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## East Lothian Area Command

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The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

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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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Keeping people safe  
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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. Reducing acquisitive Crime;
4. Improving road safety;
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime.

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2022 to March 2023 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



## Executive Summary

I am delighted to present this end of year scrutiny report and my first as East Lothian Local Area Commander, which covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The year has continued to see demand on our local Policing resources for national events with the most significant being the Policing operation around the death of her late Majesty, The Queen. Officers from across East Lothian were involved in this operation and their dedication and flexibility was key in contributing to the overall success of the operation whilst continuing to provide an effective service to the communities across East Lothian.

Within the Local Policing Plan 2023-2026, which was launched in April, we have not changed our Policing priorities from those previously identified however we have reflected the growth in online criminality over the last few years by including protecting people in the digital world as well as the physical world as priority number one. This can only be achieved with the support of our partners and I look forward to seeing work around these priorities develop through the East Lothian Strategic Partnership and the various sub-groups that are in the process of setting up around this. Protecting vulnerable people will always be central to our role and it is worth reflecting on the fact that over 80% of calls received by Police do not result in a crime being recorded and reflects an ongoing need to respond and help vulnerable people within our communities with the help of partners.

Despite the challenges of the last year I am pleased that we have seen an overall decrease in important areas of Anti-social behaviour and Hate crime however in recognising this there is still work to be done to tackle the increase in common assaults and working within our communities and with partners to make them safer, respectful and more tolerant of others.

Funding and resources remain a constant challenge in the face of a rapidly expanding population in East Lothian however as we move forward I am confident that we will continue to adapt our approach and flex our officers to keep the communities of East Lothian safe for all including the many visitors we expect to see over the summer months.

One of the really positive aspects of work over the last 12 months has been the development of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV). This group of young people have volunteered with Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom Community Garden after it was targeted by vandals, assisting with clearing up so they could update perimeter security with additional funds being donated towards extra security measures. The group will be volunteering at Longniddry Gala day and the Edinburgh Marathon Festival and are continually on the lookout for volunteering opportunities in the area. Recruitment will commence again during the summer.

We continue to work with East Lothian Partnership Against Rural Crime (ELPARC) and the National Rural & Acquisitive Crime Unit (NRACU) to combat rural crime, improve engagement with our rural communities and deliver effective crime prevention. On 17<sup>th</sup> May ELPARC hosted a walk in event at Luffness Mains, Aberlady. Which allowed a range of partners to attend including, SFRS (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), BHS (British Horse Society), NFUS (National farmers Union Scotland), East Lothian Countryside Rangers Service, East Lothian Council Anti-Social Behaviour Wardens, SPARC (Scottish Partners Against Rural Crime), NRACU (National Rural Acquisitive Crime Unit), Neighbourhood Watch and Business Crime Preventions. Events such as this represent a chance to strengthen our relationship with farmers along with rural residents and businesses, whilst providing cutting edge crime prevention advice and demonstrations.

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.
- Year 2021/2022 – 1613\* missing person investigations.
- Year 2022/2023 – 1690\* missing person investigations

\*different criteria used to count

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 incidents involving missing people.

In East Lothian we review the circumstances of every missing person report to identify any vulnerability and we will then link in with partners to ensure appropriate support is provided to keep that individual safe.

We recognise that a large proportion of young people who are reported missing in East Lothian are care experienced. Many of these young people have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences and through no fault of their own can be placed far away from their families and friends which can be a contributing factor in them absconding. We have continued to work with care establishments to support the development of individual care plans and with statutory agencies in East Lothian and other local authority areas to ensure young people are placed in the most appropriate unit.

We have continued to raise awareness of the Herbert Protocol and Autism Missing Person Protocol to protect those individuals where Dementia/Alzheimer's is a factor in them going missing. This protocol applies to individuals living in a care setting and in their own homes.

During this reporting period we have been able to draw on national resources such as Dog handlers and Air and Marine Support as well as our partners including Her Majesty's Coastguard and Mountain Rescue teams to safely trace a number of High Risk missing persons.



