



# LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR EAST LoTHIAN



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Quarter 1 Performance Report, 1<sup>st</sup> April-30th June, 2016

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## Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the East Lothian for Quarter 1 of 2016-17 (1st April – 30th June 2016) including information on the year to date.

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision supported by 16 National Outcomes, which demonstrate commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable growth. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for East Lothian by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2013-2016 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for East Lothian 2014-2017 contribute towards the priorities within the East Lothian Plan - Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2012-15.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in East Lothian are to reduce fire deaths and to reduce injuries from fire and other emergencies in the community. We aim to achieve this by working in partnership, being pro-active and targeting our prevention and protection activities to where they are required, based on evidence.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for East Lothian 2014-2017 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

- Priority 1. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,
- Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,
- Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,
- Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,
- Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

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## Performance Summary

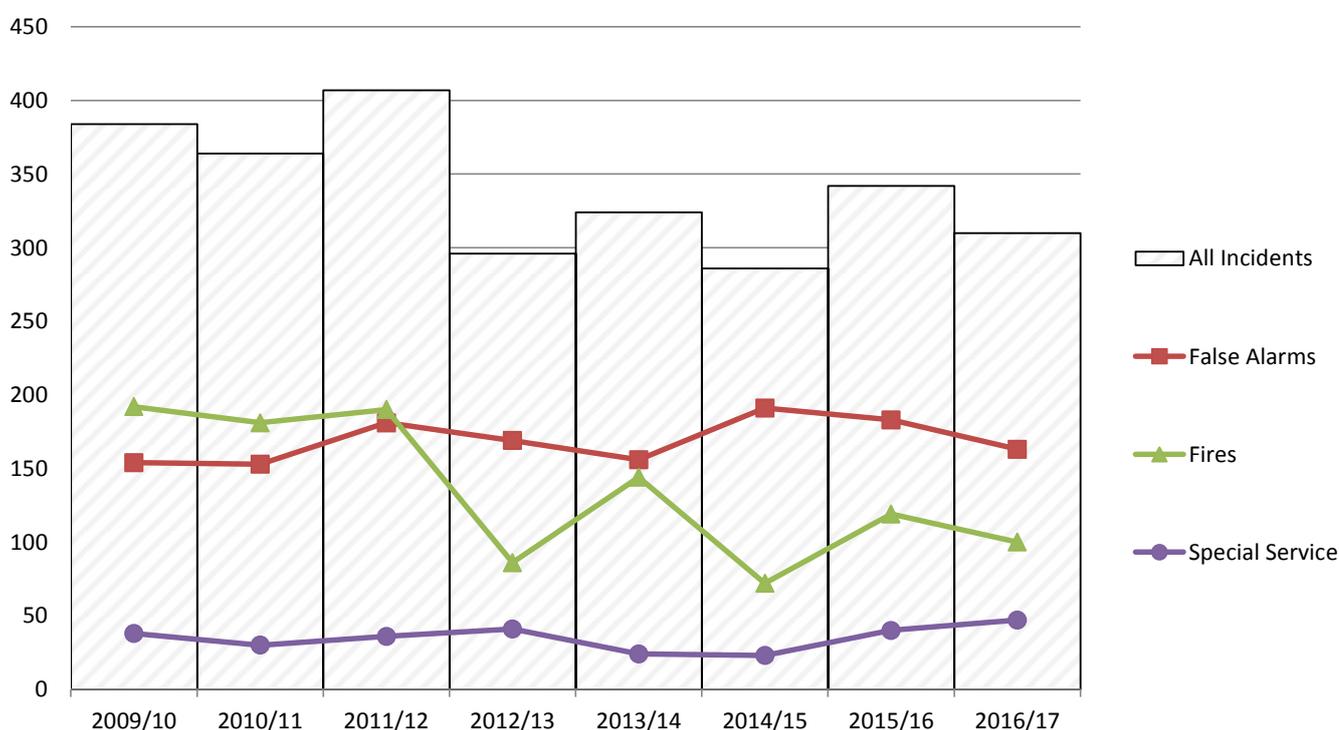
We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Jun					RAG rating
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	24	16	17	19	7	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	7	5	3	0	1	◆
All deliberate fires	45	69	34	46	60	◆
Special Service - RTCs	10	9	6	13	9	●
Special Service Casualties - All	12	4	6	13	13	●
False Alarm - UFAs	89	102	107	107	92	●

RAG rating - KEY		
◆	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
▲	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
●	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

Note
<p>Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods.                      Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total of all quarterly performance in previous year.</p>
Incident Overview
<p>During this financial year to date, SFRS responded to 310 incidents in East Lothian, a decrease of 32 incidents when compared to last year.</p>

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within East Lothian council over the last 6 fiscal years



**Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities**

**Local Risk Management and Preparedness**

The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.

