



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 one 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 Community Plan.

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 01 December 2020, covering the subsequent 3-year period. 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 2022/23 quarter one 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.

Q1: All Incidents Attended - 388		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 15 Incidents YTD – 15 Incidents Annual Target – below 78</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 1 YTD – 1 Annual Target – below 15</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 3 Incidents YTD – 3 Incidents Annual Target – below 13</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)</p>  <p>Q1 – 5 Incidents YTD – 5 Incidents Annual Target – below 53</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – below 3</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 8 YTD – 8 Annual Target – below 26</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q1 – 108 Incidents YTD – 108 Incidents Annual Target – below 355</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 8 Incidents YTD – 8 Incidents Annual Target – below 34</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 33 Incidents YTD – 33 Incidents Annual Target – below 116</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 one 2022/23:

- There were **15 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** during quarter one which is below the 3-year average for the quarter. The majority are classed as low severity, requiring little or no intervention from the Service and minimal fire damage.
- There were **0 ADF Fatalities** during quarter one. There were also **1 ADF Casualties** which is below average.
- There was **3 Non-Domestic Building Fire** during quarter one which is below average for the quarter. **Non-domestic Fire Fatalities and Non-Fatal Fire Fatalities** were zero, and therefore continue to remain very low.
- We attended **5 Road Traffic Collision's (RTCs)** during quarter one which is below average for this time of year. There was **0 RTC Related Fatalities, and 8 RTC Related Injuries** – the latter showing slightly above the 3-year average for the time of year.
- We dealt with **108 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** during quarter one which is above average based on the previous 3-year figures. We continue to work towards reducing UFAS working with dutyholders to reduce the numbers of these types of incidents.
- A total of **8 Deliberate Primary Fires** were reported during quarter one, which is average for the quarter.
- A total of **34 Deliberate Secondary Fires** were reported which is above the 3-year average for the quarter.
- Our firefighters continue to train in all aspects of their role to ensure they are operationally prepared for what is required and we have continued to gather information on local risks to assist us in an emergency through operational intelligence visits.
- Quarter one has seen an increase in partnership working and within our communities which is allowing us to provide support for local initiatives, some of which are highlighted in the appendices at the end of this report.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

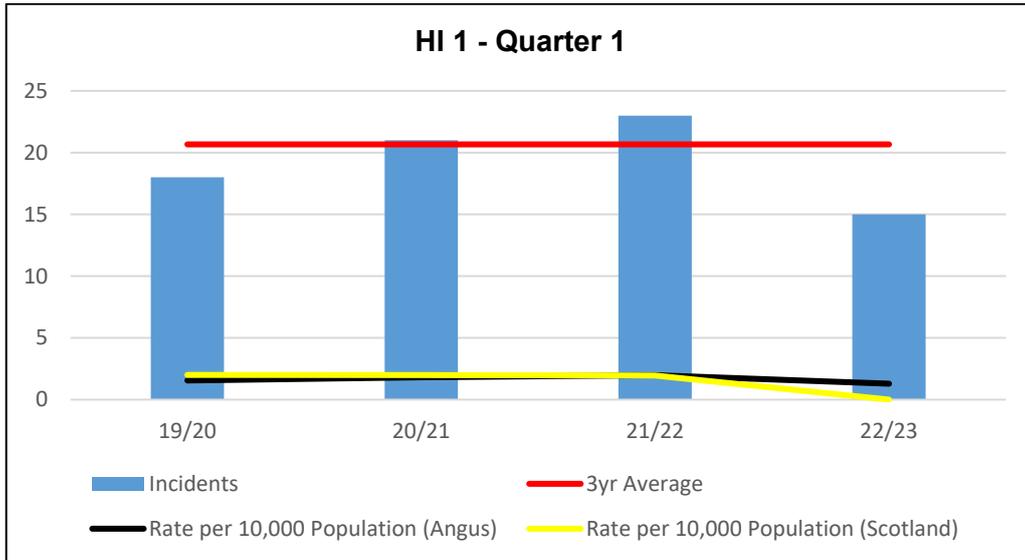


Table 1: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	18	21	23	15	Green	78

