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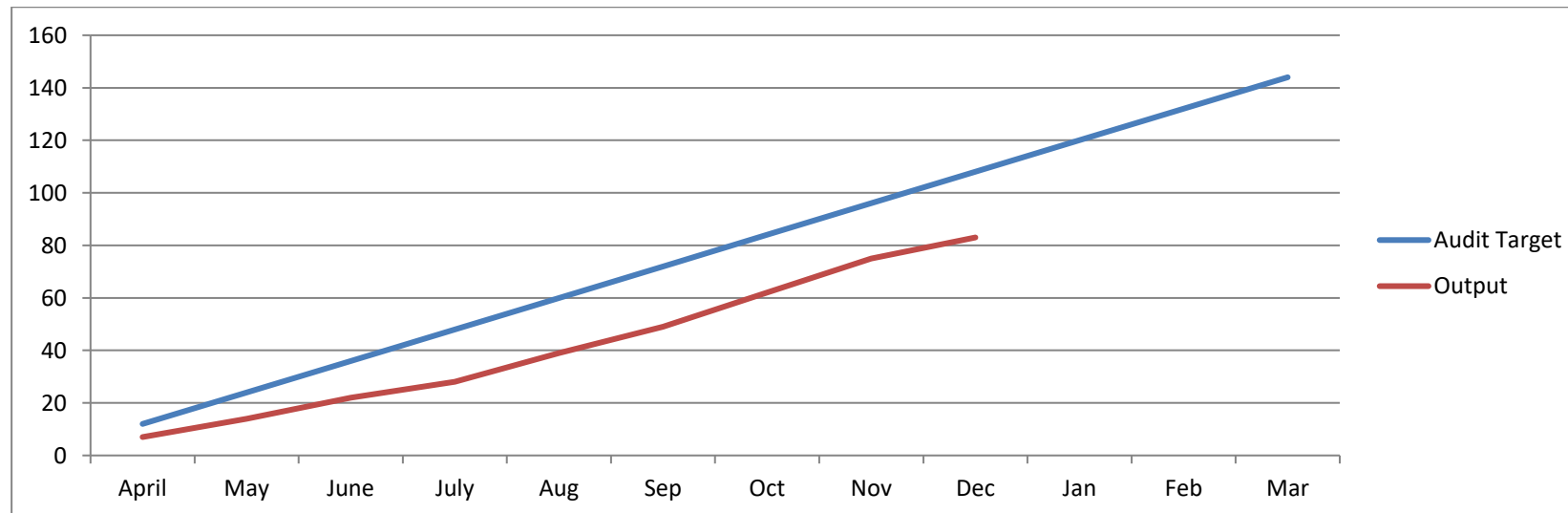
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3: 1st October– 31st December 2021

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. We continue to experience the consequences of the COVID 19 lockdown, however, we are attending an increased number of premises for audit with our focus on those that present a higher risk of fire.

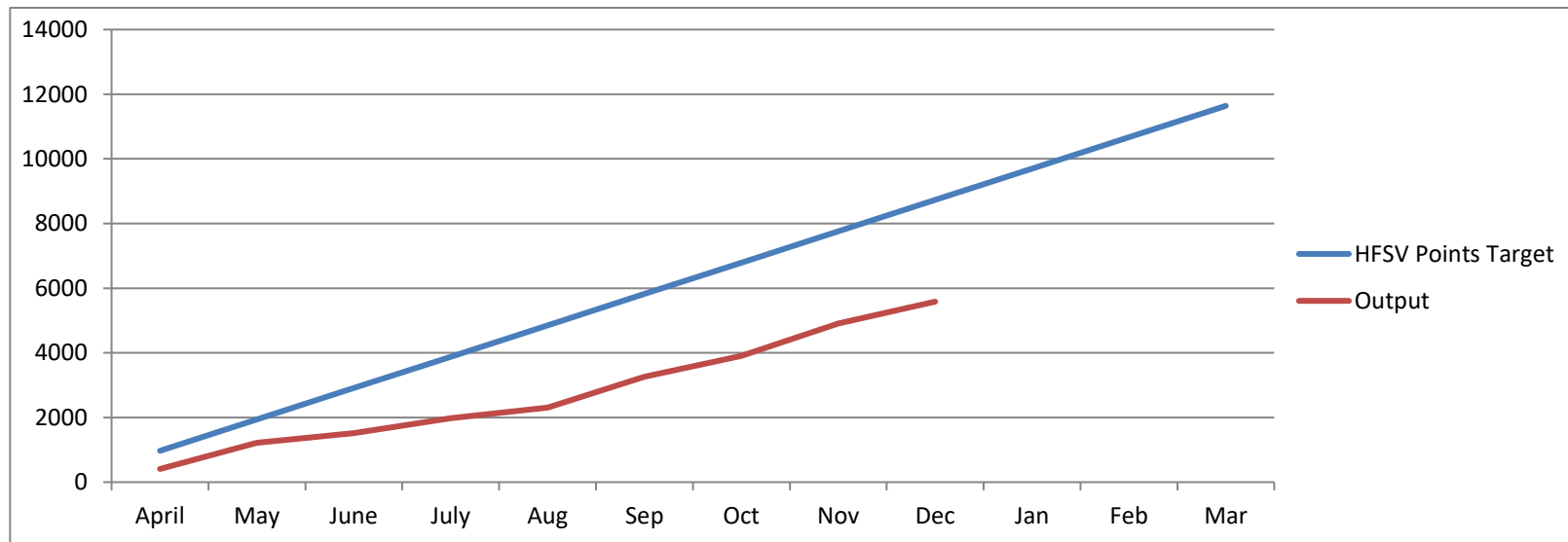
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	7	14	22	28	39	49	62	75	83				



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 179** HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in **Q3**.

	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				



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	
Dalkeith	22	27	33	
Midlothian East	20	16	18	
Midlothian South	19	21	25	
Midlothian West	17	31	35	
Penicuik	11	11	38	
TOTAL	111	134	179	

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our usual Youth engagement programmes have not been delivered. We have however, maintained contact with many partner groups, providing advice via social media and delivering thematic information such as autumn/winter safety and deliberate fire-setting. Further information within Thematic Action Plans section below.

During this period our local teams have been preparing Bonfire and Road Safety videos that will be delivered across the Midlothian. These presentations have been created in partnership with Police Scotland and the Local Authority.

Safeguarding

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

Thematic Actions Plans

During this period our safety initiatives focused on several areas including;

- Older & Vulnerable people
- Road Safety
- Safety in the Home
- Festive Safety
- Bonfire Night

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.

Bonfire Night Activity

As a result of our prevention activities, delivered with partners, including Police Scotland and Midlothian Council, I am pleased to report that the immediate period leading up to and including the 5th of November was very quiet in relation to deliberate secondary fires, with only 4 incidents recorded on Bonfire night. Equally pleasing to report was that there were no physical or verbal attacks on Fire crews during this period.

Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Update.

Further to previous updates re the above project which looked at options to reduce the number of UFAS calls SFRS respond to;

The 12-week public consultation concluded on 11 October 2021, with a total 567 responses received by the Service and around 200 engagement activities conducted during the consultation period to raise awareness and seek feedback.

After review of all feedback and other contributions, a preferred option detailing response criterion has now been approved by SFRS Board. Further engagement and communication with local stakeholders will commence early 2022. It is anticipated that this new response model will be implemented April 2023.

