to the Local Policing Plan priorities.

Across this reporting period the team have been instrumental in seizing over 250k of drugs which has included cannabis, heroin and cocaine. All their activity is recorded on a quarterly report which is widely circulated to key stakeholders. They deploy alongside East Lothian Council community wardens and other partners to collectively reassure our communities.

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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"> • Work with partners to ensure the 'Herbert Protocol' is implemented to help trace people with dementia who go missing. • Work with Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership and other partners to educate young people about substance abuse. • Promote and deliver 'Bystander Training' to prevent offences of a sexual nature and hate crimes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is ongoing with the Missing Person Co-ordinator to have this process implemented across the whole division. • Work has been progressed through the Preventions and Partnership officers to deliver training. Meetings have been set up with all Head Teachers to get an understanding of how they want to progress this during the Covid period. • MELDAP have produced leaflets on Nitrous Oxide which we have used. • Work is ongoing with Strategic leads to prepare an action plan to deal with a rise in youth related alcohol consumption. • We are looking at other opportunities to deliver this until Covid is dealt with. Additional officers from across East Lothian have been trained in Bystander. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work will commence once the initial challenges of COVID reduce as much of it is in care homes etc. We will get the plan in place so it is ready to go once the green light has been given. • The new Substance Use Harms Co-ordinating Group has been set up and actions progressing. • The LAC has a meeting with heads of service and all head-teachers to look at best practice and how we deliver prevention messages within school. • The LAC and Head of Education are writing a letter to all parents regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug consumption. • Additional staff are being trained to deliver this training.

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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 East Lothian Community Action Team to hotspot areas, as identified through partnership meetings and analysis of information. Promote preventative programmes in schools including 'No Knives, Better Lives' and 'Fearless'. Promote Pub Watch schemes to enhance the current footprint across East Lothian. Continue to work with partners using Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) and Parental Advisory Letters (PAL). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELCAT have worked closely with ELC in the Tranent PSP and the Haddington PSP. Closer working and patrols has been done with community wardens. Local Sgt has input in PSP meetings. Social media shared by partners has been posted. ELCAT and CPT tasked directly towards intelligence driven issues. Additional PAL letters have been issued to ELC ASB Only Social Media activity at this time Planning is underway to re-invigorate these schemes and introduce new ones. We continue to commit to the PAL scheme and have reinvigorated this with increased scrutiny and support for the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing joint deployments and sharing of information to format weekly deployments. A weekly ASB plan is distributed to gain an understanding of all agencies resources available to tackle ongoing issues. A new meeting weekly has been created with relevant ELC and Police staff to share information on ongoing issues. Plan to deliver this online and in person has been created and will be discussed with Head teachers in the coming months. New preventions officer will draw up an action plan with Graeme Bairden and ELC licensing to drive this forward. Discussion on the governance of PSP's to ensure resources are deployed to the right area.

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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"> Identify and engage with repeat offenders through East Lothian based projects to reduce reoffending such as the 'Transform' and 'Connect' programmes Continue to promote 'Neighbourhood Watch', (NWS), 'Rural Watch' (RW) and associated public alert systems Continue to support 'secured by design' initiative, encouraging developers and architects to work alongside our 'designing out crime' officers to create sustainable and safe places to live. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing with CJSW to review these projects through the CJP. A new Information sharing process is underway which supports drug users and get support to them quicker. CPT Sergeant reviewing the Transform group. We continue to use rural alerts, Twitter and Facebook have been extensively used across East Lothian and we now link in with ELC and other partners. Preventions officer is now trained in Architectural Prevention and is liaising with planners across the county to ensure new housing estates meet the criteria and are safe spaces. All our local construction sites have been visited and offered crime prevention surveys. Some have taken this up and some haven't. Initial indications suggest that there isn't an issue at this time regards acquisitive crime on construction sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-agency approach through the Reducing Re-offending work stream of the CJP taking ownership of the group and identifying better ways to refer. Owing to COVID, we haven't made much headway with increasing the use and awareness of NWS and RW. Plans are in place for the preventions officer to take this on with a view to increasing awareness and membership. ELPARC have a live action to promote this platform and are actively doing so, increasing awareness at various events and online forums. Blindwells and other large construction sites are going to be here and in the build stage for many years. We will focus our work, create relationships and ensure the advice and information is provided to the right people at the right time.

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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"> Continue to deliver road safety inputs to nursery to P5 children in all our schools and support the annual 'Tomorrow's Drivers' event in Musselburgh aimed at high school pupils learning to drive or newly passed their test. Work with partners to assist with the development of a strategy for severe weather issues, particularly wind, on the A1. Undertake speeding initiatives to support community concerns in relation to road safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing completed thus far due to Covid. New Road Safety crew purchased. New speed gun purchased. To work closer with Local resilient partners. (LRP) Nothing done on this since the start of the year. Transport for Scotland and Bear are aware and multi-agency approach required. Numerous speed checks done Road safety vans deployed Pop up police for speed issues deployed. Road checks done and numerous drivers charged for speeding. Linked in with 3 community councils regarding speeding concerns. Social Media awareness. Patrols at schools by CPT Linked into RP patrol matrix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for new preventions officer Plan for roll out of training Work with schools Utilise appropriate social media Provide training to school staff. A full calendar of 'road safety crew' deployments has been created which takes the prevention tools to all primary schools across the County. Continued use and increased use of social media. Discuss with CC challenges of speed patrols Discussion on community speed initiatives.

