



## ***Community Safety Board***

West Lothian Civic Centre  
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21 January 2026

A hybrid meeting of the **Community Safety Board** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre, Livingston** on **Tuesday 27 January 2026** at **2:00pm**.

For Chief Executive

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Public Session**

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declarations of Interest - Members must declare any interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda items and the nature of their interests.
3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business and declarations of interest in any urgent business.
4. Minutes -
  - (a) Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of Community Safety Board held on 13 October 2025 (herewith).
  - (b) Note Record of Community Planning Steering Group held on 17 November 2025 (herewith).
5. Thematic Plan and Presentation: Assess and Connect Team (ACT) - Craig Turner, Social Policy (herewith).
6. Q2 Performance Report 2025-2026, Community Safety Plan 2025-28 - report by West Lothian Community Safety Partnership (herewith).
7. Bonfire/Fireworks 2025 Update Evaluation - report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith).

DATA LABEL: Public

8. Community Safety Board Meeting Dates - April to August 2026 - report by Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services (herewith).

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MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 13 OCTOBER 2025.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Susan Manion, Tony Boyle (substituting for Craig Meek); and Andrew Miller; and John Fleming (Depute Local Area Commander, Police Scotland)

Apologies – Councillor Craig Meek

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTES

1. The Board approved the Minute of its meeting on 30 June 2025. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair
2. The Board noted the Minute of the meeting of the Community Planning Steering Group held on 26 May 2025.

3. THEMATIC PLAN AND PRESENTATION: SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE (SOL), CHRISTOPHER MULLEN, POLICE SCOTLAND

The Board were provided with an overview, Chris Mullen, Police Scotland of the Supporting Opportunities for Life (SOL) initiative which was a two-year funded project between the charity Aid & Abet and Police Scotland who worked together to support young people in West Lothian aged 10 to 25 to make meaningful and positive changes in their lives. Focus was on those who were at risk of offending or were already involved in offending behaviour and to take a preventative and supportive approach in providing opportunities and guidance that could inspire real change.

The team consisted of two Police Officers and two Peer Mentors who have experience of the criminal justice system. Referrals to the initiative could be received from a variety of sources including Social Work, schools, the Assess & Connect Team, youth groups, prisons; and charities. The process of managing referrals was outlined along with an explanation of the system which allowed a young person to be listened to, to get to know the young person and better understand their challenges and their strengths so any support could be better shaped around their needs.

There were currently 17 young people involved in the project with most receiving contact at least once a week; with some needing more contact and others needing less. It was hoped that everyone involved in the project would welcome the opportunity to give back to others as they moved forward with their lives by remaining as volunteers or

ambassadors. It was hoped that the SOL project would be self-sustaining and self-renewing as each generation of young people inspired the next generation.

The presentation concluded with an overview of the ongoing work of the SOL initiative which included the carrying out of inspiring talks to young persons; creation of a Hub at Livingston Shopping Centre; and collaboration with Firefly Arts noting that it was hoped that the project would go from strength to strength in the time that the funding allowed.

Mr Mullen then responded to questions from the Board

The Chair thanked Mr Mullen for the very informative project and wished him the rest of the project well in the future.

#### Decision

To note the content of the presentation on Supporting Opportunities for Life (SOL) initiative.

#### 4. Q1 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025-2026, COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2025-28

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Community Safety Partnership which provided the update on performance for Quarter 1 2025/26 (April to June 2025), for the indicators and actions that support and complete the Community Safety Strategic Plan 2025-2028.

The Community Safety Board was asked to note the updated performance in relation to those performance indicators and actions for the Community Safety Partnership that related to the Community Safety Strategic Plan 2025-2028.

#### Decision

1. To note the content of the report
2. To ask the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services to review the data collected and how it could be reported more effectively to the Community Safety Board

## Community Planning Steering Group – Action Note

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Attending: Graham Hope, Clare Stewart, Julie Whitelaw, Susan Gordon, Alan McCloskey, Stephen Harkins, Gillian Amos, Martin Higgins, Greg Welsh, Alasdair Black, Yvonne Lawton

Apologies: Elaine Cook, Hazel Brady, John Fleming, John Fleming, Pauline Cochrane

Item	Note	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions		
2. Action Note – August 2025	Agreed	
3. CPP Board Action Log	Clare Stewart took the group through the CPP Action Log which has been developed to capture actions and activity agreed at CPP Board meetings.  The Steering Group were invited to comment on the action log.	Agreed
4. Population Health Framework	Martin Higgins presented the Population Health Framework (PHF) which was published in June 2025, focusing on a whole-system, co-developed framework that brings together all sectors to collaboratively improve health. There are two priorities highlighted in the Framework: embedding prevention and improving healthy weight. CPPs are being asked to consider how the PHF can inform their work. There are 114 actions within the PHF – these have been considered by the CPP Team and public health team to better understand which ones could be taken forward locally, and more broadly how the PHF can be adapted for use in West Lothian.  One of the areas that the PHF will link into the CPP's work in West Lothian is around Healthy Weight and the whole system approach work that is being undertaken in Whitburn to tackle Type 2 Diabetes. Its important to learn the lessons from this work to date and review in the light of the PHF to see how it can be taken forward differently. This work has had an impact locally which we need to quantify, however hasn't had the scale of change initially hoped for. Drawing the lessons out would be helpful to identify what needs to change in terms of further developing this work.	Lessons to be identified from Whole Systems Work in Whitburn as part of the development of the PHF work (NHS Public Health Team)

	<p>A presentation will be given to the CPP Board on the 1 December to ask the Board to endorse a West Lothian approach to taking the principles of the PHF forward locally.</p>	
5. CPP Self-Assessment Draft Action Plan	<p>Susan Gordon gave an update on the CPP Self-Assessment process. At the last Steering Group, it was agreed that a short life working group would be established to further develop the Improvement plan that was developed as a result of the process. The purpose of this groups was to further develop the plan, set target dates and identify responsible officers from the partnership to take forward the actions. The short life working has met twice. Partners represented on the group are Registered Social Landlords, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, DWP and NHS Lothian along with council officers.</p> <p>The actions focus on developing the induction pack and development day for the CPP and undertaking work to support partners to understand their role in the CPP, and what is expected of them as a partner in order to ensure partner organisations play an active role and contribute effectively to the CPP.</p> <p>It was highlighted that a challenge in the Housing Pillar is that due to its nature, it is heavily influenced by the Council however consideration needs to be given as to how to get partners more involve to act around homelessness. Work will be undertaken to raise awareness with partners on their duties around this once legislation has been finalised as part of the homelessness LOIP Pillar actions.</p> <p>It was suggested that it would be beneficial to articulate what is inhibiting progress to achieving local outcomes and defining some of the barriers. It would be useful to look at this from a perspective outside the current arrangements to allow broader thinking to take place.</p>	CPP Team
6. CPP Dataset	<p>Clare Stewart took the group through the CPP Dataset. She advised that the format of the information had changed from slides with a separate</p>	

	<p>commentary to having the information and commentary included in one document. The group agreed this format was helpful.</p> <p>Clare highlighted the following points;          -The Scottish Child Payment is now being included as an income stream for families in the statistics collated by the UK Government resulting in a revised Child Poverty and Children in Low Income Families rate across Scotland.          -The Community Safety indicator is new to the data set, the indicator measures the number of crimes recorded in West Lothian, broken down by multi-member ward, and tracks quarterly changes to identify local trends and patterns in community safety</p> <p>Alasdair Black asked how West Lothian compares to other local authorities in relation to the employability/claimant count indicators. It was agreed the CPP team would add this into the commentary.</p> <p>Greg Welsh highlighted it would be useful to look more closely at the correlation between the measures of Workless Households, Claimant Count, Economic Activity and child poverty data. How can we look at these indicators as a whole rather than individually?</p> <p>It was agreed that the dataset should be used to inform future work of the CPP and that the CPP Manager should seek the Chair of the Board's views on how we use this going forward.</p>	<p>Add in information on comparisons with other local authorities in relation to claimant count information – CPP Team          Consider deep dive into four indicators to provide further analysis – CPP Team</p> <p>Clare Stewart to discuss dataset with the Chair of the CPP Board.</p>
<p>7. CPP Board Agenda – 1 December</p>		<p>CPP Board agenda agreed.</p>



# ASSESS & CONNECT TEAM (ACT) - OVERVIEW

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- ACT is a small multi-agency team that includes staff from Justice Services and the Youth Action Project. There are 4 full time equivalents employed (3 Justice Assistants & 2 part time workers from Youth Action Project).
- The primary goal of ACT is to disrupt patterns of concerns (antisocial behaviour in the community and/or being at risk of exploitation) and reconnect young people and their families with Universal Services. For ACT, and the age range we target (10-16 years of age), this is predominantly around reconnecting with Education Services.

# FOCUS OF WORK



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There are 2 principal areas of focus of work for the project currently:

## Phase 1

- 1-1 support to young people and their families. For 1-1 work, we assess aspects of the young person's circumstances, offer an intervention, and then connect young people and their families with Education and any other agencies will help address unmet needs.

## Phase 2

Delivering information sessions on Contextual Safeguarding, with a particular focus around criminal exploitation.

# THE JUSTICE LANDSCAPE – WHERE DOES ACT SIT?



**Youth Justice**  
 Where young person has been consistently coming to the attention of EEI, and/or if the offence is serious, then a referral to SCRA can be made. This may result in an IAR or SBR being requested by the Children’s Reporter via Youth Justice Services.

**NEW: Assess & Connect Team**

- No charges/low level charge.
- No previous pattern of offending via Police VPD’s. May be a number of underlying issues, however.
- A pattern of antisocial behaviours is evident and/or the young person is at risk of harm/exploitation in community.
- Consent required from young person and family for voluntary support to be offered.

**Early & Effective Intervention Screening Group (EEI)**  
 Police VPD’s (Vulnerable Person Documents) are received where a young person has been charged for an alleged offence. Representatives from Police, Education and Justice Services assess and discuss cases to determine appropriate intervention.

**EEI Interventions**

- If there is already an allocated Social Worker, there is usually no further intervention via EEI.
- Possible referral to Youth Action Project.
- Signpost to Wrap Around Service
- Police Warning Letter issued.
- Restorative intervention offered via school, if Police Charge occurs within Education.
- Education asked to make referral to Assess & Connect Team.
- Referral to Project SOL.

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# PHASE I: I-I SUPPORT

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# REFERRAL CRITERIA (A) – ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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- Aged 10-16 years of age & resident in West Lothian.
- Consent of Young Person and Parent/Carer is required. We are not a statutory service.
- (a) Displaying an early pattern of antisocial behaviour within the community. This would require to be 2 or more episodes within the last six months. Antisocial behaviour could, for example, include:
  - Threatening behaviour
  - Fighting/Assault
  - Substance Use
  - Hate speech
  - Vandalism
  - Theft
  - Any Other – the list is not exhaustive

## REFERRAL CRITERIA (B)

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- Where a young person is identified as vulnerable and considered to be at risk for exploitation.
- The definitions for exploitation are broad but there are usually the following elements involved:
  - Imbalance of power that is use to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive the young person in exchange for something the young person/victim needs or wants.
  - The perpetrator realises a financial or other advantage from exploiting the young person.
  - Violence is involved or threatened.

# SUPPORT OFFERED



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- We offer support to young people who are involved in antisocial behaviour in the community and/or where the young person may be at risk of exploitation.
  - We aim to support young people over a period of 3- 6 months. We believe it will take 3 months to make a full assessment of unmet need and risks, and develop relationships with the young person and their family.
  - Interventions with our young people will vary depending on need but will cover areas such: risk taking behaviours; emotional regulation; substance use; understanding of exploitation; relationships; and health.
  - Empathy and understanding the context of a young person's world is central to the support we provide.

# REFERRAL PROCESS



1. It is necessary to have the consent and views of the young person and the parent before we can accept referrals. Our team operates on a voluntary basis.
2. Where the referral is coming from Education, we ask the school to arrange a Child Planning Meeting (CPM) and invite our team along to be introduced to the young person and their parent/carer. Equally, where the referral comes from Social Work, we would expect to be part of the Child/Young Person's Plan and be invited to any meetings.
3. Our team are a supplement and additional support to the Child Plan.

# REFERRAL OVERVIEW



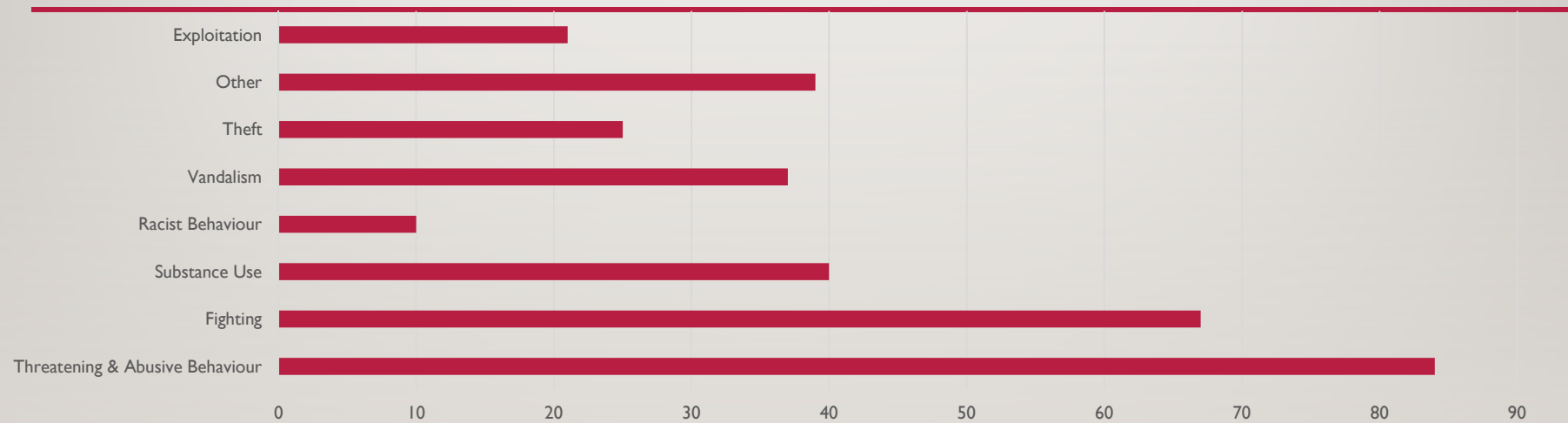
- ACT will accept referrals from young people, parents/carers, Education, Social Work, Social Policy Teams, WFWF partners, Community Safety Network Partners, and the Voluntary Sector. The list is not exhaustive.
- Referrers are made aware that ACT will be involved in supporting a young person for 3-6 months. We are not a long term intervention team.
- Through our referral form, and through our 1-1 work with young people we have been able to identify key themes and areas of concern. This will help us inform future work and staff training needs.

