



West Lothian Area Command

Report for the

Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 2 – 2018/2019

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Data contained in this report should only be used to identify trends as figures are likely to change over time.



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.

INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to provide a summary of the performance of West Lothian Area Command for the reporting period of Quarter 2 2018/2019 (1st July 2018 – 30th September 2018).

The document will be submitted to the West Lothian Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel for the meeting on 11th December 2018.

The report aims to provide information and a brief assessment of performance, with accompanying context. Numerical comparisons will be provided based upon the same reporting period for the previous year.

The report references the themes from West Lothian Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the aligned police priorities within the Local Police Plan for West Lothian 2017 – 2020, namely:

People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances:

- Protecting People

We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities:

- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour and Hate Crime
- Reducing Violence
- Tackling Substance Misuse
- Reduce Home Fire and Road Casualties
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism

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**West Lothian Area Command
Performance Summary Report
Reporting Period: July – September 2018**

Total Crime: 7149

Crime Increase: 3%

**Crimes
Recorded**

3 %



7419 (216 more)

**Common
Assault**

-4.7 %



951 (47 fewer)

Dishonesty

20.5 %



1862 (317 more)

**Domestic Abuse
Incidents**

7%



1150 (75 more)

**Crimes of
Violence**

2.75 %



112 (3 more)

**Sexual
Crime**

17.3 %



197 (29 more)

**Road Traffic
Casualties**

3 %



202 (6 more)

**Anti-Social
Behaviour Incidents**

-8.1 %



5408 (480 fewer)

Missing People Racially Aggravated Conduct Housebreaking

8.7 %



924 (74 more)

16.1%



36 (5 more)

35.6 %



244 (64 more)

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division
Performance Summary Report
Reporting Period: July – September 2018

Total Crime: 18498

Crime Increase: 2.3%

**Crimes
Recorded**

2.3 %



18498 (414 more)

**Common
Assault**

1.8 %



1423 (25 more)

Dishonesty

2.9 %



4848 (135 more)

**Domestic Abuse
Incidents**

8.7 %



2823 (227 more)

**Crimes of
Violence**

9.8 %



258 (23 more)

**Sexual
Crime**

13.2 %



489 (57 more)

**Road Traffic
Casualties**

-3.8%



534 (21 less)

**Anti-Social
Behaviour Incidents**

-6.6 %



14405 (1013 less)

Missing People

14.4%



2157 (217 more)

Racially Aggravated Conduct

8.5%



64 (5 more)

Housebreaking

-8%



677 (59 less)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances

Protecting People

Executive Summary

Missing Person Incidents



LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
850	924	8.7%	51.3

A total of 924 missing person reports were received. This is a notable increase of 74 incidents from Q2 2017/18. Partnership work is ongoing in relation to the prevention and management of looked after children who go missing from care, drawing on best practice nationally.

Sexual Crimes (Group 2 Crimes)



LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
168	197	17.3%	10.9

*Total number of sexual crimes recorded.

The above figure for sexual crime is inclusive of historic reports made to police during the reporting time frame.

Dishonesty (Group 3 Crimes)



LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
1545	1862	20.5%	103.4

Whilst there has been a rise in acquisitive crime including housebreaking, some of the larger increases have come in respect of motor vehicle crime (including theft from insecure vehicles) and theft by shoplifting.



Housebreaking



LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
180	244	35.6	13.5



There were 244 incidents of Theft by housebreaking which is an increase of 35.6% from Q2 2017/2018.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY cont.

We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities				
Reducing Antisocial Behaviour and Hate Crime		Executive Summary		
Antisocial Behaviour* 	LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
	5888	5408	- 8.1%	300.2
*Number of ASB incidents recorded (public reported). Incidents of antisocial behaviour continue to be managed and monitored on a daily basis via the Partnership Tasking meeting to ensure actions are prioritised for appropriate intervention and ensure vulnerable members of our community are offered relevant support.				
Racially Aggravated Conduct* 	LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
	31	36	16.1%	2.0
*Crimes of racially aggravated harassment/conduct. Incidents of hate crime, including racially aggravated incidents and crime are reviewed at the Partnership Tasking meeting for any appropriate follow up actions.				

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY cont.

