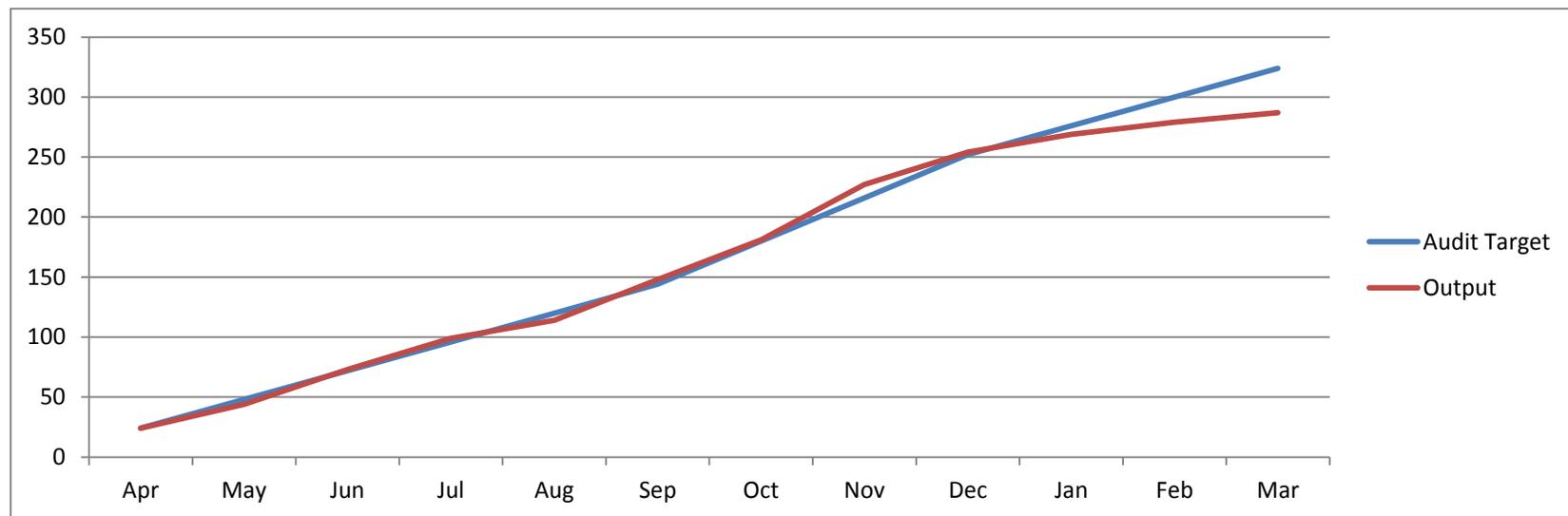


Prevention & Protection Activities

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. This final quarter has seen us below target performance in the Scottish Borders area. It should be noted that during quarter four, one member of staff was on reduced hours in preparation for retirement and another was assisting in East and Midlothian due to staffing issues there. It is important to note that all framework premises that receive a mandatory annual audit (care homes, hospitals etc.) were completed during the 2015/16 year.

