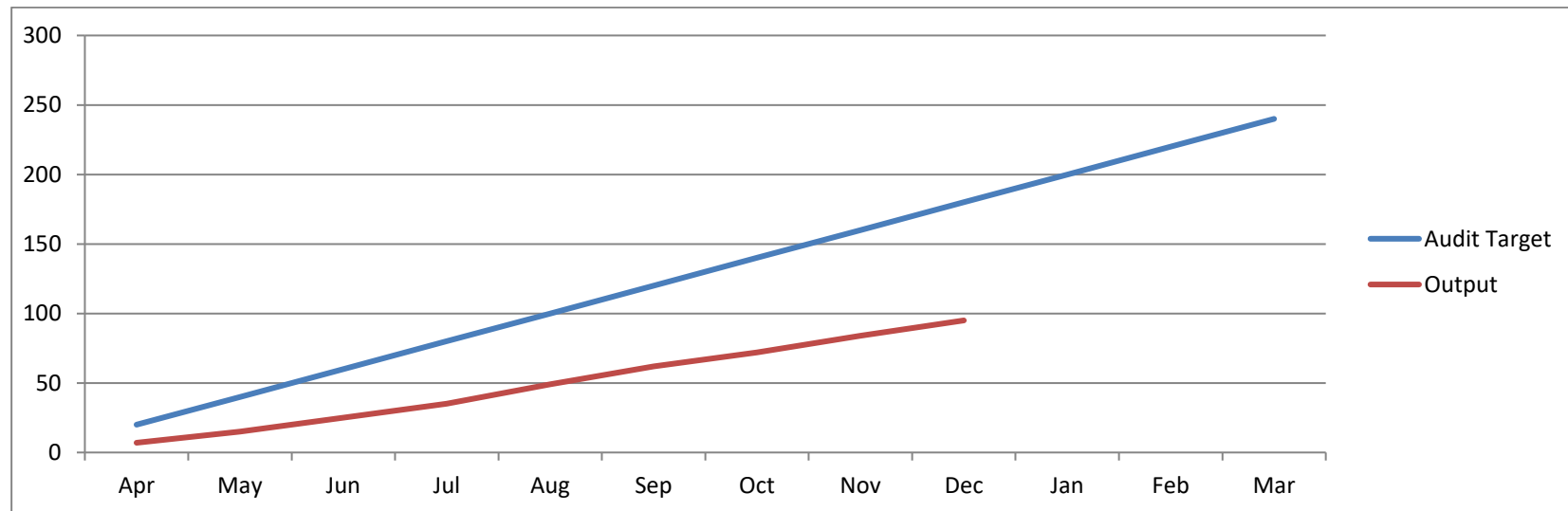


# Prevention & Protection Activities

## Quarter 4. 2021/2022: (1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Scottish Borders Fire Safety Protection Officers (FSPOs). 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. Recovery from COVID 19 restrictions and the loss of one FSPO has hampered achievement of the annual target. We have ensured all high-risk premises as per enforcement framework, have received an audit.

