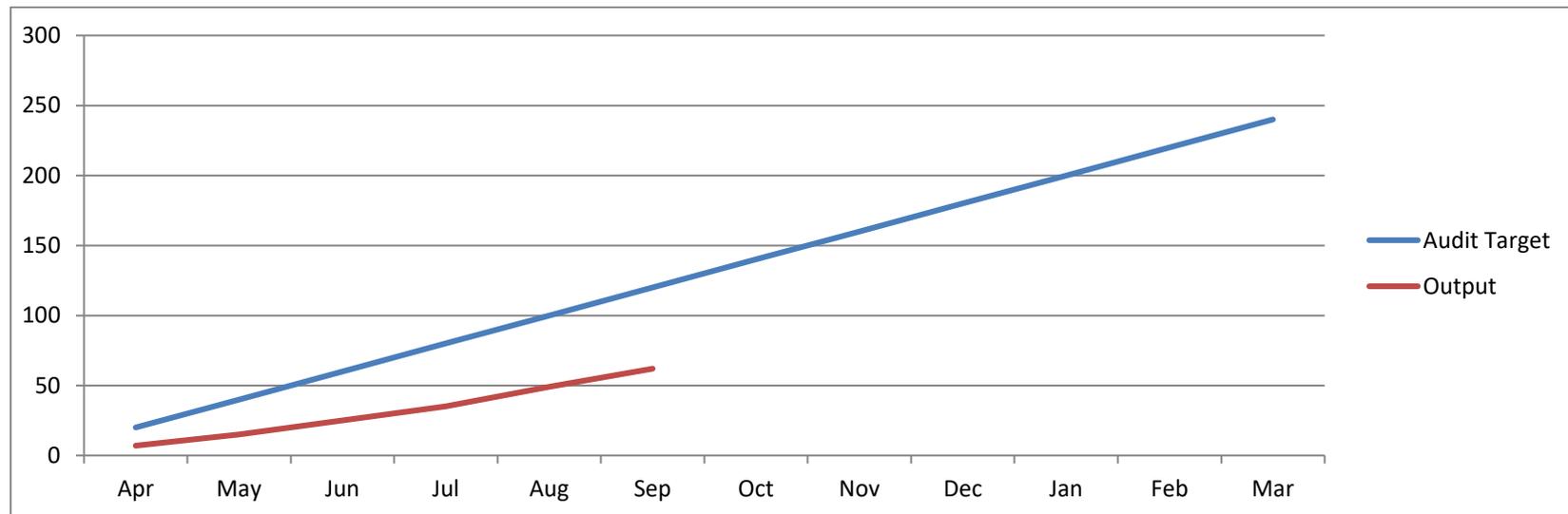


Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 2. 2021/2022: (1st July to 30th September 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. We continue to experience the consequences of the COVID 19 lockdown, however, we are attending an increased number of premises for audit. This can be seen in improved output, which should continue as we progress through this year.

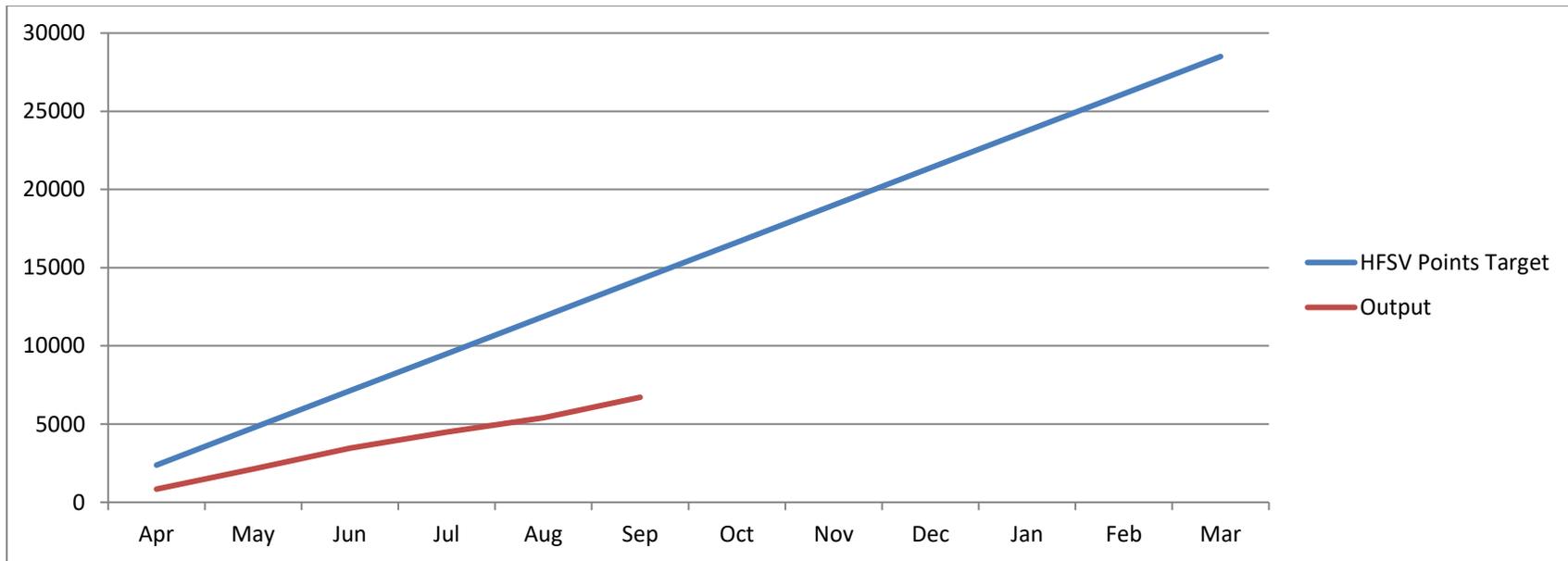
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	240
Completed:	7	15	25	35	49	62							



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 231 HFSVs** being delivered in the Scottish Borders in **Q2**.

	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	4488	5392	6712							



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	7		
Galashiels and District	24	36		
Hawick and Denholm	25	31		
Hawick and Hermitage	26	28		
Jedburgh and District	6	12		
Kelso and District	27	17		
Leaderdale and Melrose	26	19		
Mid Berwickshire	20	26		
Selkirkshire	14	13		
Tweeddale East	24	28		
Tweeddale West	7	14		
TOTAL	212	231		

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 Summer safety and deliberate fire-setting. We have also commenced activities with a number of Youth Groups and Schools. ***At the time of preparing this report, our teams have started to recommence face to face visits with Schools and other groups.***

During this period our local teams have been preparing Bonfire and Road Safety videos that will be delivered across the Scottish Borders. These presentations have been created in partnership with Police Scotland and SBC.

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 **13** 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 continue to provide 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 has recently delivered an awareness campaign with TV, Radio adverts and Social Media.

Full information can be accessed using the following link;

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-tolerable-standard-guidance/>

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.

We recommenced Home Safety Referral training in June, with plans to provide all SB Cares staff with an awareness of fire risk in the home and the means of referring those at risk to SFRS.

SBC Public Protection Committee has also agreed that SFRS can deliver this training as part of their PP training delivery arrangements.

Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

We reported in Quarter 1 that SFRS had commenced a thorough review of how we respond to UFAS calls. At the time of preparing this report, findings from our public consultation are being assessed, with finds and conclusion being shared early New Year. An update will be provided in the Quarter 3 report.