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

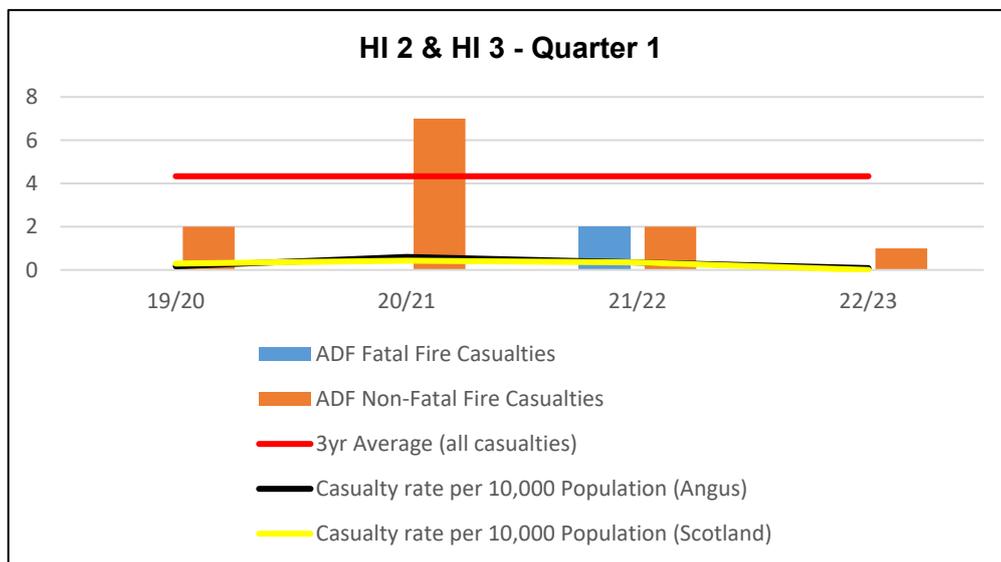


Table 2: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	2	7	2	1	Green	15

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 78**, 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 15**, 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 15 ADFs during quarter one which is below average compared to the previous 3 years for that quarter. The majority of these are attributed to cooking or combustibles near a heat source with most occurring in the Montrose, Forfar and Arbroath area. The majority of our ADFs caused very little or no fire damage and it was limited to the room of origin. Based on our target of keeping ADF's below 78 each year, we are showing green for the HI 1. We continue to work in driving these numbers down as much as possible.

There was 0 ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter one. There was 1 ADF Non-Fatal Casualty who was elderly with minor injuries.

In support of the targets, Appendix One & Two, details a range of our activities during quarter one which included high-risk Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) and numerous referrals from partners where risk had been identified. We also continue to attend multi agency case referrals for vulnerable members of the community. We continue to work with the rural library to ensure we are engaging with those who live out with the urban areas. We have delivered Safe Taysiders aimed at educating young people of the dangers within the home and community.

