

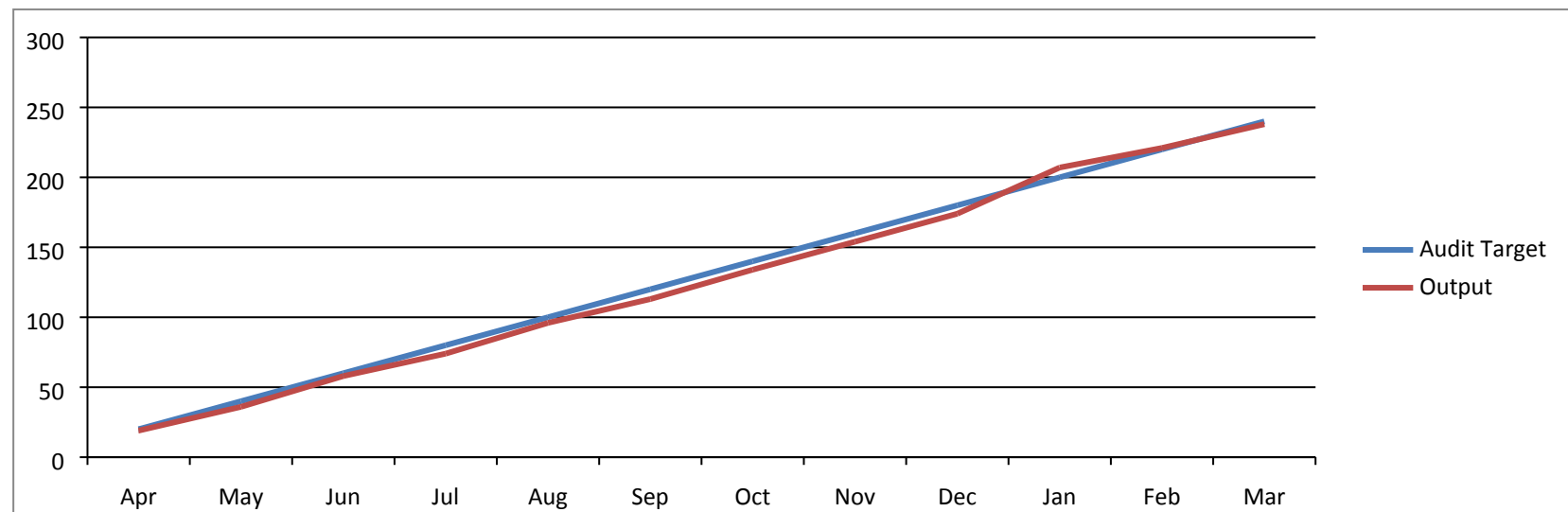
Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 4 2017/2018: (1st December 2017 to 31st March 2018)

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Scottish Borders Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEOs). Following the SFERS 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 delivered audits just two short of our annual target. It should be noted that those properties identified within our framework as high risk have been audited. The target has been amended to allow more resource to be allocated towards reducing unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) across the area.

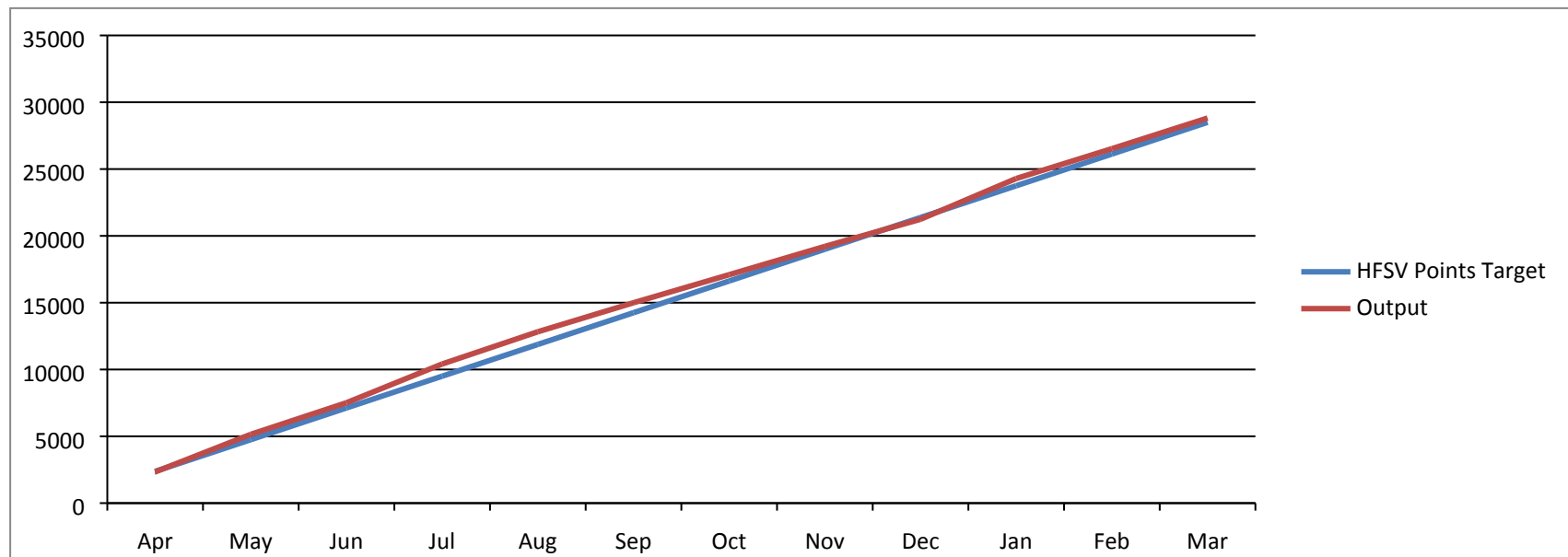
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	19	36	58	74	96	113	134	154	174	207	221	238	238



