

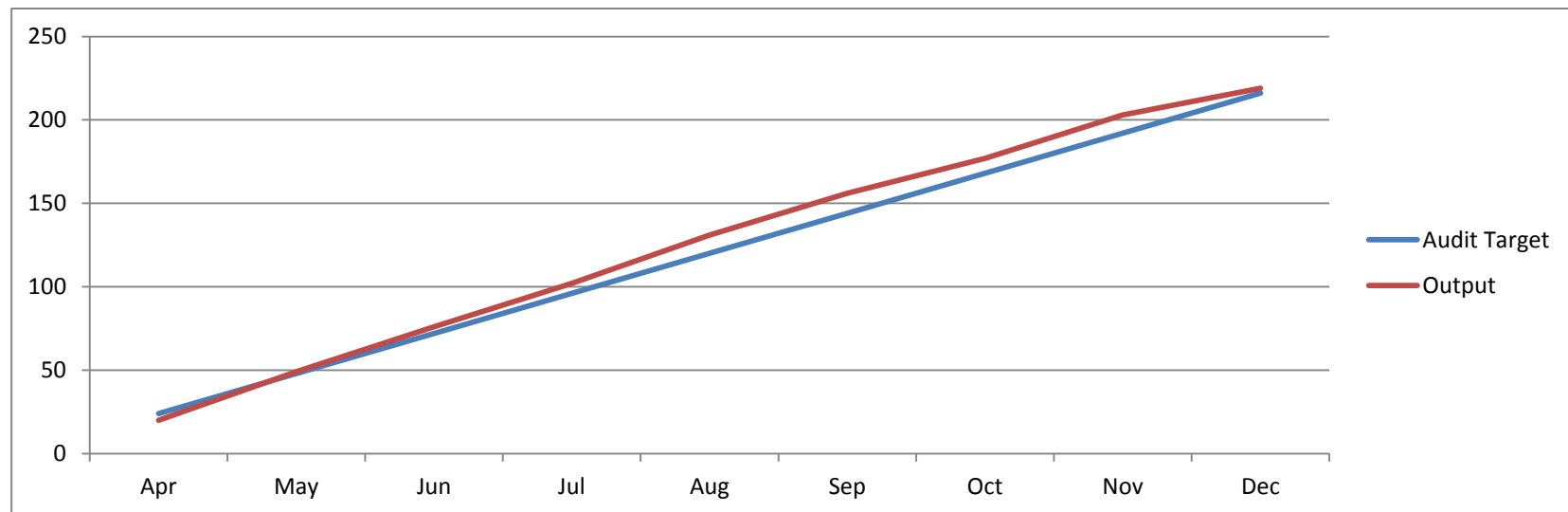
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3 2016/2017: (1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016)

## 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.

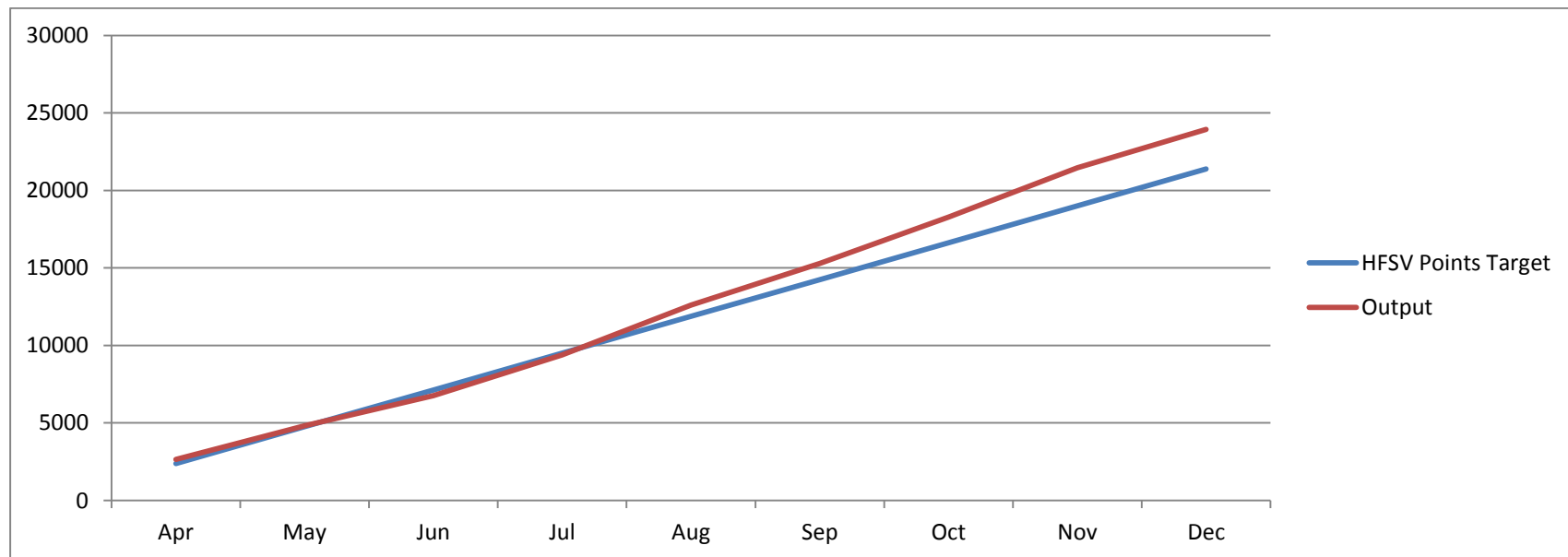
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288	<b>288</b>
Completed:	20	49	76	102	131	156	177	203	219				



