



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 four 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 2019/20 quarter four 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.

Q4: All Incidents Attended - 319		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 25 Incidents YTD – 79 Incidents Annual Target – below 83</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 6 YTD – 9 Annual Target – below 19</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 1 Incidents YTD – 17 Incidents Annual Target – below 16</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)</p>  <p>Q4 – 11 Incidents YTD – 49 Incidents Annual Target – below 56</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 1 YTD – 3 Annual Target – below 3</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 3 YTD – 21 Annual Target – below 35</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q4 – 62 Incidents YTD – 361 Incidents Annual Target – below 355</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 4 Incidents YTD – 37 Incidents Annual Target – below 23</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 20 Incidents YTD – 95 Incidents Annual Target – below 105</p>

YTD Performance, Based on Annual Target

	Below target
	Less than 10% above target
	More than 10% above target

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for quarter four 2019/20:

- The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** was slightly up when compared to the 3-year average however overall there is evidence of a downward trend in the number of ADF's emerging. During quarter four, over 75% of ADF's we classed as low severity, requiring little or no intervention from the Service.
- There were zero **ADF Fatalities**, and 6 **ADF Casualties** during quarter four. There is evidence of a downward trend in the number of ADF Casualties emerging although quarter four is slightly up. We continue to target our Home Safety Visits towards the vulnerable in our communities.
- The number of **Non-Domestic Building Fires** during quarter four was 1 and therefore well below average for that quarter. **Non-domestic Fire Fatalities and Non-Fatal Fire Fatalities** were zero, and therefore continue to stay very low. We have exceeded the annual target of 16 but are below 10% above therefore showing amber for this indicator.
- We attended **11 Road Traffic Collision's (RTC)** during quarter four which is down when compared to the 3-year average of 14 RTC's. There was 1 **RTC Related Fatality, and 3 RTC Related Injuries** – the latter well below the 3-year average for the time of year.
- We dealt with 62 **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** during quarter four – Nearly one fifth of incidents we attended during the quarter. We continue to work towards reducing UFAS through engagement with our highest offenders.
- A total of **4 Deliberate Primary Fires** were reported during quarter four, which is below the 3-year average for the quarter. There were **20 Deliberate Secondary Fires** reported during quarter four, which is a about average when compared to the last 3 years for quarter four.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

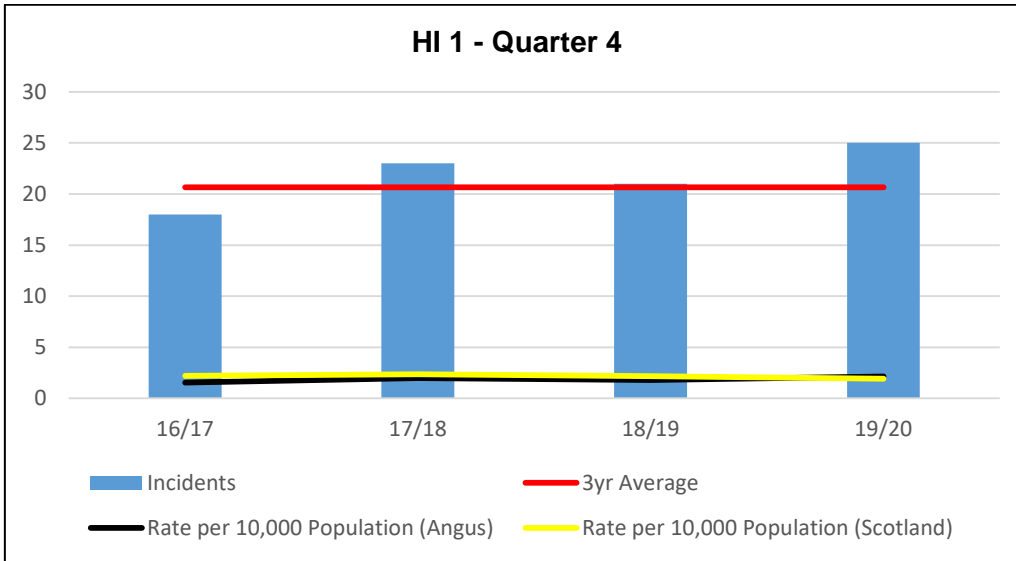


Table 1: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	93	77	80	79	Green	83

