



QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

Covering the activities and performance in support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus



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INTRODUCTION

This is the quarter two monitoring report covering the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus, namely:

- Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home
- Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community
- Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm
- Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals
- Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires
- Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness













As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Angus Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Angus Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Angus area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.




The Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus on 22 September 2017, covering the 3-year period from 01 October 2017 to September 2020. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, 12 headline indicators and targets have been set, and form the basis of this quarterly monitoring report.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of 2018/19 quarter two activity and year to date (YTD) progress, based on annual targets set against headlines indicators. It aims to provide – at a glance – our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

All Incidents Attended During Q2 - 476		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 16 Incidents YTD – 35 Incidents Annual Target – below 86</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 1 YTD – 8 Annual Target – below 21</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 5 Incidents YTD – 8 Incidents Annual Target – below 16</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)</p>  <p>Q2 – 16 Incidents YTD – 24 Incidents Annual Target – below 62</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – below 4</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 10 YTD – 13 Annual Target – below 36</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q2 – 98 Incidents YTD – 202 Incidents Annual Target – below 360</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 7 Incidents YTD – 11 Incidents Annual Target – below 26</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 32 Incidents YTD – 76 Incidents Annual Target – below 85</p>

YTD Performance, Based on Annual Target

	Below target
	Less than 10% above target
	10% or more above target

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for quarter two 2018/19:

- We continue to experience lower rates of **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** and associated **ADF Non-Fatal Casualties**. Both continue to remain on track for meeting end of year targets.
- Whilst the number of **Non-domestic Building Fires** during quarter two was slightly above average for that quarter, we continue to remain on track for meeting the end of year target. **Fatal and Non-Fatal Fire Casualties** in Non-domestic buildings were zero. We therefore continue to remain on track for meeting the associated end of year targets.
- Whilst the number of **Road Traffic Collision's (RTC)** during quarter two was slightly above average for that quarter, we continue to remain on track for meeting the end of year target. **Fatal and Non-Fatal RTC Casualties** are being maintained at low levels. Both therefore continue to remain on track for meeting the associated end of year targets.
- The number of **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** reduced during quarter two. There is a considerable amount of effort being focussed on reducing UFAS. Through the Services risk reduction measures and action plans we have in place with UFAS repeat offenders, we aim to maintain a reduction and mitigate their impact on the SFRS.
- The number of **Deliberate Primary Fires** during quarter two was slightly above average; however at the 6 month period, we continue to remain on track for meeting the associated end of year target. The number of **Deliberate Secondary Fires** remain above average for the period. Together with our partners, our efforts continue to focus on tackling deliberate fires within the former Strathmartine Hospital Site and surrounding area. Short, medium and long term partnership activities have been drawn up, to tackle the issue and formed the basis of a report presented to the Strathmartine Community Council and Carnoustie/Monifieth/Sidlaw Locality Implementation Partnership. This report is attached at **Appendix 3** for information purposes.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

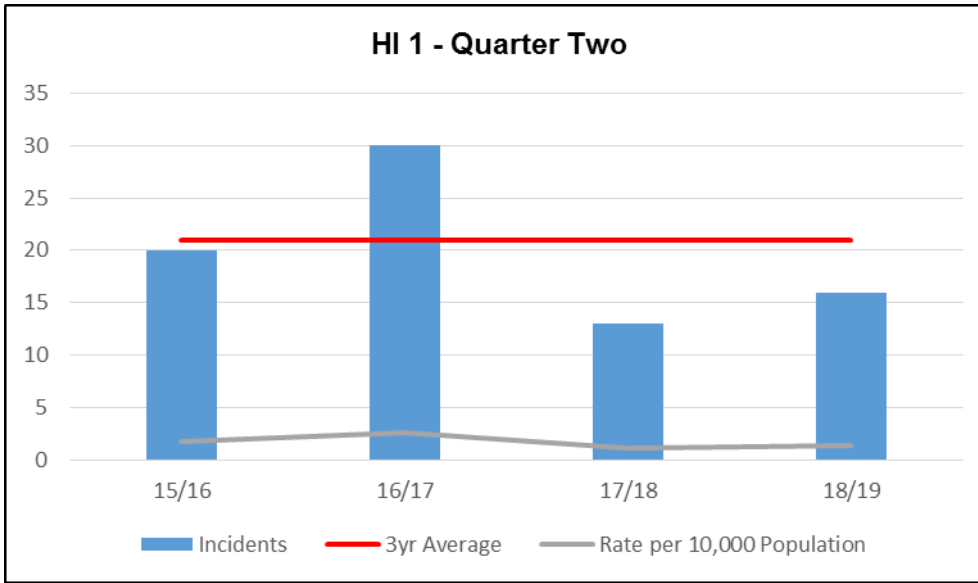


Table 1: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	40	51	29	35	Green	86

HI 2 - ADF Fatal Casualties & HI 3 - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

