

Appendix 1

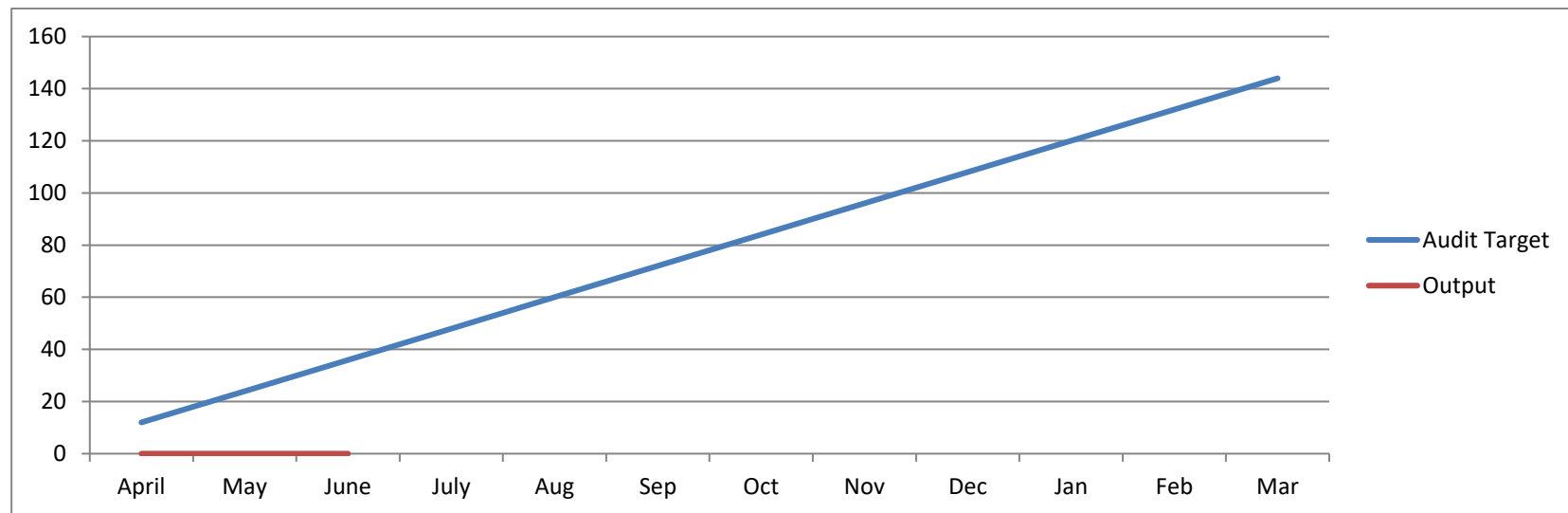
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: 1st April– 30th June 2020

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. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, SFRS decided to stop of audit programme in March this year. This has resulted in no audits being carried out within this period. We have however provided advice by telephone to all Care Homes to ensure the risk of fire is managed robustly during this unprecedented period. A similar approach has been employed when a fire occurs within regulated premises. At the time of compiling this report, we are reviewing current audit arrangements with a view to recommencing our audit programme asap.

