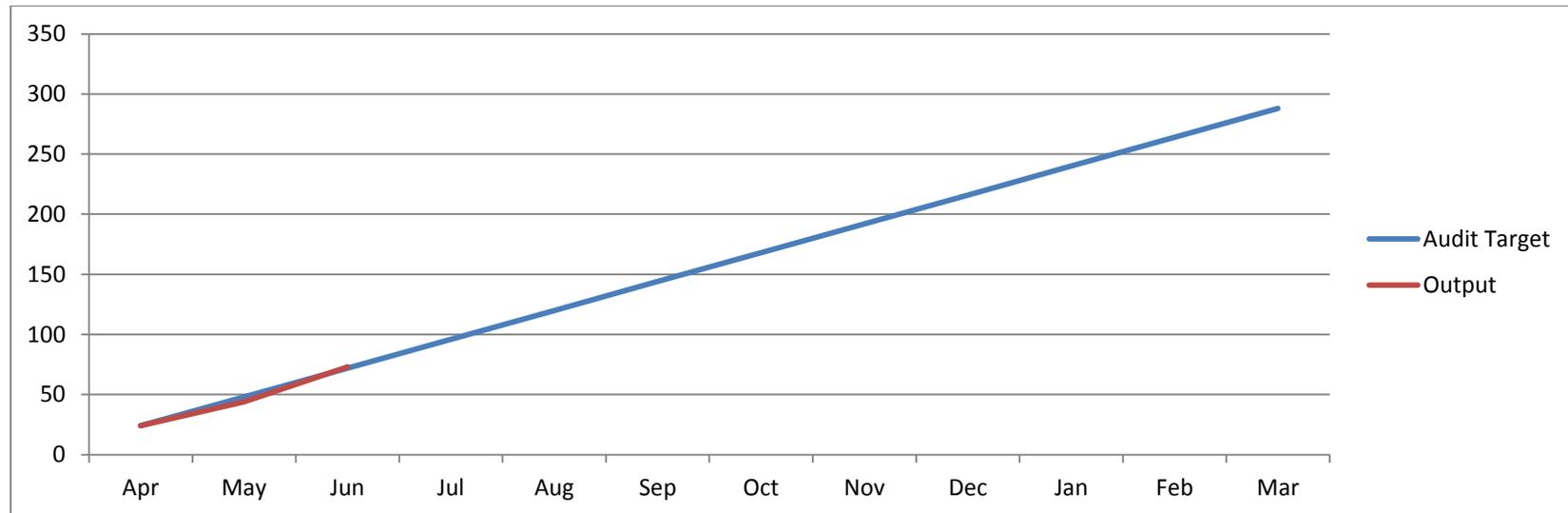


Prevention & Protection Activities

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. This quarter has seen us exceed target. It should be noted that during quarter one we had two FSEO's instead of our normal compliment of three, therefore targets have been adjusted to account for this. It is anticipated that we will return to three officers at the end of August.

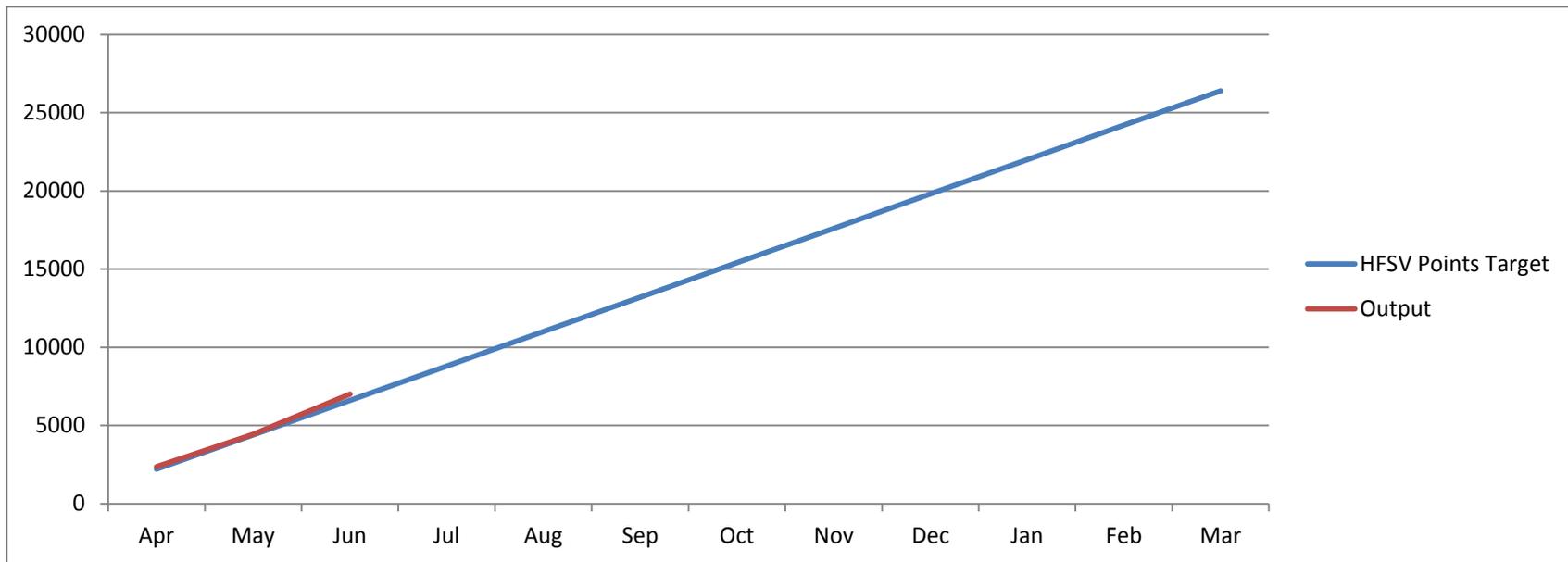
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288	288
Completed:	24	44	73										