We said we would:

- train our staff to deal with our local risks
- gather and analyse risk information
- work with partners to mitigate risks
- deal with major events

Train our staff to deal with our local risks

All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.

Gather and analyse risk information

All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.

We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.

We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.

Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.

We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.

Deal with major events

There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.



## Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Accidental dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in their homes. We share information with partners to make sure that the right people get the right information they need, particularly those who are vulnerable due to age, isolation or addiction. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires contributes to the East Lothian Plan - Single Outcome Agreement.

### Results

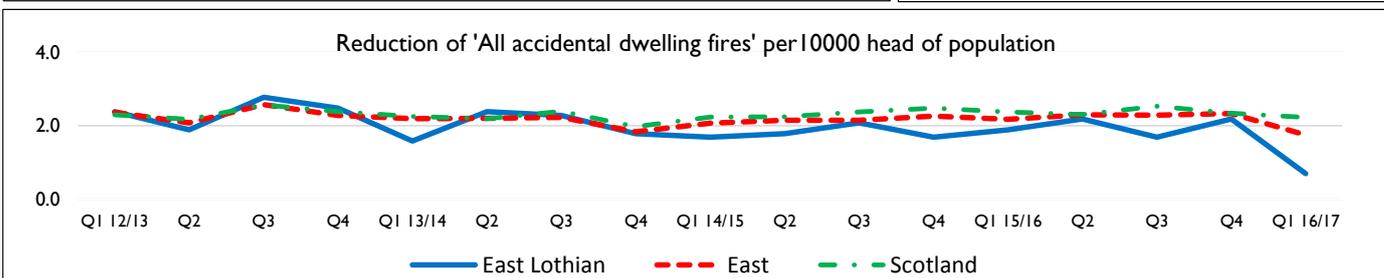
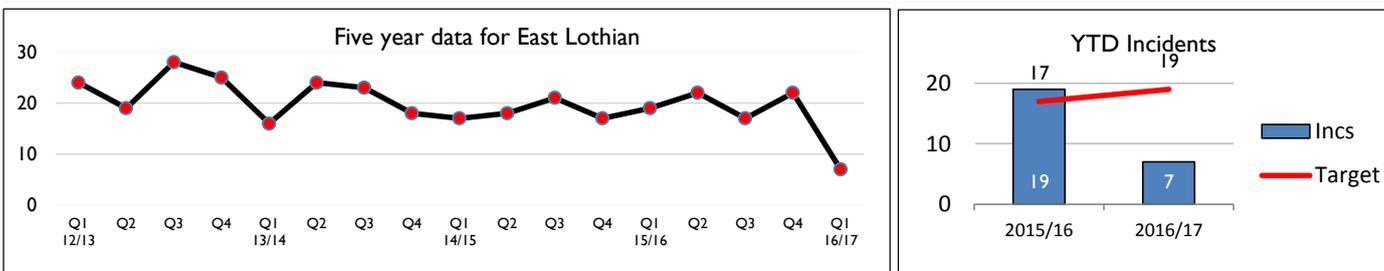
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in East Lothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 7 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is a decrease of 12 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population is significantly below that of both the Scottish and East Delivery Area trends.

### Reasons

Of these 21 fires, 85% occurred in single occupancy households with 20% being in the over 65 category and 80% in the 18-64 age category. The main causes were cooking (60%) or electrical faults (30%). 70% of the fires started in the kitchen with 100% confined to the room where the fire started. It is clear from this evidence for the need in continuing to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households as well as the need to continue to ensure those properties have working smoke detection.

