

Appendix 1

Scottish Borders Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3: 1st October – 31st December 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	OCTOBER- DECEMBER	YTD
	38	101

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.

It is of vital importance that all partners contribute to identifying persons at greater risk of fire. Over the years SFRS have delivered partner-referral training to many organisations. This allows partner agency staff to recognise fire hazards and risk within the home, providing basic advice then referring to SFRS. We would like to remind our partners that if your staff requires additional training please do not hesitate to contact one of our local Officers or Community Action Team (CAT). Please refer to page 5 of this report for details regarding our current campaign and contact details.

SCOTTISH BORDERS	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTALS	PREV QRT 22/23	YTD
Ward						
East Berwickshire	6	3	1	10		
Galashiels & District	11	16	19	46		
Hawick & Denholm	8	10	2	20		
Hawick & Hermitage	16	28	13	57		
Jedburgh & District	8	2	1	11		
Kelso & District	1	5	0	6		
Leaderdale & Melrose	5	9	4	18		
Mid Berwickshire	5	3	2	10		
Selkirkshire	5	2	3	10		
Tweeddale East	3	9	3	15		
Tweeddale West	3	2	2	7		
TOTALS				210	208	418

Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)	67	YTD
Berwickshire Housing	3	
Cairn Housing	7	
Eildon Housing	8	
Waverley Housing	2	
DAAS	3	
MARAC	1	
NHS	4	
Self-referral	73	
SP Energy Networks	1	
Social Services	2	
Women's Aid East & Mid	5	
SB hospital to Home	3	
SB Cares	4	
SB Social Care	22	
SP Energy Networks	5	
Total	210	418

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

Our Local Community Action Team have also been involved with delivery and promotion of the following initiatives during the reporting period;

- UN World Drowning Prevention
- World Suicide Prevention
- Gas safety
- Chimney Safety

The Local CAT attends various multi-agency forums within Scottish Borders. This includes Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC).

Do you know someone **OVER 50** who **SMOKES?**



And do they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Living alone?
- Mobility issues?
- Using medical oxygen?

THEY MAY BE AT **GREATER RISK OF FIRE!**



You could help save a life! **#MAKETHECALL**

Book a free **HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT:**

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