<b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Incidents</b>
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	5yr Average	Q4 2022/23	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	1142.2	1169	2.35
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	620.6	637	2.64
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	40.06	38.24	-1.83
Total crimes and offences detection rate	68.70	62.17	-6.63
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	57.2	73	27.62

**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.*

Tackling domestic abuse alongside Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a national strategic priority for Police Scotland. We have multi-agency partnership arrangements in place through MATAC (Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating – Offenders) and MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing – victims) to both manage high risk offenders and provide appropriate support to vulnerable/repeat victims and survivors. In addition to these groups the newly formed East Lothian Equally Safe Group will begin meeting to discuss local partnership working around VAWG.

In partnership with colleagues in Midlothian we have formed a Domestic Abuse enquiry team to ensure that any criminal incident which cannot be immediately resolved at the time is investigated promptly thereafter with a specialist team which has already progressed 13 investigations to conclusion since it started in February this year.

This year we have seen the overall number of domestic incidents and crimes recorded as a result remain consistent with the 5 year average which is encouraging given the population growth within East Lothian. We have however seen a decrease of in detection rates compared to the same reporting period last year which is disappointing. In East Lothian we have robust scrutiny arrangements in place with every domestic incident reviewed on a daily basis

by the Local Area Commander and Detective Inspectors from the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and Public Protection Unit so every opportunity to detect the crime is maximised.

We continue to proactively target offenders who breach bail conditions set for domestic abuse cases and we have seen an increase of such detections compared to the same reporting period last year. It should be noted that this is in line with more offenders being on bail and a backlog of cases going through court.

We continue to promote the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) which gives people the right to ask about the background of their partner to see if they have been abusive in the past. It also allows concerned families, friends and professionals such as midwives and social workers to make a referral to the scheme. DSDAS gives Police Scotland the power to tell people they may be at risk even if they have not asked for the information themselves. The numbers of referrals to the DSDAS scheme are not as high as other local authority areas in the division and this is something which could be improved upon.

Dunbar Grammar School was chosen as one of a handful of schools across Scotland to pilot a new Police Scotland domestic abuse education toolkit and after a successful evaluation it is hoped this will be rolled out across all our high schools in forthcoming months alongside continuing work at Queen Margaret University.

Later this year officers from across East Lothian will support the 16 days of action for the Violence Against Women and Girls and addition to this we will be running our own week long campaign in June. Alongside this we continue to support other national campaigns such as "DON'T BE THAT GUY" aimed at encouraging peers to challenge abusive and unacceptable behaviour.

<b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b>	<b>Hate Crime</b>
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East Lothian			
	5 year average	Q4 2022/23	Q4 Per 10,000
Hate Incidents	107.8	108	10.08
Hate Crimes	99.4	75	7.00
Hate Crime Detection Rate	74.65	45.33	

**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 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 identity or presumed transgender identity.

This period has seen an overall decrease of hate crimes compared to the 5 year average with the number of hate incidents remaining stable. This reflects the positive work undertaken by local Community officers to respond quickly to reports of hate crime and take robust action around perpetrators as seen in a recent trend in Musselburgh.

Every hate incident and hate crime reported in East Lothian is subject to intense scrutiny with the Local Area Commander having overall responsibility for this. This ensures that incidents and/or crimes are not treated in isolation and processes are in place to identify repeat victims, locations and offenders. We investigate all such reports robustly to bring perpetrators to justice whilst working with partners to support victims.

We continue to implement "Keep Safe" which is a partnership initiative developed with Police Scotland and "I Am Me" community led charity to raise awareness and increase reports of Disability Hate Crime. "Keep Safe" works with local businesses to create a network of safe places for disabled, elderly, and vulnerable people to go if they are lost, scared, need help, or if they are the victim of crime. We now have 40 Keep Safe premises within the East Lothian area, which enables vulnerable members of our community to partake in community life. Keep Safe premises vary from shops, to cafés and restaurants, fitness centres and libraries. Plans are in place to roll out further around community councils and recruit more premises.