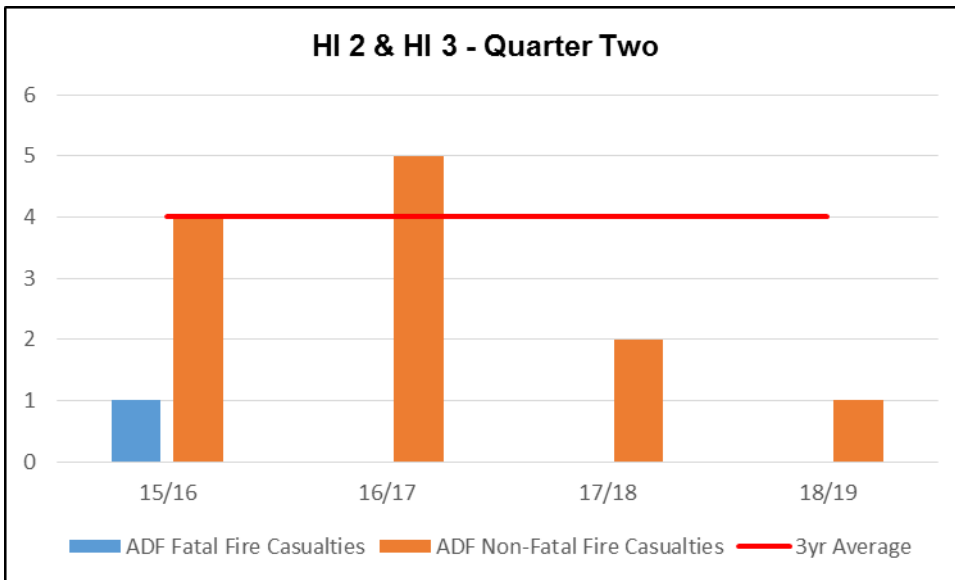


Table 2: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	1	0	0	1	Red	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	10	6	4	8	Green	21

Indicator Description

The largest single type of primary fire in Angus is accidental fires in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's, in a growing Angus population and changing demographics, by keeping these fires **below 86**, each year.

HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero ADF Fatal Casualties**, in Angus each year.

HI 3 – ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home, in an increasing Angus population, by keeping fire injuries **below 21**, each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Improving Fire Safety in the Home*, meeting the headline targets will also support a long term ambition in the Angus LOIP: *To be in the top five Scottish local authority areas for least rate of primary dwelling fires by 2030.*

We also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

Performance Management

There were 16 ADF's during quarter two, which is below the average for that quarter. During quarter two, cooking continued to be the main cause of ADF's we attended, accounting for half of all ADF's. Based on our target of keeping ADF's below 86 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 1 annual target.

There were zero ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter two. Based on our target of zero ADF Fatal Casualties for the year end, we will not meet the HI 2 annual target, due to the unfortunate fatal incident at Woodley Farm Caravan Park, during quarter one.

There was one ADF Non-Fatal Casualty during quarter two, which is well below the quarter two average of four and a reduction of five when compared to quarter one figures. Analysis indicates the rate of ADF Non-Fatal Casualties in Angus is reducing over the past 2 years. This positive statistic will be monitored closely over the next 6 months. Based on our target of keeping fire injuries below 21 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 3 annual target.

In support of our ADF targets, Appendix One, details a range of supporting activities during quarter two, including completing 507 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's). Almost 50% of these were targeted at the most vulnerable members of the community. A total of 124 HFSV referrals were also received from our partner agencies, in support of protecting the most vulnerable. These HFSV's are now being coordinated by our Community Action Team personnel.

During the winter months, ADF's tend to rise. Looking forward to quarter three, we will therefore launch our winter safety campaign, linking with relevant partners, to promote safety in the home.

PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

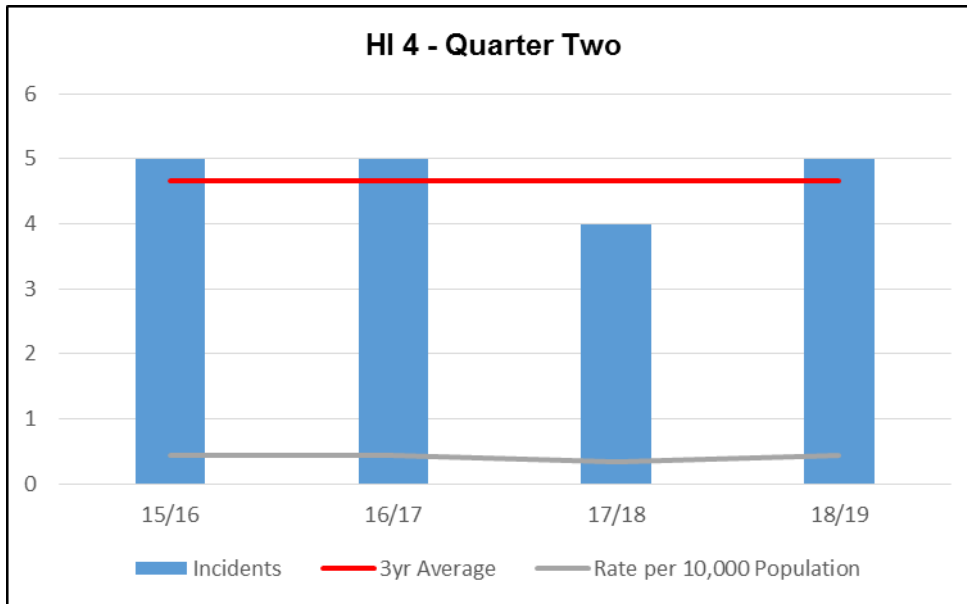


Table 3: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	10	10	9	8	Green	16

HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings & HI 6 – Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings

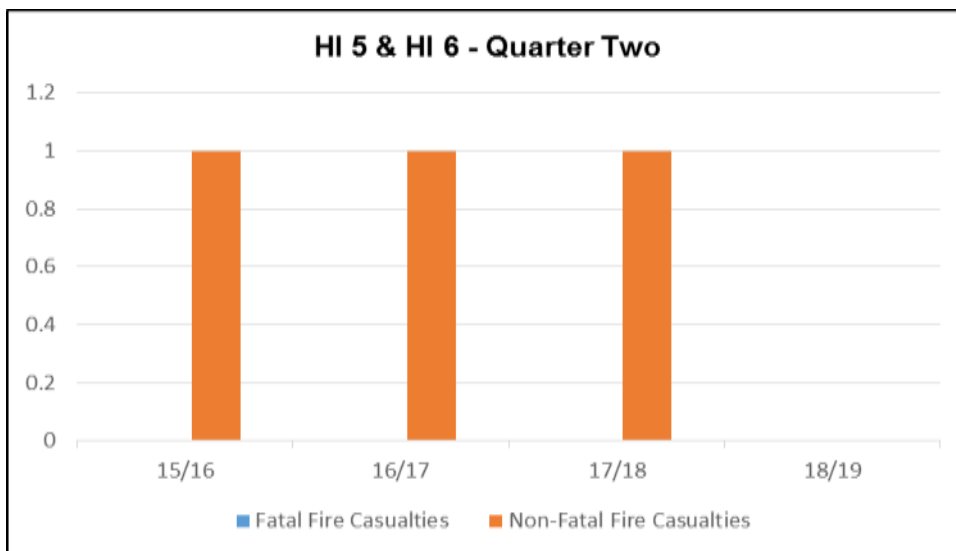


Table 4: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	3	0	Green	0

Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets cover the types of non-domestic buildings applicable to Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ('The Act') (e.g. care homes, hotels and hospitals) and is designed to reflect the effectiveness of fire safety management in respect of these types of buildings.

HI 4 - Non-domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of accidental fires in non-domestic buildings (where The Act applies), by keeping these fires **below 16**, in Angus each year.

HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die sometime after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero Fatal Fire Casualties** in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Angus each year.

HI 6 – Non-fatal Fire Casualties in Non-domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in non-domestic buildings, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero Non-fatal Fire Casualties** in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Angus each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

Performance Management

There were 5 accidental fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter two, which is just above the average for that quarter, and an increase of two when compared to quarter one. On investigation, 3 of the 5 fires were cooking related and damage sustained was very limited. Based on our target of keeping these fire below 16 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 4 annual target.

There were zero Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties during quarter two. Based on our target of zero Fatal Casualties for the year end, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 5 annual target.

There were zero Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter two. Based on our target of zero Non-Fatal Casualties for the year end, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 6 annual target.

During quarter two, 27 fire safety audits were conducted on non-domestic premises across Angus, to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations. Following these audits, we are now working with the duty holders, to ensure any areas of improvement are progressed and the relevant premises are safer and more resilient from fire.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

