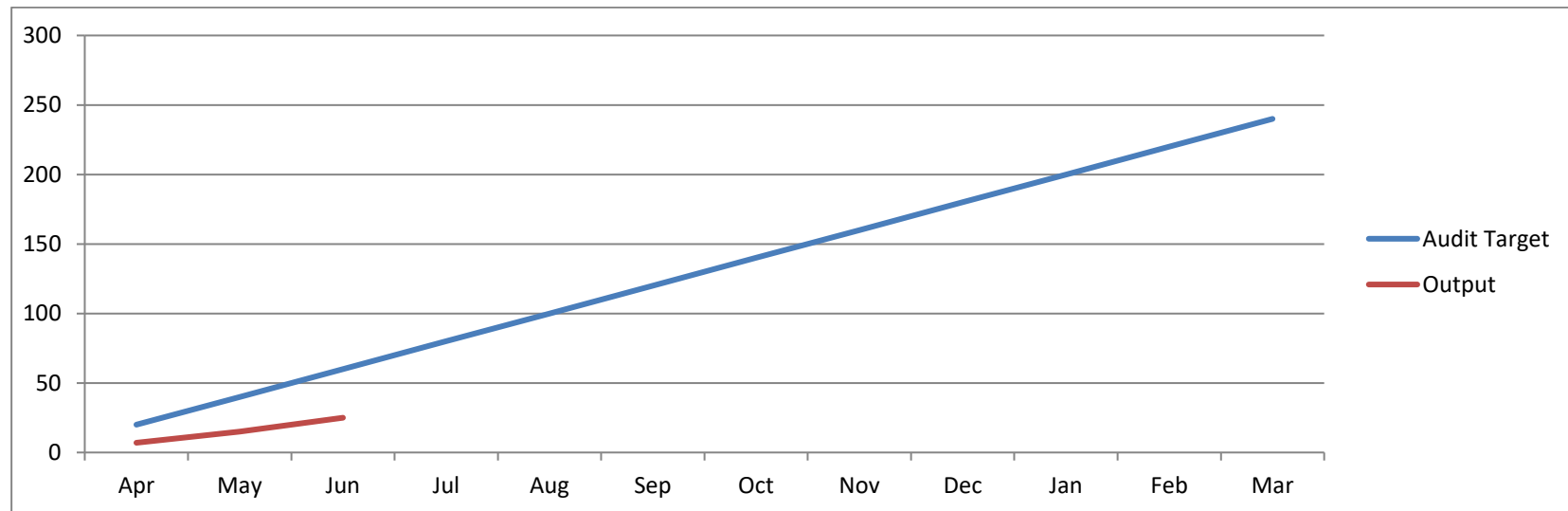


Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1 2021/2022: (1st April to 30th June 2021) 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. In line with the SFRS enforcement framework all of the area high risk sleeping premises receive an annual audit and this includes hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels. As COVID 19 restrictions eased during this period, we have been able to resume normal audit services. This can be seen in improved output, which should continue as we progress through this year.