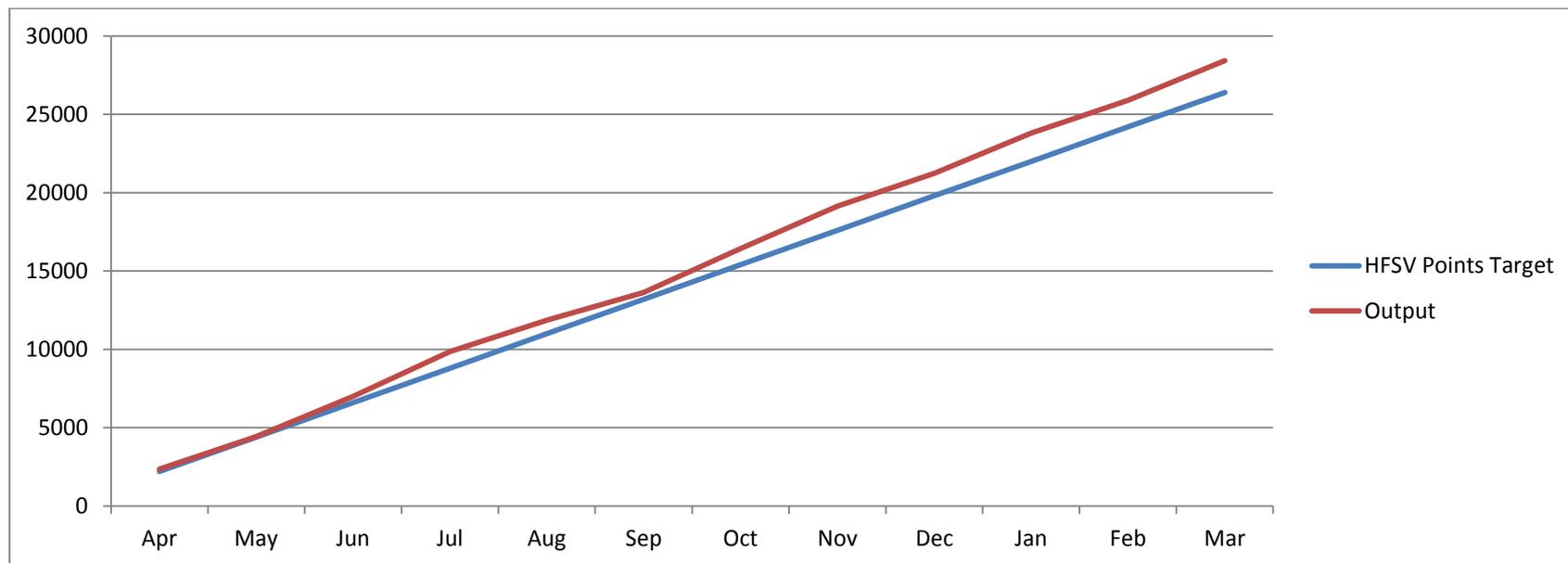
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	180	216	252	276	300	324	324
Completed:	24	44	73	99	114	148	181	227	254	269	279	291	291



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 put to use with greatest effect. This quarter has seen us maintain our points total ahead of target and complete the year positively. It is worth noting that the total number of visits delivered in the **Scottish Borders for the 2015/16 year is 2542**. A ward breakdown is also provided.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	2200	4400	6600	8800	11000	13200	15400	17600	19800	22000	24200	26400	26400
Completed	2360	4444	7004	9856	11868	13632	16432	19132	21224	23796	25888	28436	28436



Total visits delivered in 2015/16 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 2015/16
East Berwickshire	150
Galashiels and District	515
Hawick and Denholm	371
Hawick and Hermitage	418
Jedburgh and District	156
Kelso and District	182
Leaderdale and Melrose	216
Mid Berwickshire	149
Selkirkshire	155
Tweeddale East	124
Tweeddale West	106

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement Fire skills programmes, cool down and Risk Factory in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. The Scottish Borders LALO has also made links with the Community Learning and Development (CLD) of Scottish Borders Council in respect of SFRS involvement with youth engagement in the Scottish Borders. The SFRS will now attend the CLD Strategic meetings on a quarterly basis. This link also allowed communication to be made with the TD1 Youth Hub in Galashiels. The LALO and Galashiels Station Manager have produced a briefing paper to inform Senior Management of an Innovative approach to Youth Engagement with the proposal to run a modular course for 8 students at Gala, Fire Station during the months of July and August and the planning for this is now well underway.

The CAT has completed ongoing joint agency work with Police Scotland and the Safer Communities team in response to recent incidents the SFRS has attended. One of these incidents resulted in two youths being charged with fire raising in Gala at the Abattoir in March and have now received support from the fire setters intervention programme, facilitated by the CAT.