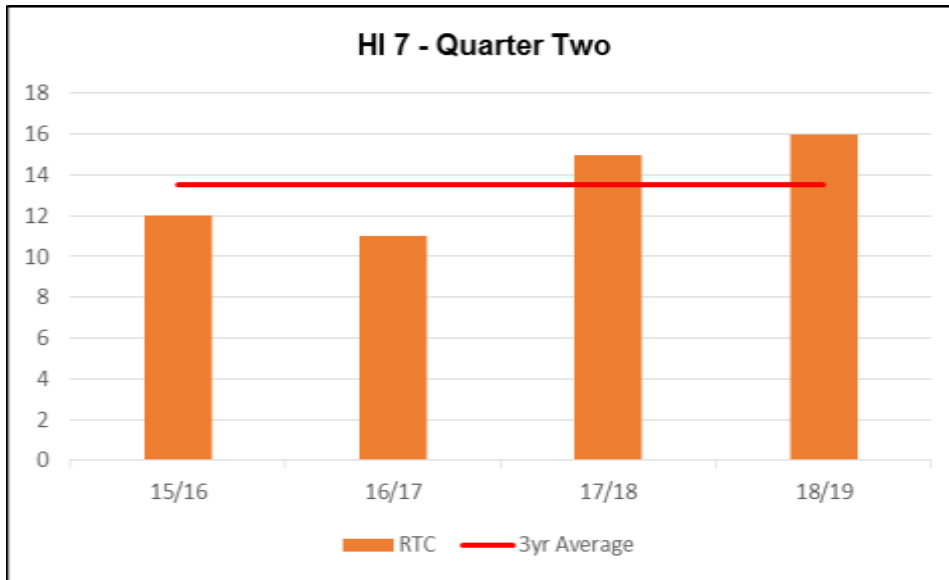


Table 5: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	24	25	36	24	Green	62

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & HI 9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casualties

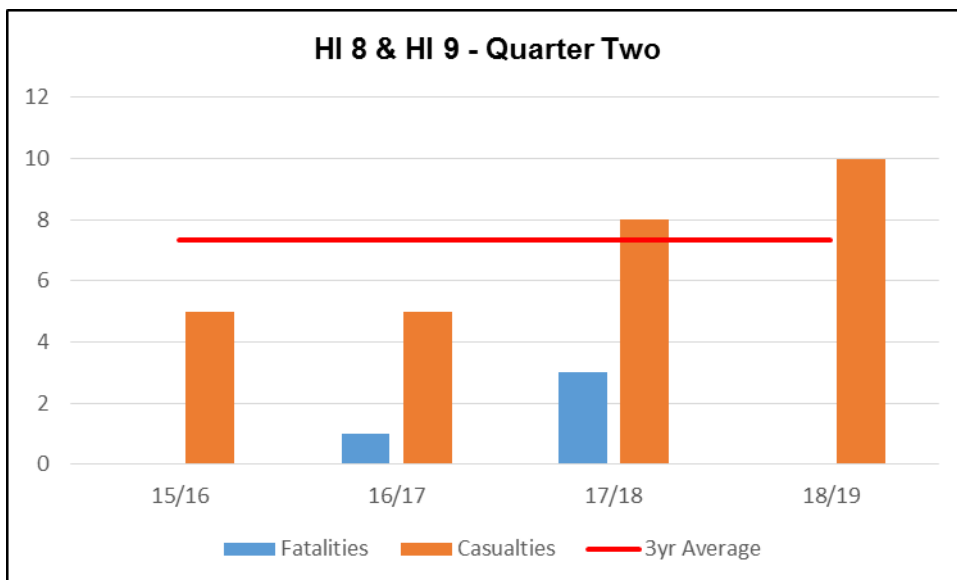


Table 6: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	1	1	5	0	Green	4
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	6	16	20	13	Green	36

Indicator Description

The SFRS has become increasingly involved in more non-fire related prevention work, in support of its role in promoting the wider safety and well-being of its communities, including minimising the impact of unintentional harm. The headline indicators and targets reflect the fact that most of non-fire related incidents attended by the SFRS in Angus are RTC Incidents.

HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them **below 62** each year.

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Angus, by keeping them **below 4** each year.

HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Angus, by keeping non-fire injuries **below 36** each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, we also link these headline targets to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

Performance Management

During quarter two we attended 16 RTC Incidents, to assist other blue light partners in the release/extrication of the occupants of the vehicles, which is above average for the quarter and an increase of 8 when compared to quarter one. However, based on our target of keeping RTC's below 62 each year, we continue to show green for achieving the HI 7 annual target.

There were zero Fatal RTC Casualties during quarter two. Based on our target of keeping Fatal RTC Casualties below 4 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 8 annual target.

Of the 16 RTC Incidents we attended during quarter two, there were 10 non-fatal casualties. Of these, one casualty needed extrication by the fire service, and 4 required hospital treatment for injuries classified as slight. Based on our target of keeping Non-Fatal RTC Casualties below 36 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 9 annual target.

Looking ahead to quarter three, the annual Safe Drive Stay Alive Event will take place in November. This event is targeted at S5 and S6 pupils, and is designed to raise awareness of the risks and potential impact of unsafe driving among young people.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