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

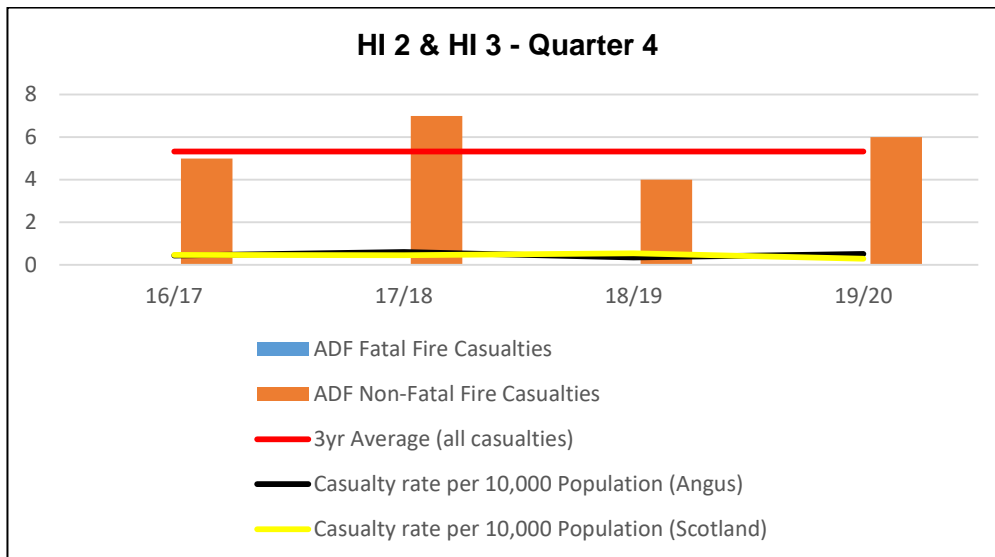


Table 2: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	2	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	18	18	12	9	Green	19

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 83**, 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 19**, 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 25 ADFs during quarter 4 which is 4 above the average of the previous 3 years for that quarter. Half of these of these are attributed to cooking with over half involving an elderly person. In 22 of our ADFs there was very little or no fire damage and in most cases, there was no firefighting action required other than removal from the heat source. Based on our target of keeping ADF's below 83 each year, we have achieved the HI 1 annual target.

There were zero ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter four, and therefore we show green for achieving the HI 2 annual target.

There were 6 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter four, which is slightly above the average for that quarter. 5 of the 6 were classed as elderly and were mostly cooking related. Based on our target of keeping fire injuries below 19 each year, we have achieved the HI 3 annual target. As identified in previous quarterly reports, there is evidence of a downward trend in the number of ADF Non-Fatal Casualties emerging.

In support of the targets, Appendix One, details a range of our activities during quarter four, including completing 347 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) of which 141 were classed as high risk targeting the most vulnerable people in our communities. We continue to engage with those in residential caravan sites and we are also working with Angus Alive Mobile Library to target our more rural locations offering HFSV advice and risk recognition. Our referrals pathway from our partners also still assists us with high risk visits.