<b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b>	<b>Sexual Crimes (Group 2)</b>
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<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>5 Year average</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>YTD Per 10,000 population</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate</b>
Group 2	207	212	2.42%	19.8	51.42%
Rape & Attempt Rape	36	39	8.33%	3.64	53.85%
Indecent/Sexual Assault	81	80	-1.23%	7.47	45.00%
Other Group 2	89.8	93	3.56%	8.68	55.91%

Overall, group 2 sexual crimes have remained stable in all areas when compared to the 5 year average which is positive in the face of both the numbers of visitors to East Lothian and the overall population growth in the county.

Many of the other group 2 crimes recorded are non-contact offences perpetrated over the internet often from suspects out with East Lothian which poses its own challenges in terms of identifying and bringing offenders to justice. We recognise that sexual offences continue to be under reported and will continue to work closely with our partners through the Violence Against Women and Girls Working Group and the Equally Safe Group, to encourage and support victims to report sexual crimes.

We have worked in partnership with Queen Margaret University to support the Violence Against Women and Girls agenda including the provision of “by-stander” training to licensed premises. Our school link officers continue to provide inputs on internet safety to our young people to raise awareness and keep them safe and we are hopeful that a recent pilot undertaken in Dunbar High School, raising awareness of Violence Against Women and Girls, will go live across the country.

<b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b>	<b>Drug Supply, Production &amp; Cultivation</b>
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<b>Drugs Supply</b>	<b>5 year average</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>YTD Per 10,000 population</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate</b>
Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation	43.2	44	1.85%	4.11	100.00%

There has been an increase in drug supply charges libelled this year which is reflective of the renewed activity of our Proactive Crime Team following the conclusion of other priority investigations.

We remain committed to preventing the harm caused by the misuse of drugs and have continued to refer individuals who have taken a near or non-fatal overdose to support services within 24 hours of police contact.

Police Scotland has now completed its rollout of Naloxone to all local policing divisions across Scotland. Intra-nasal Naloxone is now standard issue kit for officers up to, and including, the rank on Inspector and officers are reminded it must be carried by all equipped officers on every shift.

The national roll out of the Naloxone nasal spray which can be safely given to those who have taken an overdose without any adverse effects has had a positive impact and has been used on 2 occasions in East Lothian since implementation.

<b>Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Crimes of Violence (Group 1)</b>
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Crime Type	5 year average	Q4 2022/23	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate
Group 1	96.8	126	30.17%	11.77	61.11%
Serious Assault	38.2	32	-16.23%	2.99	87.50%
Robbery	17.4	12	-31.03%	1.12	75.00%
Common Assault	764.6	996	30.26%	93.01	62.25%

\*Common assaults are not recorded as group 1 crimes.

We have seen an increase in group 1 crimes with 30 more crimes than the 5 year average. Encouragingly our solvency in these areas is above 60% and higher in regard to more extreme crimes of violence such as robbery and serious assault which leads to confidence that the more violent offenders are being brought to justice.

The increase in group 1 crimes can mainly be attributed to an increase in Section 1 Domestic Abuse Scotland Act (DASA) offences and threats and extortion. The vast majority of threats and extortion crimes are “sextortion” offences whereby victims are encouraged to share intimate images or videos with individuals they have met on line and are then threatened that these will be distributed to friends and family unless monies are paid. These generally involve victims living locally with the perpetrator often operating from abroad. These crimes are difficult to solve due to the different social platforms and jurisdictions involved. Our focus is on providing support to victims and raising awareness through social media campaigns. We recognise that the Police Service may not be the best agency to promote messages around this crime type and we will continue to work with partners, including education and student bodies to tailor and deliver messages to the demographic groups most impacted.