Vulnerable Adults

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate HFSV referrals. The local crews within the Scottish Borders continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child safeguarding policy and procedure and have generated 12 adult protection referrals during this quarter and of these two have went to case conference with successful outcomes. The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire risks for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC) and actions from these meetings have been successfully achieved.

Referrals

Partnership working in the Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to generate referral numbers with a total of 17 for this Quarter.

Housing association referrals total for this quarter is 43, which includes those received from homelessness service and Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS). This number is down from the last quarter and the LALO is actively engaged in communicating with our partners to deliver further training and familiarisation in fire safety and the referral process.

Police Scotland referrals continue to rise from 26 in the last quarter to 31 this quarter.

Further discussions are ongoing to generate more HFSV referrals with the NHS Health and Social care service and the LALO has started to deliver training and awareness to Social Services in the Scottish Borders.

The ongoing farm safety initiative, SELECT DNA partnership working with Police Scotland continues to generate a steady flow of HFSV's.

The LALO has also established partnership links during this quarter with Adviser from the Scottish Borders Citizens Advice Bureau who works with ex members of the armed forces to support them back into civilian life. Links have also been established in respect of referrals with SB Cares who facilitate Border Care alarms and Home Energy Scotland.

Road Safety

In this Quarter the Community Action Team have delivered one *Driving into the future* event at Eyemouth High School in March. The CAT team also supported, along with partners from Safer Communities and Police Scotland, a motorcycle awareness day with the Border Advance Motorcycle Group (BAMG) at Gala Fire Station where 23 motorcycle assessments were delivered. The CAT has also been heavily involved in the planning of two forthcoming road safety events with our partners in Safer Communities and Police Scotland. These events being a young driver's event at Charterhall in Berwickshire for youths aged between 14 and 17 on the 21st and 22nd May and an Elderly Drivers event at Sainsbury's in Hawick on the 18th May.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

The following are examples of further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed or is in progress for this Quarter.

- LALO delivered Basic life Support training to all members of the CAT team in January.
- Training for the CAT team was delivered by Partner agencies that included Police Scotland, NHS and a Syrian Student from Borders College in preparation for the first arrivals of the Syrian resettlement families to Gala.
- The LALO, along with Station Manager from Duns, were heavily involved in the planning of the Syrian resettlement programme with partners, by attending regular meetings of the practicalities group set up in the Scottish Borders to deliver this work and support to the families that were arriving in February.
- LALO has been heavily involved in the planning of the Pilot Living Safely in the Home Project (LSITH) that is chaired by the Scottish Borders Group Manager and includes the following partner agencies, Safer Communities, Police Scotland, NHS and the Third Sector. This work is scheduled to be delivered within the Cheviot locality in late June.
- The CAT team have attended the following local events which were recruitment fairs and to promote general fire safety to the public. These events were the Border Navigator Event at Eyemouth, Borders College, Gala and the Borders Recruitment Fair at Springwood Park Kelso.
- The CAT team have also attended two bump to baby events at Peebles and Galashiels, to deliver fire safety advice and support to young expectant mothers.
- The CAT team attended new psychoactive substance training delivered by NHS in March.
- Heat Energy Scotland will provide training initially to the CAT in May to start a process of both agencies being able to refer to each other for Fuel Poverty and

HFSV. This training will also be piloted in line with the LSITH project at the following stations in the Cheviot locality, Kelso, Jed burgh, Hawick and Cold stream.

- The CAT team continue to work with Police Scotland, NHS and Scottish Borders Council in delivering the Best Bar None Initiative.
- The Cat continues to work with Police Scotland and NFU on the Farm Initiative with planning in place for next event in June.
- The LALO is working closely with the Station Manager at Gala, Community Learning and Development and the TD1 Youth Hub, in the planning and preparation of modular course to be delivered in July and August to 8 young people at Gala Fire Station.
- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and Retained Duty System fire stations within the Scottish Borders area in the facilitation of the Spring Thematic Action Plan and the planning for the forthcoming Summer Thematic Action Plan.

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