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

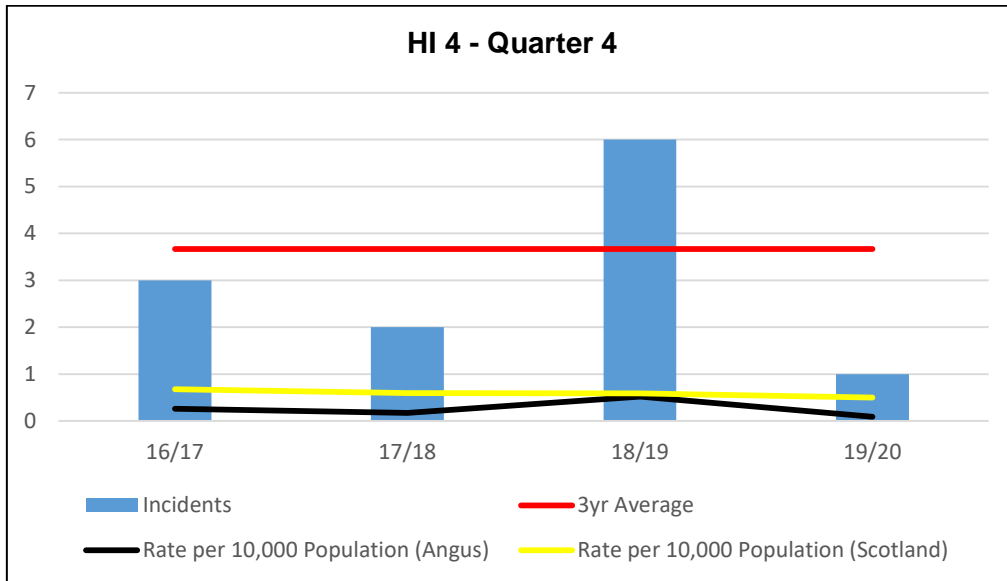


Table 3: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	15	13	19	17	Amber	16

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

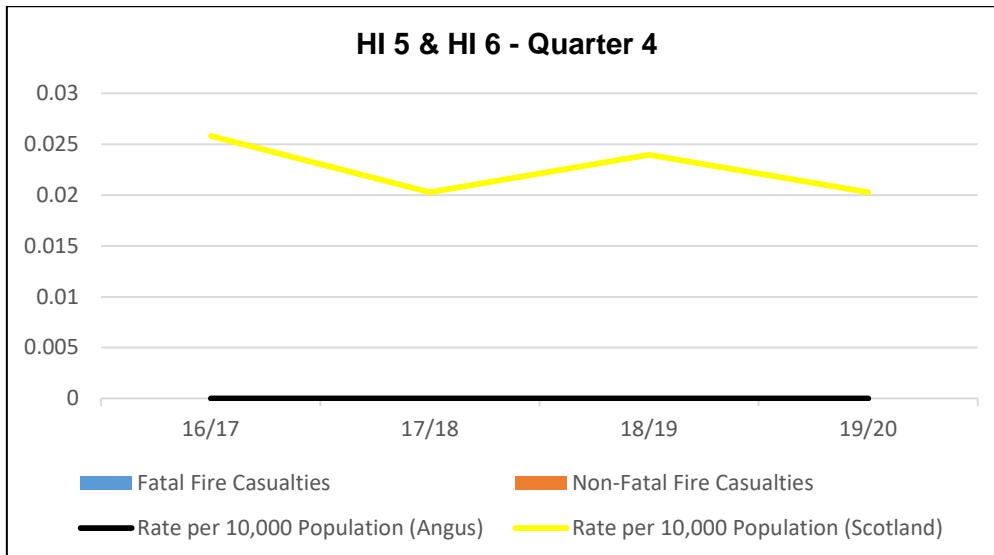


Table 4: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	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 was 1 accidental fire in non-domestic buildings during quarter four, which is below average for that quarter compared to the previous three years. This was at Stracathro and was cooking related, of low severity with very little firefighting action required. We have exceeded our target of keeping these fires below 16 each year although only by 1, therefore are showing amber for the HI 4 annual target. Looking at the 17 incidents this year they are all different locations with no trends showing.

