

Prevention & Protection Activities

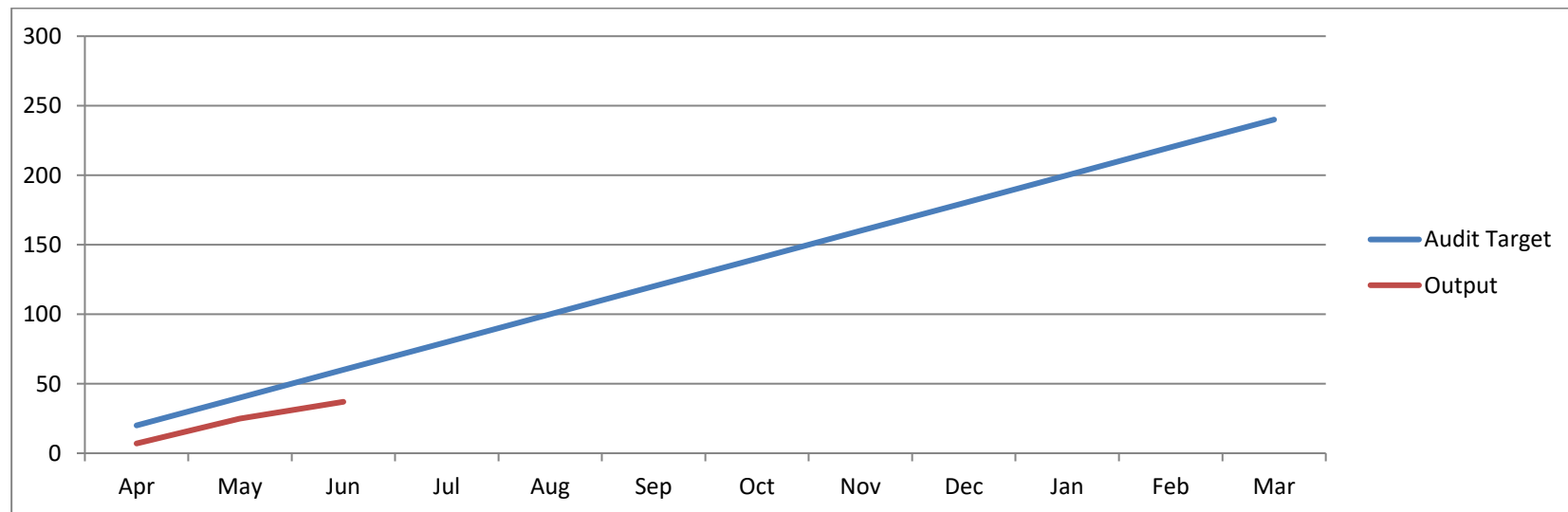
Quarter 1 2019/2020: (1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019)

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. 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.

Due to the loss of two experienced FSEOs earlier this year we have been operating below establishment. Two additional Officers have been recruited, however, they are currently undertaking training and development. This as you will see, has had a negative impact on our local targets. We are confident that this will be addressed as the Officers become more experienced and skilled over the coming months.