### Actions

During this reporting period a total of 292 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 139 premises had smoke detectors fitted within East Lothian. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. We have introduced a 'Post Domestic Incident Response' policy, which provides a clear framework ensuring that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. This will contribute to ensuring further incidents are prevented. Appendix I provides further details on our prevention activities.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - I	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
East Lothian	24	16	17	19	7	
Musselburgh West	1	0	1	2	0	
Musselburgh East and Carberry	4	5	4	1	2	
Preston/Seton/Gosford	6	3	1	5	2	
Fa'side	4	3	2	2	1	
North Berwick Coastal	4	1	0	3	2	
Haddington and Lammermuir	1	3	4	3	0	
Dunbar and East Linton	4	1	5	3	0	



## Reduction of 'All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))'

Fire casualty and fatality rates provide an indication of the amount of serious, life-threatening injuries that occur due to fire. This can indicate not only the success of SFRS in reducing the number of life risk fires through community fire safety and similar activities, but also their success in response activity in saving lives.

### Results

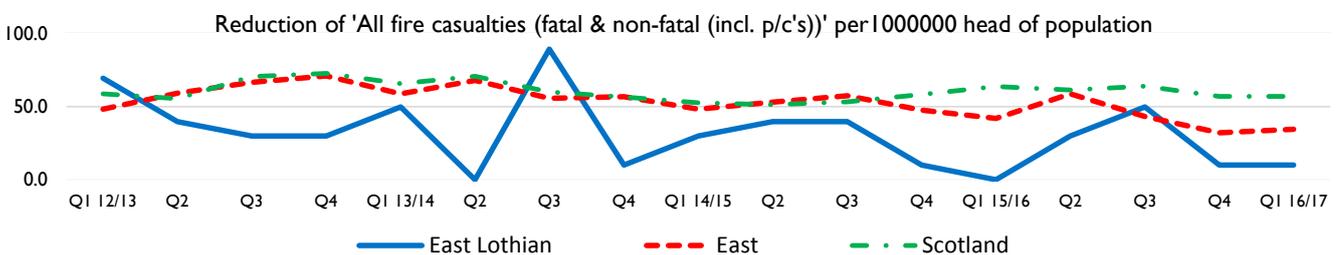
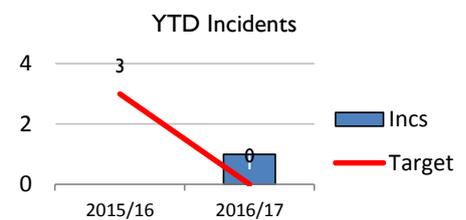
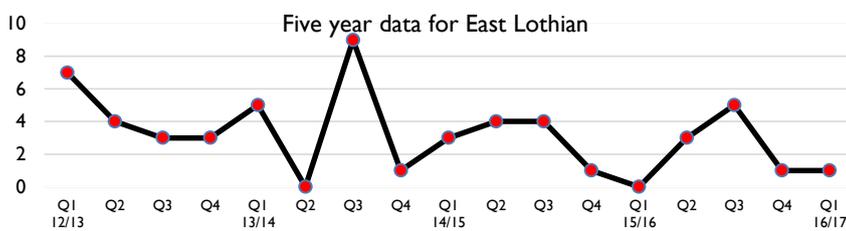
There were no reported Fire fatalities in the reporting period. We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in East Lothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 1 casualty due to a fire. This is an increase of 1 on the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows East Lothian and is significantly below the Scottish and East delivery area average.

### Reasons

Historically East Lothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing that trend is continuing to reduce. The casualty rescued from fire received first aid treatment at the scene and had a working smoke detector in their home.

### Actions

During this reporting period, 292 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 139 properties had smoke detectors fitted within East Lothian. In addition, we continue to work with our partners in East Lothian Council and seek opportunities with social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 0	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
East Lothian	7	5	3	0	1	
Musselburgh West	0	0	0	0	0	
Musselburgh East and Carberry	2	1	1	0	0	
Preston/Seton/Gosford	2	2	0	0	1	
Fa'side	2	1	0	0	0	
North Berwick Coastal	0	0	0	0	0	
Haddington and Lammermuir	0	1	1	0	0	
Dunbar and East Linton	1	0	1	0	0	



## Reduction of 'All deliberate fires'

Although deliberate fire setting is not a significant problem for the SFRS in East Lothian there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the East Lothian Plan Single Outcome Agreement.