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

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

During quarter four, 10 fire safety audits were targeted at non-domestic premises, to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations. This included conducting post fire audits at the premises affected by fire during quarter three and those required by the Fire Scotland Act. We continue to engage with the business community where possible on Fire Safety related issues.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

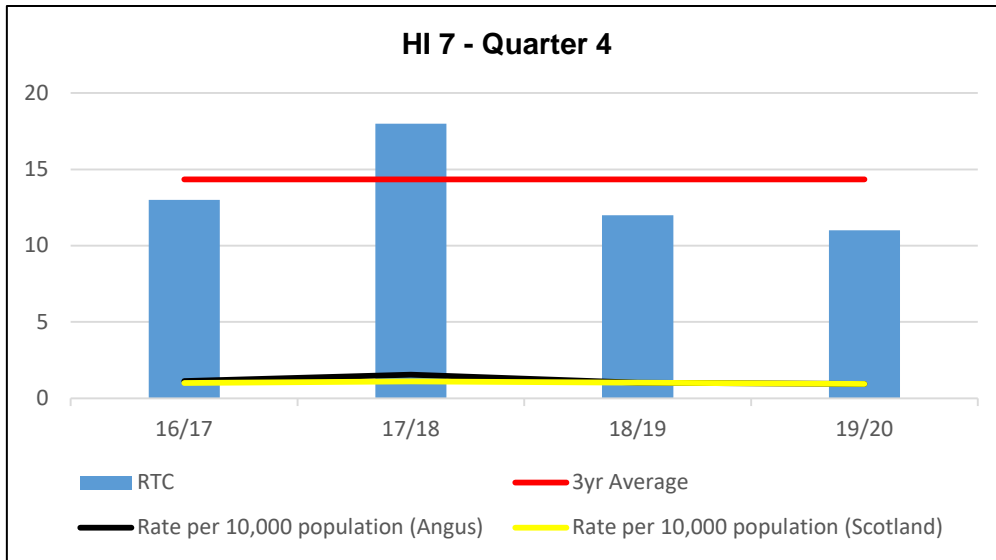


Table 5: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	53	67	48	49	Green	56

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

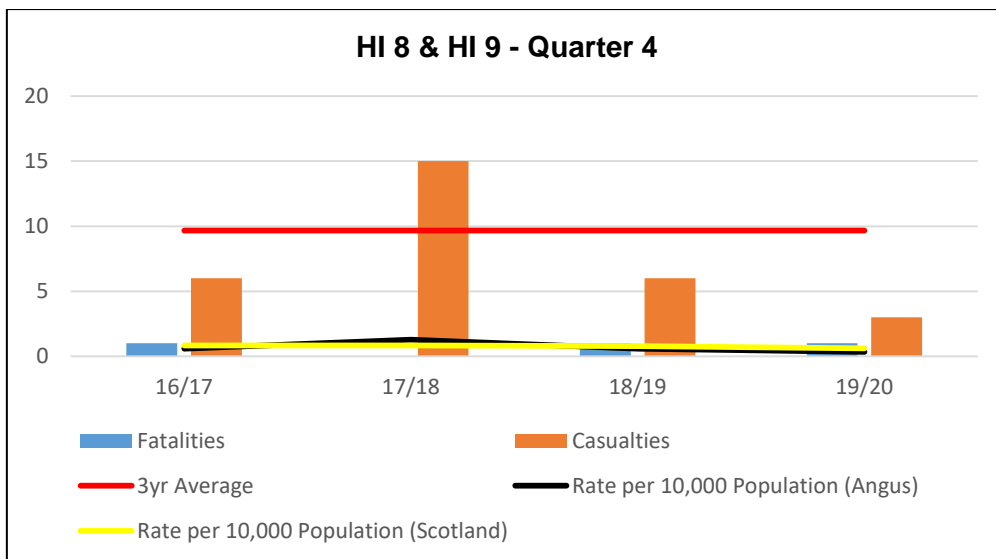


Table 6: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	3	5	1	3	Green	3
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	36	48	22	21	Green	35

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 56** 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 3** 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 35** 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 four we attended 11 RTC Incidents, to assist other blue light partners in the release/extrication of the occupants of the vehicles, which is below the three-year average for quarter four. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below 56 each year, we have achieved the HI 7 annual target.

