

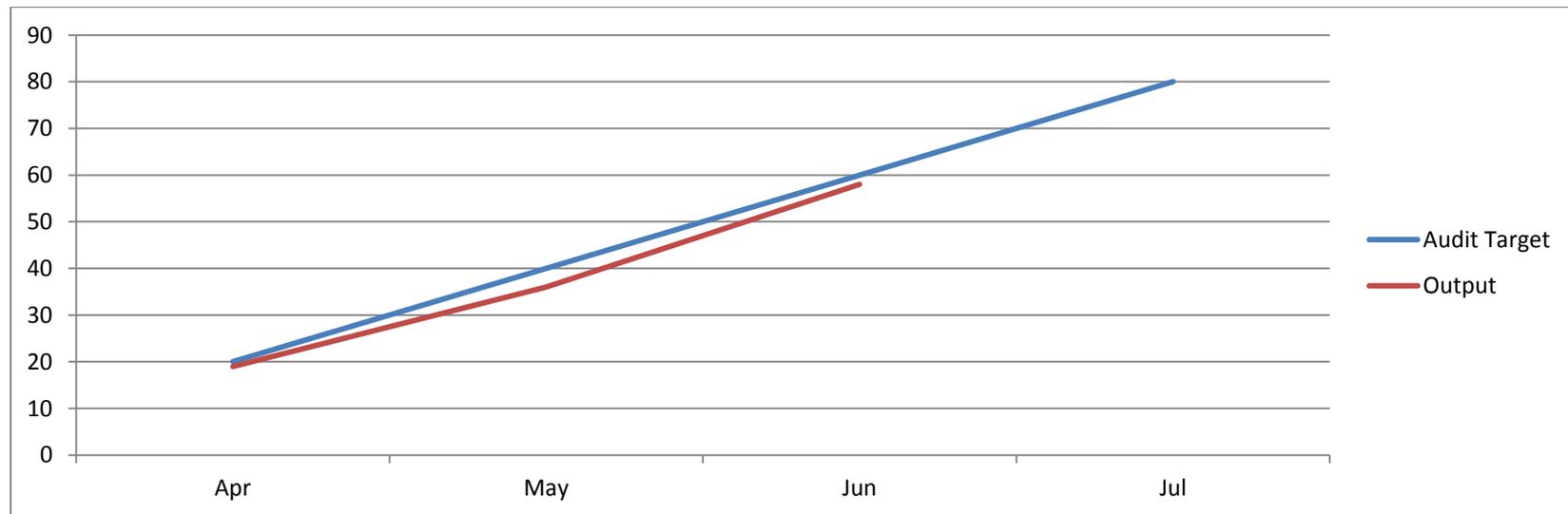
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1 2017/2018: (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30th June 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.

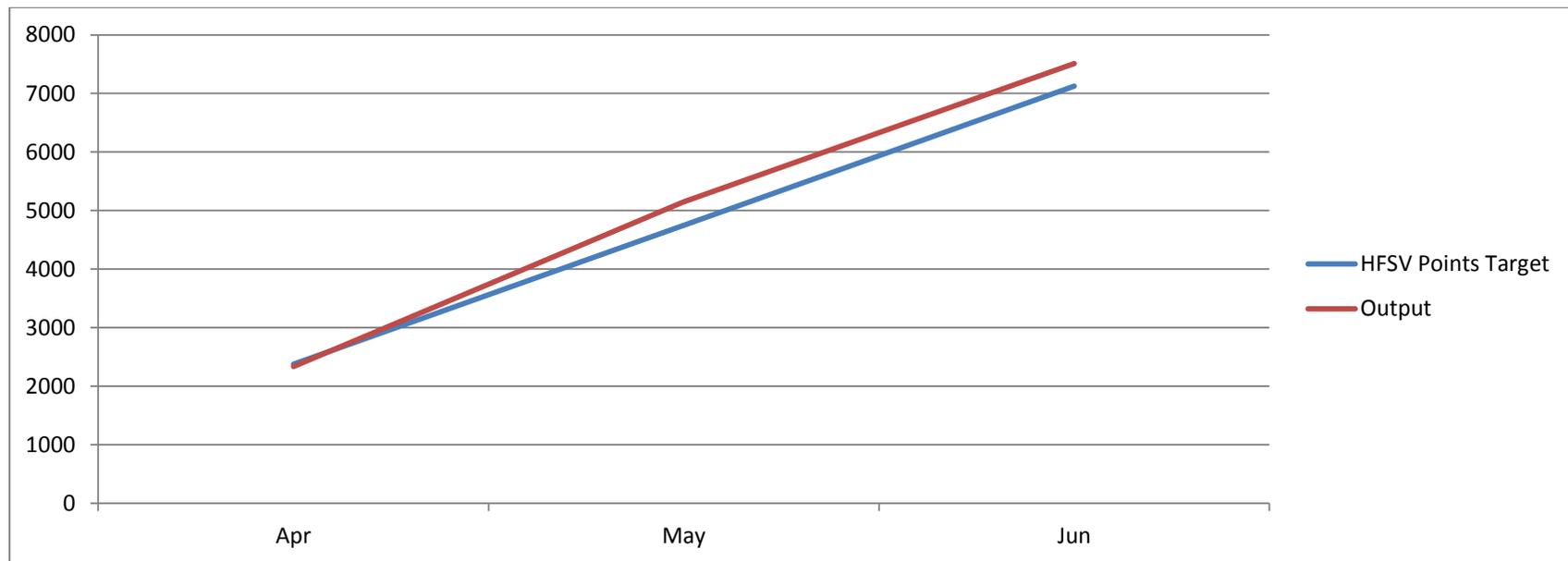
|            | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total      |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Target:    | 20  | 40  | 60  | 80  | 100 | 120  | 140 | 160 | 180 | 200 | 220 | 240 | <b>240</b> |
| Completed: | 19  | 36  | 58  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |            |



