

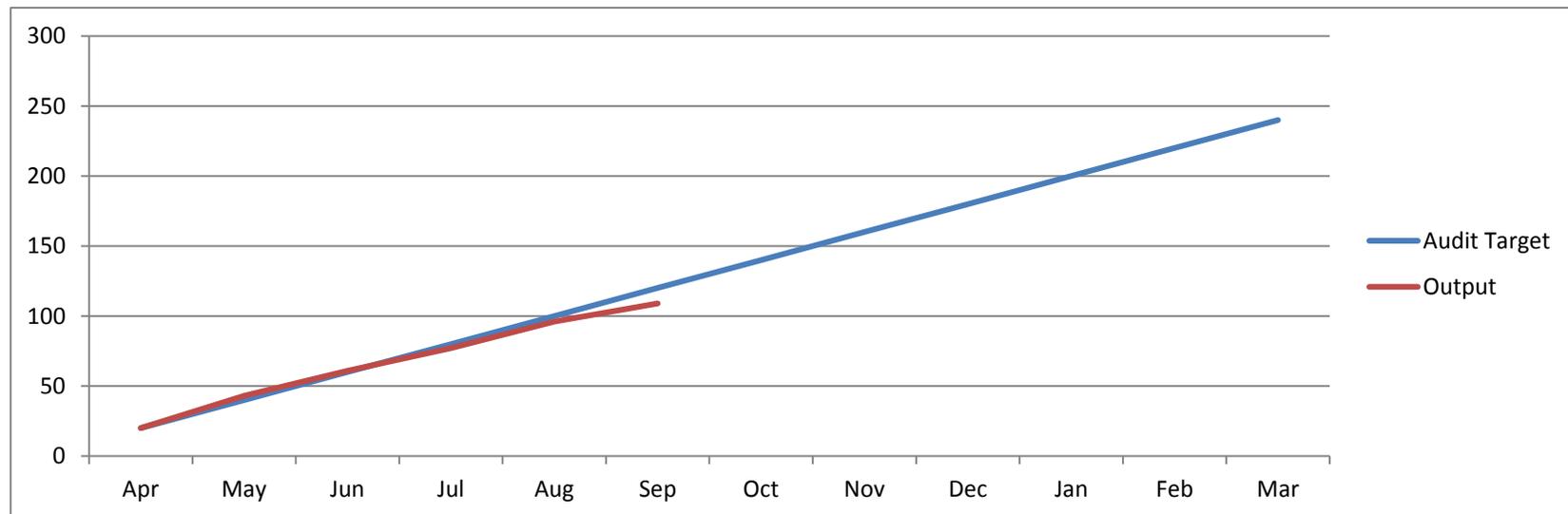
# Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 2 2018/2019: (1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 30th September 2018)

## 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. It should be noted that those properties identified within our framework as high risk have been audited. Although current audits completed are below the target set, this will be addressed over the coming months, with no negative impact on agreed workloads.

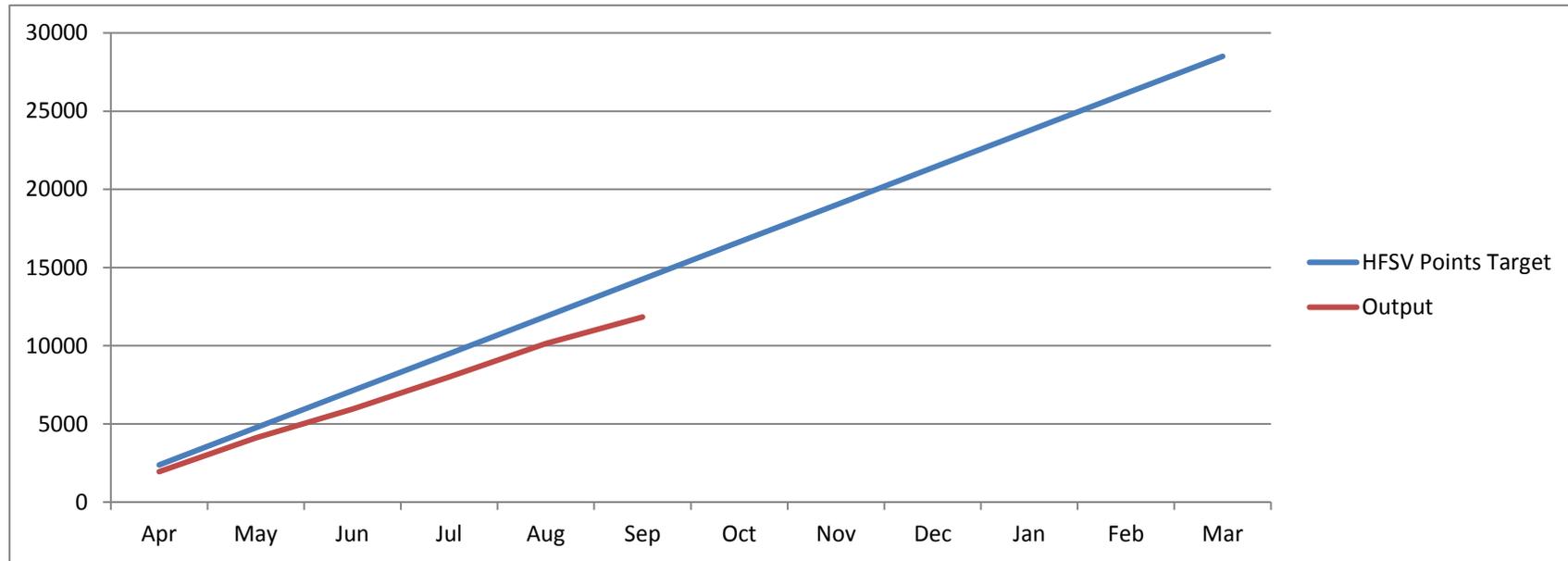
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	<b>240</b>
Completed:	20	43	61	77	96	109							