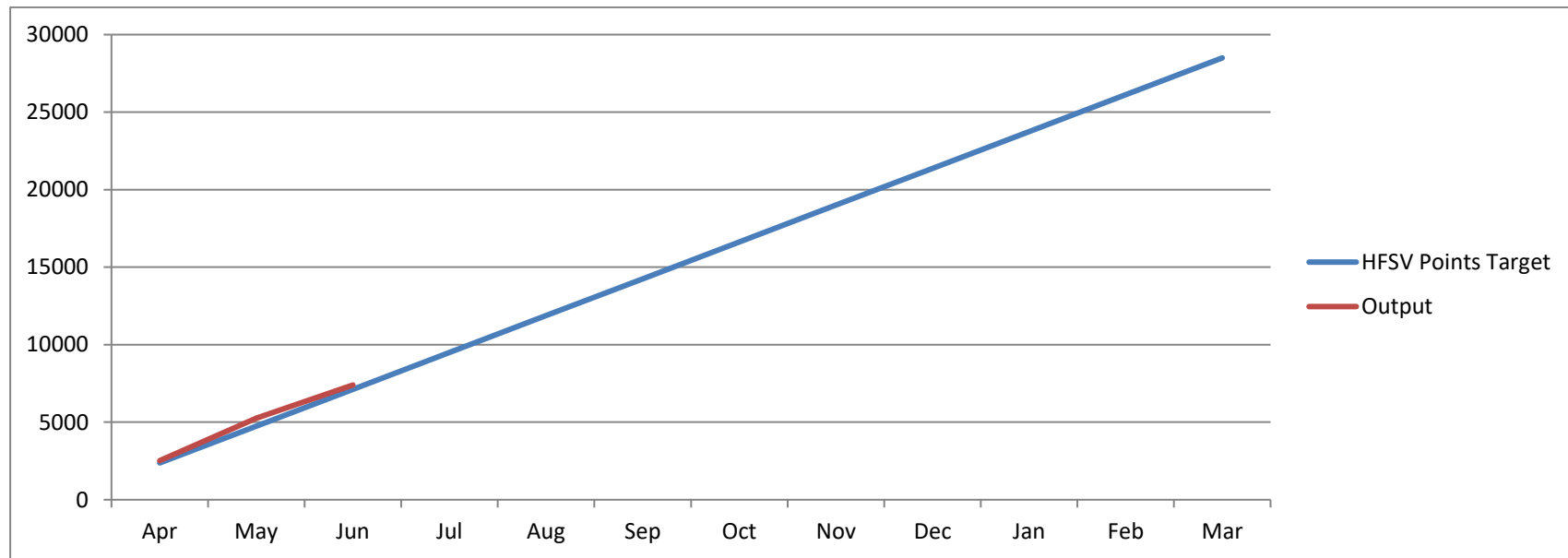
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	7	25	37										



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. A total of **569** visits were delivered during this reporting period. A robust management is in place to ensure targets are met over the course of the year. 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	2520	5252	7400										



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 2019/20	Visits delivered in Q2 2019/20	Visits delivered in Q3 2019/20	Visits delivered in Q4 2019/20
East Berwickshire	17			
Galashiels and District	98			
Hawick and Denholm	68			
Hawick and Hermitage	96			
Jedburgh and District	34			
Kelso and District	22			
Leaderdale and Melrose	39			
Mid Berwickshire	26			
Selkirkshire	40			
Tweeddale East	24			
Tweeddale West	23			
TOTAL	569			

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 **5** 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 **10** 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. These include:

In addition to MARAC outcomes, the CAT team have facilitated **18** 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 **2** for this period.

Housing Association referrals from respective partners at Berwickshire Housing (BHA), Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA), Eildon, Cairn and Waverley total **45**. 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 **5** referrals from Police Scotland during this reporting period.

NHS provided **7** referrals and Social Services **18**. 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.

Our LALO continues to deliver HFSV awareness training to various partners. This has resulted in a total of **124** referrals for HFSVs being received and processed during the first quarter of 2019.

Road Safety

Staff delivered road safety talks to S5/6 pupils across the Borders.

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
- The Local Authority Liaison Officer continues to deliver HFSV referral pathway awareness at levels 2 and 3 Adult Support Protection training
- Local SFRS staff are working in partnership with Safer Communities to deliver +65's road safety awareness training
- Our LALO continues to attend the Community Learning & Development Target Setting Steering Group meetings
- The Community Action Team 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
- The CAT supported Peebles High School Resilience Day and assisted in delivering CPR training to pupils
- CAT attends What Matters Hub at Hawick/Galashiels monthly
- Anti-social behaviour talks delivered to Borders schools
- Water safety awareness talks have also been delivered at various locations within the Borders.

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 hoped that this exercise will promote a considerable reduction in UFAS and subsequent SFRS attendance to SB Schools
- Planning and delivery of our Fireskills programme across the Scottish Borders.