

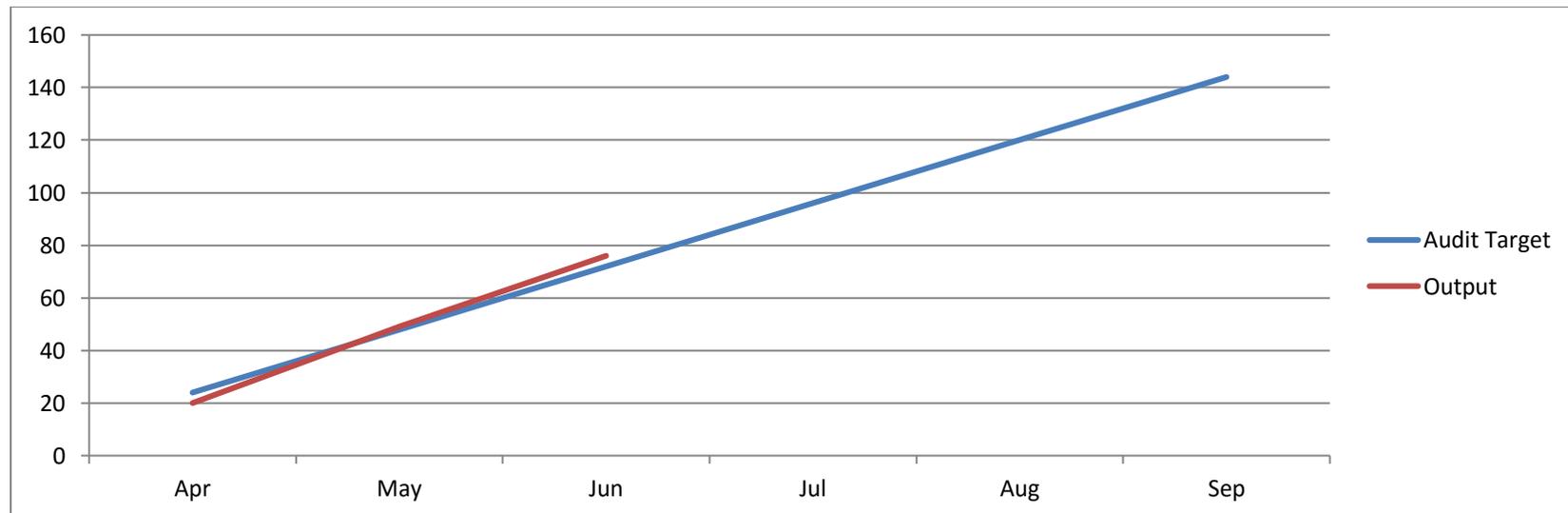
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Scottish Borders Quarter 1 2016/17 (1<sup>st</sup> April -30<sup>th</sup> June)

## 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. An additional enforcement officer is currently in development and the targets will be amended when he is qualified and deemed competent.

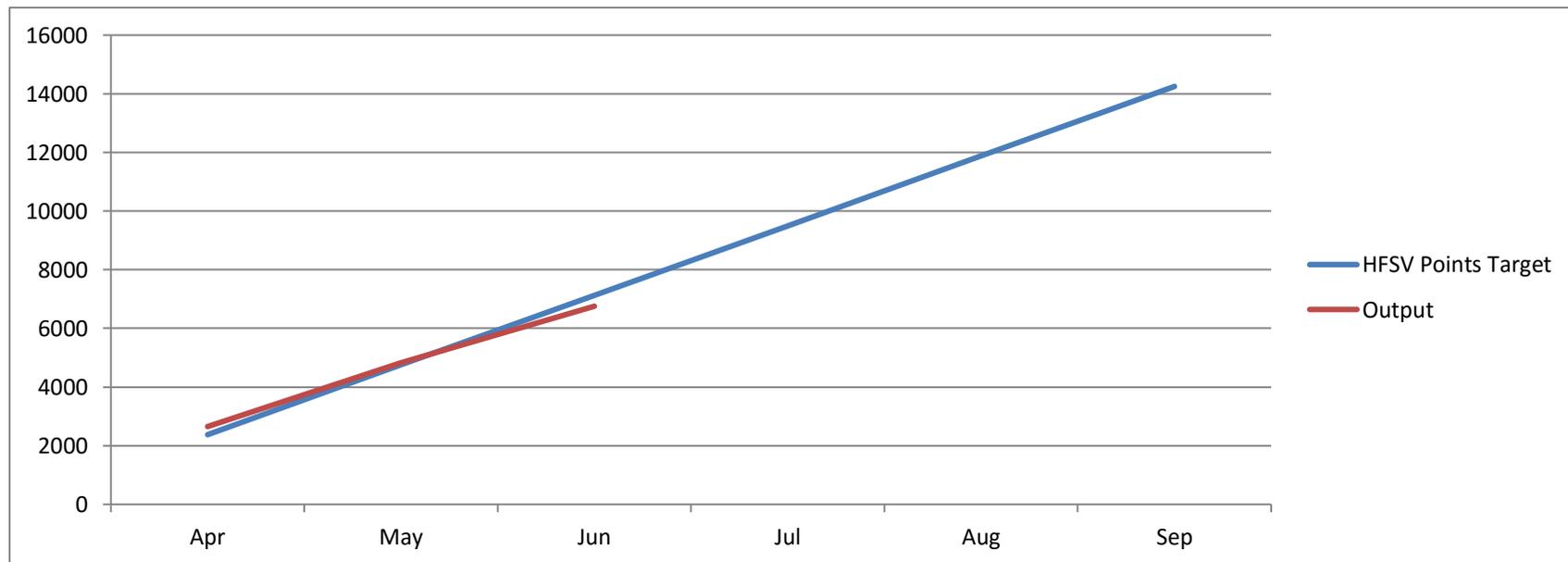
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288	<b>288</b>
Completed:	20	49	76										