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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"> Continue to identify vulnerable persons exploited by organised- criminals making use of cuckooing and county lines and utilising legislation and enforcement to detect offenders. Tackle rural crimes commonly associated with organised crime groups, such as hare coursing, fly tipping, rural theft, off-road bikes and poaching through the East Lothian Partnership Against Rural Crime. 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"> Participated in the national day of action. Raised awareness over social media Held days of action on Poaching, wildlife crime, cockle picking etc – all linked to OCG. Provided awareness at pop up events in Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and Haddington Farmers Market. Held days of action on Poaching, wildlife crime, cockle picking etc – all linked to OCG. Provided awareness at pop up events in Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and Haddington Farmers Market. Targeted SM campaign and use of rural watch. Promoting materials on Social media. Raise awareness, first with police officers through briefings and PowerPoints. Raise awareness with partners through ELPARC. Videos and other aids shared through the group. Closely linked in with Human Trafficking SPOC around some of the challenges faced in EL. Held days of action around OC and ensured all processes were followed and identified learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion with ELC to ensure continued best use of licensing nail bars etc. Work with ELC to improve signage at key locations for cockle picking and poaching. Work with ELPARC to ensure a coordinated approach and task them to organise days of action and training videos. Continue to promote these at pop up police events, such as Haddington Farmers Market. Work with ELPARC to ensure a coordinated approach and task them to organise days of action and training videos. Videos and briefings to be improved upon and shared widely Ensure the protection of farm and factory workers working closely with GLAA

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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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
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	33	35	0.7	100.00
Other alcohol related offences*	52	17	0.34	100.00

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<i>Drunkness 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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East Lothian	2019/20 Q4	2020/21 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2020/21	Detection Rates 2020/21
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	88	101	9.7	80.20
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	-	-	-	x
Attempted murder	1	1	0.1	100.00
Serious assault	37	31	2.98	93.55
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	12	19	1.83	84.21
Domestic Abuse (of female)	19	23	2.21	78.26
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1	3	0.29	100.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	20	26	2.5	80.77
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	10	5	0.48	100.00
Threats and extortion	4	11	1.06	36.36
Other group 1 crimes	4	8	0.77	62.50
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	197	235	22.58	65.11
Rape	41	38	3.65	102.63
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	-	1	0.1	100.00
Rape and attempted rape - Total	41	39	3.75	102.56
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	5	3	0.29	33.33
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	37	75	7.21	61.33
Lewd & libidinous practices*	29	15	1.44	73.33
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	71	93	8.93	62.37
Prostitution related crime - Total*	1	-	-	x
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	6	11	1.06	90.91
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	19	23	2.21	52.17
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	4	13	1.25	38.46
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	9	8	0.77	75.00
Public indecency (common law)	1	1	0.1	100.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	29	26	2.5	38.46
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	3	2	0.19	150.00
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	13	19	1.83	42.11
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	84	103	9.9	53.40
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	1905	1607	154.39	34.85
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	105	61	5.86	31.15
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	79	70	6.72	4.29
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	81	58	5.57	43.10
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	265	189	18.16	24.87
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	58	43	4.13	27.91
Theft of a motor vehicle	108	96	9.22	64.58

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Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	128	79	7.59	35.44
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	8	5	0.48	60.00
Motor vehicle crime - Total	302	223	21.42	47.09
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	24	23	2.21	13.04
Common theft	495	398	38.24	22.11
Theft by shoplifting	474	353	33.91	57.51
Fraud	160	284	27.28	16.20
Other Group 3 Crimes	185	137	13.16	49.64
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	871	775	74.45	32.00
Fireraising	37	24	2.31	37.50
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	782	688	66.1	28.20
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1	1	0.1	0.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	42	58	5.57	74.14
Other Group 4 Crimes	9	4	0.38	50.00
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	843	1017	97.7	94.10
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	26	29	2.79	100.00
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	30	37	3.55	94.59
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	20	16	1.54	100.00
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	5	12	1.15	91.67
Total offensive/bladed weapons	81	94	9.03	96.81
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	6	11	1.06	90.91
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	32	38	3.65	78.95
Bringing drugs into prison	-	-	-	x
Supply of drugs - Total	38	49	4.71	81.63
Possession of drugs	390	487	46.79	92.20
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	3	-	-	x
Total drugs crimes	431	536	51.49	91.23
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	1	-	-	x
Bail offences (other than absconding)	145	199	19.12	97.99
Other Group 5 crimes	185	188	18.06	96.81
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	1715	1774	170.43	74.97
Common Assault	706	657	63.12	64.54
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	77	58	5.57	100.00
Common Assault - Total	783	715	68.69	67.41
Breach of the Peace	25	24	2.31	100.00
Threatening & abusive behaviour	630	694	66.67	83.00
Stalking	13	34	3.27	82.35
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	668	752	72.25	83.51
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	31	31	2.98	100.00
Drunk and incapable	9	6	0.58	100.00
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	18	22	2.11	100.00
Other alcohol related offences*	9	4	0.38	100.00
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	36	32	3.07	100.00
Wildlife offences*	10	13	1.25	38.46

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Other Group 6 offences	187	231	22.19	65.80
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	966	1328	127.58	85.92
Dangerous driving offences	44	61	5.86	86.89
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	97	111	10.66	80.18
Speeding offences	-	-	-	x
Driving while disqualified	24	30	2.88	100.00
Driving without a licence	79	141	13.55	98.58
Failure to insure against third party risks	241	400	38.43	99.50
Seat belt offences	-	-	-	x
Mobile phone offences	-	-	-	x
Driving Carelessly	88	139	13.35	91.37
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	-	-	-	x
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	101	116	11.14	97.41
Other Group 7 offences	292	330	31.7	58.18