

Appendix 1

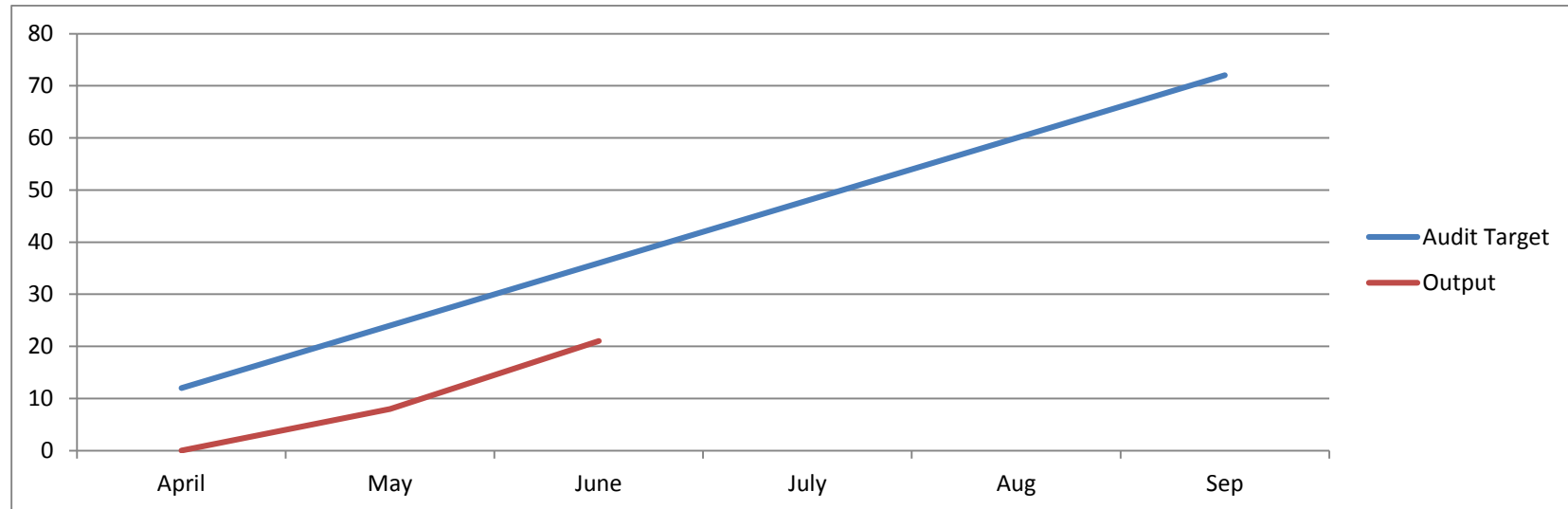
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1 April 1st 2016-June 30th 2016

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. With a new dedicated FSEO for Midlothian, based at Dalkeith Fire Station the audit output and associated work will continue to improve.