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

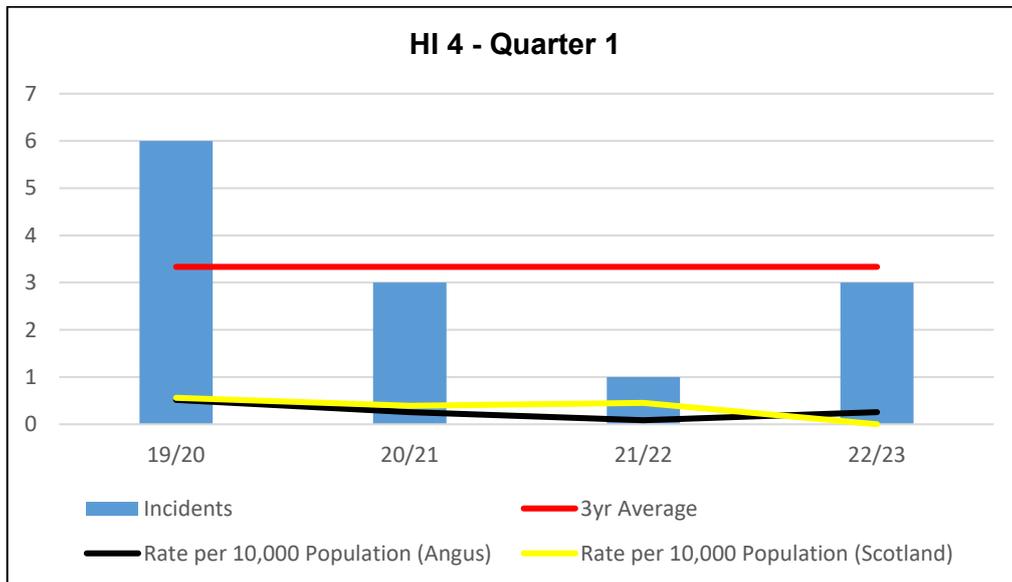


Table 3: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	6	3	1	3	Green	13

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

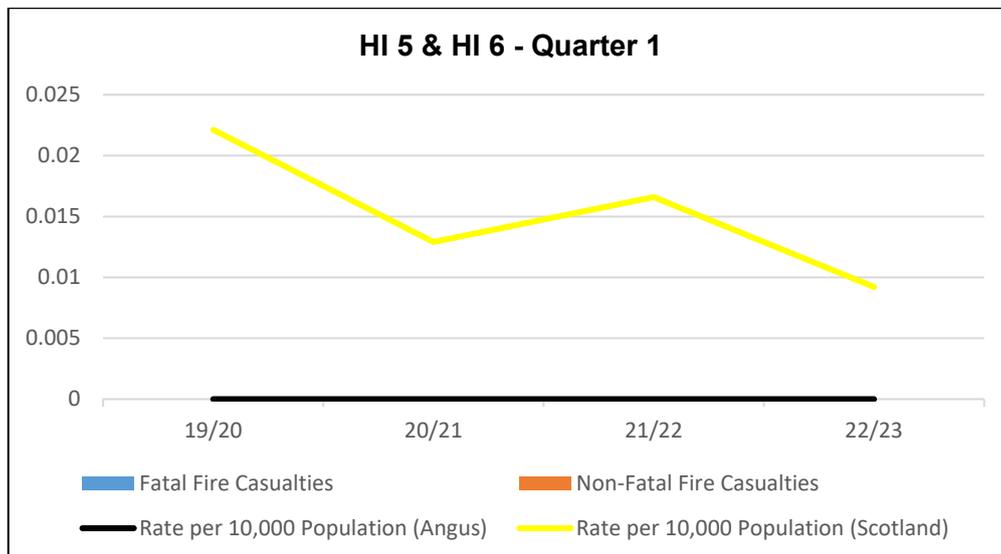


Table 4: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	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 13**, 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 3 accidental fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter one, which is below average for that quarter compared to the previous three years. With an annual target of 13 we are on track to reach our target for HI 4. The numbers involved in Angus are low for this type of incident and currently no cause for concern. The incidents had limited fire damage and were contained to the item ignited first.

There were zero Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties and zero Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter one. Based on our targets we are showing green and for HIs 5 and 6.