### Results

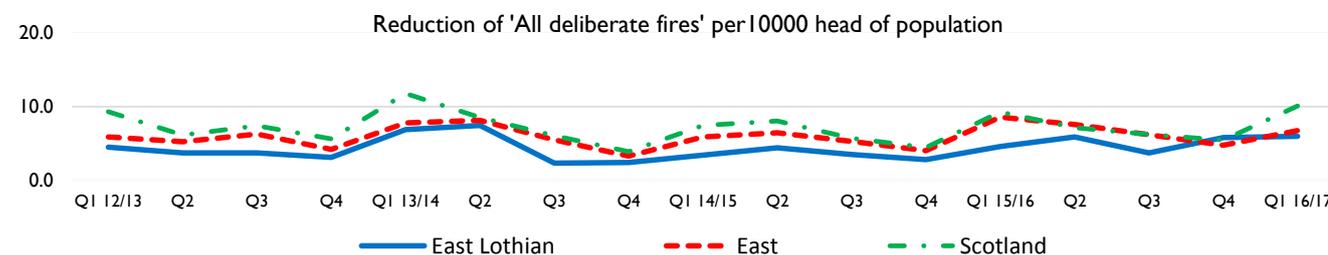
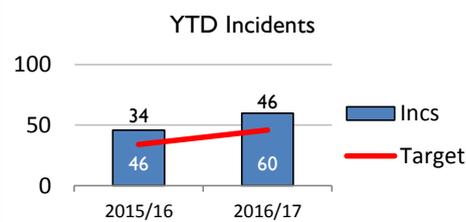
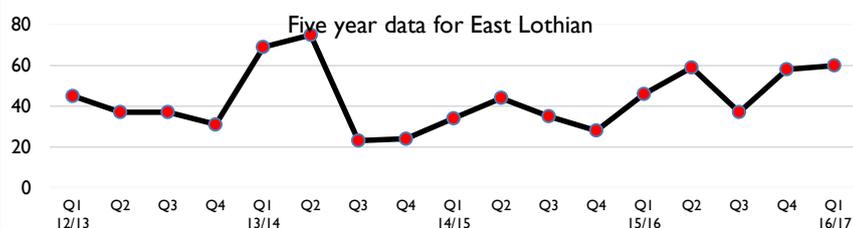
There were 60 deliberate fires during this reporting period, an increase of 14 on the same period as last year. The wards most likely to suffer from this type of fire are Musselburgh, Preston/Seton/Gosford and Fa'side. The long-term trend based upon Deliberate Fire Setting /10,000 population shows East Lothian below the Scottish and East delivery area average.

### Reasons

Deliberate ignition to scrubland/woodland accounted for over 75% of deliberate fires, 16% to refuse and 9% to cars in East Lothian. No clear patterns emerged other than an increase in activity during the Easter holidays.

### Actions

We continue to focus our attention to the areas where this is an issue in terms of communication and education. We are an active member of the Tasking and Coordinating Group and work closely with partners to keep the community safe and reduce the impact of such incidents.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 9	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
East Lothian	45	69	34	46	60	
Musselburgh West	9	15	8	2	3	
Musselburgh East and Carberry	10	22	6	13	17	
Preston/Seton/Gosford	11	13	9	11	14	
Fa'side	8	14	8	9	15	
North Berwick Coastal	1	0	1	0	3	
Haddington and Lammermuir	1	2	1	4	2	
Dunbar and East Linton	5	3	1	7	6	



## Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

Whilst much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS alone, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies such as Road Traffic Collisions is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the East Lothian Plan Single Outcome Agreement, number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents.

