

## Appendix 1

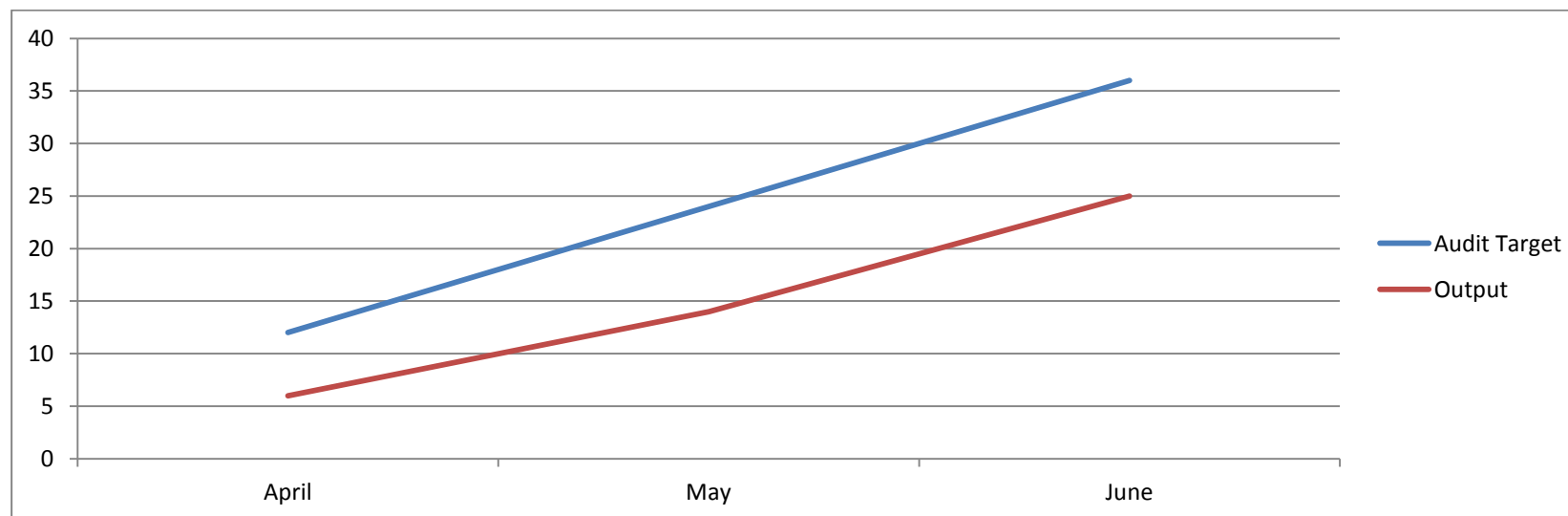
# Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: April 1st 2017--June 30th 2017

## 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. The audits carried out in quarter one have all been either broadly compliant or had minor deficiencies.

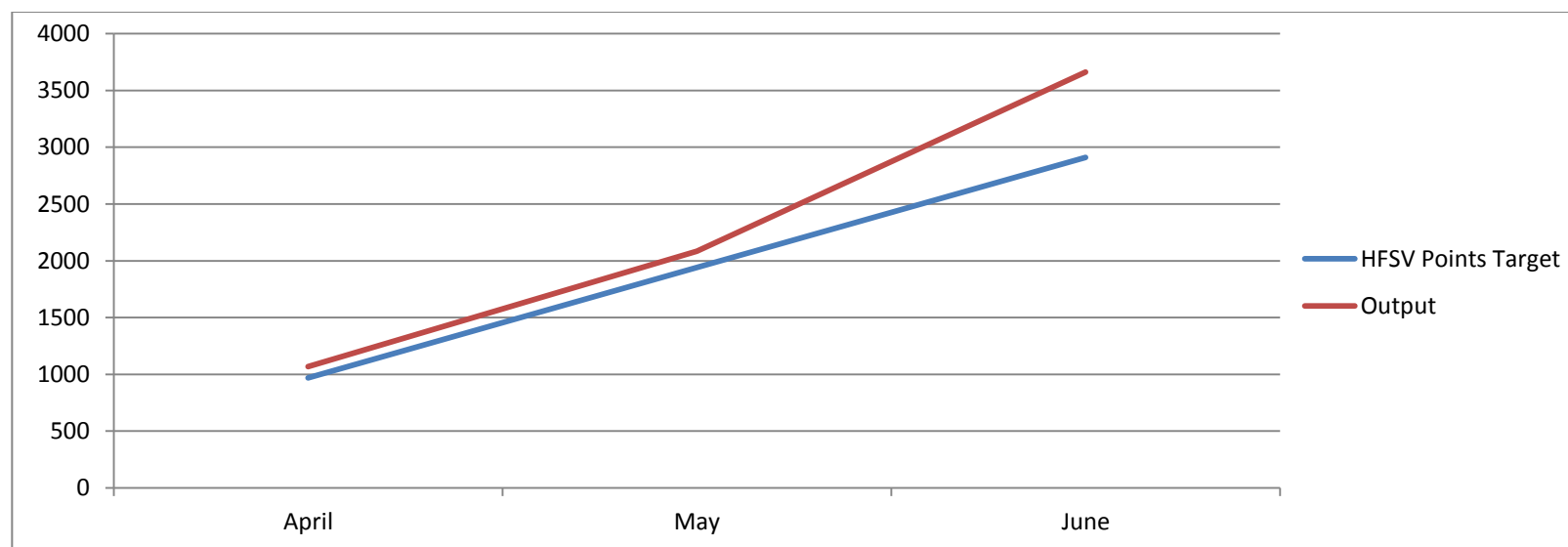
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	6	14	25										