During quarter one, there were 36 fire safety audits carried out of which 4 were post fire audits. 2 of these were generated through a complaint and the remainder were framework and thematic audits. 4 were HMO's and 9 were care homes along with 6 hospitals and 3 schools being audited. We continue to engage with the business community where possible on Fire Safety related issues. There was no enforcement activity in quarter one or enforcement notices issued.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

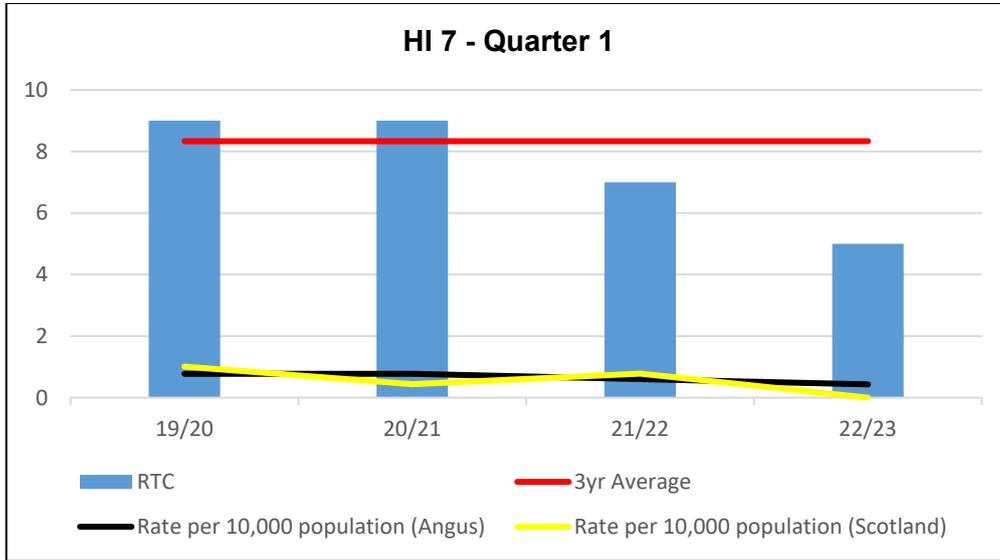


Table 5: 2021/22 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	9	9	7	5	Green	53

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

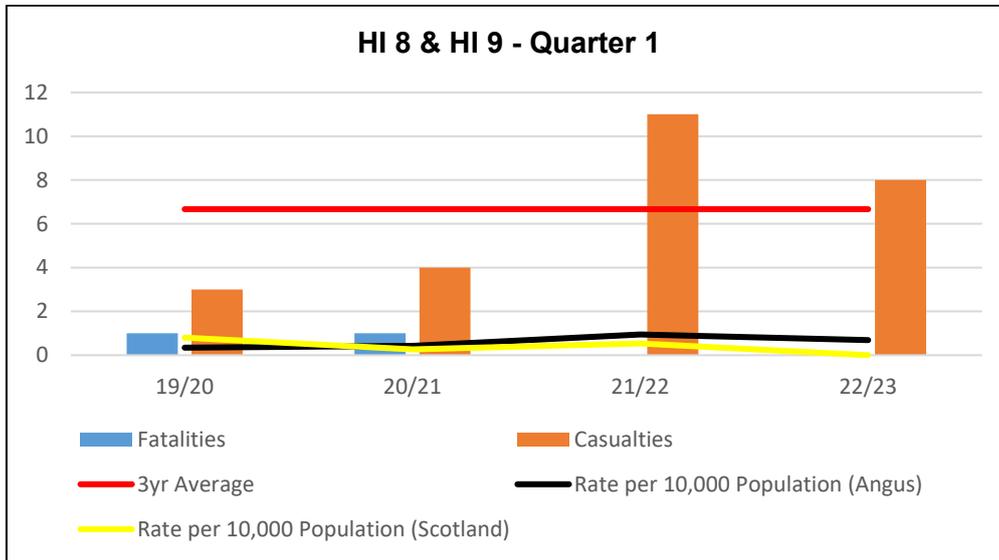


Table 6: 2021/22 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	1	1	0	0	Green	3
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	3	4	11	8	Red	26

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 53** 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 26** 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 one we attended 5 RTC Incidents, to assist other blue light partners in the release/extrication of the occupants of the vehicles, which is below average for the quarter. They were evenly spread across the area. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below 53 each year, we are showing green for the HI 7 annual target.

