

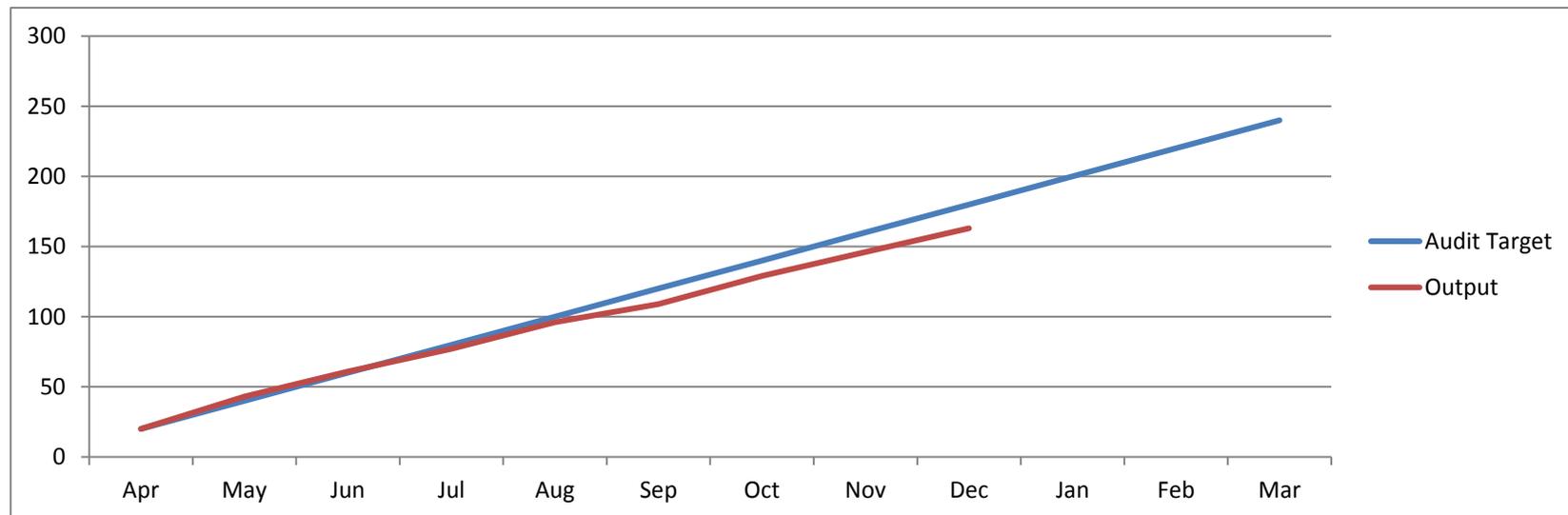
Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3 2018/2019: (1st October 2018 to 31st December 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 is 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. This is predominately due to staff being on leave over the festive period.