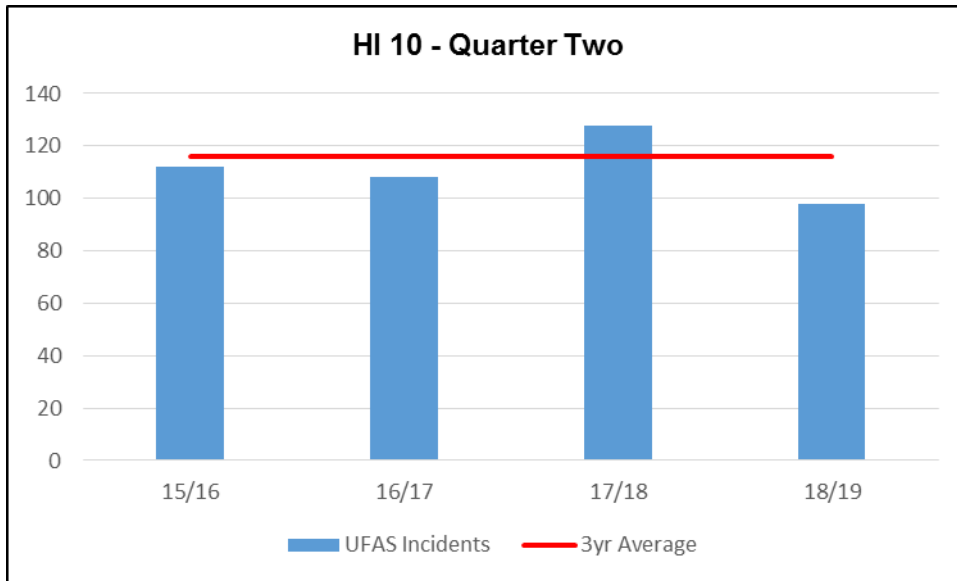


Table 7: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10 : UFAS Incidents	205	195	225	202	Red	360

Indicator Description

Automatic Fire alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

As a headline target, the aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings to **less than 360** each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, this headline target supports the SFRS's national target for reducing UFAS by 15% over the next three years.

We also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- An inclusive and sustainable economy

Performance Management

During quarter two, we were called out to 98 UFAS incidents – the lowest number of UFAS experienced during quarter two for the past 5 years. For the first 6 months of 2018/19, the number of UFAS incidents attended stands at 202. Based on our target of keeping UFAS incidents to less than 360 each year, we are therefore currently showing red for achieving the HI 10 annual target.

The table below lists the top 5 property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS incidents during quarter two.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Care/Nursing Homes	22
Education (Primary/Secondary)	11
Hospitals and medical care	17
Retail	5
Industrial/Manufacturing	4

Approximately half of UFAS during quarter two, occurred across the top 3 properties in the table above. The Angus Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) has been working closely with the duty holders of such properties, to educate and advise them on how to reduce UFAS, including considering cost effective technical solutions (e.g.re-positioning fire detector heads and changing detector types). We will therefore continue to engage with the owners of such properties, to ensure agreed UFAS reduction plans are being implemented and regularly reviewed for effectiveness.

Through an assessment of risk, we continue to reduce our weight of response to 15 non-sleeping risk premises in Angus every quarter. This will help to reduce the unnecessary blue light journeys generated by UFAS and mitigate the significant impact these incidents have on SFRS resources.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

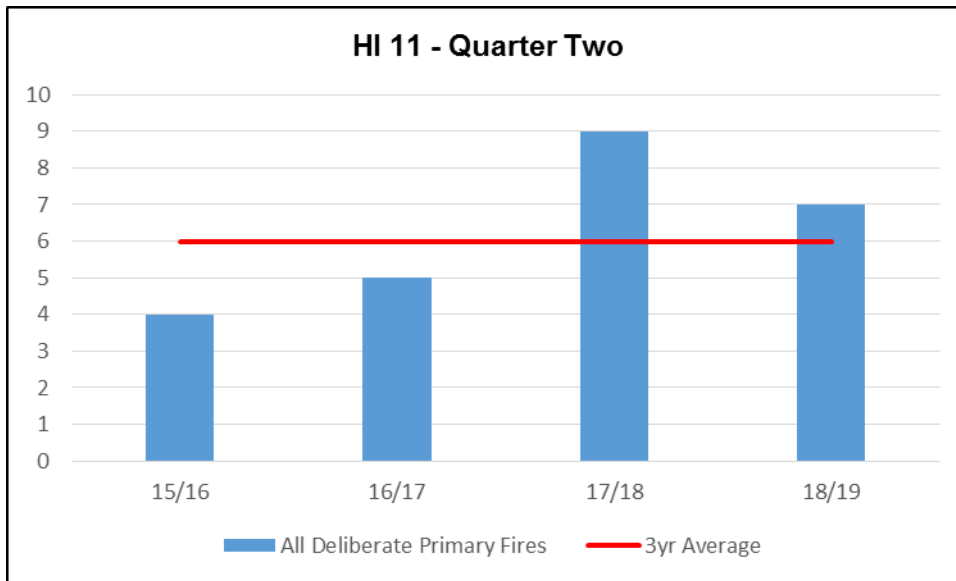


Table 8: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	16	12	21	11	Green	26