### Results

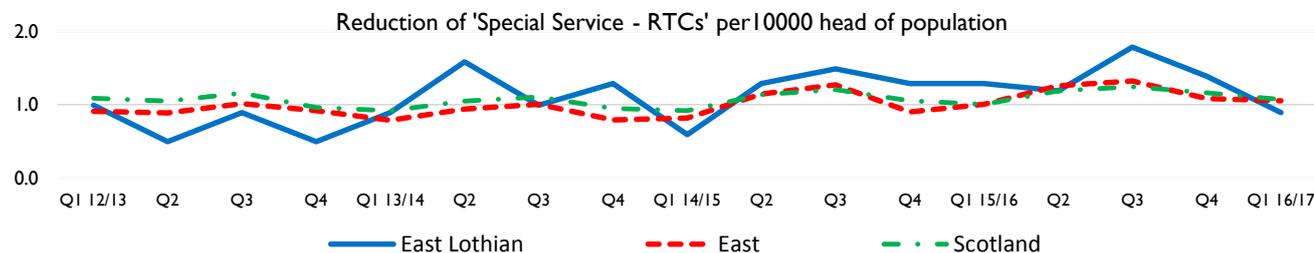
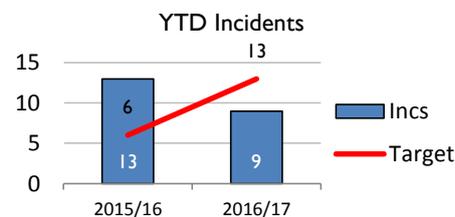
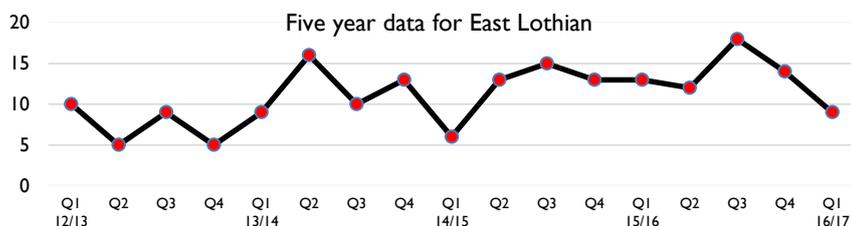
We attended 9 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this was a decrease of 4 incidents from the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, East Lothian is slightly below the Scottish and East delivery area trend.

### Reasons

The SFRS only attend those RTC's they are requested to attend this number does not reflect the total number within East Lothian.

### Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - I	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
East Lothian	10	9	6	13	9	
Musselburgh West	2	0	1	5	1	
Musselburgh East and Carberry	2	1	0	1	1	
Preston/Seton/Gosford	2	3	2	2	0	
Fa'side	1	0	1	2	2	
North Berwick Coastal	1	1	1	1	4	
Haddington and Lammermuir	1	1	1	0	0	
Dunbar and East Linton	1	3	0	2	1	



## Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

Whilst much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS alone, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the East Lothian Plan Single Outcome Agreement.

### Results

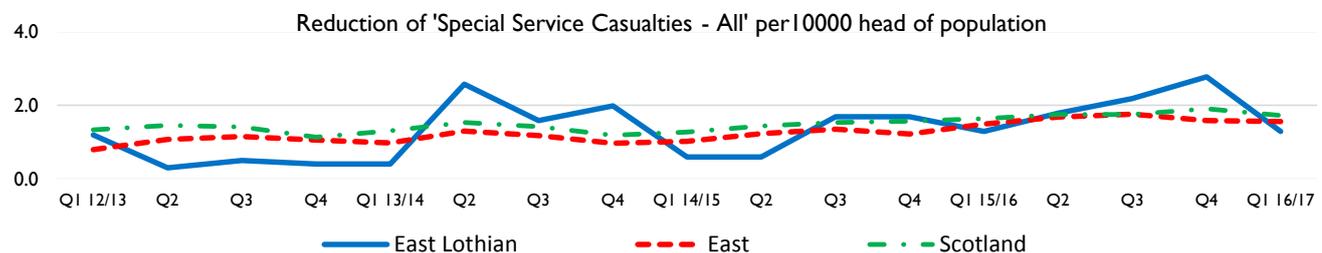
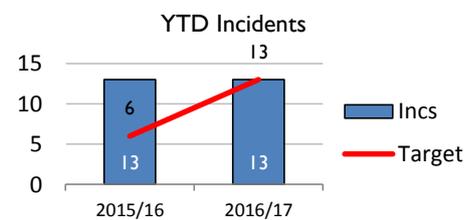
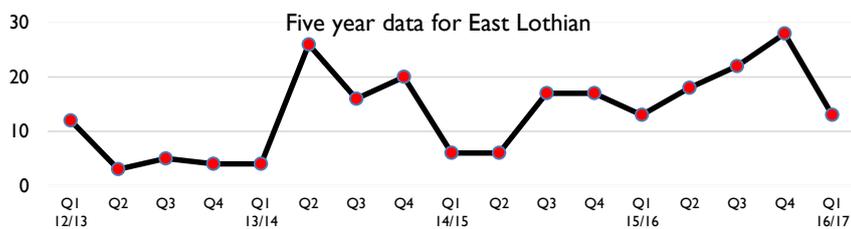
We attended to 13 casualties from non-fire emergencies in East Lothian, which is the same number as period 1 last year. The trend per 10,000 head of population is slightly below the average of the Scottish and East service delivery areas.