We have trained more officers to deliver the “No knives better lives” programme in our schools and we have also worked with Heavy Sounds to provide targeted inputs from those with lived-experience of knife crime to groups of young people whose behaviour is causing concern in the community.

Crimes of violence within licensed premises continue to be monitored on and we do not have any monitored Licensed Premise in East Lothian.

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<b>Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Reducing Antisocial Behaviour</b>				
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<b>Indicator</b>	<b>5 Year Average</b>	<b>2022-23 Q4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>TYTD Per 10,000 population</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate</b>
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	5716.6	4593	-19.66		
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	718.8	691	-3.87%	64.53	19.68%
Fire-raising	39.2	45	14.80%	4.2	24.44%
Breach of the Peace and S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	669.2	574	-14.23%	53.6	77.53%

We have again seen a significant decrease (1,123 less) in incidents recorded as ASB in comparison to the 5 year average which is no longer attributable to Covid 19 restrictions and reflects positively on the hard work done by the Community and Police Partnerships in identifying and addressing ASB before it becomes a long term problem and emphasised by the fact that we do not have any live Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs) currently.

One of the many positive features of East Lothian remains the work on ASB undertaken with our partners and is it is important to pay tribute to this particularly through the weekly meeting of the East Lothian Tasking and Coordination Group. In addition our school link officers work closely with partners to support young people and their families to improve their behaviour and reduce vulnerabilities.

As we move towards the summer months when we expect an increase in visitors to coastline of East Lothian we are increasing our joint patrols with the countryside rangers and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to target ASB and accidental fires associated with wild camping as well as undertaking joint enforcement of the new bylaws in relation to overnight parking and camping.

We have continued work on a Bus Safety Charter with local representatives in order to continue to tackle ASB on our bus network in a joined up approach which uses innovative ways to educate bus users on acceptable behaviour and conduct.

<b>Reducing Acquisitive Crime</b>	<b>Dishonesty (group 3)</b>
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<b>5 Year Average</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>YTD Per 10,000 population</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate</b>
1837.4	1667	-9.27%	155.66	23.70%

Overall we have seen a drop in Group 3 Crimes reported this year compared to the 5 year average.

Fraud continues to account for a large proportion of Group 3 crimes which is a national trend with most of it being cyber-enabled.

We have continued to promote national fraud awareness crimes through our social media accounts. We have provided face-to-face fraud prevention inputs to elderly residents, both in their own homes and in care settings. We visit all victims of high value frauds and those who we deem may be vulnerable to carry out crime prevention surveys and provide advice and reassurance.

We continue to work locally with Trading Standards and Trusted Traders to provide residents with advice re bogus workers and signpost them to Trusted Traders as well as working with our partners through Operation Janaca to target bogus callers. Plans are being made for events throughout the summer months, including a day visit from the Scam van in June and prior to autumn where there is historically a pickup in the bogus workman trade.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking				
<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>5 Year Average</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>YTD Per 10,000 population</b>	<b>Q4 2022/23 Detection Rate</b>
Dwelling HB	85.8	80	-6.76%	7.47	25.00%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	83.4	74	-11.27%	6.91	22.97%
Other (Business) HB	80.6	74	-8.19%	6.91	52.70%
All HB	249.8	228	-8.73%	21.29	33.33%

Housebreaking in all categories fell but most importantly break ins to domestic houses fell although detection rates are somewhat lower at 20% which is accounted for by the fact that the Proactive Crime Team have been focussed on other areas of crime such as Operation Gateside for a large period of the latter part of the year.

Trends in housebreakings are subject to continual analysis and increasingly where they develop there is a cross-boundary element to the offending which takes place over a number of different local authority areas. There is a National Acquisitive Crime group which the division attends and this allows trends to be highlighted and good practice exchanged across all areas of the country.

Participation in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme continues to grow and we now have just over 800 local people registered to receive NHW alerts and just over 200 receiving rural alerts. We are continuing to promote the alerts system to have more communities signed up.