## 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). In order that we focus are resources on those at greatest risk of fire, SFRS decided earlier this year that those properties which scored either medium or low after a visit, would not be automatically offered a revisit after a specific period of time. This has had an impact on the number of HFSVs generated as can be seen from the points below (YTD). We are currently reviewing local HFSV targets, how they are determined and how we report.

	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	1944	4096	5944	8004	10144	11832							



**Total visits delivered in 2018/19 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 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q2 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q3 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q4 2018/19
East Berwickshire	17	27		
Galashiels and District	98	81		
Hawick and Denholm	68	66		
Hawick and Hermitage	96	98		
Jedburgh and District	34	25		
Kelso and District	22	21		
Leaderdale and Melrose	39	41		
Mid Berwickshire	26	29		
Selkirkshire	40	35		
Tweeddale East	24	20		
Tweeddale West	23	19		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>462</b>		

## 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. 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 **2** Fire setter Intervention referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period.

### 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 referrals (AP1) during this period.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer (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

Home Fire Safety Visits are generated via several pathways involving partner agencies. Generation of referrals from partners is key to identifying individuals most at risk of fire within the home. Our LALO role is supporting this is vital. This is an ongoing task, with new referral pathways being created regularly.

In addition to MARAC outcomes, the CAT team have facilitated a further **14** 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 period.

Housing Association partner referrals total **71**. Our LALO continues to actively engage in communicating with Housing Associations to deliver further training and familiarisation in Fire Safety and the referral process. This is supporting our objective of identifying person most at risk of fire within the home.

We received **8** referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period.

NHS provided **6** referrals and Social Services **5**. 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 develop partnership links with the Cheviot Community Health Care team (NHS) through the development of the Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project. This relates to falls assessments screening and referrals.

## **Road Safety**

Drive Wise has also been successfully delivered during this period with all partner agencies involved in the programme. SFRS are a key partner in this multi-agency event and have provided support via operational crews from Gala and Hawick along with the Community Action Team. Other events are scheduled for the remainder of this year.

## **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.

- Our LALO continues to work as an integral partner within the Safer Communities Team.
- SFRS staff continue to attend monthly MARAC meetings.
- SFRS personnel continue to work with Hawick High School Partnership with a view to setting up Fireskills course.
- Our LALO attended Suicide Awareness training at Perth Fire Station.
- Our LALO continues to attend the Community Learning & Development Target Setting Steering Group meetings.
- The Community Action Team continues to support 2 x Wholetime and 11 RDS stations with the delivery of HFSV's and Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.
- SFRS representation on the Syrian Refugee Families Operational Group.
- Local staff delivered Fire Safety and Water Safety talks to several groups within the Scottish Borders during this period.
- Members of the CAT attended an ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) event at Hamilton. This is a very informative session which provides understanding of why individuals behave and react to certain situations, due to negative experiences during childhood.
- SFRS staff attended Domestic Abuse training at SBC.
- Our LALO attended Falls Strategy Review forum at Borders General Hospital.
- SFRS are now represented on the Gypsy Travellers Operational Group.

## **Future Work Streams**

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

- Expansion of our HFSV awareness training to partners across the Scottish Borders to assist with identifying individuals at greater risk of fire within the home setting.
- We are actively looking for ways to reduce the number of UFAS calls we attend across Scotland. At previous Scrutiny meetings we have presented papers outlining the issues we face and how we propose to address them. SFRS are about to engage directly with SBC Education to assess the impact of UFAS within Schools and other educational premises. It is hopeful that this exercise will promote a considerable reduction in UFAS and subsequent SFRS attendance to SB Schools.