## 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 output is above target which is very positive but will continue to be monitored through our internal performance framework and work will centre on referral routes for higher risk visits. **A total of 272 (257 Q4 16/17) HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q1 with free smoke alarms being fitted in 73 (95 Q4) 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	<b>11640</b>
Completed	1068	2084	3660										



**Total visits delivered in Q1 2017/18:**

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

<b>Ward Area</b>	<b>Visits delivered in Q1 2017/18</b>
Bonnyrigg	46
Dalkeith	60
Midlothian East	48
Midlothian South	35
Midlothian West	35
Penicuik	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>272</b>

## **Quarter 1 2017/18 Partnership Working**

### **Youth Engagement:**

- During this Quarter, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement initiatives: Fire skills programme/Cool Down and the Risk Factory in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. In addition to these programmes, the CAT have supported a bespoke youth programme at the Polmont Young Offenders Institute.
- Youth engagement courses based on a new delivery model are planned, working with the Y2K youth group from Mayfield. The first course will commence on 18<sup>th</sup> July and finish on 1<sup>st</sup> August, to act as a summer holiday intervention/early prevention initiative.
- The course is being supported by CAT members and the on-duty whole time watches at Dalkeith Fire Station.
- Midlothian Community Firefighter (CFF) has facilitated 16 fire setter Interventions during this Quarter, this was in response to an increase in secondary/deliberate fires in and around Bonnyrigg. This was also a result of SFRS involvement in the Bonnyrigg Problem Solving Partnership. These educational interventions seek to highlight consequences of fire-raising to the young people involved, the community they live in and the responders who attend to deal with them.

### **Vulnerable Adults:**

- The local crews within Midlothian have generated 8 Adult Protection referrals (AP1)
- The Midlothian CFF has completed 12 additional support visits to vulnerable adults
- The LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire risk for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC).

### **Partner referrals:**

- Midlothian Contact Team = 10
- Midlothian Housing = 4
- Midlothian Falls = 1
- Police Scotland = 3
- Social Services = 2
- Melville Housing association = 2
- The Local Area Liaison Officer has developed a link with Melville Housing, based in Dalkeith, after the housing association raised concerns regarding tenants storing materials in common stairs. An agreed Stair Aware Initiative has been set up with crews from Dalkeith targeting relevant flats in Midlothian. These discussions and the initiative began prior to the Grenfell Tower incident in London.

### **Road Safety:**

- Discussions have taken place on the established Tomorrows Driver Events to be held later in the year. East Lothian and Midlothian have decided to host separate events.
- Midlothian's Tomorrows Driver will held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October at 4 schools in Midlothian

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

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

- The CAT continues to support both Whole time and RDS Stations within the Midlothian area with the Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.

- The LALO participating in Problem Solving Partnerships for Bonnyrigg
- The LALO established a link with VOCAL, a support group for carers in Midlothian. The LALO and CFF delivered an information session to the carers and further quarterly sessions will take place.
- As a result of a spike in deliberate secondary fires across MELB during the Easter holidays contact was made with police officers who cover the six secondary schools in Midlothian. A meeting was held to discuss a collaborative approach to prevention activities within the Midlothian area, this work will be carried forward to next quarter when schools return.

### **Living Safely in the Home Project (falls prevention)**

- The Midlothian pilot commenced on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 after training had been delivered to fire crews at Dalkeith and Penicuik Community Fire Stations.
- Firefighters delivering home fire safety visits can now complete an initial falls screening questionnaire, where appropriate, and provide some minor adaptations to improve safety and refer onto appropriate health and social care service providers.
- Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project has generated **36 referrals** this quarter to the Midlothian Enhanced Rapid Response and Intervention Team (MERRIT)
- The evaluation of this pilot initiative is in its final stages and is showing very positive indications that support the continuation of this change in approach from the SFRS and the positive outcomes for the Midlothian area that it brings.
- The evaluation report will be available at the next scrutiny meeting.

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