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<b>Improving road safety</b>	<b>Road Casualties</b>
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	Q4 2021/22	Q4 2022/23	Change
Fatal	2	3	50%
Serious	35	40	14%
Slight	92	94	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	2	-33%

	5 Year Average	2022/23	Change
<b>Dangerous driving</b>	50.6	54	6.72%
<b>Speeding</b>	61.4	64	4.23%
<b>Disqualified driving</b>	20.6	19	-7.77%
<b>Driving Licence</b>	103.4	69	-33.27%
<b>Insurance</b>	257	247	-3.89%
<b>Seat Belts</b>	10.2	21	105.88%
<b>Mobile Phones</b>	15.2	44	189.47%
<b>Drink/Drug Driving Detections</b>	99.6	111	11.45%

During the last year increased visitor numbers to our beaches and coastal towns have continued and we are in the process of preparing a traffic management plan for the Scottish Golf Open which starts in a few weeks' time.

Sadly there have been 3 fatalities this year however on review of the site visits and investigations to date there is nothing to indicate any trend in causation factors or that the road layout at these locations requires immediate improvement.

Making our roads safer is a key priority and our specialist Road Policing officers are tasked on a daily basis to patrol routes on the A1 and A199 (priority roads) and other fast roads, with our community officers focussed on our towns and villages, specifically around our schools. Our Road Policing base continues at Dunbar Police Station to allow us to service East Lothian and is clearly in geographical proximity to these routes.

We continue to work closely with Community Councils with speed checks being included as a priority in most of the Community and Police Partnerships (CAPPs).

Roads Safety Strategy continues to prioritise enforcement around the FATAL 5:

- ☒ Careless driving
- ☒ Drink & drug driving
- ☒ Not wearing a seatbelt
- ☒ Speeding
- ☒ Using a mobile telephone while driving.

Our detection rates have increased in line with this strategy which is reassuring and demonstrates we are deploying officers in the right place and the right time.

Moving forward we will continue with a number of road safety initiatives including National Close Pass to protect cyclists and National campaigns on issues such as Mobile Phone and Seatbelt enforcement campaigns will continue throughout the year with the current focus being on Summer Drink Driving. As ever these campaigns will focus on casualty reduction on our priority routes.

<b>Tackling Serious &amp; Organised Crime</b>	<b>Tackling Serious &amp; Organised Crime</b>
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The National Terror Threat level is currently SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely.

Earlier this year our proactive crime team were been involved in a joint operation with Edinburgh counterparts and officers from Specialist Crime Division in Operation Gateside which was commenced in December 2022 after a number of incidents and crimes involving rival factions of several established Organised Crime groups based in both Edinburgh and the Lothians. This culminated in the successful arrests and enforcement against many of the members of these groups which has seen a noticeable reduction in associated crime. Although East Lothian did not experience many incidents several of the nominals concerned either resided in or had close links to the county and undoubted had adverse influence on communities in East Lothian.

With the conclusion of Operation Gateside our proactive team have returned to routine duties around housebreaking and drugs supply investigation which included the organised theft of high value vehicles in East Lothian and other local authority areas.

Our officers were also involved under ELPARC with the Countryside Rangers and local landowners in a number of hare-coursing days of action. Hare coursing along with other wildlife crime is frequently linked to serious and organised crime groups. As a result of our proactivity in this area we have seen a reduction in the reports of this cruel activity in East Lothian. The last day of action was 16<sup>th</sup> April, including partner agencies and police with wildlife and rural crime patrols, also concentrating on issues with off road bikes assisted by quad officers.

Every elected member in East Lothian continues to be offered crime prevention surveys of their home and offices which have been widely taken up. Successful Prevention sessions have also taken place with our officers providing inputs to East Lothian Council staff to raise awareness of the threat posed by Organised Crime.