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. A total of **578** visits were delivered during this reporting period with the annual number of visits at **2364**. 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	28500
Completed	2336	5148	7512	10412	12824	14996	17096	19212	21244	24292	26524	28816	28816



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	Visits delivered in Q3 2017/18	Visits delivered in Q4 2017/18
East Berwickshire	22	29	22	24
Galashiels and District	133	100	92	90
Hawick and Denholm	102	81	88	105
Hawick and Hermitage	117	95	97	105
Jedburgh and District	26	63	28	29
Kelso and District	36	69	42	31
Leaderdale and Melrose	82	57	47	57
Mid Berwickshire	45	26	18	43
Selkirkshire	40	39	49	37
Tweeddale East	18	36	19	34
Tweeddale West	20	28	27	23
TOTAL	641	623	522	578

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement Fire skills and Risk Factory programmes in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. This included a Fire skills taster session delivered to **6** youths from Gala Academy S1 and S2, during the month of February. In addition to these core activities, the CAT continue to support the delivery of youth engagement through Fire skills with young offenders at Polmont.

The Community Action Team have also had **4** Fire setter Intervention referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period, where **2** have been completed and a further **2** that are currently being progressed.

Safeguarding (Vulnerable persons).

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our HFSV referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child protection policy and procedure and have generated **9** referrals (AP1) during this period.

The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to Fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been delivered.

Referrals

In addition to MARAC outcomes, the CAT team 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.

There was an additional **1** referral from MARAC.

Partnership working in the Scottish Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of **2** for this period.

Housing Association referrals from respective partners at Berwickshire Housing (BHA), Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA), Eildon and Waverley total **34**. Our LALO continues to actively engage in communicating with Housing Associations to deliver further training and familiarisation in Fire Safety and the referral process.

We received **4** referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period.

NHS provided **4** referrals and Social Services **6**. 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.

Within the Scottish Borders we continue 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 1st 2016, the current Falls Assessments/ Level 1 conversations facilitated by respective stations in the Cheviot Locality sits at **172** with **83** 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 **2** referrals to the SFRS for this quarter.

The collaborative work done with Home Energy Scotland on Fuel Poverty, which aligns to the LSITH project within the Cheviot Locality, has seen **1** referral being made for this quarter by the Community action Team.

Road Safety

The planning process for this year's Drive wise has been prominent during this period with all partner agencies involved in the programme. SFRS will again be a key partner in this multi-agency event and will provide support via operational crews from Gala and Hawick along with the Community Action Team. The first dates for the delivery of this year's programme will be on the **24th, 25th and 26th April**.

In addition to this, the SFRS attended the Police Scotland Divisional Command Awards in March as acknowledgement for their effective partnership in the delivery of the Drive wise Road Safety programme.

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 Thematic Action Plan.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Training was delivered to members of the Community Action Team during March.
- SFRS staff delivered CPR training to 24 members of the Police Young Volunteers Group during February.
- Our resources have been involved with partner agencies in the tactical planning of the Syrian refugee resettlement programme. With new families due to arrive in late April.
- SFRS staff attended careers events at Gala, Hawick and Jedburgh during the months of January and February.
- Our area Community Action Team were involved in the partnership and delivery of the Best Bar None awards and attended a successful awards evening in March.

Future Work Streams

As we plan for the future, we are actively involved in several areas of work, including;

- The Community Action Team will support Multi agency Event involving Border Group of Advanced Motorcyclists (BGAM) at Gala Fire Station in April.
- Support delivery of CPR training to local Community at Gavinton, Berwickshire in April.
- Attendance at the Student open Day, Borders College Gala in May.

- Local Community Action Team to attend Ability Borders Roadshows throughout April and May on selected dates.
- SFRS attendance at Countryside Day in May which will be held at the Border Union Showground Kelso.
- In partnership with Police Scotland and the NFU, SFRS will deliver Farm Safety. Information at a Walk and Talk event, which is being hosted by Renniston Farm, Oxnam, Jedburgh.
- Support facilitation of a Community Resilience Day at Peebles High School in May.
- Community Action Team to support further Youth engagement programmes within MELSB and neighbouring areas, maximising SFRS resources for the benefit of Scotland's communities.