

Appendix 1

Scottish Borders Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: 1st April– 30th June 2022

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is the enforcing authority for the Fire Scotland Act 2005 and Fire Safety Regulations 2006. The act applies to specific non-domestic premises and requires duty holders to comply with relevant aspects of the Act and Regulations. SFRS responsibilities as the enforcing authority are captured within an Enforcement Framework. The Framework identifies and assigns priority to premises type with those premises deemed as higher risk given priority for auditing purposes. Premise providing sleeping accommodation such as hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels receive an annual audit. Other premises that are subject to audit but deemed lower risk will be visited every three or five years. Within Scottish Borders we have two (2) Officers who plan and carry out these duties. The Officers are also available to provide Fire Safety advice, consulting with partners such as Local Authority Building control functions and the wider public with Fire Scotland Act 2005 responsibilities.

SC BORDERS AUDITS 22/23	APRIL- JUNE	YTD
	33	33

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 to provide fire safety advice and smoke alarms, the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. Requests for HFSVs are generated in several ways, including self-referral, SFRS partners referring and visits carried out after SFRS have attended a domestic fire incident. This is known as Post Domestic Incident Response (**PDIR**), offering a HFSV to the properties and occupants impacted directly by the fire and the wider neighbourhood area.

When a HFSV is generated, the risk within the property is calculated by asking the occupant a number of specific questions. The outcome will be either, High, Medium or Low risk. This outcome determines priority in relation to carrying out the visit and the frequency for future re-visits. The table below highlights the number of visits carried out in Scottish Borders for this reporting period.

SCOTTISH BORDERS	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTALS	PREV QRT 22/23	YTD
Ward						
East Berwickshire	10	2	0	12		
Galashiels & District	22	13	10	45		
Hawick & Denholm	6	7	9	22		
Hawick & Hermitage	16	15	10	41		
Jedburgh & District	5	6	4	15		
Kelso & District	7	2	0	9		
Leaderdale & Melrose	6	6	5	17		
Mid Berwickshire	2	3	1	6		
Selkirkshire	3	2	4	9		
Tweeddale East	3	9	4	16		
Tweeddale West	7	7	2	16		
TOTALS				208	NA	208

Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)	50	
Berwickshire Housing	2	
Cairn Housing	3	
Eildon Housing	8	
Waverley Housing	2	
Trust Housing	1	
DAAS	1	
MARAC	8	
NHS Borders	2	
Self-referral	88	
SP Energy Networks	1	
Social Services	2	
Women's Aid East & Mid	5	
SB Social Services	14	
SB Cares	4	

SB Safer Communities	5	
Women's Aid	2	
SP Energy Networks	5	
Total	208	

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

Our Fire Skills youth engagement course has been delivered to a number of schools and youth groups during this period.

We are currently liaising with several Secondary Schools to confirm delivery of Fire Skills programme over the next few months.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **6** referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested a number of Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

SFRS Local Community Action staff, in collaboration with other partners delivered Water Safety messages via social media and presentations. Galashiels Fire Station hosted the BBC with SFRS staff engaging with primary school age kids to highlight and educate re water safety. The short video can be viewed using the link below;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0cp2c1l>

SFRS staff also supported a water safety event delivered by HMCG and RNLI at St Abbs, Berwickshire.

We continue to deliver Road Safety events attending various groups and schools with access to our delivery presentations available on social media platforms such as You Tube and Twitter.