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<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Executive Summary</b>
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April 2022 – March 2023				
	Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
Complaints received about the Police	85		33.08	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations Recorded	73	-	46	119

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the East Lothian area command as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 33.5% decrease in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

Area	Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
	Incivility	37	29	-21.6%
	<b>On Duty - TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-23.2%</b>
	Assault	4	1	-75.0%
	Excessive Force	10	4	-60.0%
	Irregularity in Procedure	34	36	5.9%
	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	2	0	-100.0%
	Other - Non Criminal	4	0	-100.0%
	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	4	3	-25.0%
	<b>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-45.2%</b>
	Policy/Procedure	15	12	-20.0%
	Service Delivery	22	12	-45.5%
	Service Outcome	47	22	-53.2%
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>-33.5%</b>

Police Scotland's ability to function effectively is reliant upon the trust of the public and their belief that we can carry out our duties in a fair and impartial manner. It is accepted that on occasions things may go wrong and mistakes will be made. Police Scotland's national Professional Standards Department oversee all complaints made against officers in East Lothian with robust processes in place to ensure that when members of the public wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about either the quality of the policing service provided or the actions of an officer, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken. In Lothians and Borders Division there is a focus on learning from complaint investigation to ensure that we can continuously improve our service.

## East Lothian CAT team – Q4 Update

The East Lothian Community Action Team (ELCAT) is comprised of one Police Sergeant and six Police Constables who are operational officers deployed in line with local priorities. Two ELCAT Constables are council funded in addition to a Local Authority Liaison Officer based within the George Johnston Centre in Tranent who works 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. All their activity is recorded on a quarterly report which is widely circulated.

Over the last year the ELCAT have been involved in providing a high profile Police presence at ASB hotspots identified through the weekly ELTAC process in addition to the Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) priorities, which are raised at 6-weekly meetings attended by Community Police Officers throughout East Lothian.

ELCAT contribute to road safety through pro-active speed and road checks and have also carried out days of action targeting the anti-social use of off-road motorcycles in the Ormiston, Carberry and Prestonpans areas. As a result a number of off-road bikes have been seized and charges libelled against those involved.

ELCAT continue to take enforcement action against those involved in the supply of drugs within East Lothian and in 2023 to date have recovered Class A & B drugs and cash valued in excess of £60000 following the execution of MDA Warrants at addresses in Tranent and Musselburgh.

Moving forwards, the ELCAT will continue to work in partnership with the East Lothian Safer Communities Team and other partners to tackle ASB and other local priorities across the county.

## Appendix

### Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	2022/23 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2022/23	Detection Rates 2022/23
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>16.82</b>	<b>57.64</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	3	1	0.02	100.00
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0.6	1	0.02	100.00
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	3.8	5	0.1	100.00
Attempted murder	16.8	20	0.4	95.00
Serious assault	258.6	265	5.32	77.74
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	95	85	1.71	60.00
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	160	3.21	71.88
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	8	0.16	50.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	N/A	168	3.37	70.83
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	63.4	56	1.12	105.36
Threats and extortion	61	200	4.01	3.00
Other group 1 crimes	39.6	37	0.74	43.24
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>1082.6</b>	<b>1121</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>48.53</b>
Rape	193.2	213	4.28	57.28
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	7.4	15	0.3	53.33
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	200.6	228	4.58	57.02
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	17.2	4	0.08	50.00
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	301.2	328	6.58	46.65
Lewd & libidinous practices*	95.2	72	1.45	41.67
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	413.6	404	8.11	45.79
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	0.8	0	0	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	54.8	58	1.16	82.76
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	93.4	104	2.09	51.92
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	39.4	18	0.36	44.44
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	30	33	0.66	33.33
Public indecency (common law)	9.8	10	0.2	70.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	156.2	176	3.53	35.23
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	19	13	0.26	76.92
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	65	77	1.55	37.66
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	0	-
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	467.6	489	9.82	46.83
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>8667.6</b>	<b>8020</b>	<b>160.99</b>	<b>23.93</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	387	357	7.17	19.05
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	344.4	264	5.3	14.02
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	377	257	5.16	36.19
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	1108.4	878	17.62	22.55



