

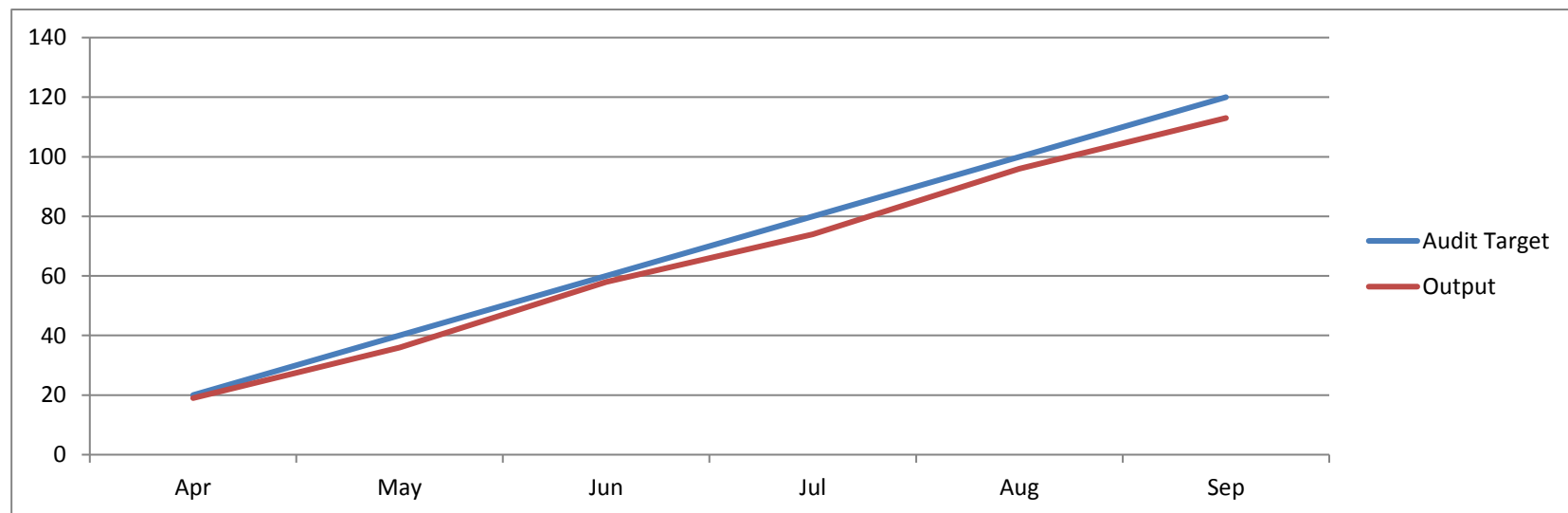
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 2 2017/2018: (1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to 30th September 2017)

## Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Scottish Borders Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEOs). Following the SFRS Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. The Fire Safety Enforcement team based at Galashiels Fire Station are delivering audits on track against the target. The target has been amended to allow more resource to be allocated towards reducing unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) across the area. All premises audited from April to September have been broad compliant, except four which required action plans to detail improvements required.

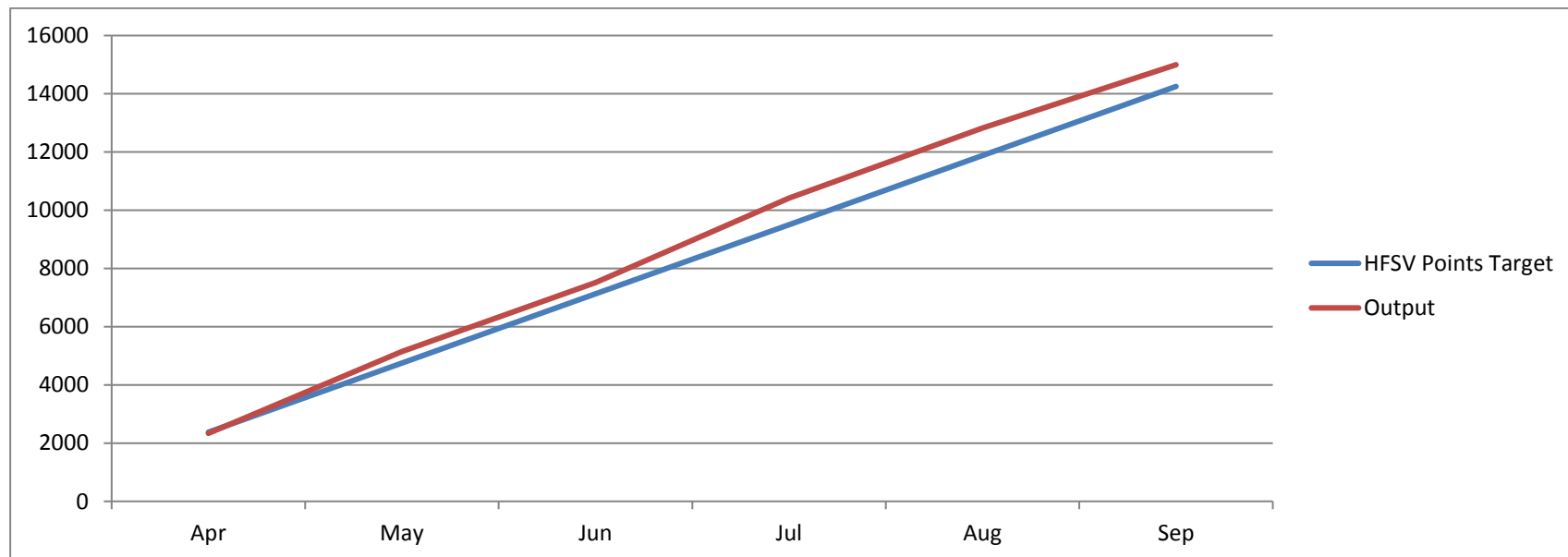
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	19	36	58	74	96	113							



## Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across the Scottish Borders a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). This will ensure valuable resources are used with greatest effect. The points achieved for the Scottish Borders are above target; increased uptake of visits, partnership working around the living safely in the home initiative and a change in the performance management arrangements for the area have had the continued positive effect . **623** visits were delivered during this reporting period and a breakdown of the delivery is provided by ward area on the following page.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	2375	4750	7125	9500	11875	14250	16625	19000	21375	23750	26125	28500	<b>28500</b>
Completed	2336	5148	7512	10412	12824	14996							



**Total visits delivered in 2017/18 by ward area of the Scottish Borders:**

The following table gives a good indication of the coverage across the Scottish Borders where the SFRS delivers Home Fire Safety Visits.

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2017/18	Visits delivered in Q2 2017/18
East Berwickshire	22	29
Galashiels and District	133	100
Hawick and Denholm	102	81
Hawick and Hermitage	117	95
Jedburgh and District	26	63
Kelso and District	36	69
Leaderdale and Melrose	82	57
Mid Berwickshire	45	26
Selkirkshire	40	39
Tweeddale East	18	36
Tweeddale West	20	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>623</b>

## Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement

During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement Fire skills programmes that includes the cool down and Risk Factory in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. In addition to these core activities the Community Action team continue to support the delivery of youth engagement with young offenders at Polmont.

The Community Action Team have also delivered a second successful **TD1 Summer programme** at Gala Fire Station for 7 young people during the months of July and August and this partnership continues to develop in a positive direction. This builds on the success from last summer and a similar programme delivered in partnership with Peebles High School.

The programme at Peebles developed further and involved a partnership event at the school with the SFRS and the **Anthony Nolan Trust and 89 pupils** made a positive, informed choice to sign up to be stem cell donors and become potential life savers. This was the first event for the SFRS in the Midlothian/East Lothian and Scottish Borders area and was viewed as a great success.

### Vulnerable Adults

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the SFRS Safeguarding policy and procedure and have made **7 Adult Protection** referrals (AP1) during this quarter and **1 Child Protection** (CP1) referral using agreed protocols.

The Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to attend or provide information relevant to Fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been delivered and achieved for this Quarter.

### Referrals

In addition to the MARAC outcomes the CAT team have facilitated a further **10** referrals from the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS) in partnership with the Safer Housing options worker for the Scottish Borders Council.

Partnership working in the Scottish Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **10** for this Quarter.

Housing Association referrals from respective partners at Berwickshire Housing (BHA), Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA), Eildon and Waverley total **25** for this Quarter.

The LALO continues to actively engage in communicating with Housing Associations to deliver further training and familiarisation in Fire Safety and the referral process.

Police Scotland referrals for this Quarter have been low with only **1** referral received, the LALO is actively engaging with Police Scotland colleagues to look at the low referral rate and how this can be increased.

Referrals from NHS for this quarter sit at **5** and Social Services referrals for this quarter sit at **3**. The LALO continues to work closely with these respective partners and attends their regular team meetings to provide support and further training on the referral process.

The LALO continues to develop partnership links with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project. Since the launch of this Initiative on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, the current Falls Assessments facilitated by respective stations in the Cheviot Locality sits at **141** with **73** of those assessments consented and actioned by the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT). This partnership has benefited both ways with the CCHT having made **1** referral to the SFRS for this quarter.

## **Road Safety**

Working in Collaboration with Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and the Institute of Advanced Motorists the SFRS continue to deliver the Drive wise programme and attended three days of this initiative in September providing driver coaching and Road Safety Education to over **50** children from a range of secondary schools from the Scottish Borders.

## **Education**

The Community Action Team started the delivery of the Crucial Crew event in the Scottish Borders during September and finishes in early October. This is a successful multi agency event which celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and delivers safety education to all primary 7 pupils from throughout the Scottish Borders primary schools.

## **Other Work Completed or In Progress**

The following detailed below is further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed for this quarter or is in progress for the next Quarter.

- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and Retained Duty System (RDS) Stations within the MELSB area in the facilitation of the summer thematic Action Plan.
- The Community Action Team delivered Fire Safety Training in August to 7 offenders coming through Criminal Justice system at the Paton Street Building in Galashiels.

- The Community Action Team attended Fresher's events at the Heriot Watt and Borders College Campus at Gala in August.
- The LALO attended a Falls and Frailty pathway mapping session in July to start the planning process with partners to develop the Falls programme in the Teviotdale and Liddesdale locality after the successful evaluation of the Cheviot pilot.
- The Community Action Team attended the Border Union Show in July as part of a partnership approach with the NFU and Police Scotland to reduce Fires and Criminal activity within the farming sector.
- The Community Action Team have supported watches at Hawick in the delivery of CPR training to all primary 7 pupils at the respective 5 primary schools. This is a partnership approach with a local Charity (Avril Trust) and NHS who are providing Public Access Defibrillators to the primary schools.
- LALO participated in Community Learning and Development (CLD) HMI Inspection where the SFRS received excellent feedback on the work they do as a statutory partner of CLD across the Scottish Borders.
- Community Action Team supported Duns RDS in the delivery of CPR training to the Duns Community in September.