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 put to use with greatest effect. This quarter has seen us maintain our points total ahead of target, with June including our “week of action”.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	2200	4400	6600	8800	11000	13200	15400	17600	19800	22000	24200	26400	26400
Completed	2360	4444	7004										



Community Safety Engagement

ACTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS
Enhanced Home Safety Visits (No. of households/occupiers visited)	11
Visits to Schools	14
Nursery Visits	7
Road Safety Education (No. of Talks)	3 (65 pupils)
Firesetters Intervention Programme (No. of sessions with youths)*	9
Community Safety Talks / Attendance at Community Events**	95
Number of students attending Crucial Crew***	0
Fire Safety Inspections (CGA) in Tenement Stairs	0

Definitions

*A one to one counselling session with a young person to discuss the consequences of being involved in wilful fire raising.

**Comprises non-school events including: appliance visits to community groups (fetes, galas etc); group visits to fire stations; specific campaigns (Stair Aware, Cooking Safety, etc); and Community Fire-fighter talks/stall events.

***Crucial Crew programme runs only in school Autumn term.

Partnership Working

The Community Action Team (CAT) to three high schools in the Scottish Borders has delivered general home fire safety information in this period with a total of 428 students receiving these inputs. Safe T roadshows will recommence in the Autumn term. As part of a separate joint agency initiative involving the Scottish Prison Service and Police Scotland, the CAT has given presentations on fire-related anti-social behaviour to 124 S3 students at Berwickshire High School. In May, the CAT attended the Borders Union Agricultural Society Countryside Day with the Community Safety Vehicle and 1,250 primary school pupils received fire safety information aimed at keeping children safer in the home.

A total of 9 separate firesetter interventions were completed being a combined result of post-domestic incident work and liaison with Restorative Justice and Police Scotland. In addition to this, one primary school received a group input from Community Firefighters on the risks and potential consequences of deliberate firesetting after several pupils were involved in a serious local incident. A safety alert on the dangers of firesetting was also circulated throughout the Scottish Borders schools by way of the weekly head teachers bulletin.

The CAT continues to deliver the Firesharp programme to P6 and P7 in preparation for Crucial Crew in September 2015.

We continue to work closely with key contacts in Housing, Health and Social Services to help us engage with those at risk of harm or in need of support and to ensure these sections of the community have full access to our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) service. Of the 16 Adult Protection referrals submitted to Social Services for MELB in the last quarter, 9 of those referrals were for householders in the Scottish Borders and have been completed by local crews as part of their post incident response work.

The LALO and Station Managers have attended several case conferences, including one fatal fire conference, and the outcomes from these conferences have led to significant safety actions being taken to safeguard against further harm from fire occurring either to the individuals concerned or those who may be inadvertently affected. The fatal fire case conference was attended by a number of different agencies and through this process the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) looks to identify and deliver enhanced early and effective intervention measures, assisted by our public, private and voluntary sector partners, which can help reduce the number of dwelling fires and fatalities.

Referrals from the Borders Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and Police Scotland are on-going and as part of our Safer Communities partnership work, we provide advice to and receive referrals from the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit at the council. A weekly Safer Communities TAC is now in place, which enables a swift and focussed joint agency approach to higher end cases of adults at risk and ensures that vital information is shared with the appropriate services in a timely and proportionate manner.