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Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	216.2	133	2.67	6.02
Theft of a motor vehicle	443.8	425	8.53	34.12
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	532.4	283	5.68	7.77
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	35.2	34	0.68	11.76
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	1227.6	875	17.56	20.46
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	145	128	2.57	19.53
Common theft	2332	2526	50.71	15.36
Theft by shoplifting	2347.4	1856	37.26	45.47
Fraud	928.2	1346	27.02	11.96
Other Group 3 Crimes	579	411	8.25	30.17
<b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>	4126	3867	77.63	24.41
Fireraising	222.4	281	5.64	26.69
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	3659.4	3311	66.46	22.86
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	5.4	3	0.06	66.67
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	228.6	266	5.34	40.60
Other Group 4 Crimes	10.2	6	0.12	33.33
<b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>	4199.2	3767	75.62	94.03
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	142.2	149	2.99	91.28
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	153.6	154	3.09	87.66
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	123.8	146	2.93	71.23
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	74.6	76	1.53	61.84
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	494.2	525	10.54	80.38
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	69	36	0.72	91.67
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	221.8	200	4.01	79.50
Bringing drugs into prison	19.6	9	0.18	66.67
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	310.4	245	4.92	80.82
Possession of drugs	1811.4	1369	27.48	100.51
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	10.8	13	0.26	46.15
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	2132.6	1627	32.66	97.11
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	1.2	1	0.02	100.00
Bail offences (other than absconding)	817.2	929	18.65	95.37
Other Group 5 crimes	754	685	13.75	95.33
<b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	9765.4	9966	200.06	65.23
Common Assault	4020.8	4738	95.11	57.13
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	411	394	7.91	99.24
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	4431.8	5132	103.02	60.37
Breach of the Peace	169.2	59	1.18	101.69
Threatening & abusive behaviour	3509.6	3207	64.38	72.62
Stalking	101.8	78	1.57	71.79
<i>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	3780.6	3344	67.13	73.12
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	128.6	77	1.55	92.21
Drunk and incapable	46.8	20	0.4	100.00
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	40.4	12	0.24	100.00
Other alcohol related offences*	40.8	27	0.54	103.70

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<i>Drunkness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	<b>128</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>101.69</b>
Wildlife offences*	<b>38.8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>115.63</b>
Other Group 6 offences	<b>1257.6</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>26.54</b>	<b>59.76</b>
<b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>6965.8</b>	<b>7437</b>	<b>149.29</b>	<b>82.26</b>
Dangerous driving offences	<b>243.8</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>79.50</b>
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	<b>536</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>11.74</b>	<b>98.63</b>
Driving while disqualified	<b>583.2</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>98.48</b>
Driving without a licence	<b>119</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>96.43</b>
Failure to insure against third party risks	<b>548</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>8.35</b>	<b>97.36</b>
Driving Carelessly	<b>1408.4</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>23.51</b>	<b>99.15</b>
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	<b>119.4</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>98.62</b>
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	<b>163.4</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>3.99</b>	<b>96.98</b>
Other Group 7 offences	<b>574.4</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>14.15</b>	<b>86.67</b>