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

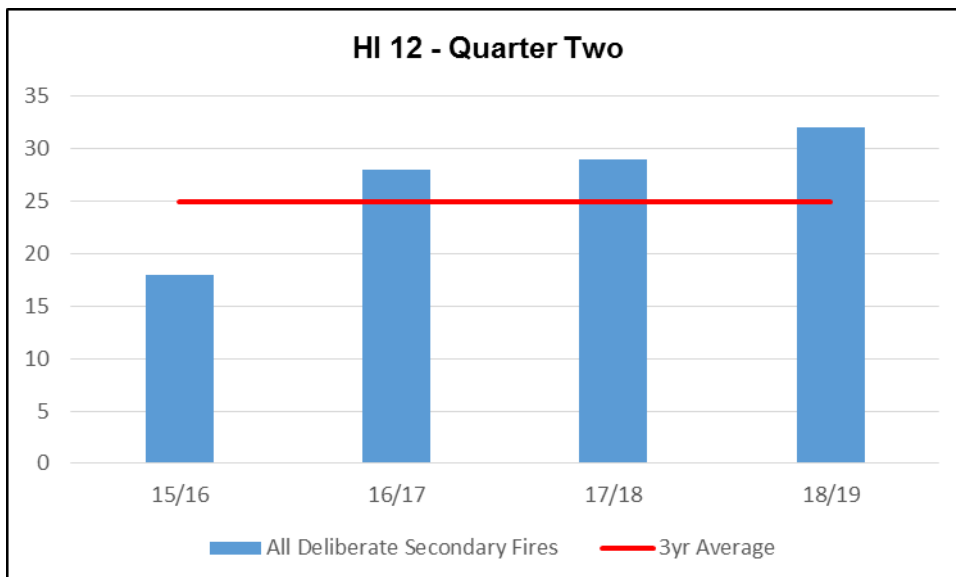


Table 9: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	54	52	84	76	Red	85

Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets account for all types of fire that are believed to have been started intentionally, and are categorised as Deliberate Primary Fires and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the following types:

- Fires in the home
- Fires in non-domestic buildings
- Fires in motor vehicles

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate primary fires in Angus by keeping these fires **below 26** each year.

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland, refuse fires and fires in derelict buildings. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Angus by keeping these fires **below 85** each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Children in Angus will have the best start in life

Performance Management

There were 7 deliberate primary fires reported during quarter two, which is just above the 3 year quarterly average. These deliberate fires included motor vehicles, non-residential properties and woodland/crop. For the first six months of 2018/19, there have been 11 deliberate primary fires. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate primary fires in Angus below 26 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 11 annual target.

There were 32 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter two, which is above the 3 year quarterly average. It is pleasing to note the minimal impact of deliberate secondary fires on the former Strathmartine Hospital site, with one such fire occurring during quarter two. However, a further 8 occurred within the surrounding areas. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below 85 each year, we are therefore currently showing red for achieving the HI 12 annual target.

During quarter two, we used the run up-to the summer school holiday's to engage with schools in Angus and raise their awareness of the consequences of deliberate fire setting. In relation to the former Strathmartine Hospital Site, the SFRS Community Action Team targeted schools in the vicinity of the Strathmartine Hospital site with education and key messaging. Looking forward to quarter three, we are using the national bonfire campaign as a link to deliberate fire-setting. Joint police and fire talks are being planned in schools to further drive home fire related anti-social behaviour messages to school pupils in areas surrounding the Strathmartine Hospital Site. Furthermore, through the Police Prevention Hub, Mobile CCTV and Dundee Community Wardens are targeting this area. Further information is attached at **Appendix 3** of this report.

PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Description

Risk Management and operational preparedness is a key area of work for the SFRS. In Angus, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Angus and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being quipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively, and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities also support improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

Activity

During quarter two we delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighter's, whereby we trained and tested their preparedness to deal with incidents involving:

- Hazardous Materials
- Ships and other marine risks
- Secure Accommodation
- Commercial Properties.

Firefighters continued to visit sites within their station area so that they are aware of the associated risks and hazards, and if required can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. During quarter two, firefighters visited a range of sites to gather operational intelligence and review our response plans. These included care homes and factories with high risk processes.

On-going recruitment for Retained Duty System (RDS) firefighters in the Angus area continued to be a priority during quarter two. Key areas of focus for recruitment continue to be Kirriemuir and Brechin Fire Stations.

Helping to build community resilience, so that residents are prepared in an emergency is important to us. As a key partner in delivering the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest strategy, we equipped over 200 members of the public with life-saving CPR skills during quarter two. The opportunity to learn CPR Skills at Arbroath Fire Station was promoted across the community, via schools, businesses and local groups. The notable event section, outlines a successful CPR event held in Montrose during quarter two.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during quarter two 2018-19, in support of our priorities and targets.