There was unfortunately 1 Fatal RTC Casualty reported during quarter four involving a bus and a van at Peterden. Based on our target of keeping Fatal RTC Casualties below 3 each year, we have achieved the HI 8 annual target.

There were 3 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during quarter four which is well down on the 3-year average for the time of year. They occurred in Arbroath West, Montrose and District and Monifieth and Sidlaw. Based on our target of keeping Non-Fatal RTC Casualties below 35 each year, we have achieved the HI 9 annual target.

We continue to aim to drive down these types of incidents by engaging in partnership approaches and safety forums. We are also arranging the next Safe Drive campaign aimed at younger drivers and continue to sit on the road safety group.

Our Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) provided input to partners on hoarding and neglect along with social work and housing which gave a really good input into this issue and the risk it poses to occupiers and our staff.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

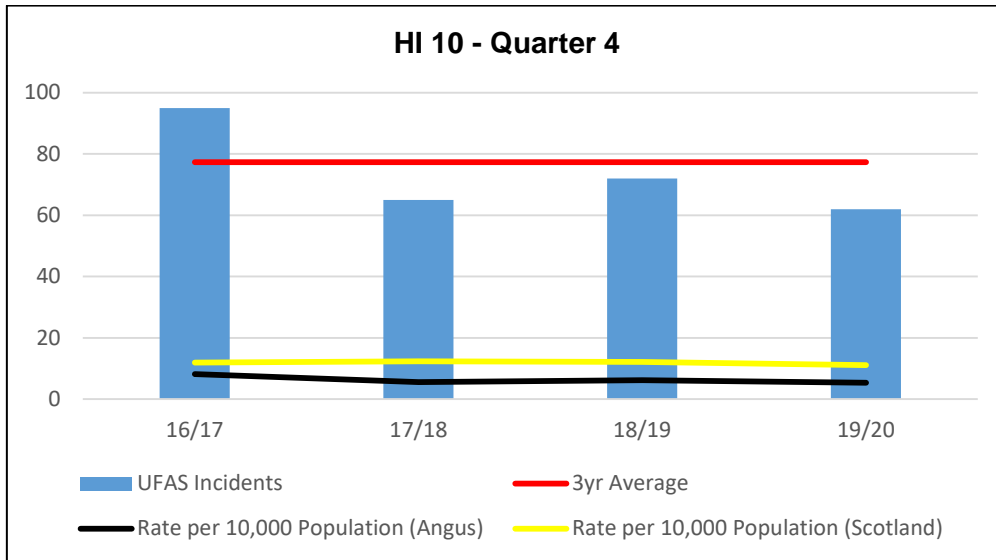


Table 7: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	375	381	367	361	Amber	355

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 355** 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 four, we were called out to 62 UFAS incidents, which is below the 3-year average for the quarter however based on our target of keeping UFAS incidents to less than 355 each year, we are amber due to being less than 10% above the HI 10 annual target.

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

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Education (Primary/Secondary)	18
Care/Nursing/Residential Homes	9
Industrial Manufacturing/Processing	9
Retail	8
Sports and Social Club	3
Entertainment and Culture	2
Hospitals and Medical care	2

Over half of all UFAS during quarter four, occurred across the top 3 properties in the table above. The other 11 not in the table are made up of other public buildings. One of the priorities of SFRS is to reduce the amount of UFAS calls we receive. The Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEO) engages with duty holders during the audit process to offer advice on reducing the unwanted activations including considering cost effective technical solutions (e.g.re-positioning fire detector heads and changing detector types). During quarter four we carried out UFAS engagement with Police Station to proactively try and reduce the number of false alarms within these premises which turned out to be an alarm link fault. We will 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 reduced our weight of response to 14 premises in Angus during quarter four. This will help to reduce the unnecessary blue light journeys generated by UFAS and mitigate the impact this has on SFRS resources.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