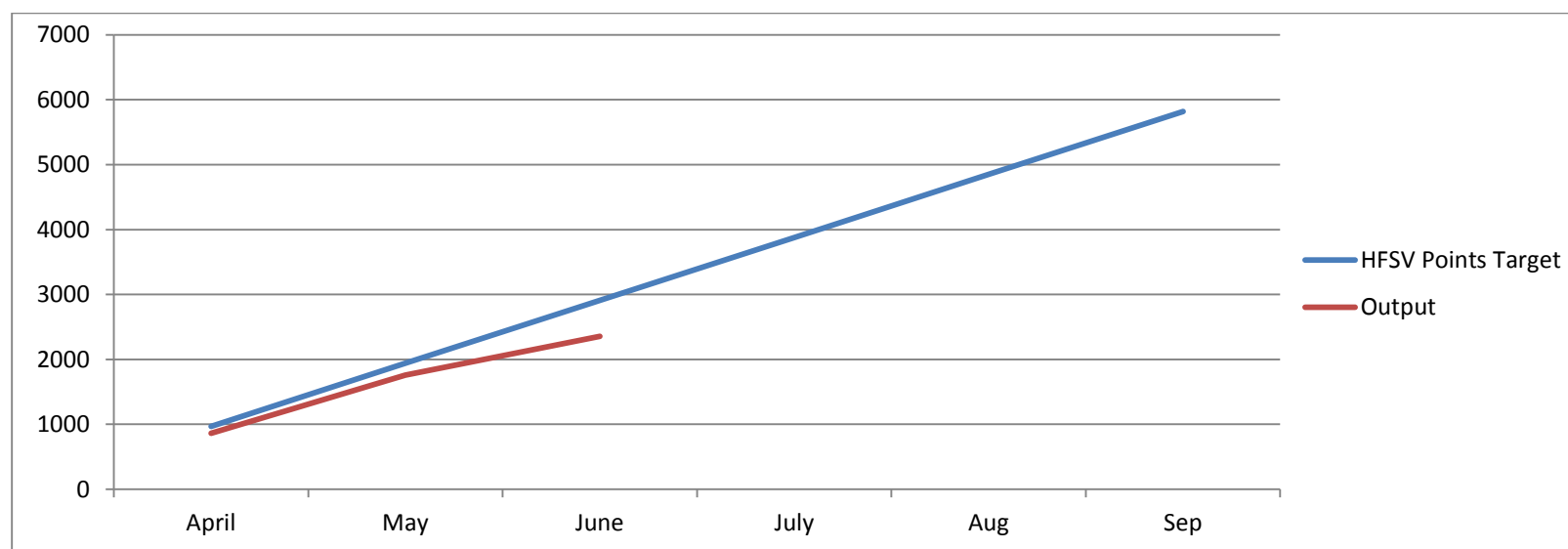
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	0	8	21										



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 Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). The current output is below target but will be monitored through a new internal performance framework. A total of **206** HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q1 with free smoke alarms being fitted in **73** of these.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	970	1940	2910	3880	4850	5820	6790	7760	8730	9700	10670	11640	11640
Completed	864	1756	2356										



Total visits delivered in Q1 2016/17 by ward area of Midlothian:

The following table gives a good indication of the coverage across Midlothian where the SFRS delivers Home Fire Safety Visits.

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2016/17
Bonnyrigg	35
Dalkeith	34
Midlothian East	32
Midlothian South	31
Midlothian West	45
Penicuik	29
TOTAL	206

Partnership Working

- Q1 covered the Easter school holidays when historically a rise in deliberate fires occur within the area. A spring thematic action plan (TAP) was delivered during this period with a focus on demand reduction particularly with deliberate fires.
- The Midlothian TACG is the vehicle used to direct the SFRS Community Action Team response as well as our operational prevention activities. This combined with the planning associated with the Spring TAP delivered 19 activities. This work ranged from school visits to delivering a fire setters intervention programme for a young person identified as being involved in deliberate fire-raising.
- A specific initiative resulting from the Midlothian TACG involved joint work between SFRS and Police Scotland at the Straiton retail park, the site of a number of deliberate fires. Advice was provided about reducing risks by managing waste more effectively, positioning waste containers/skips etc. away from buildings
- The SFRS Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (CSET) has 78 activities recorded across Q1. This system is used to capture the broad range of prevention activities that are delivered in the area.
- The Phoenix diversionary programme continues to run successfully at Dalkeith Fire Station one night a week. Fourteen young people (9 male, 5 female) currently attend along with four ex-participants who act as mentors. Seven of our students have achieved the B.tec qualification. Four of our mentors have also achieved Saltire wards for voluntary work through the SFRS. The programme was part funded by Cash Back for Communities and the intention is to make a further grant application to support the programme.
- The SFRS continues to support the Midlothian Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and where required providing advice and resources to reduce the risk of fire in domestic abuse cases. Seven referrals for enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits have been generated through this work.
- The Midlothian LALO has been supporting the re-settlement of Syrian refugees by providing fire safety assessments and advice on the provided housing.
- During this quarter, the potential to have office accommodation at Fairfield House has progressed and the LALO will work from there on Thursdays to promote the partnership approach to reducing unintentional harm.
- The Living Safely in the Home project to provide a more holistic approach for the SFRS when delivering Home Fire Safety Visits has seen falls assessment training delivered to operational firefighters at Dalkeith. A number of low cost minor adaptations will be available to deliver by the SFRS with an agreed referral route to other Midlothian Council services where required. A launch will be planned with the partners in quarter 2.