# YOUNG PEOPLE STATISTICS



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- Since going live with referrals in November 2024, ACT has received 112 referrals.
  - 42% of referral are for young people aged 10-12 years & 23% are for young people aged 13 years of age (10-13 represent 65% of all referrals).
  - 78% of our young people identify as male & 22% as female
  - 32% of young people are possibly neurodivergent (either diagnosed or awaiting assessment according to referrer).

# YOUNG PEOPLE STATISTICS



\*Other includes: Breaking & Entering; Absconding; Sexualised Behaviours; Circulating Indecent Images; Right Wing ideology.

# YOUNG PEOPLE STATISTICS



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- Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation
  - 1 = 29
  - 2 = 37
  - 3 = 24
  - 4 = 17
  - 5 = 5

# YOUNG PEOPLE STATISTICS



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- Referral by WARD
  - Linlithgow = 5
  - Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh = 13
  - Livingston North = 14
  - Livingston South = 15
  - East Livingston and East Calder = 6
  - Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley = 5
  - Whitburn and Blackburn = 18
  - Bathgate = 22
  - Armadale and Blackridge = 14

# PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

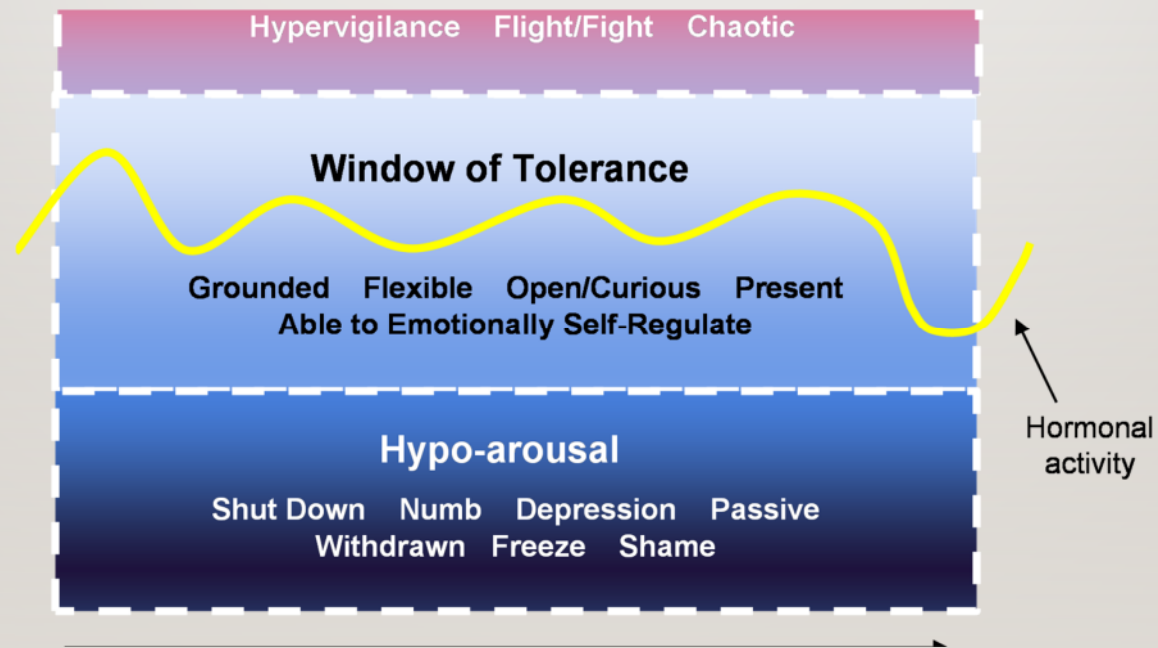


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We will use Outcome Star (Youth version) to evaluate the impact of our work. Following the completion of our intervention, our goal is to have young people report an improvement in at least one of the areas identified below:

- Making better choices and staying out of trouble.
- Improved engagement with Education.
- Improvement in their health & wellbeing.
- Having more hope for their future.
- Feeling more confident in expressing their views and feeling listened to.
- Feeling more involved in positive activities in the community.

# PROFILE OF OUT YOUNG PEOPLE



# FACTORS IMPACTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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- Impact of Covid19 on social & psychological development.
  - Cost of living crisis & pressure on single parent households.
  - Transition period into high school & adolescent identity formation.
  - Pattern of significant trauma and adversity for some of our young people.
  - Pervasiveness of Social Media.

# PHASE 2: CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING

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Developed by Carlene Firmin (2017).

- An approach to protecting young people who are at risk of extra-familial harms.
- Supports a shift in practice where child protection professionals and partners actively take action to make the contexts in which young people have experienced abuse safer.
- Supports agencies to develop systems and structures for identifying, assessing and intervening in the places and groups where young people are at risk of significant harm.

Places include:

- Peer Groups
- Parks
- Transport hubs
- Schools
- Online

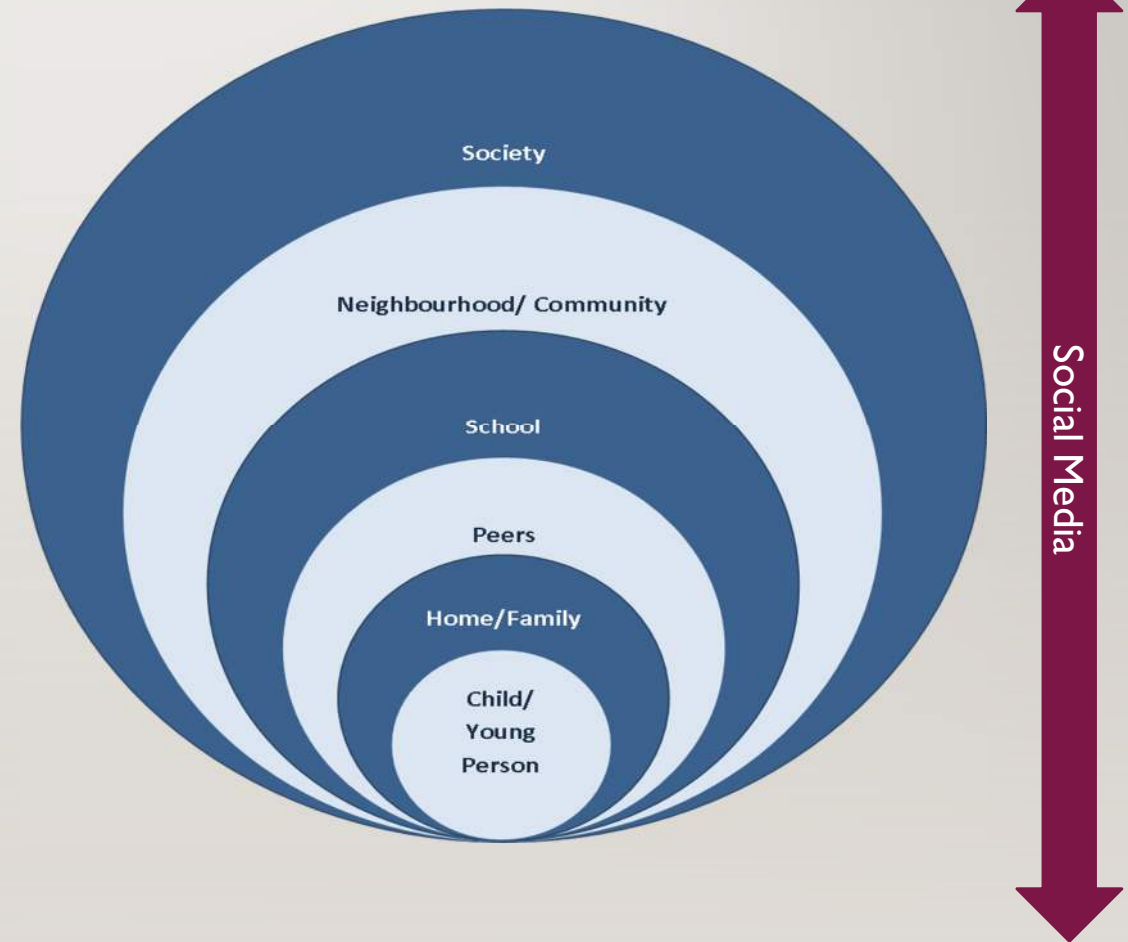


# CONTEXT MATTERS

We need to consider:

- a) Types of risk & harm
- b) Where harm takes place

Using this approach we think about extrafamilial risk.



Social Media



# EXTRAFAMILIAL RISK & HARMS (EFRH)

Child Sexual  
Exploitation (CSE)

Child Criminal  
Exploitation  
(CCE)/Exploitation  
by criminal gangs

Peer-on-Peer  
abuse

Human Trafficking  
and Exploitation

Extremism leading  
to radicalisation

Online/digital  
exploitation

Other forms of  
abuse



# CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING IN WEST LOTHIAN

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- Weekly TAC meeting. Includes representation from Police, Housing, Fire Brigade & Justice Services amongst others.
- Discussion on areas of West Lothian that are experiencing areas where antisocial behaviours are occurring.
- Teams feed into discussion. Identified areas of concern are targeted through the Street Work Team from Youth Action Project, who will engage with young people, local partners and businesses, to try and reduce risk and make places in our community safer.



# 4 KEY DOMAINS IN TARGETING HARM OUTSIDE THE FAMILY HOME



## Domain one: Target

Seeks to prevent, identify, assess and intervene with the social conditions of abuse

Prevent and intervene alongside identifying and assessing harm

Address the social conditions of abuse not just places outside the home

Understand structural and systemic causes of harm

Consider safety as much as harm



## Domain two: Legislative framework

Incorporates extra-familial contexts into child protection frameworks

Reframe the subject of child protection

Centre proportionality and parity

Address structural and systemic harms

Ensure work is led by social care



## Domain three: Partnerships

Develops partnerships with individuals/agencies responsible for extra-familial contexts

Build guardianship rooted in care and love

Ensure collaboration with young people and families is seen as essential

Set clear roles and responsibilities for partners

Make sure partners are accountable for harm caused



## Domain four: Outcomes

Monitors outcomes of success in relation to contextual, as well as individual, success

Remember that *how* changes are made is as important as *what* changes are made

Be sensitive to inequality and difference

Set goals and measures based on how young people see the world

Support practitioners to develop skills to measure contextual outcomes

(Firmin 2020)

# ACT INFORMATION SESSIONS



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- We want to roll out sessions that focus on how professionals, parents & carers can: (a) identify signs of criminal exploitation; and (b) know how to intervene when a young person is being exploited.
  - We will be looking to commence these sessions in 2026. The focus will be on providing input to staff within Residential Homes, across teams within Social Policy, & upskilling Foster and Kinship carers with the skills needed to both identify exploitation and intervene at an early stage.



# VULNERABILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

## **Individual Level:**

- Age
- Neurodivergence
- Insecure attachment style

## **Society Vulnerability:**

- Poverty
- Discrimination
- Not in education
- Lack of opportunities

## **Lack of protective factors:**

- Family
- Community
- Activities
- Proximity or access a perpetrator has to a child



## IDENTIFYING SIGNS OF EXPLOITATION

### Social

- Changes to network (older peers)
- Travel to unfamiliar locations
- Experiencing threats & intimidation
- Debt
- Leaving home at different times of the day

### Physical

- Going missing
- Staying out late
- Unexplained injuries (refusal to seek medical help)
- Alcohol & drug use
- Unexplained money
- New material goods
- Carrying/using weapons

### Emotional

- Self-harm
- Low mood
- Anti-social and pro-criminal attitude
- Violence
- Anger
- Aggression

### Cognitive

- Low/non-school attendance
- Shift in behaviour in school
- Exclusions
- Lack of focus & concentration

### Cultural

- Normalisation of criminality through generations



# TARGET

- Drill/Trap
- Glamorises/normalises lifestyle
- Popular with gangs
- TV

## Media

- Material
- Monetary
- Relational

## Unmet Need/Want

- Primary school children increasingly targeted
- “naughty” and easily led
- Family connections
- Vulnerabilities of parent

## Groups

- Social media to advertise incentives
- Arrange meet ups online – told a place and taken to trap house
- Monitored through Snapchat/apps with geo tracking
- Online banking for money laundering
- Air BnB’s as temporary base to deal drugs

## Online Grooming



# TEST

## Testing to see if the YP is:

- Trustworthy
- Profitable
- Not a risk to them or the organisation – drugs, money, weapons etc.

## How?

- Groomed to achieve minor tasks which can lead to a rapid escalation in demand and risk.
- YP believe they have trust and respect of their elders.
- Asked to carry/hold something of value as a sign of trust.
- Then they will be robbed or jumped and unable to pay or give them the item back - by same criminal group to create bondage.
- Results in debt.
- Young people required to use/be victim of violence to show loyalty.



# TRAPPED

## Missing Episodes:

- Strong relationship between going missing and being involved in county lines
- Length of episode dependant on activity required to undertake

## Fear:

- Children attempting to get excluded to be able to attend a shift
- The fear of repercussion for missing shift greater than the punishment via school
- Exposed to violence of strangers/known peers/family
- Targeting family home
- Sexual abuseBlackmail
- Trafficking drugs by having to 'plug' or 'stuff' packages within own bodies



# ANY QUESTIONS?

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## CSP Community Safety Plan 2025-28 - WORKPLAN and Performance Reporting

**Community Safety Board - 3 Year Thematic Presentation Plan**  
**Community Safety Plan 2025-2028**  
**Safer and Stronger TOGETHER**

**YEAR 1 – 2025/2026**

CSB Meeting 1	SOL	Police Scotland
CSB Meeting 2	ACT	Social Policy
CSB Meeting 3	Digital Online Scams/Frauds	WLC (Trading Standards)
CSB Meeting 4	Suicide Prevention	NHS
Review Report		

**YEAR 2 – 2026/2027**

CSB Meeting 1	Sextortion	Police Scotland
CSB Meeting 2	Derelict Buildings	SFRS
CSB Meeting 3	Gender Based Violence	WLC (Social Policy)
CSB Meeting 4	Mental Health + Addictions	NHS
Review Report		

**YEAR 3 – 2027/2028**

CSB Meeting 1	Serious and Organised Crimes	Police Scotland
CSB Meeting 2	Deliberate Fire-raising	SFRS
CSB Meeting 3	Locality Plans	WLC (Regeneration Team)
CSB Meeting 4	Antisocial Behaviour / Derelict Homes	WLC (Housing Estates team)
Review Report		

N.B. It has to be acknowledged that this 3 Year Thematic Presentation Plan will have to be flexible to acknowledge unforeseen priority changes or new risks arising for the Community Safety Partners. It may be necessary to change the order of presentations or inject a new topic to ensure that the Community Safety Board is kept updated with changes.



DATA LABEL: PUBLIC



## **COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD**

### **PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025/26**

#### **REPORT BY WEST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

##### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Safety Board with an update on performance for Quarter 2 2025/26 (July to September 2025), for the indicators and actions that support and complete the Community Safety Strategic Plan 2025-2028.

##### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Safety Board is asked to note the updated performance in relation to performance indicators and actions for the Community Safety Partnership that relates to the Community Safety Action Plan 2025-2028.

##### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I</b>	<b>Council Values</b>	Caring and compassionate; open, honest and accountable; and collaborate, inclusive and adaptive.
<b>II</b>	<b>Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	In compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance
<b>III</b>	<b>Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None
<b>IV</b>	<b>Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	Current service performance of the community safety partners through the development and ongoing evaluation of performance indicators
<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	Indicators support various outcomes in the Community Safety Plan which align to the LOIP indicators
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	Met from existing partnership budgets
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	N/A

**VIII Other consultations** N/A

**D. TERMS OF REPORT**

**D.1 Background**

The Community Safety Board oversees the Community Safety Partnership activities and performance. A suite of performance indicators has been developed to support delivery of the outcomes in the Community Safety Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028 (the Community Safety Plan).

The performance indicators are recorded on the council's performance system and are updated by the relevant Community Safety Partners. Not all performance indicators are currently indicating a trend, due to new baselines being developed. This will be monitored and enhanced as new data is stored and reported on each reporting period.

Community Safety Partners have reported the most up to date position in relation to the data and information which is available to them in relation to Quarter 2 2025/28.

**D.2 Community Safety Performance Indicators Quarter 2 - 2025/2026**

A suite of 17 performance indicators have now been developed to support delivery of the Outcomes in the new Community Safety Plan 2025-28, as set out in Appendix 1.

One performance indicator is reporting as red, as follows:-

**RED indicator **:

1. cssp25PLA01 Ensure that we have interacted with 75% of known market operators and home based small scale businesses (23)

Although the target of 23 interactions has not been met, there has been an increase of 10 interactions in quarter 2 compared to quarter 1.

There are no performance indicators reporting amber, 1 reporting green. 14 indicators are shown as 'data only' and 1 'Unknown'. The data only performance indicators have no targets applied as partners do not consider that it is appropriate to provide performance targets to these indicators.

Justice service performance indicators as formal targets would be challenging to set, as there are no national benchmarks or agreed prevalence expectations at population level to support realistic target-setting. In the absence of national standards, this locally developed approach enables consistent monitoring over time, allowing trends, pressures, and emerging needs to be identified and responded to in a timely and proportionate way. Target setting therefore could be a future consideration. Currently, these indicators are collective, system-level designed to assess overall community demand and resource need, providing an evidence base to inform current service planning, commissioning, and operational responses, as well as to support forecasting of future demand.

Detailed updates on all indicators is contained in Appendix 1

**Unknown indicator **:

cssp25PLA03 Number of Home Fire Safety Visits HFSV completed per quarter. This is shown as unknown due to the system unable to calculate performance on a Red, Amber or Green scale, as no Target figure is present for the most current period.

**D.3 Community Safety Actions. Quarter 2 - 2025/2026**

Appendix 2 provides details against a suite of 35 new actions which support delivery of the outcomes in the Community Safety Plan 2025-28. Community Safety Partners are already working to deliver these outcomes and 9 actions have been completed.

The Community Safety Partners will report on the progress of these actions each quarter to the Community Safety Board. The actions have been developed to maximise the benefits of partnership working in terms of community safety.

There are no Actions indicated Red or Amber.

**Actions Ongoing **:

There are 26 actions detailed within the report are currently ongoing, with all reporting on target to complete by the end of the Community Safety Plan.

**E. CONCLUSION**

This report provides an update to the Community Safety Board on performance against the activities which support delivery of the new Community Safety Plan 2025 – 2028 outcomes.

In addition to the priorities listed, supporting the new Community Safety Plan 2025-2028, members of the Community Safety Partnership remain committed to deal with any issues relating to Community Safety in a reactive way by providing immediate response to emergency issues that arise and any risks identified, aiming to maintain and increase safety across West Lothian.

**F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

Appendix 1 – CSSP Performance Indicators 2025-2028

Appendix 2 - CSSP Actions Update 2025-2028

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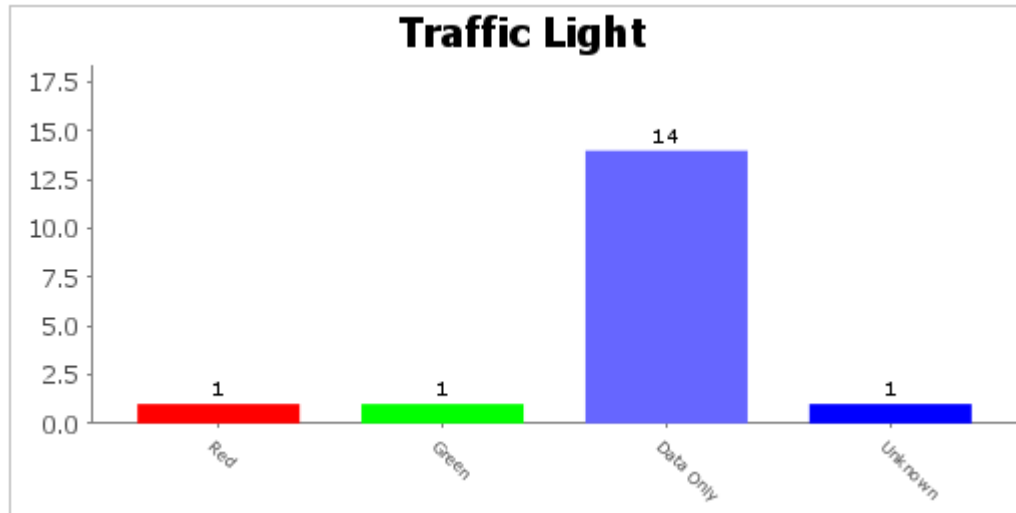
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# Community Safety Board - 27 January 2026


## CSSP 2025/28 - PI's - Appendix 1 Quarter 2 2025-26

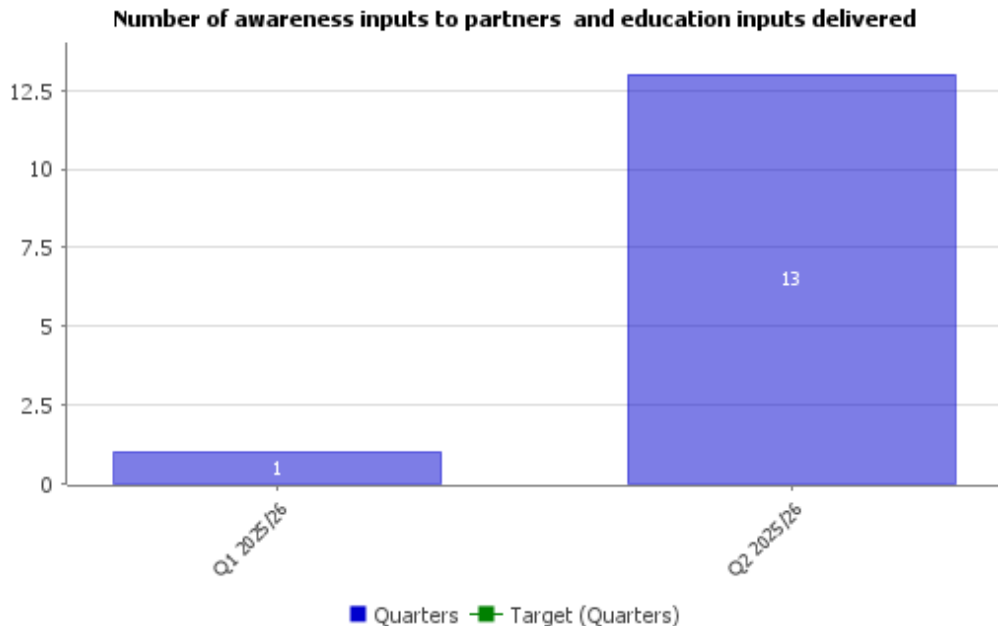
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Code cssp25PEPL01


PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL01 Number of awareness inputs to partners and education inputs delivered	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026
Description	This performance indicator measures the number of awareness sessions delivered to partners by Police Scotland and also delivered within schools and colleges.			



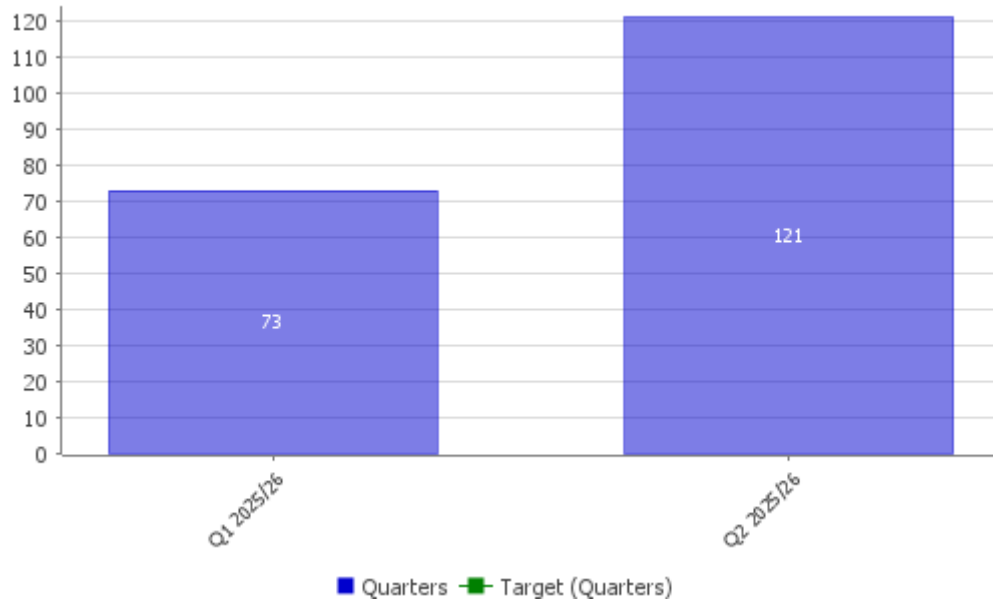
Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
<p>Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers now linked to cluster schools. This will enable schools to have direct contact with officers to enable improved arrangements for input delivery. The trend shows an increase from 1 to 13 in Q2 2025/26</p> <p>NOTE: Police Scotland are unable to provide 'Targets' for performance indicators relating to the Community Safety Plan 2025-2028. As a result, within this report, there will be no Red, Amber or Green (RAG) status available for each performance report and will be shown as a '?' for 'Unknown'.</p>	

Current Value	13	Latest Note:	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, Nine sextortion inputs were delivered and four Hate Crime inputs were recorded. Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers linked to cluster schools.		
Current Target		Responsible Officer	cssp Police Scotland - Chief Inspector (Elaine Kerr); Heidi Simpson	Data Collection Officer	Heidi Simpson

Code cssp25PEPL02

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL02 Number of incidents and crimes committed (breakdown provided per crime heading)	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026
Description	This performance indicator measures the number of Hate Crimes and Sextortion crimes recorded by police Scotland			


Number of incidents and crimes committed (breakdown provided per crime heading)



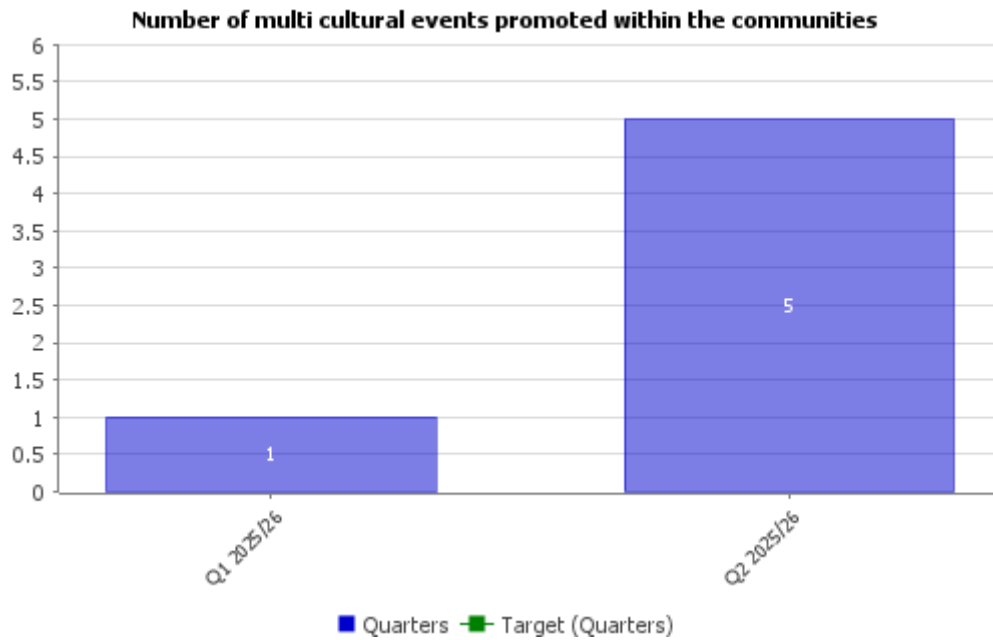
Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
<p>West Lothian Police received 103 reports of Hate Crimes during Q2 with 176 YTD. This is a slight increase compared to LYTD. Police Scotland also received 18 reports of Sextortion which is double the figure we received during Q1. Police Scotland continue to utilise Social Media and community engagement to promote both Hate Crimes and Sextortion, the effect on victims, their families and the wider community impact. Police Scotland believe that individual confidence in reporting has contributed to this increase with officers offering both internal and third-party support for victims.</p> <p>NOTE: Police Scotland are unable to provide 'Targets' for performance indicators relating to the Community Safety Plan 2025-2028. As a result, within this report, there will be no Red, Amber or Green (RAG) status available for each performance report and will be shown as a '?' for 'Unknown'.</p>	

Current Value	121	Latest Note:	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, Police Scotland received 103 reports of Hate Crimes, compared to 177 reported PYTD.		
Current Target		Responsible Officer	cssp Police Scotland - Chief Inspector (Elaine Kerr); Heidi Simpson	Data Collection Officer	Heidi Simpson
		Latest Note:	Between July and June 2025, Police Scotland received 18 reports of Sextortion. Of these cases, 81% involved male victims and 19% involved female victims. Eight of the victims were aged 18 or younger.		