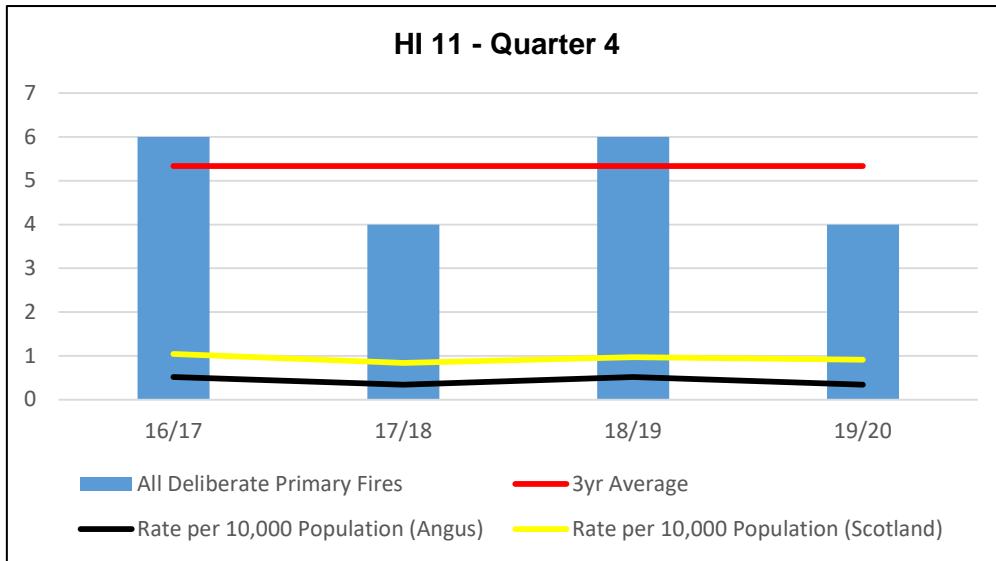


Table 8: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	23	30	10	37	Red	23

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

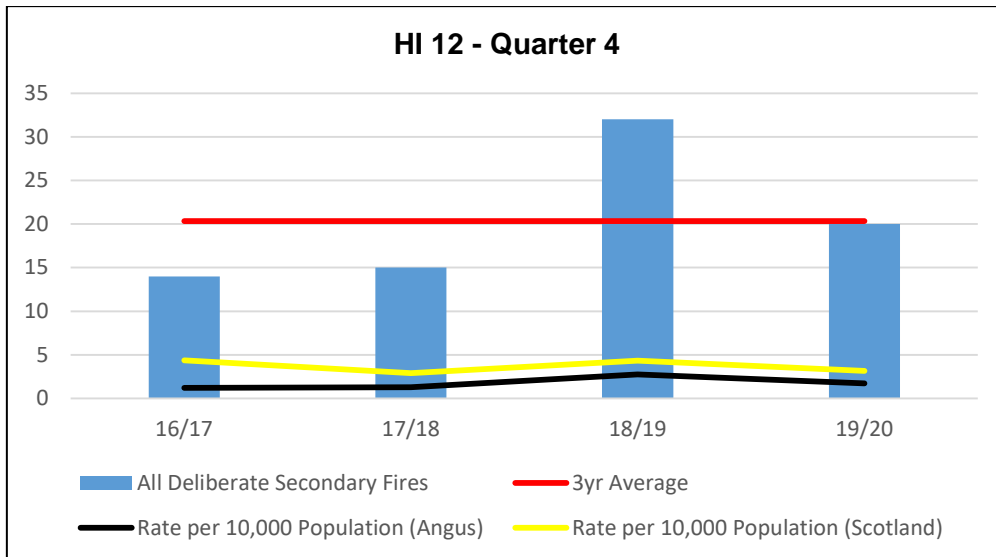


Table 9: 2019/20 Year Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	80	115	121	95	Green	105

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 23** 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 105** 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 4 deliberate primary fires reported during quarter four, which is below the quarter four average of 5.5. Of these, 3 were outdoors in grassland and 1 in the toilet of Arbroath Sports Centre. There are no trends associated with this as they are spread across the whole area. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate primary fires in Angus below 23 each year, we had already exceeded this number therefore have failed to achieve the HI 11 annual target and show red.