The CAT has forged new links with Local Citizens Panel coordinators with the result that we have successfully delivered fire safety inputs to several learning disability groups including 2 lip reading classes. We have also attended the second International Family Open Day providing advice and taking referrals from migrants within the Scottish Borders area.

As part of the SFRS Week of Action campaign, we worked in partnership with Scottish Borders Housing Association to carry out a HFSV initiative with the residents of a large elderly amenities property achieving a high number of completed visits within this one complex. This also led to television coverage on the ITV "Lookaround" programme of our HFSV service as one resident agreed to be filmed receiving a visit from the Galashiels crew and this helped raise the profile of our campaign and promote our continuing work with vulnerable householders. The success of this initiative has led to further similar events in the area focussing on these complexes which fall outwith the sheltered housing bracket but house individuals who are at high risk from fire in their home. A media release covering the main aims of the week of action was also recorded with Radio Borders and broadcast on the first day of the campaign, in addition to which Scottish Borders Council (SBC) and several partner agencies were brought on board to assist with promoting the campaign as widely as possible including updating websites, social media sites and distributing copies of the campaign literature which SBC printed off in colour for crews and partner agencies alike.

A key piece of work was completed by the CAT after contact was made with local midwifery services dealing vulnerable and isolated young mums who required HFSVs and we are working with our Health and Social Care partners to ensure this link builds on our existing HFSV work with the "Bump to Baby" scheme.

In April, the SFRS hosted the inaugural Motorcyclists Safety Open Day at Galashiels fire station. This event was very well attended, approximately 50 attendees, with 22 motorcyclists signing up for the advanced riding skills course – four times the annual average take up on these courses within the Scottish Borders. The event was a joint agency approach with IAM, Police Scotland, Borders Advanced Motorcyclists, Scottish Ambulance Service and Safer Communities and is now planned to take place annually.

The CAT and crews at Galashiels fire station have been involved in a road safety initiative with Earlston High School covering young driver safety and responsibility. The initial event was attended by 10 S4 pupils who have not committed to taking any academic exams and who therefore have been enrolled in a learning and development course by the Learning and Development Officer. The format was a quick show round of the appliance and a discussion on the role of the Fire and Rescue Service followed by a "Make it or Break it" type presentation. The event included a road traffic collision demonstration followed by a full debrief.

Three members of the CAT have now completed a training course in the safe fitting of child car seats and we plan to take this forward together with the operational crews as

part of a wider road safety initiative focussing on the safety of parent drivers and their passengers.

Registered social landlords received refresher training on CSET system aimed at frontline staff including maintenance officers. CSET training for voluntary sector agencies including British Red Cross coordination team as well as volunteers who visit vulnerable members of the community many living alone and at high risk from fire. Further training is planned for new volunteers.

Joint initiative with Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) where the CAT attended a "New Tenant Information Day" at Eyemouth for prospective tenants on a new housing development. BHA have made a HFSV a requirement of the sign up procedure

Negotiations are under way with Police Scotland to set up a secure link to receive HFSV referrals sourced from the police Vulnerable Persons Database.

Negotiations to improve HFSV referral numbers from Social Care and Health Services are on- going at Group Manager and Station Manager level.

Station Manager (SM) and LALO held several planning meetings for the Farm Fire Safety and Crime Prevention event on July 1st at Timpendean, Jedburgh which will focus on the identification of fire risks on farms and measures to mitigate these risks as well as rural crime prevention methods. The event takes a joint agency approach with Police Scotland and NFU Scotland and seeks to engage with the often hard to reach farming community. SFRS is carrying out this prevention work as farms fall into the high risk category and with well over 1100 registered farms in the Scottish Borders the number of operational incidents we attend are relatively high. The event will also promote our HFSV service and offer guidance and advice to farmers with regard to best practice for rental accommodation that they own/ manage. The event has had seven days of radio coverage on Radio Borders, been posted on social media sites of the three services involved and promoted on the three websites. CAT also attended the local livestock auctions with a pop up stall, handing out event flyers and distributing HFSV postcards.

The LALO has joined SBC gypsy travellers working group and the CAT will be visiting the annual St Boswells gypsy fair to provide outdoor/summer fire safety advice and offer smoke detection to caravan owners.

The LALO and SM took part in the first of several multi agency estate walk rounds, an environmental type audit, in Burnfoot Hawick, which has led to links being made with further agencies in touch with vulnerable householders including Victim Support.