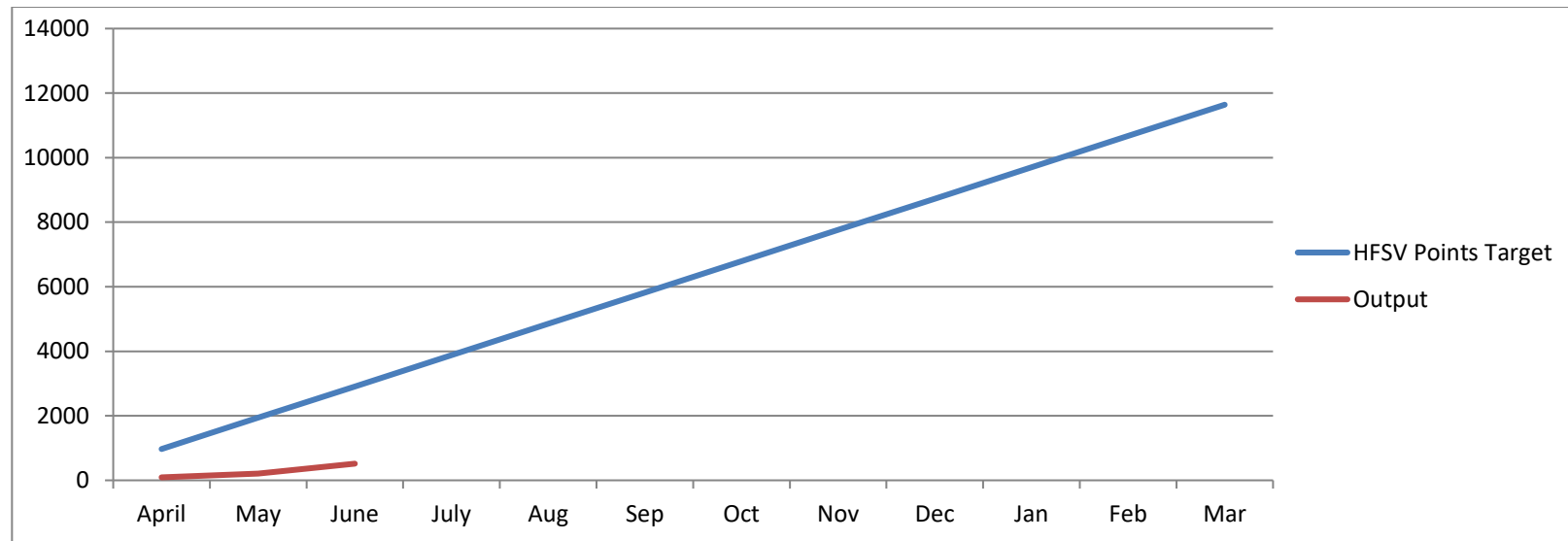
| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Target: | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 60 | 72 | 84 | 96 | 108 | 120 | 132 | 144 | 144 |
| Completed: | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |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



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). Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we have had to introduce interim measures which included providing this service to high risk individuals only. As a consequence, the number of HFSVs delivered reduced dramatically during this period. **A total of 38 HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q1.**

| | 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 | 92 | 212 | 516 | | | | | | | | | | |



Total visits delivered by ward area 2020/21 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 2020/21 | Visits delivered in Q2 2020/21 | Visits delivered in Q3 2020/21 | Visits delivered in Q4 2020/21 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Bonnyrigg | 9 | | | |
| Dalkeith | 6 | | | |
| Midlothian East | 5 | | | |
| Midlothian South | 8 | | | |
| Midlothian West | 3 | | | |
| Penicuik | 7 | | | |
| TOTAL | 38 | | | |

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 summer safety and deliberate fire-setting.

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 **3** referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested **4** Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services. Our Community Action Team have also delivered 3 packages of fire retardant bedding to those deemed at risk after concerns raised by social services. The LALO continues to provide information relevant to Fire Safety at the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC) and support vulnerable people.

HFSV Referrals and advice

Whilst we continue to receive referrals from partner agencies, the numbers have also reduced. SFRS have provided all partners with specific guidance to support the identification and referral of those deemed at greatest risk of fire within the home.

Our HSFV referral systems are monitored on a daily to ensure that high risk households are contacted within 24 hours as per our policy. All referrals are risk rated with a HFSV carried out or advice provided and recorded for a visit at a later date, when safe to do so.

When a HFSV is not carried out, households are offered advice on the following topics;

- Cooking and Kitchen Safety;
- Electrical and Heating Safety;
- Smoking and Candle Safety;
- Smoke and Heat Alarms;
- Night Time Routine and Fire Escape Plan.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

Given the impact of the Coronavirus and the necessity to introduce new working practices, this has resulted in less opportunities to deliver face to face services as detailed in previous sections of this report.

We have managed to maintain contact with partners via modern technology systems, whilst also ensuring that those individuals requiring urgent assistance, such as a Home Fire Safety Visit, safeguarding or fires-setter's concerns are addressed.

SFRS been involved in supporting local communities by delivering safety, food parcel and volunteering information in coordination with Dalkeith and Woodburn Resilience Group. Sharing of information via social media has Also been achieved with great effect.

Although the current circumstances have reduced our ability to deliver/offer all our services, we continue to work with partners on a regular basis, providing advice and reassurance, whilst also planning for the future, considering innovative methods to achieve our goals and objectives.