There were 20 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter four, which is average for the quarter compared to the previous three years. 10 of these were involving refuse and 10 were involving shrubs/grassland. The majority of these were around Arbroath, Monifieth and Carnoustie.

Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below 105 each year, we have achieved the HI 12 annual target.

Through our Community Safety Teams we continue to work with groups of hard to reach youths who may become involved in anti-social behaviour and fire raising. Going forward we are working on the re-introduction of Safe Angus which saw all primary 5's in Angus attend an event aimed at safety and awareness of many aspects of their lives.

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 equipped 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 four we delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighter's, whereby we trained and tested their preparedness to deal with:

Compartment Fire Behaviour	Refuse Fires
Safe Working at Height	Domestic Properties
Hazardous Materials	Rural and Wildfires
Incident Command	

Firefighters continued to carry out Operational Intelligence visits 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. All this information is continually updated on our tablets carried on frontline appliances thus giving our staff information at point of need.

Arbroath were involved in a tabletop exercise through Tayside Sports Ground Safety Team at Gayfield with partner agencies. We have also been able to utilise Fraser Path derelict flats for realistic training in entry and breathing apparatus for local crews giving them a great experience. We carried out work with Hospitalfield House involving visits and scenarios to look at the complex layout and recovery of valuable artefacts in the event of a fire.

Some senior managers were involved in Exercise North Explorer which was a mass casualty shipping scenario. Brechin Fire Station carried out a joint RTC exercise with SAS to enhance partnership experiences. Our local Station Commander along with Montrose crews attended a multi-agency extinction rebellion scenario at the Port Authority.

We have also employed 2 further support staff in the area to assist with the RDS crews in regard to their administration, training and availability which has been well received. We have already seen some great results around the work they are carrying out. In support of the Scottish Government's cardiac arrest strategy, crews from Carnoustie Fire Station held 2 sessions with P7 pupils providing them with potentially life-saving skills in CPR. These ongoing sessions are being well received by the community.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during Quarter 4 of 2019-20, in support of our priorities and targets.

Youth Engagement

1. Angus Community Action Team (CAT) worked in partnership with Arbroath High School delivering a 5-week Young Fire-fighters award with 8 pupils who are working towards their Princes Trust award.
2. Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) and Arbroath retained fire crews attended the multi-agency "Safer Arbroath" event held at Arbroath High School where they trained over 150 S1 children in CPR and life-saving skills.
3. Angus CAT worked in partnership with the ENABLE Project teaching eight young people fire related skills that would improve their employability, skills and confidence. This included a CPR life- saving training event at Arbroath Fire Station.
4. Angus LALO attended the presentation at Rossie Young Peoples Trust with Police Scotland after a group of 8 young people successfully completed a Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue service joint "Divert and Deter" course.
5. Angus LALO and Carnoustie retained firefighters delivered a careers presentation to the P7 pupils at Carlogie Primary School, Carnoustie as part of the schools' careers week fayre.
6. LALO and local fire crews attended the Monifieth and Carnoustie's Careers evening offering advice and guidance to pupils and their parents who may wish to pursue a career in the Fire Service.
7. LALO and local fire crews attended the Arbroath Academy "Careers Bus" event offering advice and guidance to pupils who may wish to pursue a career in the Fire Service.
8. LALO and Carnoustie fire crews delivered Life-saving CPR training to 60 P7 pupils at Burnside Primary school.
9. LALO visited Arbroath High School and gave 2 fire safety presentations to 120 S5 pupils discussing fire risks identification and actions to prevent fires occurring in the home.

