

## Appendix 1

# Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

### Quarter 1: 1<sup>st</sup> April– 30<sup>th</sup> June 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 Midlothian 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.

MIDLOTHIAN AUDITS 22/23	APRIL- JUNE	YTD
	40	40

#### 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 Midlothian for this reporting period.

MIDLOTHIAN	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTALS	PREV QRT 22/23	YTD
<b>Ward</b>						
Bonnyrigg	12	9	2	23		
Dalkeith	5	13	3	21		
Mid East	15	13	2	30		
Mid South	12	10	3	25		
Mid West	9	11	2	22		
Penicuik	1	3	0	4		
<b>TOTALS</b>				125	NA	125

## Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

<b>Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>British Red Cross</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Care &amp; Repair</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Family</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Midlothian Falls Team</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Police Concern</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Self-referral</b>	<b>70</b>	
<b>SP Energy Networks</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Social Services</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Women's Aid East &amp; Mid</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	

## **Partnership Working**

### **Youth Engagement**

During this period our Community Action Team (CAT) have been busy delivering our Fire Skills Youth programmes across Midlothian, engaging with the 'Bounce Project' at Dalkeith Fire Station and individuals referred by Midlothian Youth Offenders Group. Similar events/activity has been delivered in Gorebridge and Hawthornden Primary School. We are currently liaising with a number of Secondary Schools to confirm delivery of Fire Skills programme over the next few months. Work with partners including Police Scotland is ongoing to address incidence of deliberate fire raising within Midlothian.

### **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 **5** referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested **11** Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.

### **Other Work Completed or In Progress**

SFRS Local Community Action staff, in collaboration with other partners delivered Water Safety messages via social media and presentations. Two events demonstrating SFRS Water Rescue capabilities were also delivered at Glencourse and Gladhouse Reservoirs. These events were supported by Police Scotland.

The Local CAT attends various multi-agency forums within Midlothian. This includes Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), Midlothian Alcohol Partnership and Midlothian Voluntary Sector. We are also delivering courses and sessions to support our Corporate Parenting responsibilities within Midlothian.