## East Lothian Recorded Crime Overview

East Lothian	5 Year Average	2022/23 Q4	Per 10,000 Q4 2022/23	Detection Rates 2022/23
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>61.11</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0.2	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0.4	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	0.4	0	-	-
Attempted murder	1.8	7	0.65	100
Serious assault	38.2	32	2.99	87.5
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	17.4	12	1.12	75
Domestic Abuse (of female)	N/A	18	1.68	66.67
Domestic Abuse (of male)	N/A	3	0.28	33.33
<b>Domestic Abuse (Total)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>61.9</b>
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	6.6	16	1.49	106.25
Threats and extortion	10.6	33	3.08	3.03
Other group 1 crimes	7.2	5	0.47	40
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>51.42</b>
Rape	34.8	35	3.27	48.57
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	1.2	4	0.37	100
<b>Rape and attempted rape - Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>53.85</b>
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	4.6	2	0.19	100
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	58.8	64	5.98	42.19
Lewd & libidinous practices*	17.6	14	1.31	50
<b>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>7.47</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Prostitution related crime - Total*</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	8	10	0.93	90
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	18.6	25	2.33	52
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	5.4	6	0.56	33.33
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	5.2	10	0.93	60
Public indecency (common law)	1.8	0	-	-
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	34.4	25	2.33	48
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	2.2	3	0.28	66.67
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	14.2	14	1.31	57.14
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	-	-
<b>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>8.68</b>	<b>55.91</b>
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>1837.4</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>155.66</b>	<b>23.7</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	85.8	80	7.47	25
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	83.4	74	6.91	22.97
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	80.6	74	6.91	52.7
<b>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>21.29</b>	<b>33.33</b>
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	50	29	2.71	10.34
Theft of a motor vehicle	96.2	91	8.5	30.77

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Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	98.4	78	7.28	6.41
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	7.8	11	1.03	0
<b>Motor vehicle crime - Total</b>	<b>252.4</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>19.52</b>	<b>17.22</b>
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	33	31	2.89	41.94
Common theft	454.8	488	45.57	17.83
Theft by shoplifting	510	291	27.17	41.92
Fraud	191.4	300	28.01	11
Other Group 3 Crimes	146	120	11.21	23.33
<b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>	<b>810.8</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>73.77</b>	<b>21.27</b>
Fireraising	39.2	45	4.2	24.44
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	718.8	691	64.53	19.68
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	1.4	2	0.19	50
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	47.4	52	4.86	38.46
Other Group 4 Crimes	4	0	-	-
<b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>73.58</b>	<b>97.34</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	25.2	24	2.24	83.33
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	28.6	33	3.08	100
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	17	20	1.87	80
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	11.2	10	0.93	60
<b>Total offensive/bladed weapons</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>86.21</b>
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	7.2	3	0.28	133.33
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	36	41	3.83	97.56
Bringing drugs into prison	0	0	-	-
<b>Supply of drugs - Total</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4.11</b>	<b>100</b>
Possession of drugs	363.4	336	31.38	99.4
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	1	6	0.56	66.67
<b>Total drugs crimes</b>	<b>407.6</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>36.04</b>	<b>98.96</b>
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.2	0	-	-
Bail offences (other than absconding)	148.8	160	14.94	101.25
Other Group 5 crimes	170.4	155	14.47	95.48
<b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	<b>1708.8</b>	<b>1810</b>	<b>169.02</b>	<b>67.4</b>
Common Assault	704.8	929	86.75	59.31
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	59.8	67	6.26	102.99
<b>Common Assault - Total</b>	<b>764.6</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>93.01</b>	<b>62.25</b>
Breach of the Peace	21.4	9	0.84	111.11
Threatening & abusive behaviour	628.4	551	51.45	76.23
Stalking	19.4	14	1.31	107.14
<b>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</b>	<b>669.2</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>77.53</b>
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	22.8	13	1.21	92.31
Drunk and incapable	6.4	3	0.28	100
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	17	4	0.37	100
Other alcohol related offences*	8.2	8	0.75	112.5
<b>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>106.67</b>
Wildlife offences*	10	5	0.47	100

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Other Group 6 offences	210.6	207	19.33	58.94
<b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>1354</b>	<b>126.44</b>	<b>82.87</b>
Dangerous driving offences	50.6	54	5.04	79.63
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	99.6	111	10.37	100
Speeding offences	61.4	64	5.98	98.44
Driving while disqualified	20.6	19	1.77	100
Driving without a licence	103.4	69	6.44	100
Failure to insure against third party risks	257	247	23.06	99.6
Driving Carelessly	10.2	21	1.96	100
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	15.2	44	4.11	95.45
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	100	130	12.14	85.38
Other Group 7 offences	9.2	41	3.83	100