Code cssp25PEPL03

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL03 Number of multi cultural events promoted within the communities	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026

**Description** This performance indicator measures the number of multi cultural events Police Scotland have promoted in communities across West Lothian



**Trend Chart Commentary**


West Lothian officers continue to be involved in all community events, promoting inclusiveness and engagement. Events during Q2 included West Lothian Pride, Beebraigs family day & Freshers Week amongst others.  
 The trend chart shows an increase from 1 to 5 from Q1 to Q2 2025/26  
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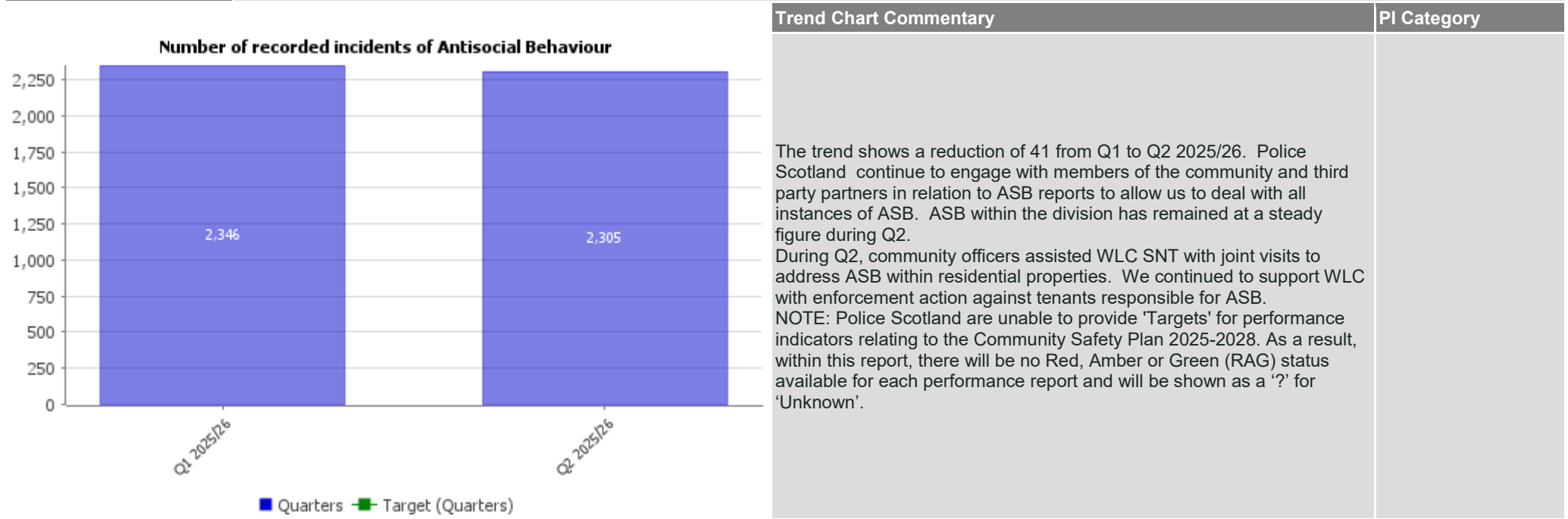
<b>Current Value</b>	5	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, Police Scotland were involved in and promoted five multi-cultural event with positive feedback from these communities.		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	cssp Police Scotland - Chief Inspector (Elaine Kerr); Heidi Simpson	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Heidi Simpson

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Code cssp25PEPL04

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL04 Number of recorded incidents of Antisocial Behaviour	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026

**Description** This performance indicator measures the number of recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour recorded by to Police Scotland



**Trend Chart Commentary**

The trend shows a reduction of 41 from Q1 to Q2 2025/26. Police Scotland continue to engage with members of the community and third party partners in relation to ASB reports to allow us to deal with all instances of ASB. ASB within the division has remained at a steady figure during Q2.


During Q2, community officers assisted WLC SNT with joint visits to address ASB within residential properties. We continued to support WLC with enforcement action against tenants responsible for ASB.

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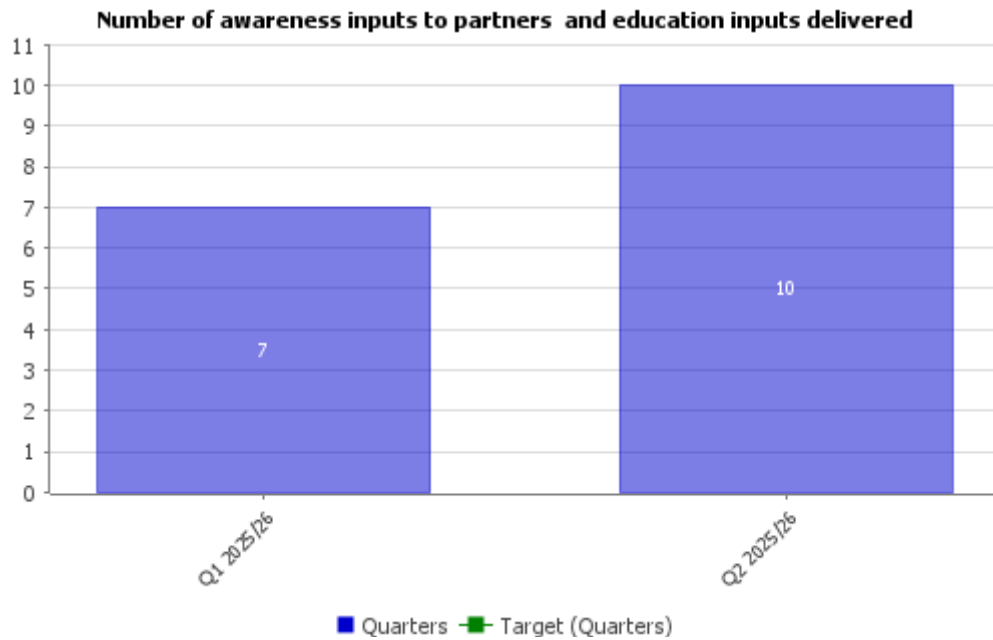
**PI Category**

<b>Current Value</b>	2,305	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, Police Scotland received 2,305 reports of ASB.		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	cssp Police Scotland - Chief Inspector (Elaine Kerr); Heidi Simpson	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Heidi Simpson

Code cssp25PEPL05

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL05 Number of awareness inputs to partners and education inputs delivered	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026


**Description** This performance indicator measures the number of antisocial behaviour awareness session Police Scotland have delivered to partners and, community groups and within education settings

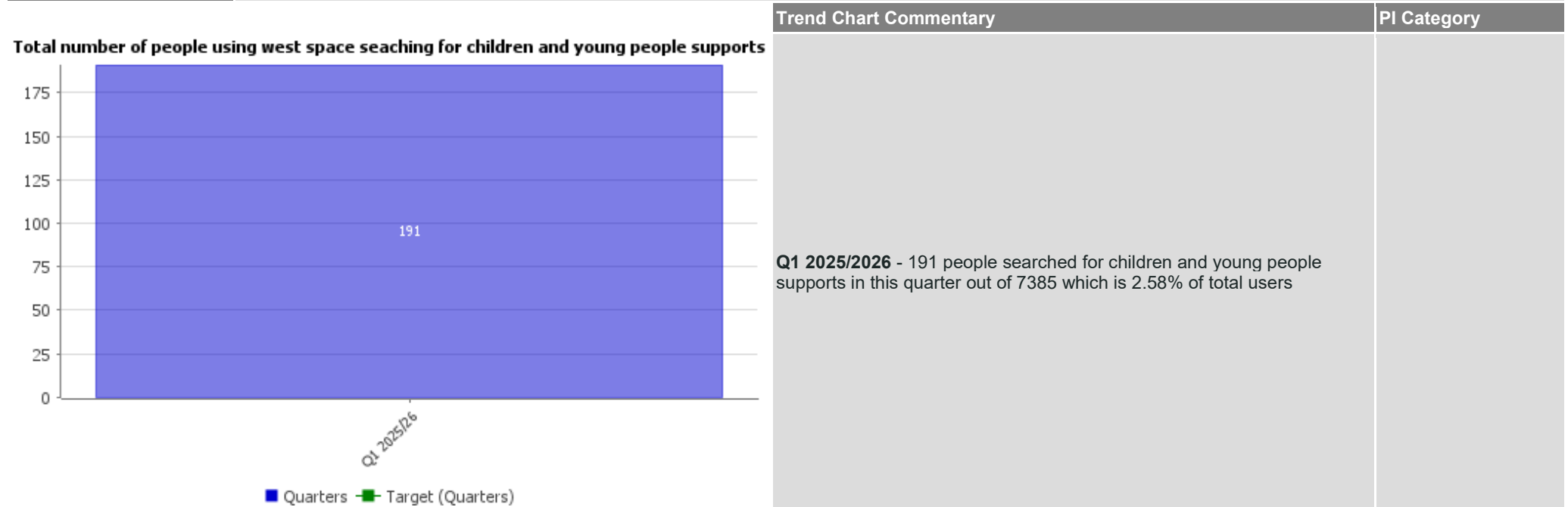


Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
<p>The trend shows an increase of 3 from 7 in Q1 to 10 in Q2 2025/26. Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers now linked to cluster schools. This will enable schools to have direct contact with officers to enable improved arrangements for input delivery.</p> <p>NOTE: Police Scotland are unable to provide 'Targets' for performance indicators relating to the Community Safety Plan 2025-2028. As a result, within this report, there will be no Red, Amber or Green (RAG) status available for each performance report and will be shown as a '?' for 'Unknown'.</p>	

<b>Current Value</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, ten ASB inputs were delivered. Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers linked to cluster schools.		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	cssp Police Scotland - Chief Inspector (Elaine Kerr); Heidi Simpson	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Heidi Simpson


Code cssp25PEPL06

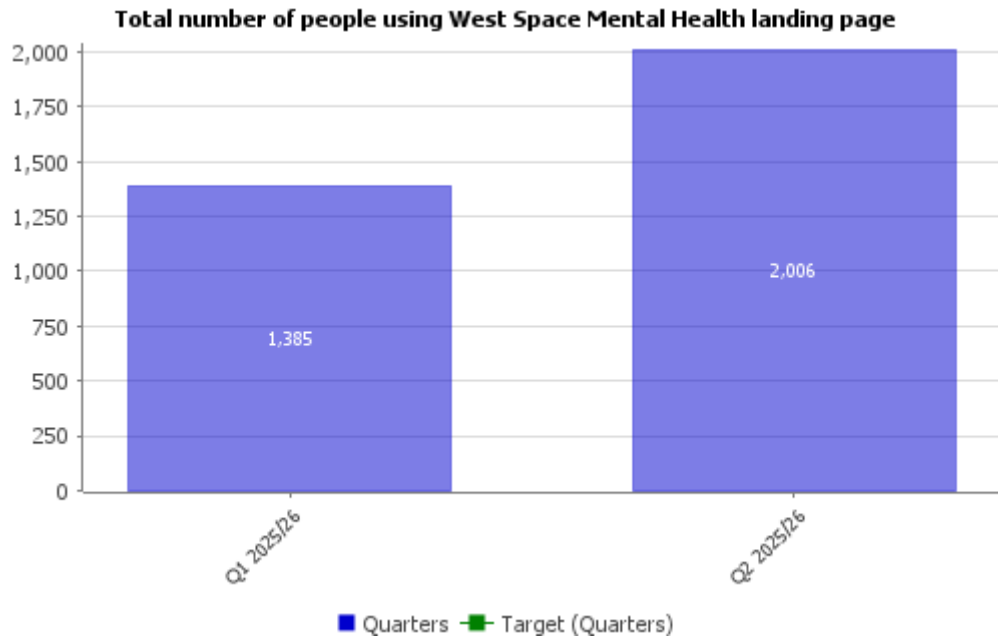
PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL06 Total number of people using west space searching for children and young people supports	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q1 2025/26	01-Oct-2025
Description	This will report on the total numbers of users searching for children and young people supports to support understanding of demand			



Current Value	191	Latest Note:	Yvonne Beresford 06-Oct-2025 <b>During Q1 2025/2026</b> - 191 people searched for children and young people using west space		
Current Target		Responsible Officer	Senior Manager – Justice Services (P.Cochrane)	Data Collection Officer	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner

Code cssp25PEPL07

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL07 Total number of people using West Space Mental Health landing page	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Jan-2026
							
Description	This indicator will measure the numbers of people who are searching for mental health supports using west space mental health landing page in the quarter						



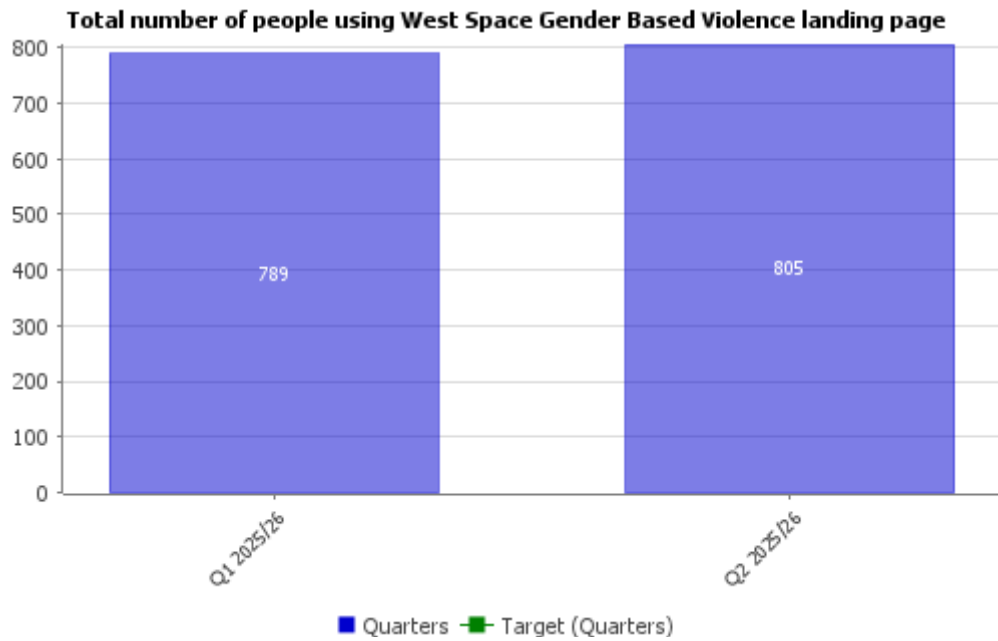
Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
<p><b>Q1 2025/2026</b> - 7385 people used the mental health landing space in the quarter</p>	

Current Value	2,006	Latest Note:	
Current Target		Responsible Officer	Senior Manager – Justice Services (P.Cochrane)
		Data Collection Officer	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner

Code cssp25PEPL08

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL08 Total number of people using West Space Gender Based Violence landing page	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Jan-2026
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**Description** This indicator will measure the numbers of people who are searching for gender based violence supports using west space gender based landing page in the quarter