### Reasons

Of this number, 10 related to crews responding to out of hospital cardiac arrests in assisting the ambulance service, with 5 casualties and 5 fatalities as a result. There were 3 non-fatal rescues from RTC's. As the SFRS continue to assist with medical emergencies as co or first responders, the number of events is likely to increase.

### Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions. We will also continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 2	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
East Lothian	12	4	6	13	13	
Musselburgh West	2	0	1	3	0	
Musselburgh East and Carberry	3	1	0	1	3	
Preston/Seton/Gosford	2	0	1	5	3	
Fa'side	1	0	0	1	4	
North Berwick Coastal	2	0	1	1	3	
Haddington and Lammermuir	1	1	2	0	0	
Dunbar and East Linton	1	2	1	2	0	



## Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) are defined as incidents where an automated fire alarm system activates and results in the mobilisation of SFRS resources, when the reason for that alarm turns out to be connected with faulty or defective alarm equipment. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

### Results

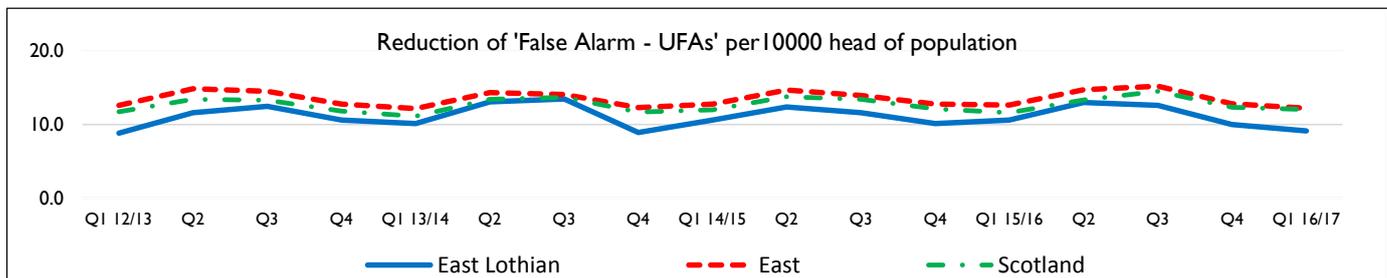
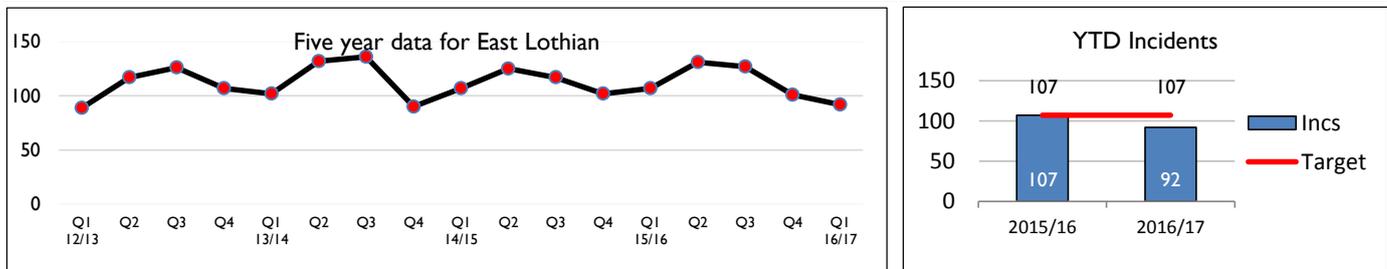
SFRS attended 92 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 15 for the same period last year. East Lothian trend line is slightly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

### Reasons

Of the 92 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents we attended, 95% were unwanted and caused by failure within the fire alarm system and 5% were good intent calls. There were no malicious calls during this period.

### Actions

We continue to monitor UFAS calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further UFAS incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future UFAS incidents.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 13	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Sparklines
East Lothian	89	102	107	107	92	
Musselburgh West	13	19	15	18	12	
Musselburgh East and Carberry	19	15	19	15	17	
Preston/Seton/Gosford	4	8	19	11	7	
Fa'side	10	15	10	20	15	
North Berwick Coastal	15	20	9	21	16	
Haddington and Lammermuir	24	14	22	12	13	
Dunbar and East Linton	4	11	13	10	12	