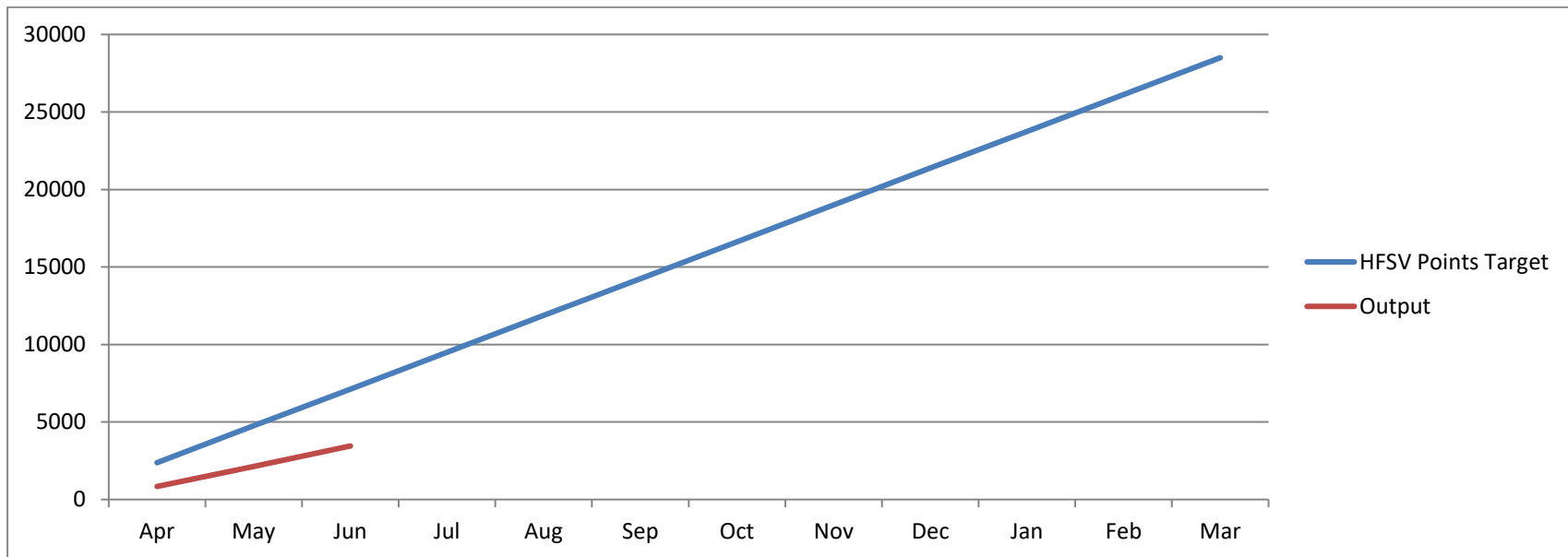
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	7	15	25										



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. At the end of this period, our full HFSV programme recommenced and this has resulted in a **total of 212** HFSVs being delivered in the Scottish Borders in **Q1**. This compares to **70** for this period last year, when COVID restrictions had the most impact on this service.

	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	840	2120	3453										



Total visits delivered in 2021/22 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 2021/22	Visits delivered in Q2 2021/22	Visits delivered in Q3 21/22	Visits delivered in Q4 2021/22
East Berwickshire	13			
Galashiels and District	24			
Hawick and Denholm	25			
Hawick and Hermitage	26			
Jedburgh and District	6			
Kelso and District	27			
Lauderdale and Melrose	26			
Mid Berwickshire	20			
Selkirkshire	14			
Tweeddale East	24			
Tweeddale West	7			
TOTAL	212			

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our usual Youth engagement programmes have not been delivered. We have however, maintained contact with many partner groups, providing advice via social media and delivering thematic information such as Spring/Summer safety and deliberate fire-setting. Other examples of work carried out in this period are;

- Our local Community Action Team (CAT) has worked with High Schools to engage with identified fire starters.
- The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to work with 60 Primary schools and 9 secondary within the Scottish Borders Area.
- The CAT team have delivered “Street Feet” Road Safety sessions to primary schools.

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 **6** referrals (AP1) during this period.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to participate or provide information relevant to fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and successful actions from these meetings have been delivered.

HFSV Referrals and advice

In addition to our HFSV programme and services, we have also been providing information regarding the requirements of new Fire and Smoke Alarm Standard (Scotland), which is due to be implemented February 2022 after being postponed from Feb 21. The responsibility for meeting the standard is placed upon home owners, including Councils, Housing Associations and Private Landlords.

SFRS will fit detectors to the new standard for privately owned occupiers who are deemed to be a High risk of fire.

Scottish Government are planning a national advertising campaign (August 2021) to inform all home owners of this requirement.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

As COVID work restrictions have eased, normal services have begun to recover. Most of our Prevention and Protection staff do however continue to work from home and are not yet fully engaged with external partners and service users.

At the time of completing this report, we are actively planning activities which will hopefully see our staff return to delivering our Core Fire Skills programmes across the area.

We are however mindful that restrictions could be re-introduced at any time and are providing resilience to activities with the production of remote methods of delivery for all activities where possible.

SFRS have also been involved with Asymptomatic Covid 19 testing within 11 Scottish Borders Fire stations, working with NHS and the local authority. So far over 2000 tests have been carried out (end of June 21).

Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

SFRS are currently consulting on options in relation to our operational response to Automatic Fire Alarms. Please have your say and click on the link below.

<https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/sfrs-communications/time-for-change-reducing-ufas/>