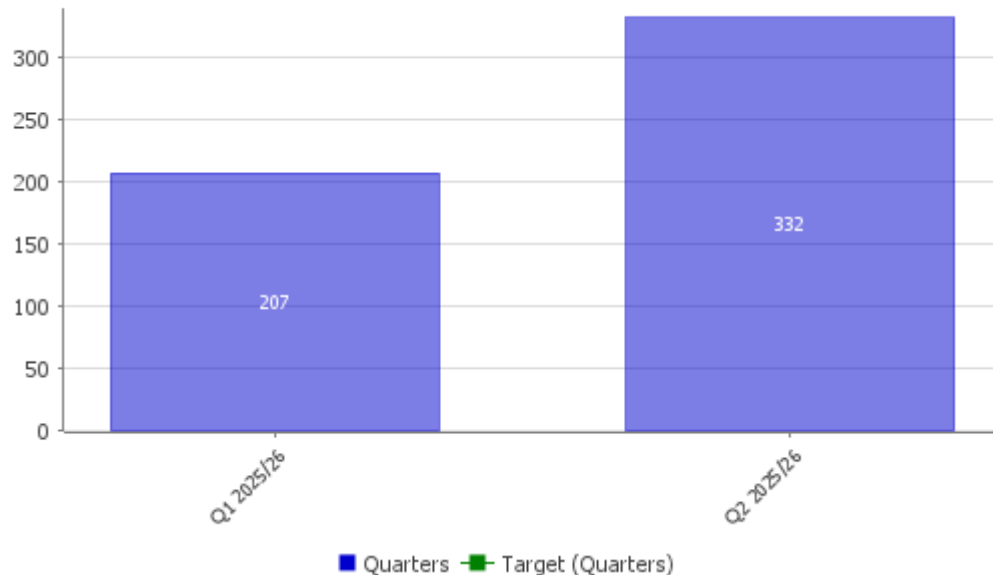
Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
<p><b>Q1 2025/2026</b> - 789 people landed on gender based violence support in this quarter. Over the year 2024-2025 there were 3425 people who landed on the page therefore this is showing similar numbers on average to last year per quarter. It accounts for 10% of the total users who landed on generic mental health supports.</p>	

<b>Current Value</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Claire Marr 05-Dec-2025 Between 01/07/25-20/09/25, the Domestic and Sexual Assault Team page had 805 visitors, an increase of 2% from last quarter.		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Senior Manager – Justice Services (P.Cochrane)	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner

Code cssp25PEPL10

PI Code & Name	<b>cssp25PEPL10 Number of people working towards being trained to informed, skilled and enhanced level in trauma</b>	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026
Description	This performance indicator will measure the number of people who have participated in level 1 (informed) briefings, Level 2 (skilled) learning and level 3 (enhanced) learning			

**Number of people working towards being trained to informed, skilled and enhanced level in trauma**



Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
Q1 2025/2026 - 32 skilled, 146 and enhanced level 29	

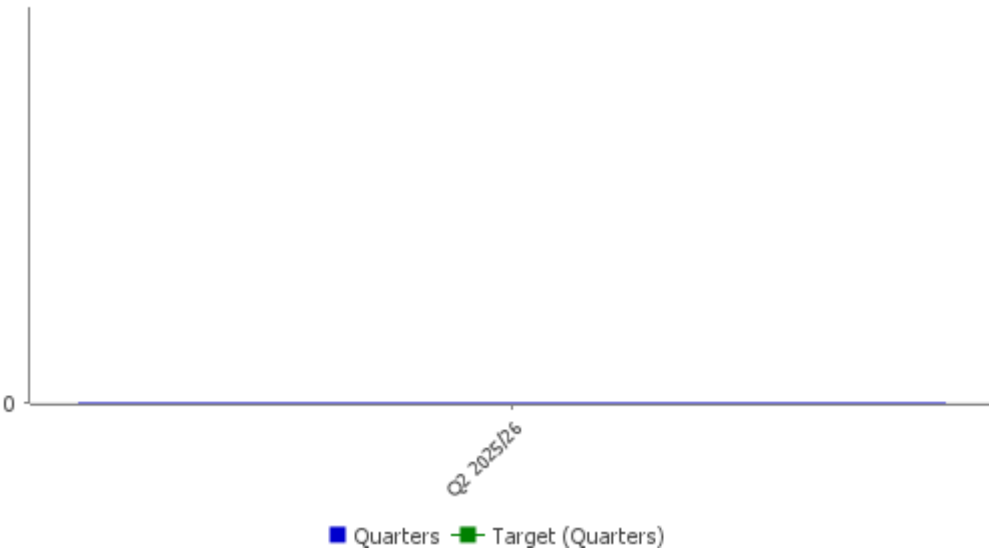
Current Value	<b>332</b>	Latest Note:	
Current Target		Responsible Officer	Senior Manager – Justice Services (P.Cochrane) <b>Data Collection Officer</b> Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner

Code cssp25PEPL11

PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL11 Percentage of children and young people engaged with the Assess and Connect Team (ACT) who, following intervention demonstrated improved decision-making and a reduction in involvement in conflict.	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Jan-2026
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**Description** This performance indicator will measure the percentage of young people who have reduced their involvement in antisocial behaviour in the community

**Percentage of children and young people engaged with the Assess and Connect Team (ACT) who, following intervention demonstrated improved decision-making and a reduction in involvement in conflict.**




Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category

<b>Current Value</b>	0	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Yvonne Beresford 15-Dec-2025 Outcome Starr is the new system that will allow ACT practitioners to record and monitor the number of young people who have had interventions that assisted in their change in decision-making to reduce their involvement in conflict and risk. The training has recently been completed and a base-line will be established going forward, with reportable data figures for monitoring.		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Craig Turner	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Craig Turner


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Code cssp25PEPL12

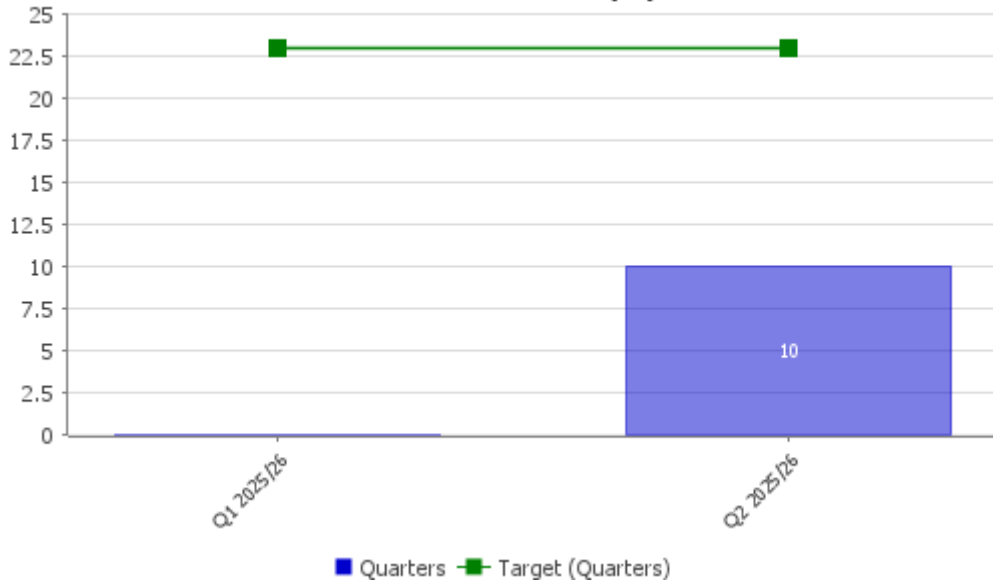
PI Code & Name	cssp25PEPL12 Percentage of children and young people supported by the Assess and Connect Team (ACT) who, following intervention, showed increased engagement with education.	Year Introduced		Last Update	01-Jul-2013
Description	This performance indicator will measure the percentage of young people who are have increased attendance and engagement with Education.				
<p data-bbox="107 491 1077 547"><b>Percentage of children and young people supported by the Assess and Connect Team (ACT) who, following intervention, showed increased engagement with education.</b></p>  <p data-bbox="421 1098 763 1129">■ Quarters ■ Target (Quarters)</p>	Trend Chart Commentary			PI Category	
Current Value		Latest Note:			
Current Target		Responsible Officer	Craig Turner	Data Collection Officer	Yvonne Beresford; Craig Turner

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Code cssp25PLA01

PI Code & Name	cssp25PLA01 Ensure that we have interacted with 75% of known market operators and home based small scale businesses (23)	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026
Description	Show the number of interactions with local business operators (markets, crafters and small independent sellers).			

**Ensure that we have interacted with 75% of known market operators and home based small scale businesses (23)**




Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
The target is 23 interactions and the trend chart shows the increase of 10 from Q1 to Q2 2025/26.	

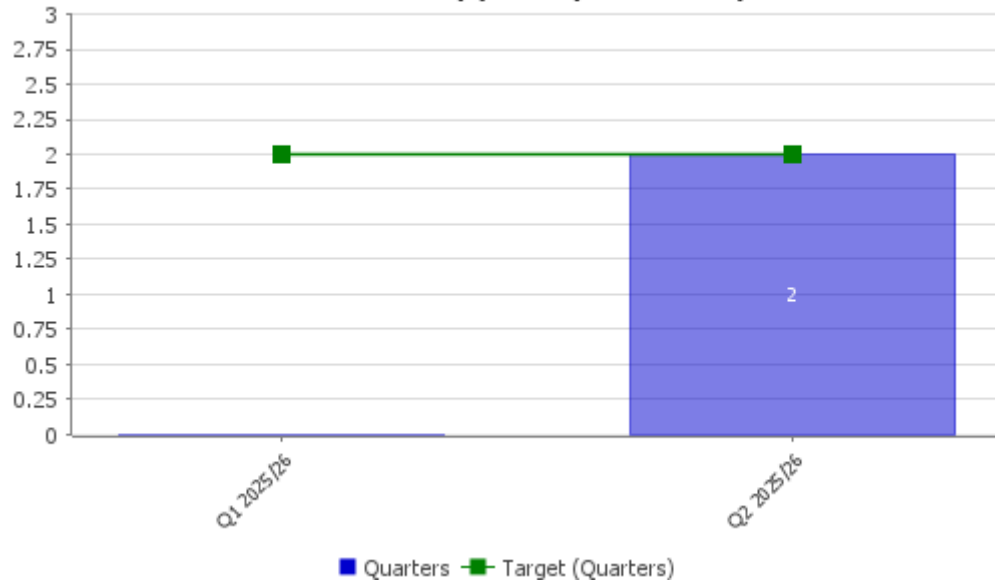
Current Value	10	Latest Note:	Yvonne Beresford 08-Dec-2025 <b>Started to engage with local businesses and will continue to try and assist them with their business and compliance needs.</b>		
Current Target	23	Responsible Officer	Yvonne Beresford; Malcolm Craig	Data Collection Officer	Malcolm Craig

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Code cssp25PLA02

PI Code & Name	cssp25PLA02 Engage with Business Gateway to improve communication between Trading Standards & Business Gateway (twice a year minimum)	Year Introduced	Last Update	Update Due
			Q2 2025/26	01-Jan-2026
Description	Show the number of meetings with Business Gateway			

**Engage with Business Gateway to improve communication between Trading Standards & Business Gateway (twice a year minimum)**




Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
This is a new PI and the trend is just being established. We can see from the chart that interactions have increased to 2 during Q2 2025/26.	

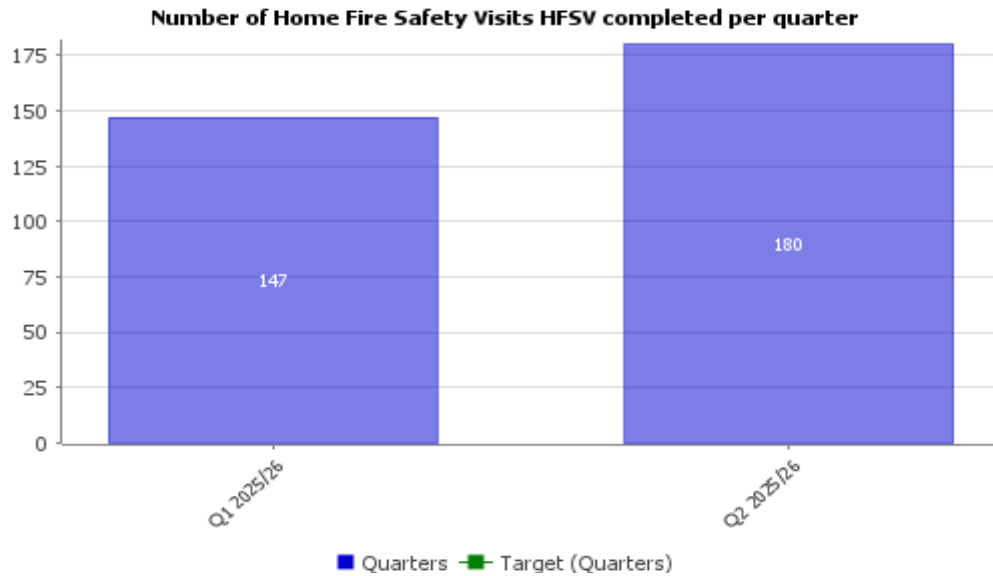
Current Value	2	Latest Note:	Yvonne Beresford 09-Dec-2025 Trading Standards continue to have an ongoing relationship with Business Gateway. This should benefit businesses in the West Lothian area.		
Current Target	2	Responsible Officer	Yvonne Beresford; Malcolm Craig	Data Collection Officer	Malcolm Craig

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Code cssp25PLA03

PI Code & Name	cssp25PLA03 Number of Home Fire Safety Visits HFSV completed per quarter	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Mar-2026
							

**Description** This performance indicator shows the number of home fire safety visits completed.



**Trend Chart Commentary**


The new HFSV has been launched in early 2025 and targets those most at risk from fire. The majority of the referrals are currently self-referrals however the partner application is due to be launched in August 2025 which will allow partners to refer those identified as at risk.

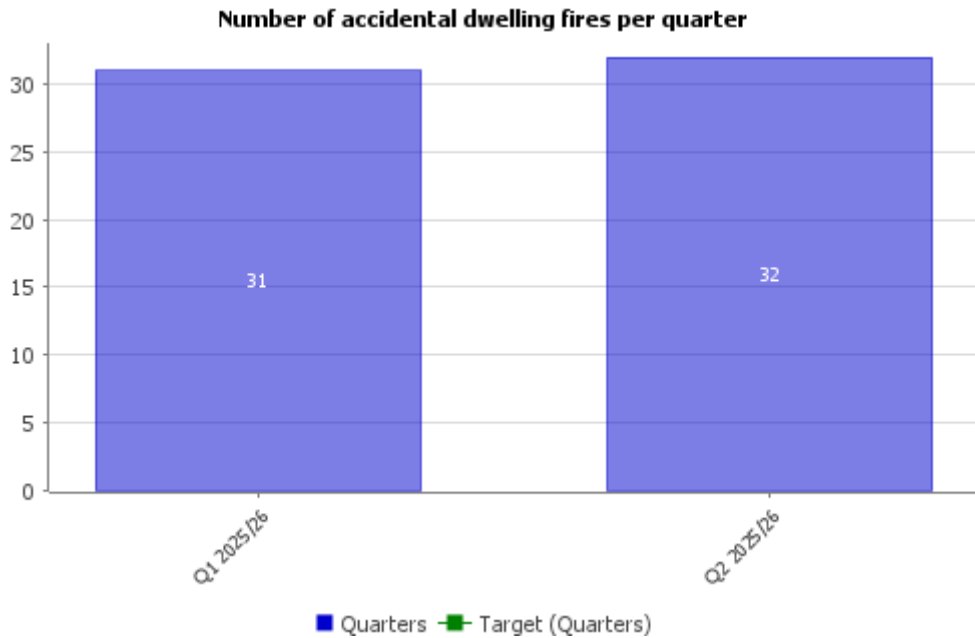
**PI Category**

<b>Current Value</b>	180	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Paul Harvey 27-Nov-2025 Q2 has shown an increase in Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) carried out across West Lothian from 147 in Q1 to 180 in Q2. Operational crews conduct post domestic incident response following each domestic incident offering a HFSV to the affected property and promoting HFSVs with neighbouring properties.		
			The partner referral portal is undergoing rigorous testing to ensure security compliance and is estimated to be launched early 2026. Until launch the interim referral arrangement remains in place.		