## 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 . **641** 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 |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |              |



**Total visits delivered in Q1 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.

| <b>Ward Area</b>        | <b>Visits delivered in Q1 2017/18</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| East Berwickshire       | 22                                    |
| Galashiels and District | 133                                   |
| Hawick and Denholm      | 102                                   |
| Hawick and Hermitage    | 117                                   |
| Jedburgh and District   | 26                                    |
| Kelso and District      | 36                                    |
| Leaderdale and Melrose  | 82                                    |
| Mid Berwickshire        | 45                                    |
| Selkirkshire            | 40                                    |
| Tweeddale East          | 18                                    |
| Tweeddale West          | 20                                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>641</b>                            |

## Partnership Working

### Youth Engagement

- The TD1 Initiative continues to develop and build on the success of last year's summer programme with the planning of this year's programme well advanced with the start date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July for six weeks running through to 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- In addition to the summer programme, the Whole time watches at Gala Fire Station continue to visit the TD1 Youth Hub on a regular basis engaging with the young people in various activities within the TD1 environment.
- The mentoring programme, which was developed from the success of last year's summer programme, now has one of the young people engaging with Gala Retained Watch on a weekly basis and this continues to grow from strength to strength.

### Vulnerable Adults

- The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child protection policy and procedure and have generated **7 Adult Protection** referrals during this quarter and **1 Child Protection** referral.
- The Local Area Liaison Officer 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 for this Quarter.

### Referrals

- Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) referrals.
- In addition to the MARAC outcomes the Community Action Team(CAT) have facilitated a further **17** 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 **7** for this Quarter.
- Housing Association referrals from respective partners at Berwickshire Housing (BHA), Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA), Eildon and Waverley total **21** for this Quarter. The Local Area Liaison Officer (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 increased from previous Quarter with a total of **15 referrals** as a result of wilful fire raising among youths in various areas of the Scottish Borders with one youth being charged by Police. The young people involved have been subject to the SFRS fire setters intervention programme.

- 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.
- Partnership links have been further developed with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through 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 **127** with **61** of those assessments consented and actioned by the Cheviot Community Health Care Team (CCHT). This partnership has benefitted both ways with the CCHT having made **2** referrals to the SFRS for this quarter.

## **Road Safety**

- Working in Collaboration with Police Scotland the SFRS have been heavily involved in the Drive wise Initiative. This initiative is being delivered throughout 2017 with 14 days allocated to secondary schools within the Scottish Borders to attend Charter hall for road safety education and to experience their first taste of driving in a controlled environment. This is done under the supervision of a driving coach from the Police, SFRS or Scottish Ambulance Service. The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) will also support these agencies in this work. To date eight days of this course have been delivered to over 400 children during the months of April and June.
- The SFRS hosted the Border Group of Advanced Motorcyclists (BGAM) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of April at Gala Fire Station, this was a multi-agency event attended by Police Scotland the Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Borders Council (Safer Communities Team).

## **Education**

- The Community Action Team attended the Countryside day at the Border Union Showground in May, which is a Multi-Agency event where they delivered Fire Safety to over 500 primary five children from throughout the Scottish Borders.
- The LALO attended Peebles High school Health week in May and delivered a CPR training workshop to over 50 children.
- The Community Action Team attended Eyemouth primary school in May and as part of a multi-agency approach to deliver CPR Training and basic first aid to over 300 children.

## **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 RDS Stations within the MELSB area in the facilitation of the spring and summer Thematic Action Plans (TAP). Both plans

focus on deliberate fire setting which historically rises during the Easter and Summer holiday periods, mainly involving young people.

- In regards to development of the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) project, a further mapping session in May on the Falls and Frailty pathway was facilitated by the Scottish Government Health Improvement team and held in Kelso.
- The LALO delivered a presentation to the Scottish Ambulance Service at Melrose Ambulance station on the Falls and Frailty work the SFRS are doing currently in the Scottish Borders, Cheviot area.
- A further presentation was also delivered at the Borders General Hospital to the Borders Falls Group with regards to the Living Safely in the Home work the SFRS are involved in.
- The Living safely In the Home Evaluation Report for the Cheviot pilot has been completed and circulated all respective partners, and elected members. The evaluation will go forward from the SFRS to the Scottish Government Building Safer Communities Board as an example of “best practice”.
- The Community Action Team has facilitated 15 Fire setter Interventions during this Quarter because of wilful fire raising within the Scottish Borders during this period. This is a worrying increase for the area, although the very dry spring has had a large part to play in this. An increased focus for the Summer Thematic Action plan will hopefully see improvements in this area.
- The SFRS has been involved in producing defibrillator guidance with Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and the Scottish Ambulance Service, and this was officially launched at the Borders General Hospital on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- The CAT delivered Fire Safety Training to 12 ex-offenders coming through Criminal Justice system at the Paton Street Building in Galashiels.
- The Community Action Team attended the Scotland’s beef event in Earlston in June as part of a partnership approach with the National Farmers Union (NFU) and Police Scotland to reduce fires and criminal activity within the farming sector.
- The CAT have delivered Fire Safety Training and input on the SFRS referral process to staff from SB Cares within the Scottish Borders, this work is ongoing due to numbers of staff and the geographical locations with Berwickshire and Cheviot localities the first areas completed.

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