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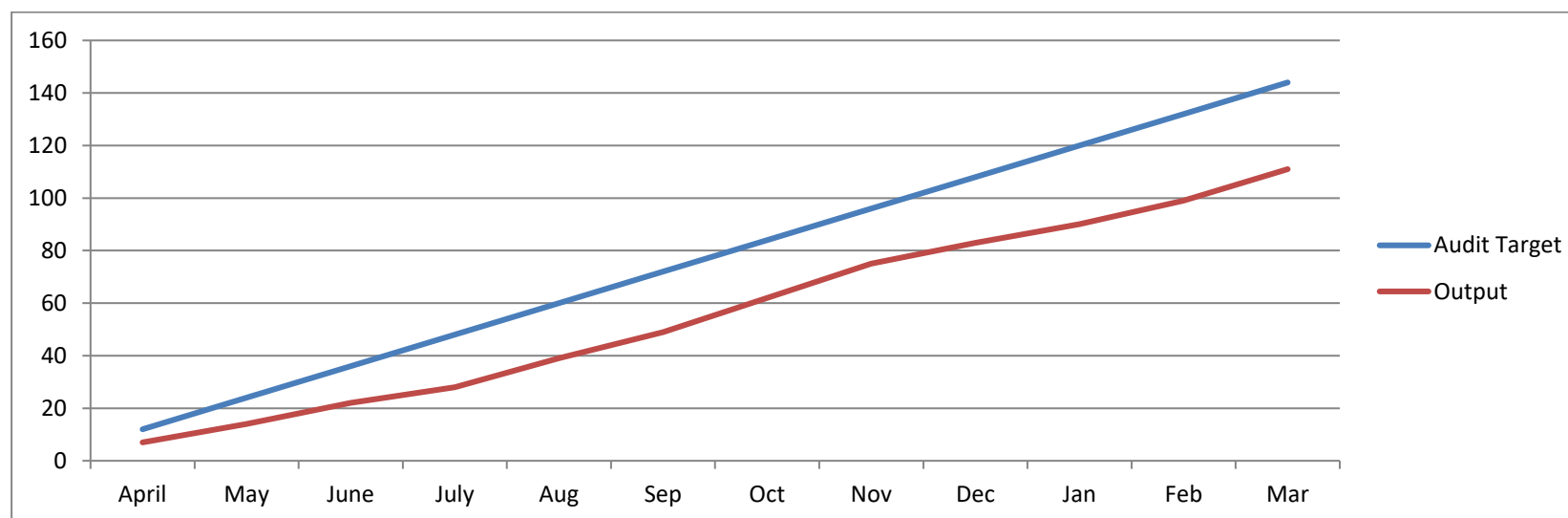
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 4: 1st January– 31st March 2022

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. 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 have hampered progress throughout the year. We have ensured all high-risk premises as per enforcement framework, have received an audit.

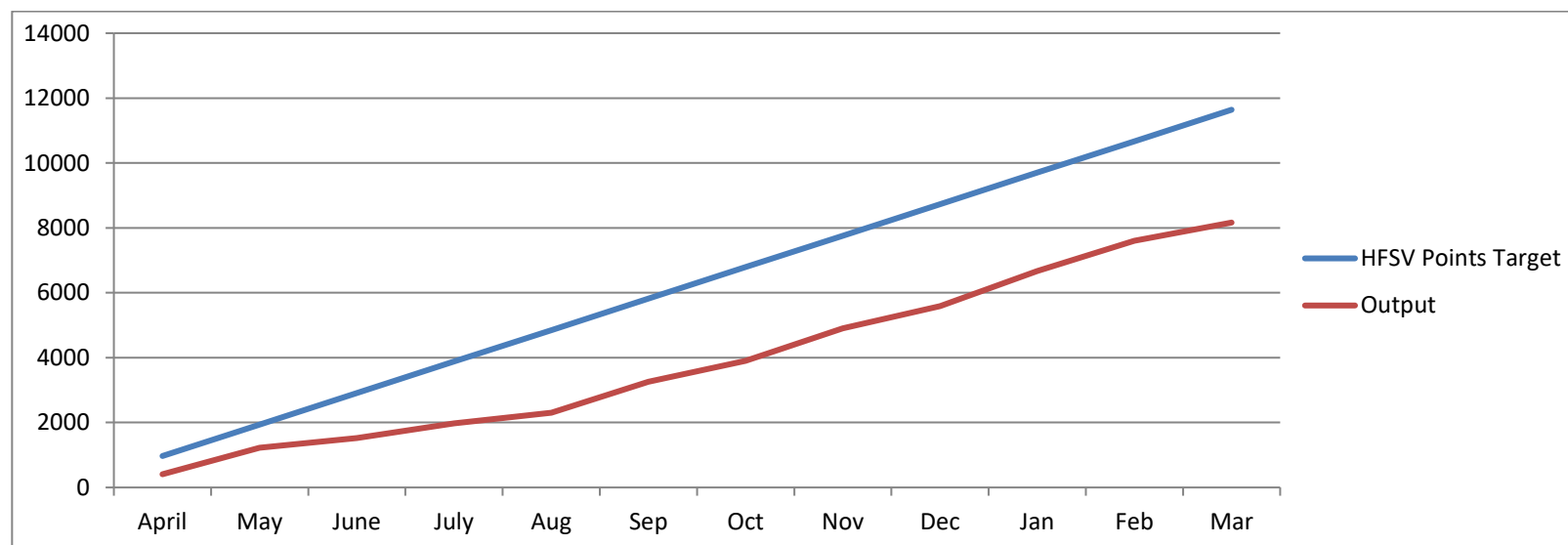
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	7	14	22	28	39	49	62	75	83	90	99	111	111



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). Once again COVID restrictions limited opportunities to engage more widely and offer our HFSV services to all households with High Risk referrals only being offered a visit. A **total of 150** HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in **Q4**.

	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	408	1220	1520	1980	2308	3256	3904	4904	5584	6672	7604	8164	8164



Total visits delivered by ward area 2021/22 YTD:

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 2021/22	Visits delivered in Q2 2021/22	Visits delivered in Q3 2021/22	Visits delivered in Q4 2021/22
Bonnyrigg	22	28	30	31
Dalkeith	22	27	33	29
Midlothian East	20	16	18	25
Midlothian South	19	21	25	26
Midlothian West	17	31	35	14
Penicuik	11	11	38	25
TOTAL	111	134	179	150

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

This period seen an increase in Youth engagement programmes activities. Highlights include working with Lasswade High School as part of the 'Bounce Project' and dealing with referrals from the Midlothian Youth Offender Group. This quarter also includes 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

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to generate our HFSV referrals (26). The local crews and Community Action Team (CAT) within Midlothian continue to proactively deliver the Adult/Child protection policy and procedure with 6 referrals (AP1) made to Social Services during this period.

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.