## 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 target for the Scottish Borders is slightly below target; this will be addressed in quarter 2 as new performance management processes for the area are introduced. **570** 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	2652	4816	6756										



**Total visits delivered in Q1 2016/17 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.

<b>Ward Area</b>	<b>Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17</b>
East Berwickshire	29
Galashiels and District	116
Hawick and Denholm	85
Hawick and Hermitage	114
Jedburgh and District	21
Kelso and District	27
Leaderdale and Melrose	63
Mid Berwickshire	28
Selkirkshire	38
Tweeddale East	26
Tweeddale West	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570</b>

## Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement

- The SFRS Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) has established links with Community Learning and Development (CLD) in relation to SFRS involvement with youth engagement in the area. The SFRS will now attend the CLD Strategic meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Planning for the forthcoming youth engagement pilot programme with the TD1 Youth Hub, which will start in early July and run over a six-week period was concluded in June ready for delivery.
- The Community Action Team (CAT) continue to work closely with Police Scotland and the Safer Communities team in response to recent incidents involving wilful fire raising within Galashiels over this quarter. This partnership approach to tackling the issue has seen a number of young people arrested and charged with a number of offences relating to this anti-social behaviour.
- The CAT along with the SFRS Youth engagement team successfully delivered a Fire skills programme at Polmont Young Offenders Institute involving 10 young people in June. This was a direct response to work planned through the Community Justice priorities in the Scottish Borders.
- The LALO attended a corporate parenting seminar facilitated by the Scottish Borders Council in early May.

### Vulnerable Adults

- Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate high value HFSV referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the SFRS safeguarding policy and have generated **10 Adult Protection** referrals (AP1) during this quarter. The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire risks for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been delivered.

### Referrals

- Partnership working in the area with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **13** for this Quarter.
- Housing Association referrals total for this quarter is **113**, which includes those received from Homelessness service and Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DASS). This number has increased from last quarter and the LALO is actively engaged in communicating with our partners to deliver further training and familiarisation in fire risk awareness and the SFRS referral process.
- Police Scotland referrals continue to rise from **31 to 33** this Quarter.
- Further work is ongoing to generate more HFSV referrals through health and social care service providers and the LALO has started to deliver risk awareness training to

Social Services in the Scottish Borders. Five referrals were received from NHS Borders for this quarter.

- The ongoing farm safety initiative, SELECT DNA, involves partnership working with Police Scotland and continues to generate a steady flow of HFSV's.
- The LALO has also established partnership links for referrals during quarter one with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely In The Home (LISTH) project.

## **Road Safety**

- The Community Action Team have delivered road safety information at the Elderly Drivers event held at Sainsbury's in Hawick on the 18<sup>th</sup> May along with Safer Communities and Police Scotland.
- The CAT team along with Retained Duty Stations from Duns and Coldstream teamed up with Police Scotland to facilitate a two-day road safety Course for 96 Children aged between 13 and 17years at Charter hall. This Initiative was trialled for the first time with positive results where the Police and SFRS engaged with children driving vehicles in a controlled off road environment.
- The CAT has planned to support the respective stations in the North of the Scottish Borders during August with various road safety events at fire stations. This is planned initiative resulting from the recent road death tragedies in the Scottish Borders.

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

- The CAT team along with our partners from Safer Communities and the Borders Advanced Motorcycle Group (BAMG) facilitated a road safety event at Gala Fire Station in April where a large turnout of motorcyclists attended and the BAMG delivered 23 road safety cycle assessments on the day.
- The CAT team along with the Blue Watch at Gala facilitated a successful station visit for the Syrian resettlement families in May.
- Planning for the pilot for the Living Safely in the Home Project (LSITH) has continued and includes the following partner agencies, Safer Communities, Police Scotland, NHS and the Third Sector. The LSITH project was launched on first of June at the Cheviot Forum and in partnership with NHS Borders has delivered falls training to the respective stations at Kelso, Jedburgh, Coldstream and Hawick.
- The CAT team attended the Countryside day at Springwood Park Kelso on 17<sup>th</sup> May where they provided safety information to over a 1,000 primary five pupils from throughout the Scottish Borders.
- The CAT team have attended two vulnerable adults training days with partner agencies at Gala and Hawick.
- Heat energy Scotland provided training to the SFRS in May to start a process of both organisations being able to refer to each other for Fuel Poverty and HFSV. This training was also delivered in line with the LSITH project at the following stations in the Cheviot locality, Kelso, Jedburgh, Hawick and Coldstream.

- The CAT team continue to work with Police Scotland, NHS and Scottish Borders Council in delivering the Best Bar None Initiative and attended the launch for 2016/17 in Galashiels in May.
- The CAT along with the Blue Watch Gala delivered a successful session in CPR at Selkirk High School in May to 20 pupils.
- The CAT along with our partners from Safer Communities delivered the Safe T Roadshow at Gala Academy to S5 pupils in June.
- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and RDS Stations within the Scottish Borders area in the facilitation of the summer Thematic Action Plan in the run up to the school holidays.
- In June the CAT attended the Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St Boswells, for an event for Service Veterans where we facilitated an Information Stand.

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