<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Paul Harvey	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Paul Harvey
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Code cssp25PLA04

PI Code & Name	cssp25PLA04 Number of accidental dwelling fires per quarter	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Mar-2026
							
Description	This measure relates to the recorded number of accidental dwelling fires.						



Trend Chart Commentary	PI Category
<p>There have been 31 accidental dwelling fires during Q1 2025/26, 22 caused by a cooking appliance                      4 other domestic appliance 2 electricity supply                      2 not known                      1 naked flame                      Alarm systems were present in 26 properties and activated in 24 cases.</p>	

<b>Current Value</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Latest Note:</b>	<p>Paul Harvey 27-Nov-2025 There have been 32 accidental dwelling fires during the reporting period.</p> <p>20 caused by cooking appliance</p> <p>4 not known</p> <p>3 electricity supply</p>
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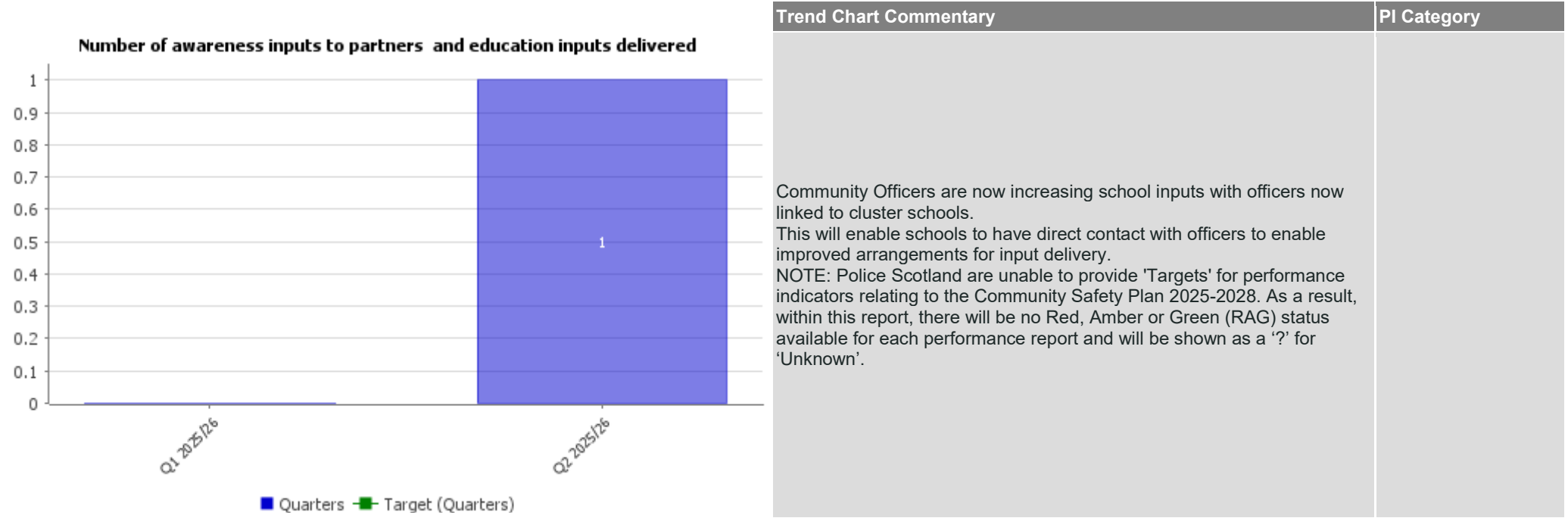
			<p>1 chimney fire</p> <p>1 electric lighting</p> <p>1 matches/candles</p> <p>1 other domestic appliance</p> <p>1 smoking related</p> <p>Alarm systems were present in 27 out of the 32 properties, Post Domestic Incident Response is offered following all domestic incidents which includes fire safety advice and the provision of smoke and heat detection.</p> <p>Thematic action plans are in place throughout the year, reduction in accidental dwelling fires remains a priority across all plans. Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) are targeted at those groups most at risk identified from previous national fire statistics. Operational crews and the Community Action team seek opportunities to engage with vulnerable groups to provide HFSVs and offer fire safety advice.</p>		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Paul Harvey	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Paul Harvey

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Code cssp25PRE01

PI Code & Name	cssp25PRE01 Number of awareness inputs to partners and education inputs delivered	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Jan-2026
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**Description** This performance indicator measures the number of Serious & Organised Crime awareness session Police Scotland have delivered to partners and, community groups and within education settings



**Trend Chart Commentary**

Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers now linked to cluster schools. This will enable schools to have direct contact with officers to enable improved arrangements for input delivery.

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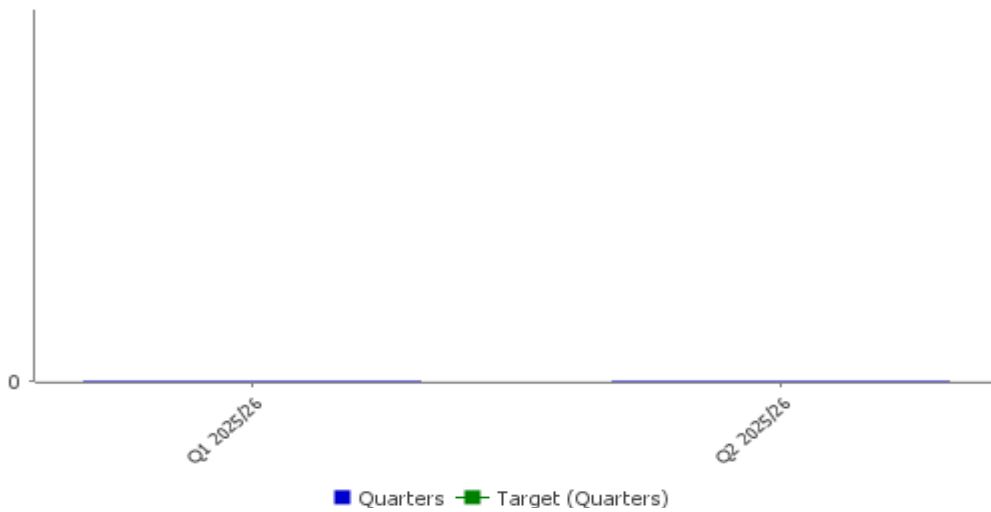
<b>Current Value</b>	1	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Yvonne Beresford 09-Dec-2025 Between April and September 2025, one SOC input was delivered. This was due to a combination of factors, including school holidays, a reduction to one School Liaison Officer, operational demands and community officers being required to support response teams.		
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	cssp Police Scotland; Heidi Simpson	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Heidi Simpson

Code cssp25PRE02

PI Code & Name	cssp25PRE02 Number of sessions delivered per quarter of suicide prevention training; Number of total attendees	Year Introduced		Last Update	Q2 2025/26	Update Due	01-Jan-2026
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**Description** Sessions delivered by Suicide prevention leadership Group partners delivered in the quarter. Sessions may be suicide prevention activity specifically or mental health training sessions with a substantial component of suicide prevention

**Number of sessions delivered per quarter of suicide prevention training; Number of total attendees**



**Trend Chart Commentary**

The trend shows that there is no data gathered yet in relation to the number of suicide prevention sessions delivered. (The reason is explained in the note section).

**PI Category**

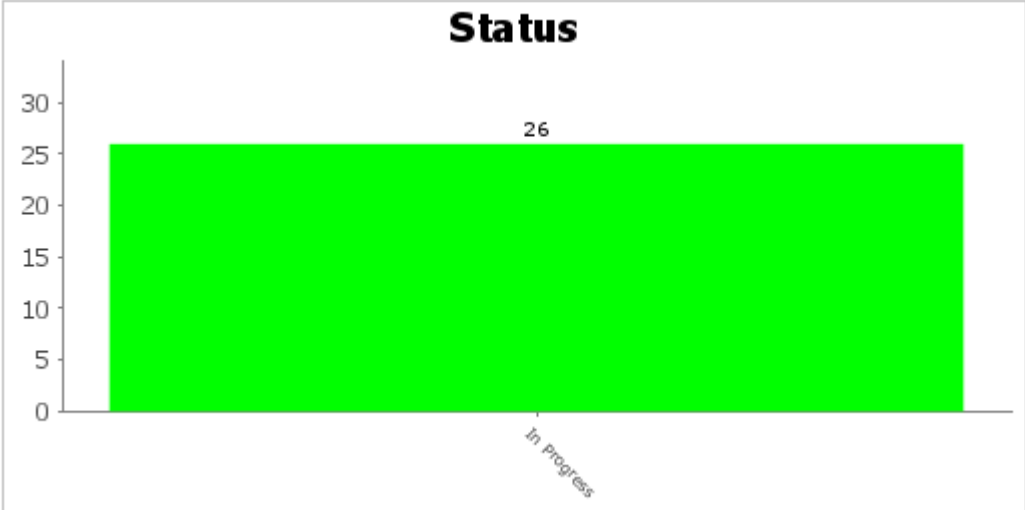
<b>Current Value</b>	0	<b>Latest Note:</b>	Yvonne Beresford 09-Dec-2025 The Suicide Prevention Leadership Group (SPLG) met in November 2025 to discuss the actions to be taken forward in both the short and long term under the new Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2025–28. However, due to limited resources and recent staff sickness, the revised performance indicators and updated actions are still to be confirmed. An update will be provided to the Community Safety Board early next year. We are actively driving suicide prevention efforts across West Lothian, supporting continuous delivery of initiatives that support individuals and strengthen community resilience.			
<b>Current Target</b>		<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Joshi Bhav	<b>Data Collection Officer</b>	Joshi Bhav	

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## CSSP 2025/28 - Actions - Active - Appendix 2



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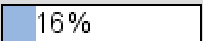
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Hate Crime &amp; Sextortion: Delivery of education inputs led by school link &amp; Community officers.</b>				
<b>Description</b>	To have a pro-active approach by carrying out engagement with communities and encourage the reporting of hate crime and sextortion, aided by regular social media campaigns to help deliver a zero tolerance approach.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Stronger partnerships			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Heidi Simpson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, nine sextortion inputs were delivered and four Hate Crime inputs were recorded. Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers linked to cluster schools.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025				


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.02</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Hate Crime &amp; Sextortion: To carry out a local campaign or “week of action” to promote harmony and belonging in the community.</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Engage our communities & partners to recognise / report Hate Crime and Sextortion & feel supported as victims.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Increased awareness			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Heidi Simpson
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<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025				


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<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.03</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Hate Crime &amp; Sextortion: To build stronger relationships with minority groups and promote multi-cultural events in the community.</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Engage our communities & partners to recognise / report Hate Crime and Sextortion & feel supported as victims.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Increased confidence in reporting & supporting victims			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Heidi Simpson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, Police Scotland were involved in and promoted five multi-cultural event with positive feedback from these communities.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025				



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Antisocial Behaviour: To carry out engagement with communities in order to increase reporting and help deliver a zero tolerance approach to antisocial behaviour</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Engage our communities & partners to recognize / report antisocial behaviour and feel supported as victims.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Stronger partnerships			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Heidi Simpson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, Police Scotland received 2,305 reports of ASB, with 4,651 being reported YTD. We continue to engage with members of the community and third party partners in relation to ASB reports to allow us to deal with all instances of ASB.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025				



<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.05</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Antisocial Behaviour: Delivery of education inputs led by school link officers and awareness sessions by community officers</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Increased awareness to allow increase in confidence in reporting while supporting victims				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Increased awareness to allow increase in confidence in reporting while supporting victims			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Heidi Simpson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, ten ASB inputs were delivered. Community Officers are now increasing school inputs with officers linked to cluster schools.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025				



<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.06</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Gender Based Violence: To develop an annual calendar of events to raise awareness around gender-based violence</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Scope and collate significant local and national events addressing mental health that can be used to populate a calendar and develop a communication strategy with partners which will then be used to develop an awareness raising campaign				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	To raise knowledge and awareness for communities, service users and partners on the prevalence, help and advice available			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Pauline Cochrane 08-Dec-2025 We will now be working on community events throughout the year and not just those for staff members.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	08-Dec-2025				


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.08</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Mental Health Services : To develop an annual calendar of events to raise awareness around mental health</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Scope and collate significant local and national events addressing mental health that can be used to populate a calendar and develop a communication strategy with partners which will then be used to develop an awareness raising campaign				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Thematic Calendar to support /compliment partnership working			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Pauline Cochrane 06-Oct-2025 National Mental Health awareness events are being scoped and in addition there is a plan to populate the calendar with an annual care experienced event and Promise Celebration Event each October				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	06-Oct-2025				


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.10</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Gender Based Violence: To deliver safe and together briefings, overview training and core four training throughout the calendar year to ensure practitioners and services are domestic abuse informed</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Implement the Safe and Together model consistently across West Lothian to deliver a unified, effective response for families experiencing domestic abuse				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Deliver the Safer and Together Training			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Pauline Cochrane 09-Dec-2025 A strategic oversight group is being established with an initial meeting planned for December				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	09-Dec-2025				
<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.12</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Mental Health Services: To develop trauma training across the partnership and maintain a trauma network within West Lothian to embed a culture of trauma informed approaches and trauma responsive services</b>				
<b>Description</b>	This action will strengthen multi-agency partnership working through the Trauma Board, ensuring the continued development and sustainability of a West Lothian trauma network. The network will support the delivery of trauma-informed systems and trauma-responsive services across agencies, improving coordinated practice and outcomes for individuals and communities.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Deliver trauma training, maintain network and embed trauma informed approaches and trauma responsive services			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Helen McKay; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Pauline Cochrane 09-Jan-2026 The Trauma Board and the Trauma Network Event Planning Group have refreshed following changes in personnel. A network event took place on 4th December, focusing on supporting staff who work with people affected by gender based violence with more than 70 attendees. Regular trauma board meetings are in place and we are currently looking at e learning options and continuing to roll out the level 1, 2 and TRSWS training. There is diverse membership of the trauma board including third sector, education, health, social work, housing, HR, Health and safety, Justice services, Suicide prevention etc				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	09-Jan-2026				