Youth Engagement

1. Angus Community Safety Advocate (CSA) and Arbroath firefighters, hosted Princes Trust at Arbroath Fire Station to undertake Young Fire Fighter practical activities to promote team working, communications skills, leadership qualities, confidence building and reinforce fire safety messages on 3rd July.
2. Angus Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) attended Bruce Road, Arbroath Community Fun Day engaging with local community in conjunction with Angus Council Communities Learning & Development workers & Police Scotland Community Officers on 25th July.
3. Angus LALO met with Community Justice Co-ordinator to discuss Youth Justice Strategy in Angus at Forfar Fire Station on 15th August.
4. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir firefighters provided CPR Input and People Who Help Us information to the children and adult helpers at the Holiday Club, Websters Sports Centre Kirriemuir on various dates during the month of August.
5. Angus LALO met with Police Scotland to discuss joint working around tackling youth anti-social behaviour on 22nd August.
6. Angus Community Action Team (CAT) facilitated a Home Fire Safety set to 517 P7 Angus pupils at Safe Angus Safety Event, Jock Neish Centre, Tannadice by Finavon 4th – 13th September.
7. Angus CSA attended Glamis Primary School to deliver People Who Help Us topic to P1/2 on 25th September.

Persons at Risk

10. Angus CSA partnered with Angus Alive Mobile Library Service in various remote rural locations across Angus during the month to promote the current Summer Thematic Action Plan and home fire safety messages to vulnerable residents.
11. Angus LALO attended various Adult Protection review meetings regarding vulnerable Angus residents.
12. Angus LALO provided Home Fire Safety Visit referral training to NHS - Allied Health Professions at Ward 5 Stracathro Hospital on 7th August.
13. Angus LALO promoted Home Fire Safety Visits and highlighted Risk Reduction Measures to Better Balance Class Members (Falls Victims) at various venues during August.
14. Angus CSA carried out joint Home Fire Safety Visits for vulnerable residents with ARK Housing at Burnside Drive in Arbroath on 22nd and 24th August.
15. Angus LALO & national Prevention and Protection staff delivered a presentation raising home fire safety awareness and referral training at Alzheimer's Scotland Confident Conversations Event @ Kinloch Care Centre, Carnoustie for 60 Angus Council and Angus Health and Social Care delegates on 3rd September (see notable event).
16. CSA regularly attends Kirrie Connections Dementia Friendly HUB to provide HFSV information and risk recognition and referral information to attendees.
17. Numerous Joint Home Fire Safety Visits with Community Mental Health Teams, Angus Council Home Care Assessors, Community Housing Teams, Deaf Links workers etc. to

vulnerable citizens and also fitting of deaf smoke alarms and vibrating pillow pads as part of Technology Enabled Care joint funding bid.

18. LALO attends regular fortnightly multi-agency Adult Protection Early Screening Group case conferences.

Referrals

27. CSA carried out joint working with Angus Alive Mobile Library to various rural and remote Angus locations to provide Home Fire Safety Visit promotion and Risk Recognition. Suitable advice and fire safety literature was distributed and Home Fire Safety Visits were generated.
28. On-going referrals from Police, District Nursing Teams, Community Mental Health Teams, Social Work teams, North East Sensory Services (NESS), Angus Care & Repair, Community Housing Teams etc.
29. 507 Home Fire Safety Visits completed for the period of which 232 were delivered to residents assessed as High Risk

Further Developments

31. Angus Community Safety Advocate (CSA) and Group Manager (Service Delivery Angus) undertook multi-agency review of SFRS involvement with Glen Isla Project in Arbroath on 2nd July.
32. Angus LALO & Angus SFRS Managers met with Scottish Parliament Justice Committee at Montrose Fire Station on 3rd September, to discuss progress of fire reform from a local perspective.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE EVENTS



Save a Life Day – Montrose

On 04 August, Montrose firefighters worked with the 'Save a Life Montrose' campaign to help demonstrate safe use of the town's new automatic external defibrillators (AEDs).

Montrose recently received five new AEDs and reached out to SFRS to help deliver safety demonstrations to members of the public. A crew from Montrose Fire Station spent the afternoon engaging with members of the public and teaching them vital skills, including how to use an AED and administer CPR to a casualty. The event was a reported success and local firefighters were praised by the campaign coordinators for their enthusiasm and professionalism.

Alzheimer's Scotland Event - Carnoustie

SFRS staff presented at the Alzheimer's Scotland Confident Conversations about Technology Event, at the Kinloch Care Centre, Carnoustie on 03 September.

This event gave 60 Angus Health and Social Care delegates an insight into the use of technology to assist dementia sufferers to manage safely with day to day living.



SFRS staff gave an overview of ways to improve fire safety in the home for dementia sufferers, and promoted SFRS local referral pathways for Angus Health and Social Care staff and residents.

A number of Joint Home Fire Safety Visits and Home Fire Safety talks for user groups and other staff members were arranged following this successful event.