## 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 desired positive effect . **792** (697 in Q2) 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	9388	12600	15292	18280	21456	23928				



**Total visits delivered in Q3 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>	<b>Visits delivered in Q2 2016/17</b>	<b>Visits delivered in Q3 2016/17</b>
East Berwickshire	29	27	47
Galashiels and District	116	126	149
Hawick and Denholm	85	107	105
Hawick and Hermitage	114	93	114
Jedburgh and District	21	57	63
Kelso and District	27	36	48
Leaderdale and Melrose	63	100	86
Mid Berwickshire	28	32	38
Selkirkshire	38	63	77
Tweeddale East	26	36	39
Tweeddale West	23	20	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>792</b>

## Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement

- The Community Action Team (CAT) led by the Scottish Borders Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) have facilitated further youth engagement with TD1 youth hub in Gala, building on the success of last year's summer programme. A taster session was delivered on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October with support from the fire station personnel.
- Developing on the success of this initiative, we are now in the process of actively planning a mentoring template that will offer an opportunity to one of the youths who attended the summer programme. It is hoped this mentoring programme will be up and running by the March 2017.
- Planning for a further youth engagement programme with Peebles High School is underway, where the pilot will be replicated during the months of February and March 2017.
- Intervention work, in partnership with Police Scotland and Peebles High School, was put in place for six pupils who had been identified from within the school for malicious/hoax fire calls over a sustained period. This educational input focussed on the serious consequences that could result from these calls.
- The CAT have also attended Kelso High School and Earlston High School to facilitate presentations to respective assembly year groups (S2) after some wilful fire raising incidents within the communities of these schools. Again, these educational interventions focus on the potential for serious consequences from these incidents.

### Vulnerable Adults

- The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the SFRS Adult/Child Safeguarding policy and procedure and have generated **5 Adult Protection** referrals (AP1) during this quarter.
- The LALO has also attended two case conferences this quarter as an outcome from previous referrals.
- 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 achieved with **2** referrals received for SFRS intervention this Quarter.
- The Prevention and Protection Manager will now represent the SFRS on the Scottish Borders Public Protection Committees to ensure we can look to engage and support vulnerable adults and children across the area.

### Referrals

- In addition to the MARAC outcomes the CAT team have facilitated a further **15** referrals from the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS) **7** referrals from the Scottish Borders Safer Housing and **1** referral from the homeless service.
- Partnership working in the Scottish Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **6** for this Quarter.
- Housing Association referrals continue from respective partners at Berwickshire Housing (BHA), Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA), Eildon and Waverley with a total **27** for this Quarter.

- Referrals from NHS for this quarter sit at **6** and Social Services referrals for this quarter sit at **8**. Work with these respective partners, attending their regular team meetings to provide support and further training on the referral process continues.
- Links with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project is continuing. 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 **56** with **26** of those assessments consented and actioned by the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT).
- The Partnership with Heat Energy Scotland concerning Fuel Poverty is being piloted within the Cheviot Locality and since this was started in June, there have been **2** successful referrals so far.
- The ongoing farm safety initiative, SELECT DNA involving partnership working with Police Scotland continues to generate a steady flow of HFSV's.

### **Road Safety**

- The CAT attended the Driving into the Future event at Kelso Rugby Club in November, where working along with other partner agencies delivered a Road Safety educational input to **70** pupils from S6 at Kelso High School.

### **Education**

- The Community Action Team delivered the final week of a three-week programme of the Crucial Crew, with **1300** Primary 7 schoolchildren from schools within the Scottish Borders involved.

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

- The CAT have facilitated, along with personnel from Innerleithen Fire Station and in collaboration with the Scottish Ambulance Service, additional CPR training to **20** Scottish Public Pension Authority (SPPA) employees who missed the initial training delivered at Cardrona. This training was delivered at their Business premises at Tweedbank.
- The LALO, Scottish Ambulance Service and the Emergency Planning team from Scottish Borders Council have been involved in the writing a guidance document for Automatic External Defibrillators (AED'S) that will inform about their use, how to access training and the process for installing a defibrillator in the community. The document is due for publication in early 2017.
- The CAT supported Kelso Fire Station and the Scottish Ambulance Service in delivering CPR training to Primary 7 pupils at Broomlands Primary School.
- The LALO generated referral pathways with the following partner agencies during this quarter, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, Live Borders, SB Cares, the Royal Voluntary Service, the Befriending project being delivered by Berwickshire Housing Association and the NHS Healthcare team (Quit for Good).
- The CAT attended the Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland local meeting group for the Cheviot area to deliver a fire safety presentation and inform the group about the Living Safely in the Home project.

- The CAT continues to support the Syrian Resettlement programme and recently delivered fire safety advice for two further families who arrived in November.
- The LALO attended the following NHS events; The Health and Social Care agenda for change and the Cheviot Community health Care team (CCHT) Falls and Frailty Pathway mapping session.
- The CAT delivered a home fire safety presentation as part of the Next Steps programme being delivered by Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) to pupils attending Berwickshire High school Duns.
- The LALO delivered a fire safety presentation to the WRVS at Blythe Bridge in October.
- The CAT delivered fire safety presentation and facilitated an information stand along with other partner agencies at Royal Voluntary Service event at Gala Rugby Club in October.
- The LALO attended the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategy meeting group in November.

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