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Consumer protection and safety: Develop engagement opportunities with Cottage Industries / Home Producers /Independent sellers/crafters</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Show the number of interactions with local business operators (markets, crafters and small independent sellers).				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Informed sector			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Malcolm Craig
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 08-Dec-2025 We have reached out to a number of small businesses and will continue to engage with the communities.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	08-Dec-2025				

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp2.02</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Consumer protection and safety: Develop partnership opportunities with partners to benefit the local economy</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Show the number of meetings with Business Gateway				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Improved consumer protection and safety			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Malcolm Craig
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 08-Dec-2025 We have engaged with the business gateway and will continue to foster a working relationship with them.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	08-Dec-2025				


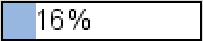
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Road Safety: Complete Road Inspection Programmes</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Complete road safety inspections on schedule, Complete principal bridge inspections on schedule. Complete general bridge inspections on schedule, Complete night scout street lighting inspection on schedule.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the casualty rates with pro-active road maintenance activities.			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 17-Sep-2025 All 3 inspection programmes are ongoing and currently up to date. Road safety inspections were all 100% completed on time.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	17-Sep-2025				





<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp2.06</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Accidental dwelling fires: To build referral pathways with partners to promote the safety of those most vulnerable from fire in communities</b>			<input type="text" value="5%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	As a fire prevention method, to provide the means for partners to refer identified vulnerable people with no fire detection				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduction in incidents where there is no fire detection		<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time	
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Paul Harvey
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 11-Dec-2025 SFRS ICT are carrying out rigorous testing of the Home Fire Safety Visit partner referral site and the latest update is that the site should be ready for launch in early 2026. Self-referrals can be made through the main SFRS website and partner referrals can be accepted through the interim referral form or freephone number.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	11-Dec-2025				


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp2.07</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Accidental dwelling fires: To promote the revised Home Fire Safety Visit with partners and communities.</b>			<input type="text" value="10%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	Ongoing work with partners to promote the revised referral pathway for Home Fire Safety Visits				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Informed public awareness of support available		<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time	
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Paul Harvey
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 11-Dec-2025 SFRS are promoting the revised HFSV with community groups and through social media. Following every domestic fire the householder is offered a HFSV including the provision of fire detection if required.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	11-Dec-2025				


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<b>Title</b>	<b>Accidental dwelling fires: The number and type of initiatives delivered to communities</b>			
<b>Description</b>	To acknowledge the number of ongoing variety of initiatives delivered to communities to reduce accidental dwelling fires			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Deployment of initiatives and campaigns with partners			<b>Expected Outcome</b> Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b> Paul Harvey
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 11-Dec-2025 Operational crews have carried out 59 community safety engagement activities during Q2. These have included post domestic incident response where the affected household and neighbouring properties are offered home fire safety advice. Fire risk recognition training has been delivered through West Lothian Adult Protection to assist partners identify fire risk and refer for a HFSV. Fire Safety advice has been provided to numerous community groups including at the Senior People Fair, Dementia Groups, West Lothian College and care homes within West Lothian.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	11-Dec-2025			


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.01</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Serious &amp; Organised Crime (SOC): Delivery of education inputs led by school link officers and awareness sessions by community officers to ensure a greater awareness of SOC in communities</b>			
<b>Description</b>	Ensure a greater awareness of SOC in communities.			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Ensure a greater awareness of SOC in communities.			<b>Expected Outcome</b> Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b> Heidi Simpson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 04-Dec-2025 Between July and September 2025, one SOC input was delivered. This was due to a combination of factors, including school holidays, a reduction to one School Liaison Officer, operational demands and community officers being required to support response teams.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025			


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.04</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Suicide Prevention: Develop and deliver partnership training strategy to raise awareness of suicide prevention</b>			
<b>Description</b>	To develop and deliver partnership training to raise awareness of suicide prevention across the community safety partnership.			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Raise awareness of suicide prevention provide learning and training opportunities were available to the community and workforce.			<b>Expected Outcome</b> Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b> Joshi Bhav
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 13-Jan-2026 The development and delivery of a partnership training framework to raise awareness of suicide prevention is underway and in the early stages. This framework will be created in collaboration between the Suicide Prevention Leadership Group and the Trauma Board to ensure a joined up approach that integrates general mental health, trauma-informed practice, and suicide prevention. By highlighting the links between these areas, the training will support staff and communities in building knowledge and confidence, ensuring a collaborative approach to wellbeing and safety across all services and in community settings. This approach was discussed and agreed at the Trauma Board meeting on 13th November 2025, the next steps will be mapping this via a workshop, this work is in the very early stages but we foresee this gaining momentum once the plans for this are in place.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	13-Jan-2026			
<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.05</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Suicide Prevention: Develop partnership 'postvention response procedure' and subsequent implementation. Develop a multi-agency risk group to discuss incidents of escalating risk relating to mental health and addictions</b>			
<b>Description</b>	To develop a postvention response and implementation procedure for a new multi-agency risk group to discuss incidents. This is to prevent escalation of risk, relating to addictions and mental health.			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce and prevent risk of further probable suicides. Reduce the likelihood of clusters. Minimize the impact of trauma and suicidal behaviour in individuals affected by a suicide.			<b>Expected Outcome</b>
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b> Joshi Bhav
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 09-Dec-2025 The development of the partnership postvention response procedure is currently in progress and will be presented to the Suicide Prevention Leadership Group (SPLG) for discussion early next year. There has been a delay in this work due to limited resources and the prioritisation of developing the new Suicide Prevention Action Plan. In addition, the establishment of the multi-agency risk group was temporarily on hold following the replacement of the General Manager for Mental Health and Addiction Services. With a new manager now in post, this action will be picked up alongside the Programme Manager for Mental Health to ensure progress moving forward.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	09-Dec-2025			


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.06</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Suicide Prevention: Mental Health &amp; Addictions: Development of group; Agreement around Data Sharing</b>			<input type="text" value="0%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	A new group will be developed to bring about a data sharing agreement for suicide prevention relating to mental health and addictions.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reducing and preventing probable suicides and tacking the inequalities which contribute to this. Increase opportunities for early intervention and reduce risk of death relating to mental health and addictions.			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Delayed by > 3 months
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Joshi Bhav
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 09-Dec-2025 The establishment of the multi-agency risk group was temporarily on hold following the replacement of the General Manager for Mental Health and Addiction Services. With a new manager now in post, this action will be picked up alongside the Programme Manager for Mental Health to ensure progress moving forward.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	09-Dec-2025				


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.08</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Support Partnership working in the Locality Planning areas: To provide advice and machanism to plan and support Community Safety Partners identified campaigns and actions in localities covered by the Locality Plans</b>			<input type="text" value="17%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	Developing a process between Locality Planning Steering Groups and the Community Safety Partnership to share information and campaigns and provide a two way flow for communication.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Community Safety Partners are better placed to deliver positive outcomes through working with local community based partners.			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Douglas Grierson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 16-Sep-2025 Promoting fire safety in the Armadale community around the 'Moss' was carried out to encourage reporting within the community and fire prevention following a number of fires in the area. Continuing the weekly communication of young people's activities around the 4 youth work areas across West Lothian from Streetwork and promoting positive choices by young people and supporting local businesses in each of the 4 areas where there has been a reduction in complaints where there has been previous ASB or thefts during Quarter 1. Following a successful pilot in Blackburn, the alcohol free space within a local cafe in the MILL centre run by the Larder (Social Enterprise) has been extended for another 6 months and staff are looking at sustainability options. Plans are underway to deliver further training for Mental Health First Aid Training within local community organisations and businesses in the Blackburn area.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	16-Sep-2025				


<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.09</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Road Safety Education: Review current Road Safety Education materials available to all schools on Health and Wellbeing Sharepoint.</b>			<input type="text" value="5%"/>
<b>Description</b>	Review current Road Safety Education materials available to all schools on Health and Wellbeing Sharepoint.			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the casualty rates from road traffic collisions involving children and young people		<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
				Yvonne Beresford; Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Kenneth Brown 12-Jan-2026 Road Safety Materials on the Sharepoint are up to date. Material reviewed by Melissa Dunn.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	12-Jan-2026			

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.10</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Road Safety Education: Update Secondary Road Safety Education materials when new Mechanimals resource is made available</b>			<input type="text" value="5%"/>
<b>Description</b>	Road Safety Education: Update Secondary Road Safety Education materials when new Mechanimals resource is made available			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the casualty rates from road traffic collisions		<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
				Yvonne Beresford; Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Kenneth Brown 12-Jan-2026 Awaiting release of the new Mechanimals resource.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	12-Jan-2026			

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.11</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Road Safety Education: Update Additional Support Needs Road Safety materials when new resource to replace or revise current resource of A2B is available.</b>			<input type="text" value="5%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	Reduce the casualty rates from road traffic collisions by sharing new resources with Education				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the casualty rates from road traffic collisions			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Kenneth Brown 12-Jan-2026 Road Safety Materials on the Sharepoint are up to date. Material reviewed by Melissa Dunn.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	12-Jan-2026				

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.12</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Road Safety Education: Continue to remind all Education staff where Road Safety resources are stored including campaigns via the Health and Wellbeing Champions network and termly updates.</b>			<input type="text" value="5%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	To share all relevant resources and updates with Education				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the casualty rates from road traffic collisions			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 17-Sep-2025 Meetings are in place to develop a scheduled timetable for schools.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	17-Sep-2025				

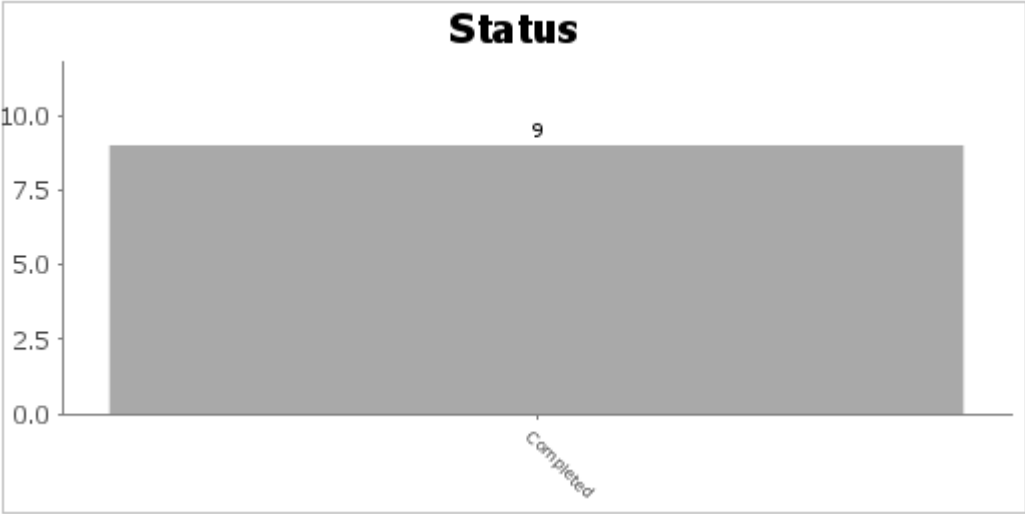
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Work with partners on a range of initiatives and safety campaigns:</b>			<input type="text" value="32%"/>	
<b>Description</b>	To work with the media team to share Road Safety resources and publicise campaigns on social media				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Deployment of initiatives and campaigns in partnership			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Kenneth Brown 12-Jan-2026 All TS winter campaigns shared including drugs and alcohol, and young driver specific.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	12-Jan-2026				

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.14</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Work with partners on range of initiatives and safety campaigns: Liaise with partners including Police, Fire and Transport Scotland to find out about and highlight safety campaigns to staff via Health and Wellbeing Champions network and termly updates</b>				
<b>Description</b>	To work with partners on a range of initiatives and safety campaigns				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Deployment of initiatives and campaigns in partnership			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Kenneth Brown 12-Jan-2026 West Lothian SCSPG - Road Safety meetings reestablished				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	12-Jan-2026				



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<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.07</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Mental Health Services : To develop an online directory of mental health services accessible via QR Code on WestSpace for 5-26 year olds</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Completing the below elements:-  The completion of the development of the directoryx, creating QR code and make live - Completed 11/09/25 Develop and agree multi agency Coomunication strategy to raise awareness - To be completed January 2026 Develop action plan for maintaining directory and commissioning of host website - To be completed June 2026 Develop multi agency single point of information process - To be completed January 2027				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Online Directory of Mental Health Services for young people 5 to 26yrs			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Pauline Cochrane 08-Dec-2025 This is now complete with ongoing work happening around awareness raising.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	08-Dec-2025				



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<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.09</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Gender Based Violence: To develop an online directory of available Gender Based Violence Services via QR Code on West Space for adults and children</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<p>To work with partners identifying relevant support services to produce an online directory accessible via QR code, hosted on West Space and raise awareness of its availability.</p> <p>Scope multi agency awareness raising opportunities for sharing and increasing visibility The completion of the development of the directory, creating QR code and make live - Completed 11/09/25 Develop and agree multi agency Communication strategy to raise awareness - To be completed January 2026 Develop action plan for maintaining directory and commissioning of host website - To be completed March 2026</p>			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Online Directory for Gender Based Violence services & information			
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
				Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Pauline Cochrane 08-Dec-2025 This is complete with public health funding the purchasing of stickers with the QR code available which has been widely shared during 16 days at all events			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	08-Dec-2025			



<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.11</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Justice Services: Deployment of Outcome Starr evaluation tool to measure effective early intervention within the Assess and Connect Team (ACT)</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<p>Progress will be measured by:-</p> <p>To develop an indicator to measure progress - Completed 11/09/2025 To implement outcome starr -</p>			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Evaluation Tool (Outcome Starr) deployed to measure effective early intervention			<b>Expected Outcome</b>
				Will complete early
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
				Yvonne Beresford; Pauline Cochrane; Claire Marr; Craig Turner
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 09-Dec-2025 Evaluation Tool (Outcome Starr) now developed and staff training almost complete and will be deployed to measure effective early intervention			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	09-Dec-2025			


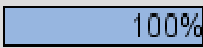
<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp1.13</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Mental Health Services: To provide a streamlined pathway to aid people presenting to services with a mental health crisis including severe distress.</b>			
<b>Description</b>	-- enter action details here --			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>				<b>Expected Outcome</b>
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 13-Jan-2026 Following a successful test of change in 2024/25, a West Lothian Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) service has been commissioned for 3 years (with option to extend up to 24 months) from April 2025. This fills a previous gap in our mental health pathways, providing follow up within 24 hours of presentation for those who are in severe distress but are otherwise clinically well.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	13-Jan-2026			