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Reducing Violence	Executive Summary			
Domestic Abuse Incidents 	LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
	1075	1150	7%	63.8
<p>Of the 1150 domestic abuse incidents 560 of these have resulted in a crime being committed. This reflects a decrease of 16.3% from Q2 2017/2018.</p> <p>During the reporting period there were 14 applications received under the 'Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland' of which 5 'Power to Tell' disclosures were made.</p> <p>Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination Group meetings referred 2 high risk domestic offenders for continuous management and monitoring by the Domestic Abuse Task force.</p>				
Crimes of Violence (Group 1 Crimes) 	LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population
	109	112	2.75%	6.2
<p>Officers in West Lothian continue to address violence through intelligence-led weekend Night-Time economy patrols. This has contributed to a reduction in common assaults however there has been a marginal increase in serious assaults.</p>				

<div>Common Assaults</div> <div></div>	<table><tr><th>LY</th><th>TY</th><th>Change</th><th>YTD Per 10,000 population</th></tr><tr><td>998</td><td>951</td><td>-4.7%</td><td>52.8</td></tr></table> <div>A reduction in common assaults has been achieved through intelligence-led Night-Time economy patrols.</div>	LY	TY	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	998	951	-4.7%	52.8								
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ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances

Financial Harm, Doorstep Crime and Fraud

Silver Sunday



Officers attended the Silver Sunday event at the Hillcroft Hotel, Whitburn. The event was aimed at providing crime prevention advice to elderly persons and raise awareness of financial harm incidents and doorstep crime. A number of other police inputs have been generated from this event.

Adults at Risk

Protecting People



During the time frame Public Protection Unit have initiated procedures in respect of child sexual exploitation for 5 young people.

Collaborative working also saw a successful intervention with a person addicted to inhaling butane gas. He was referred for psychiatric support and a significant number of butane gas canisters were removed from his home address.

Housebreakings and Theft

Acquisitive Crime



Domestic Housebreakings - Between August and September there was a number of housebreakings in Livingston. After positive identification of a suspect, he was arrested and charged with approximately 10 theft related offences.

There are a number of ongoing operations in respect of acquisitive crime including Operation Theory (theft), Intruder (domestic housebreakings), Device (high value thefts), Arrange (transit van thefts), Contribute (business housebreakings) and Selection (quad bike thefts).

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Antisocial Behaviour and Hate Crime

West Lothian Pride



On the 28th July the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers supported local officers at the West Lothian Pride event including engagement stalls and involvement in the parade. This provided an excellent forum for raising awareness of hate crime and police presence was well received by the community.

Keep Safe Campaign



Officers have continued to recruit and train local businesses to act as 'Keep Safe' venues with a view to making West Lothian a safer place for the most vulnerable people in our communities. The initiative is part of a national campaign supporting disabled and vulnerable people. Current recruits include the Designer Outlet Centre, Paradise Golf, Wetherspoons and McDonalds.

Road Casualties

Road Safety



	LY	TY	Change
Dangerous driving	33	31	-6.1%
Speeding	187	90	-51.9%
Disqualified driving	25	24	-4.0%
Driving Licence	99	91	-8.1%
Insurance	265	292	10.2%
Seat Belts	55	46	-16.4%
Mobile Phone	75	75	0.0%
Drink / Drug Driving	93	135	45.2%

West Drive 2018

On the 28th, 29th and 30th August officers in West Lothian participated in a three-day road safety event at Inveralmond Community High School. The event was aimed at young drivers with a view to reducing road casualties. In partnership with SFRS, West Lothian Council, British Transport Police, Safety Camera Unit, West Lothian Drug and Alcohol Service and Spokes, local officers invited 6th year students from 10 West Lothian High Schools to participate in the event. The event featured a theatrical input from the Baldy Bane Theatre Company and an emotional input from a local mother whose son was killed in a RTC on Christmas Eve.

A number of interactive stalls were also available which included reaction tests, 'beer goggles', Highway Code quizzes and VR Headsets amongst other items.

The event was well-received and is an established part of West Lothian's Road Safety calendar.

Serious and Organised Crime

Joint Agency Initiatives



Officers in West Lothian provided support to a joint operation with Immigration Enforcement and HMRC in Armadale. Two illegal immigrants were arrested working in a business. These staff were residing above the premises and being paid below National Minimum Wage. This operation was run in tandem with a similar operation in another area at premises owned by same people.

Operation Borah



As part of Operation Borah, West Lothian officers executed 8 warrants relating to cannabis cultivations. Over 10kg of cannabis was recovered as well as 42 cannabis plants.

13 further warrant executions were carried out during the months of July, August and September. 590g of cannabis, 45g of heroin, 47g of cocaine, a quantity of various tablets and approximately £9000 in cash.

Counter Terrorism

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The National terror threat level remains at SEVERE. West Lothian Division has continued to evaluate our responses to incidents and continues to work closely with partners to provide expert advice.

The current UK Government website provides extensive guidance on the current threat level (SEVERE – an attack is highly likely) and critical guidance for the public such as the below:



The website can be accessed by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>.

Police Scotland continue to provide training and support to HMP Addiewell and West Lothian Council in the form of ACT CT Awareness training and Threat level briefings.

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