APPENDIX 3 – STRATHMARTINE HOSPITAL BRIEFING REPORT



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Report to:	STRATHMARTINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Date:	27 SEPTEMBER 2018
Report By:	ROY DUNSIRE, GROUP MANAGER, SERVICE DELIVERY, ANGUS AREA

Subject:	DELIBERATE FIRE SETTING – STRATHMARTINE HOSPITAL
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Strathmartine Community Council with an overview of deliberate fire setting at the former Strathmartine Hospital Site, and associated activity in support of addressing this issue.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Deliberately set fires are dangerous; they waste time and money, and divert fire crews and other emergency responders away from real emergencies. Last year, nationally, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended around 20,000 deliberately set fires in bins, skips, fly tipped waste, derelict buildings, dry grass and heathland.
- 2.2 The cost to the SFRS and our communities is significant, with an estimated average cost of £2,000 for attendance at such incidents. As well as potentially delaying attendance at a more serious incident, fire setting can result in injury, property damage and environmental pollution.
- 2.3 In Angus, the SFRS attended 145 deliberate fires during 2017/18, and whilst the long term trend in Angus is declining, the Monifieth and Sidlaw Ward experiences the second highest rate of deliberate fires when compared to the other Angus wards. Evidence

shows that this higher than average rate is linked to deliberate fire setting in the former Strathmartine Hospital Site.

3 THE ISSUE

- 3.1 Strathmartine Hospital was permanently closed in 2003. Sold-on to a property developer, the site remains derelict and its long term future unclear. Since its closure, the empty buildings have been the target of deliberate fire setting and other forms of anti-social behaviour, to a point where many of them are in a dangerous state and have been listed as dangerous buildings by Angus Council Building Standards.
- 3.2 From a deliberate fire setting perspective, between March 2013 and August 2018, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have attended 30 deliberate fires in the former hospital site, accounting for over 30hrs of SFRS time spent extinguishing these fires. The longest SFRS resources were committed to a deliberate fire at the site was almost 9hrs.
- 3.3 Evidence indicates that youths are the biggest perpetrators of these deliberate fires, with intelligence from Police Scotland suggesting youths from the neighbouring Dundee wards, being responsible. Historically, there is a high rate of deliberate fires in the neighbouring Dundee wards, and this issue is having an influence on the rate of deliberate fires experienced at the former hospital site.
- 3.4 In response to the long term challenge of tackling deliberate fire-setting at the former hospital site, the SFRS in Angus initiated a deliberate fire reduction plan. Working collaboratively, the plan focuses on using the collective resources of local partners in Dundee and Angus, to address deliberate fires at the site. The remainder of the report therefore provides an update on the plans progress and outlines future activity, in support of achieving short, medium and long term objectives for addressing deliberate fire-setting at the site.

4 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 4.1 Since the introduction of the deliberate fire reduction plan, our partnership activities have primarily focused around prevention (i.e. ongoing engagement programmes and interventions, to prevent children and young people becoming involved in deliberate fire-setting at the former hospital site). This has involved SFRS Community Action Teams in Angus and Dundee joining together with Police Scotland and Community Learning and Development, to deliver diversionary youth engagement activities and joint school visits. The school visits targeted high schools and selected primary schools within the North East and Strathmartine Wards of Dundee, and messaging focused on highlighting the risks and consequences of deliberate fire setting.

- 4.2 The SFRS has been continuing to work very closely with Police Scotland to ensure those responsible for setting deliberate fires in the former hospital site are identified and dealt with accordingly. This has involved sharing relevant data and information following each incident, and seeking information from the public using social media channels.
- 4.3 Working with Angus Council and Police Scotland, joint security/safety assessment of the site have also been conducted. The outcome of these assessments have been fed-back to the property developer, who has generally been quick to react to recommendations for improving the security and safety of the site.

5 FUTURE ACTIVITY – SHORT/MEDIUM/LONG TERM

- 5.1 Using the national bonfire safety campaign as a link to deliberate fire-setting, joint police/fire talks are being planned in schools over the coming weeks. These talks will highlight Bonfire/Fireworks safety messages and provide opportunities to drive home fire related anti-social behaviour messages to the key schools in the areas surrounding the former Strathmartine Hospital Site.
- 5.2 Drawing down from the Angus Council Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, a delivery plan and profiles are currently being developed by partners, with a strong locality focus. Medium to long term, the Carnoustie/Monifieth/Sidlaw Locality Implementation Partnership, will therefore be instrumental in helping to tackle deliberate fire-setting and other forms of anti-social behaviour issues at the former hospital site.
- 5.3 The SFRS in Angus will continue to work alongside the newly established Police Scotland Tayside Prevention Hub, to explore effective long term solutions. This will involve doing some research, linking in with the wider partnership, and seeing what initiatives have worked elsewhere, which might work for the former hospital site.
- 5.4 Working with Angus Council and the developer, to determine timescales for developing the former Strathmartine Hospital Site, as this will be a factor influencing the long term planning of activities, in support of addressing deliberate fire-setting.

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