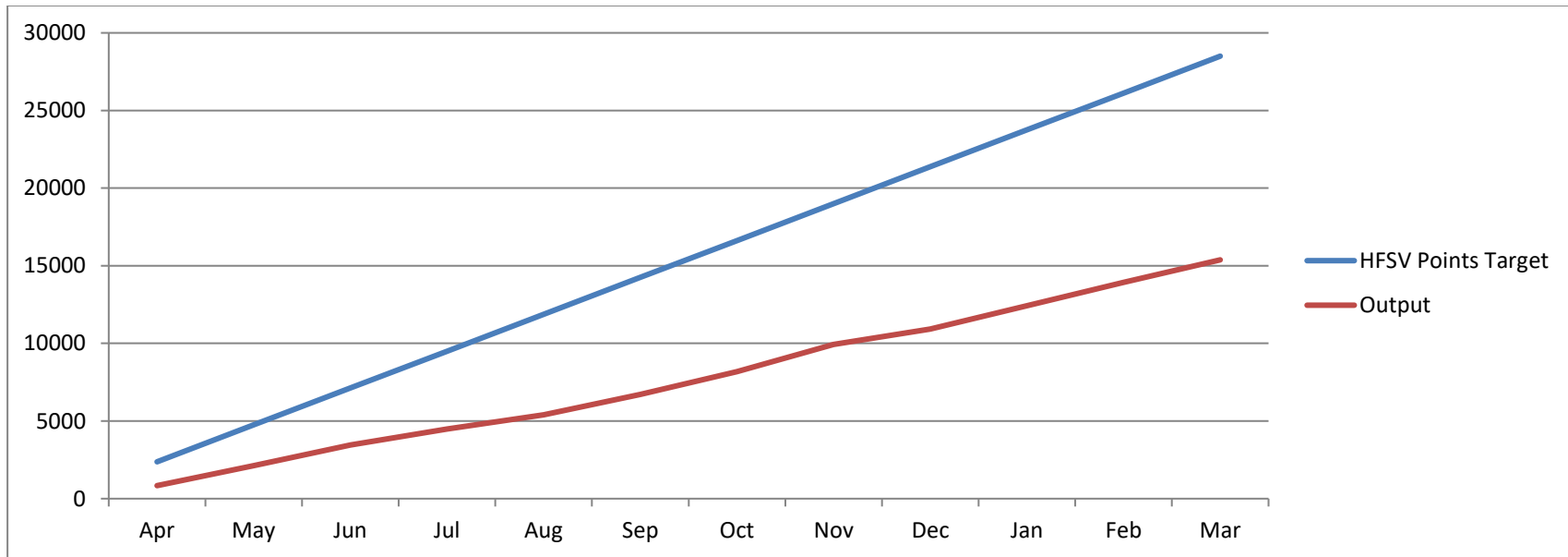
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	<b>240</b>
Completed:	7	15	25	35	49	62	72	84	95	101	108	116	<b>116</b>



## 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. COVI restrictions has had a huge impact on overall targets for 21/22. A **total of 278** HFSVs were delivered in the Scottish Borders in **Q4**.

	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	<b>28500</b>
Completed	840	2120	3453	4488	5392	6712	8188	9928	10920	12418	13932	15380	<b>15380</b>



## 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	19	33
Galashiels and District	24	36	33	31
Hawick and Denholm	25	31	67	40
Hawick and Hermitage	26	28	38	37
Jedburgh and District	6	12	15	19
Kelso and District	27	17	13	24
Leaderdale and Melrose	26	19	17	23
Mid Berwickshire	20	26	13	15
Selkirkshire	14	13	11	20
Tweeddale East	24	28	30	24
Tweeddale West	7	14	21	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>278</b>

## **Partnership Working**

### **Youth Engagement**

This period seen an increase in Youth engagement programmes activities includes work with Hawick High School and delivery of our Road Safety initiative, 'Drive to Arrive'. This quarter also included Winter and Spring topics which relate to our annual Seasonal Community Safety Campaigns. Further information regarding these activities and initiatives are detailed within Thematic Action Plans below.

### **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 with referrals (AP1) made to Social Services 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.

### **Thematic Actions Plans**

During this period our safety initiatives focused on several areas including;

- Safety in the Home, Fire and Alcohol
- Cooking Safety
- Grass and Wildfires

Other core engagement topics including Road and Water Safety have also been planned and delivered during this period.

Locals Fire crews supported by our Community Action Team delivered relevant safety messages to Schools, Youth and Community Groups and the wider public using various methods, including virtual platforms, direct engagement and social media.

### **Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Update**

An SFRS working group is now producing a Communications and Engagement Plan which will inform and assist duty holders regarding responsibilities and being prepared for implementation of SFRS revised approach to attending Automatic Fire Alarm calls. The anticipated implementation date remains April 2023. Further updates will be provided in future reports.

## **Smoke/Fire Detection Legislation**

We continue to receive a high number of enquiries regarding householder responsibilities and requests to fit detection to the new standard. Detection stock is being impacted by a worldwide shortage of components. Locally we still have sufficient stock at this time. If our stocks were to be exhausted we still have standalone smoke and heat detection which do not meet the required standard, however they will provide sufficient alarm and warning in the event of a fire.