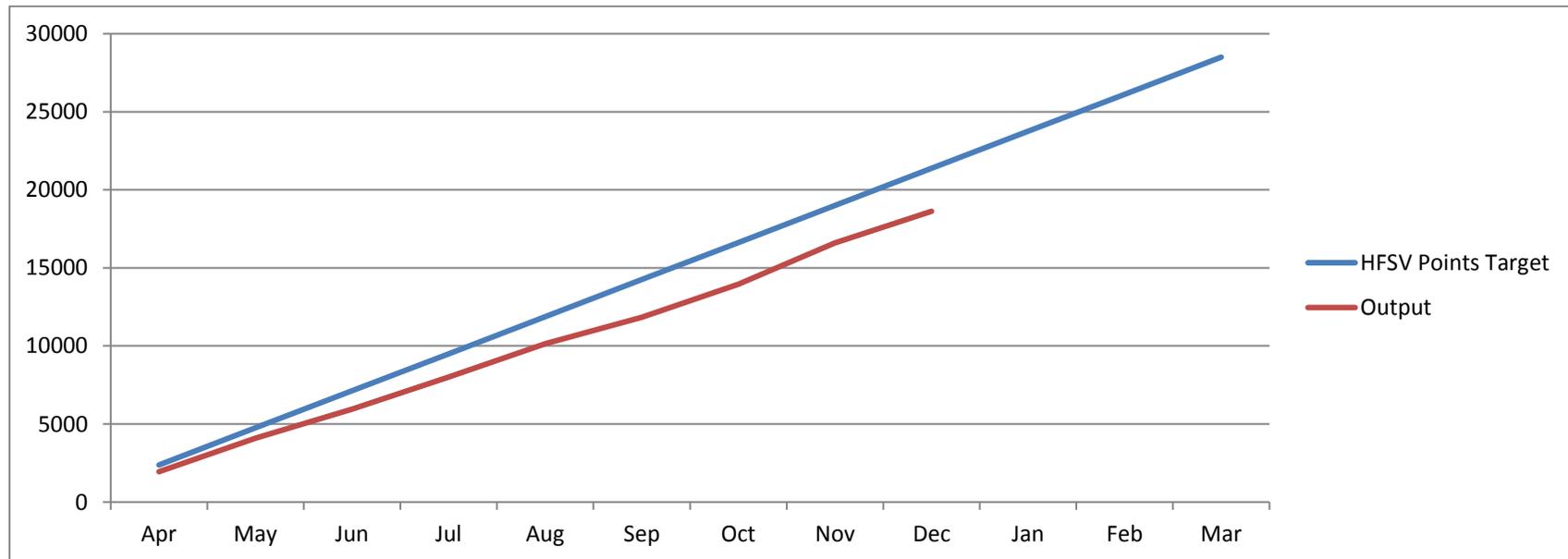
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	20	43	61	77	96	109	129	146	163				



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 our 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. The actual number of HFSVs completed has increased compared to the previous two (2) quarters of this reporting year (see page 3).

	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	1944	4096	5944	8004	10144	11832	13948	16604	18624				



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	22	
Galashiels and District	98	81	115	
Hawick and Denholm	68	66	97	
Hawick and Hermitage	96	98	72	
Jedburgh and District	34	25	34	
Kelso and District	22	21	28	
Leaderdale and Melrose	39	41	71	
Mid Berwickshire	26	29	18	
Selkirkshire	40	35	32	
Tweeddale East	24	20	21	
Tweeddale West	23	19	19	
TOTAL	487	462	529	

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 **3** 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 **14** 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 in supporting this is vital. This is an ongoing task, with new referral pathways being created regularly. Recent initiatives facilitated by our LALO has seen an **increase of 121%** (compared to **Qrt 2 18/19**) in the number of referrals received from our partners. This is fantastic work, which allows us to identify those most in need of a HFSV.

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 **6** for this period.

Housing Association partner referrals total **155**. 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 persons most at risk of fire within the home.

NHS provided **4** 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 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. This relates to falls assessment screening and referrals.

SFRS staff have been involved in the delivery of 55 Community Safety events in Scottish Borders during this period. This includes fire safety talks, liaising with other services and road safety initiatives as detailed below.

Road Safety

Drive Wise was 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. Planning and scheduling for courses to be delivered this year is complete with progress updates provided in future reports.

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 and have just arranged Fire related anti-social behaviour talks for all 1st year pupils.
- 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 supported the delivery of a Drivewise event in Fife.
- Members of the CAT attended a 'Solihull' awareness session at Lauder Fire Station. This is designed to raise awareness of increased emotional health and well-being in childhood. The input supported a previous Adverse Childhood Experiences ACEs training session our staff attended.
- Our LALO attended Falls Strategy Review forum at Borders General Hospital.
- SFRS are now represented on the Gypsy Travellers Operational Group.
- We are currently arranging SFRS attendance and delivery of Home Fire Safety awareness in the home training at all levels of Adult/Child protection training within the Scottish Borders. This will capture a huge audience of managers and practitioners, raising awareness of fire risk in the home and more importantly, the creation of referral pathways to SFRS. This will support our efforts to provide a HFSV to those at greater risk of fire within the home environment.

Future Work Streams

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

- 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. This initiative is still being actively pursued by SFRS and we await communication from our partners at Scottish Borders Council.