Persons at Risk

10. Angus CAT supported by Wendy Hinnie at Angus Council's Workforce Development Officer hosted a Hoarding and Self neglect training event at Forfar Fire station attended by 40 employees from partner agencies. The event was organised as part of the "Adult Protection Self Neglect and Hoarding awareness week".
11. Angus Community Safety Advocate (CSA) carried out a Fire Safety talk with members of the Better Balance class at Arbroath Infirmary providing Home Fire safety advice to participants and carrying out visits at their addresses.
12. Angus CAT carried out a Fire Safety talk with members of the Better Balance class at Montrose Links health centre providing Home fire safety advice and carrying out visits.
13. Angus CAT carried out various home fire safety visits and fitted 8 Specialist Deaf Alarms with vibrating pad to residents living in Angus.
14. Angus CAT carried out a Fire Safety talk with members with Angus Family Support Group (Kinship Carers), Promoting Home fire safety Visits

15. Angus LALO carried out a Joint Home Fire Safety Visit with Police Scotland for vulnerable Angus residents.
16. Angus CAT carried out joint housing visit at Carnoustie with Angus Housing Officers identifying safeguards to prevent anti-social behaviour.
17. Angus CAT provided Home Fire Safety advice to staff and members of the community who attended the Health and Wellbeing event at Kinloch Care Centre
18. Numerous Joint Home Fire Safety Visits ongoing with Angus CAT members and Community Mental Health Teams, Angus Council Home Care Assessors, Community Housing Teams, Deaf Links workers etc.
19. Angus CAT visited Adam Cargill Court Arbroath and held a talk with the occupiers regarding a recent spate of false alarms promoting HFSVs to residents.
20. Angus CAT met with Tayside Networks Meeting Generations Working Together at "The Cross" in Forfar to discuss the referral process for partner agencies who identify persons who would benefit with a HFSV.
21. Angus CAT attended the quarterly meeting of the Angus Overnight Support review group where there was a presentation on the Just Roaming initiative.
22. Angus CAT attended a meeting at The Angus Carers Centre, Arbroath to discuss the implementation of the Carers Emergency Card.
23. Attended the Participatory Budget voting events throughout the Angus area promoting Home Fire Safety Visits to members of the community who were casting their vote.

Referrals

24. Continue to attend Early Screening Group (ESG) fortnightly meetings to identify vulnerable persons who require a Home Fire Safety Visit.
25. On-going Home Fire Safety Visit referrals from Police Scotland, Locality District Nursing Teams, Community Mental Health Teams, Social Work teams, North East Sensory Services (NESS), Angus Care & Repair, Community Housing Teams etc.
26. 347 Home Fire Safety Visits completed for the period of which 141 were High Risk
27. Fitted 10 Detectors for hard of hearing persons identified by partner agencies and whilst crews were carrying out visit.
28. Identified, reported and submitted 7 Adult Protection Vulnerable persons (AP1) referrals to Angus Council Social Work.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE EVENT

Prior to the COVID lockdown in March, SFRS in partnership with Arbroath High School conducted a Young Firefighters Course. The course was carried out over a 5-week period for a group of pupils who were working towards their Princes Trust award. The course was split into 5 sessions every Wednesday held at Arbroath Fire Station with the focus on personal safety, fire safety awareness and having fun.

Weeks 1 and 2



Firefighters started the course off by familiarising the group with the fire appliances and equipment they have on station to deal with 999 emergencies. They then put the group through their paces with various skills sessions including hose running and extinguishing a fire within our burning trays.

One of the groups favourite activities involved moving through buildings in smoke and darkness using blanked out facemasks, trying to navigate around obstacles and through the crawling galleries.



Weeks 3 and 4

Firefighters led a session on CPR and First Aid training, providing the students with an opportunity to practice basic first aid and life-saving skills and how to react in the event of a medical emergency.

Firefighters set up some road traffic collision scenarios so that they could demonstrate the skills, techniques and equipment firefighters would use to extract persons from a car involved in a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) The group were eager to help and discuss their experiences and issues around road safety.



Week 5

Unfortunately, the final week's passing out parade couldn't take place due to COVID guidance. However, we are planning on inviting the group back to the station to show off their new-found skills and receive a well-earned certificate of achievement. My thanks go to Morag McKenzie, Lead teacher from Arbroath High School and the firefighters at Arbroath Fire Station.