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp2.04</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Empty Homes: Review the Empty Homes Framework and develop a process to forge and strengthen partnerships between Community Safety Partners.</b>			
<b>Description</b>	To develop a Framework within the Local Housing Strategy and regular partnership meetings with internal and external agencies with a common aim to reduce the empty homes in West Lothian			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the number of empty private homes			<b>Expected Outcome</b>
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
<b>Latest Note</b>	Courtney Gemmell 04-Dec-2025 The Empty Homes Framework has been developed in collaboration with Shelter, Scottish Empty Homes Partnership (SEHP) and other council service areas, and a Partnership Agreement has been developed. This was approved at Council Executive on 11th November 2025. Regular meetings remain in place with partners for case review and strategic work in support of the reduction of empty homes.			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	04-Dec-2025			

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp2.05</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Empty Homes: Identify empty homes (EH) presenting a risk to communities and requiring a multi agency approach. Identified Empty Homes to be reported to the following e-mail address: EmptyHomes@westlothian.gov.uk;</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Reduce risks to communities				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the number of empty private homes			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Courtney Gemmell
<b>Latest Note</b>	Courtney Gemmell 20-Aug-2025 Empty Homes requiring a multi-agency approach have been identified and email address to report these homes has been set up.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	20-Aug-2025				

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.02</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Serious &amp; Organised Crime (SOC): Develop multi agency SOC action plan</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Working together to reduce the harm caused by SOC.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Produce SOC Multi-Agency Action Plan			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete early
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Heidi Simpson
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 02-Dec-2025 Plan complete and live				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	02-Dec-2025				

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.03</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Road Safety: Contribute to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 towards Vision Zero.</b>				
<b>Description</b>	Road Safety: Contribute to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 towards Vision Zero. Develop partnership initiatives and safety campaigns aimed at reducing casualty rates from road traffic collisions.				
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Reduce the casualty rates from road traffic collisions			<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Will complete on time
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	Kenneth Brown
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 17-Sep-2025 During quarter 1, we have completed Milestone 1 and the training is now complete. The training was inclusive of partners from Transport Scotland, the Police , SFRS, SAS and others.				
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	17-Sep-2025				

<b>Code</b>	<b>cssp3.07</b>	<b>Status Icon</b>		<b>Progress Bar</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Suicide Prevention: To reduce the harm caused by suicide by reducing the number of people taking their own lives and supporting those affected by suicide.</b>			
<b>Description</b>	-- enter action details here --			
<b>Desired Outcome</b>				<b>Expected Outcome</b>
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	<b>01-Apr-2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>31-Mar-2028</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>
	Diane Stewart			
<b>Latest Note</b>	Yvonne Beresford 16-Sep-2025 <i>Following the approval of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2025–28 by the West Lothian Chief Officer Group on 11 September 2025, and the actions identified through consultation with the public and partners, the suicide prevention actions currently reported to the Community Safety Board will be reviewed to ensure alignment across both plans. Performance indicators will also be refined to support effective delivery. Updated actions and indicators will be ratified with the Suicide Prevention Leadership Group and shared at the next Community Safety Board meeting.</i>			
<b>Latest Note Date</b>	16-Sep-2025			



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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD**

### **BONFIRE / FIREWORKS 2025 UPDATE EVALUATION**

#### **REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

#### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides the Board with an overview of the multi-agency preventative activities undertaken within the West Lothian area during the Bonfire/Firework Period 2025. The delivery of the Bonfire Plan 2025 and subsequent recommendations are included within this report.

#### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is requested that Board members note the multi-agency preventative activities undertaken within the West Lothian area during the Bonfire/Firework Period 2025 and recommendations for future planning that supports the Community Safety Plan 2025-2028.

#### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I</b>	<b>Council Values</b>	Caring and compassionate; open, honest and accountable; and collaborate, inclusive and adaptive
<b>II</b>	<b>Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	The Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 applies
<b>III</b>	<b>Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None
<b>IV</b>	<b>Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	Scottish Fire Rescue Service Performance Indicators
<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	SOA11 – We have strong resilient and supportive communities, where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	N/A
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	None

**VIII Other consultations** None

**D. TERMS OF REPORT**

**D.1** This report provides the Board with an update on the planning and activities undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership relating to the Fireworks period 2025 as set out in the Bonfire/Fireworks 2025 Debrief and Evaluation report attached as Appendix 1.

**D.2** The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service lead on the prevention activities for the Community Safety Partners. The following activities and joint work were undertaken:

- Education
- Community Education and Voluntary Organisations
- Media Messaging
- Trading Standards, NETS and Land Services
- Police Scotland - operational response

**E. CONCLUSION**

This report provides an update and recommendations based on the risk-based approach to the collaborative preventative and reactive work provided by the Community Safety Partners during the Bonfire and Firework period 2025.

**F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

Appendices/Attachments: Appendix 1

Bonfire / Fireworks 2025 Debrief and Evaluation

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Julie Whitelaw Head of Housing Customer and Building Services

Date of meeting: 27 January 2026



Report To:  
**Community Safety Board**

From:  
**Station Commander Paul Harvey /**

Meeting Date: **27.1.2026**

**Subject: Bonfire / Fireworks 2025 Debrief and Evaluation**

## **1. Purpose of Evaluation Report – Background Summary**

To Provide the Community Safety Board (CSB) with an overview of the multi-agency preventative activities undertaken within the West Lothian area during the Bonfire/Firework Period 2025.

## **2. Terms of Report**

A planning meeting was held in September 2025 where community safety partners reviewed the learning from previous years and worked together to design and deliver the strategy for the bonfire period. A multi-agency approach was taken to deliver a plan which would assist partner agencies to work together to promote fire and firework safety.

A debrief meeting took place in November 2025 to review the strategy for the Bonfire period and the preventative activities that were deployed.

## **3. Findings**

### **Education**

A national programme of education was developed by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) media team to be delivered to Primary and Secondary Schools. The SFRS Community Action Team (CAT) worked jointly with Police Scotland (PS) colleagues to deliver safety talks to secondary school assemblies whilst SFRS operational crews delivered the learning materials to P6 and P7 pupils across West Lothian.

SFRS and Police Scotland delivered bonfire/fireworks safety talks at 12 secondary schools and Operational Crews attended 29 Primary Schools.

The presentations were shared with all schools and were designed so that they could be delivered by teachers using the provided speakers notes if necessary. Positive feedback was received from schools both on the content and delivery of the presentations.

### **Community Engagement**

West Lothian Youth Action Project (WLYAP) conducted targeted street-work in areas identified from intelligence shared at TAC engaging with young people and spreading the message of acting responsibly during the bonfire period.

WLYAP and WLC Community Learning & Development ran a drop-in session at Blackburn Partnership Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> November to provide a diversion and positively engage with young people.

Community Safety Partners supported the Blackburn Bonfire Night Action Group (BBNAG). Crimestoppers /Fearless provided bonfire and fireworks safety leaflets and posters to be distributed in the community.

### **Media and Messaging**

West Lothian Council Media provided a dedicated landing webpage where multi agency safety messaging was shared and promoted. SFRS provided a national media campaign with social media releases dedicated to Facebook and twitter platforms that were shared widely with WLC media.

The media messaging was supported with releases from Trading Standards covering legislation regarding the proxy sale of fireworks to under 18s and the times that fireworks can be purchased and used.

Waste Services provide media messaging encouraging householders to retrieve wheelie bins which are often targeted at this time of year.

West Lothian was again well supported by Crimestoppers and Fearless and highly visible banners were displayed at prominent sites outside of schools across West Lothian regarding the misuse of fireworks. Social media messaging promoting anonymous reporting of attacks on emergency workers were shared with all bonfire planning partners including education.

West Lothian continues to be well supported with organised firework displays, these organised events were promoted on both the WLC Bonfire and Firework Safety webpage and the SFRS webpage, attendance at organised events was encouraged through media channels and during the delivery of education presentations.

### **Identification of Unlicensed Bonfires/Fireworks**

Unorganised bonfires and dangerous storage of combustibles were reported to NETS and Land Services through the WLC Contact Centre, via the TAC process and by direct contact. Roads duty officers provided out of hours cover for effective management of WLC resources.

NETS and Roads duty officers maintained regular contact with SFRS in the lead up to and during bonfire night. As in previous years most bonfires were built very close to bonfire night.

A number of bonfires were assessed by NETS, Roads Duty Officer and SFRS and were found to be within the safety guidelines contained within the Bonfire Plan 2025. One bonfire was removed in the Knightsbridge area as it was deemed to have been built in an unsafe location.

Trading Standards visited licenced fireworks retailers and carried out inspections at all registered firework retailers and were supported by SFRS enforcement officers who carried out spot checks at selected retailers.

Police Scotland made significant seizures of illegal fireworks at sites within West Lothian which will undoubtedly have reduced the impact of firework related antisocial behaviour.

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

Unfortunately, an SFRS crew coming under attack from stones thrown at an incident in Blackburn however there were no injuries or damage to vehicles, this incident was reported to Police Scotland.

A group of young people were involved in a disturbance close to the Mill Centre in Blackburn, WLYAP staff engaged with them and their intention appeared to be to draw Police Scotland into the area, a Public Order (PO) team was subsequently called to the area however due to the travel time involved the young people had dispersed by the time the PO team arrived.

A public bus had its windows damaged in the Blackburn area and was subsequently rerouted.

## **5<sup>th</sup> November**

The SFRS Local Area Liaison Officer and a Flexi Duty Officer reviewed the live call log throughout the evening and regular contact was maintained with community partners from Police Scotland, West Lothian Youth Action Project and the Roads Team, sharing intelligence, providing advice and engaging with those in attendance at bonfire incidents.

Community Learning and Development Youth Workers and WLYAP provided a drop in at Blackburn Partnership Centre on the 5<sup>th</sup> which was well attended by young people throughout the evening and acted as a positive diversion to potential involvement in antisocial behaviour.

Between 7am on 5<sup>th</sup> November and 7am on 6<sup>th</sup> November Police Scotland received 55 firework related calls, approximately half of which related to the Blackburn area with the rest spread across West Lothian. Some of these calls related to firework misuse although the majority related to noise complaints.

SFRS attended 19 bonfire incidents which were deemed to be safe and under the supervision of a responsible adult, 18 bonfires were extinguished over the course of the evening and into the 6<sup>th</sup> November. This is a significant reduction from 2024.

## **4. Conclusions**

The collaborative working between SFRS and Police Scotland while delivering talks within schools reinforced both the safety message and the law around fireworks. This joint approach to delivering school and community group talks is recommended to be continued in 2026.

The risk-based approach using the agreed safety parameters within the West Lothian Bonfire Plan for assessing bonfires under construction and those already lit worked well. This approach allows NETS, Roads, Police Scotland and SFRS to engage positively with communities, provide safety guidance and employ special measures during the short bonfire period. A zero-tolerance approach where all bonfires are extinguished could potentially bring bonfire planning partners into conflict with communities.

Although a large number of deliberate fire incidents were attended in West Lothian on 5<sup>th</sup> November, the majority were bonfires under adult supervision and presented no wider risk to communities.

It is disappointing that West Lothian experienced antisocial behaviour incidents in Blackburn and in the Blackridge area, however it is important to note that these were isolated incidents carried out by a small number of individuals. It is recommended that these areas be prioritised for preventative activity and engagement in 2026.

Crimestoppers and Fearless postcards and social media assets were well received, and it is recommended that West Lothian continues that partnership into 2026 to promote the anonymous reporting of firework related crime and the safety of emergency workers and communities.

The West Lothian Community Safety Partnership worked collaboratively to share messaging and intelligence which increased public awareness and allowed targeted interventions in areas of concern.

The WLC Bonfire Safety landing page and media release strategy appears to have been effective in spreading the safety messaging.

The TAC process continues to work well allowing intelligence to be shared and multi-agency interventions to tackle emerging trends.

## 5. Recommendations

Community Safety Partners to agree on detail within the report and implement learning for the 2026 Bonfire period.

The Community Safety Board are invited to note the evaluation report.

<b>Relevant SOA outcome (s)</b>	We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities. People at risk are protected and supported to improve life chances.
<b>Relevant SOA performance indicator (s)</b>	We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.
<b>Resources</b>	Existing Partnership resources from SFRS, Police Scotland, West Lothian Council and WLYAP.
<b>Link to CPP prevention plan/Community Engagement plan</b>	West Lothian Local Policing Plan Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan for West Lothian Community Justice Strategy 2019-24 Corporate Equality Outcomes 2021-25 Corporate Plan 2018/19-2022/23
<b>Impact on inequalities</b>	None identified.
<b>Key risks</b>	None identified.

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**Date: 15/12/2025**

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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD - DATES FOR 2026**

#### **REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER & BUILDING SERVICES**

#### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides the Board with draft dates for the Community Safety Board for the period April 2026 to August 2026

#### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is requested that Board members approve the draft dates for the Community Safety Board during the period April to August 2026

#### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I</b>	<b>Council Values</b>	Caring and compassionate; open, honest and accountable; and collaborate, inclusive and adaptive
<b>II</b>	<b>Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	In compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance
<b>III</b>	<b>Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None
<b>IV</b>	<b>Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	Draft service performance of the community safety partners through the development and future evaluation of performance indicators
<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	Indicators will support various outcomes in the Community Safety Plan which align to the LOIP indicators
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	Will be met from existing partnership budgets
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	N/A
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Other consultations</b>	N/A

#### **D. TERMS OF REPORT**

- D.1** The necessity to have the community Safety Partnership remains important and it is crucial that partners maintain their strong links and effective joint working relationships. This ensures that the communities are able to get the correct response from the appropriate service provider as quickly as possible in a realistic timeframe, whilst reducing duplication and making the most of our collective resources. The dates proposed for the members of the Community Safety Board are to provide focus for the specified 5 months. Once the Board dates are confirmed, the dates for the Safer Community Strategic Planning Group (SCSPG) dates can be confirmed and the Community Safety Partners can meet and discuss forward plans and outcomes to be achieved.

To inform the Community Safety Board of the need to confirm further meeting dates for 2026 and when approved, dates for the Safer Community Strategic Planning Group (SCSPG) can be set.

Suggested dates for the Community Safety Board (CSB):

- Monday 27 April 2026            10-12noon
- Monday 17 August 2026        10-12noon

Suggested dates for the Safer Communities Strategic Planning Group (SCSPG):

- Tuesday 31 March 2026        10-12 noon
- Monday 29 June 2026           10-12 noon

## **D.2 Consultation**

These dates are set to allow a flow of meetings which include national and local Counter Terrorism (CT) meetings and the Safer Community Strategic Planning Group (SCSPG) meeting before reporting to the Community Safety Board. These dates enable the partnership governance arrangements around the summer recess.

## **E. CONCLUSION**

To ask the Community Safety Board members to approve the dates for the first half of 2026, and to allow the confirmation of proposed dates for the Safer Community Strategic Planning Group to be confirmed.

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