There were 0 Fatal RTC Casualties reported during quarter one therefore, we are on track to achieve our target for HI 8. We have reported 8 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties sitting above average for the time of year, one incident resulted in 5 casualties being extricated by firefighters from one vehicle. The majority of casualties were extricated by firefighters and had serious injuries. Based on our target of keeping Non-Fatal RTC Casualties below 26 each year, we are showing red, being slightly above the HI 9 annual target.

We continue to aim to drive down these types of incidents by engaging in partnership approaches and safety forums.

Of our other special services, over half were affecting entry or release of persons whereby there was concern for the occupier of a premises and a partner agency required our assistance. We continue to see an increase in these types of incidents along with assisting other agencies to lift or remove casualties. The remainder of the incidents that we attended involved the rescue or release of persons from objects, rescue from water and height.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

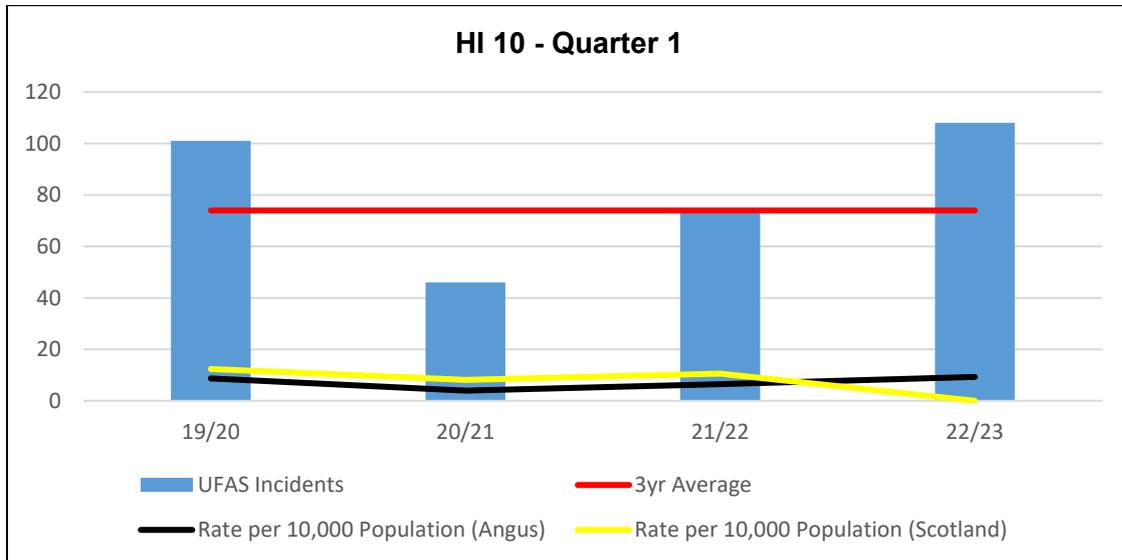


Table 7: 2021/22 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	101	46	75	108	Red	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 strategy for reducing UFAS incidents.

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

- An Inclusive sustainable economy

Performance Management

During quarter one, we were called out to 108 UFAS incidents, which is above the 3-year average for the quarter. We are showing red for the HI 10 annual target due to not achieving the target set. 32 were caused by faulty equipment, 36 were caused by human factors.

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

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Education	29
Care/Nursing/Residential	28
Retail	9
Sporting Venues	5

During quarter one we have continued our engagement with duty holders and made recommendations to reduce occurrence. One of the priorities of SFRS is to reduce the amount of UFAS calls we attend. The Fire Safety Enforcement Officer 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). 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. Our officers are currently carrying out thematic audits at all Angus schools over a 3-year period having identified that this is where large numbers can be avoided.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

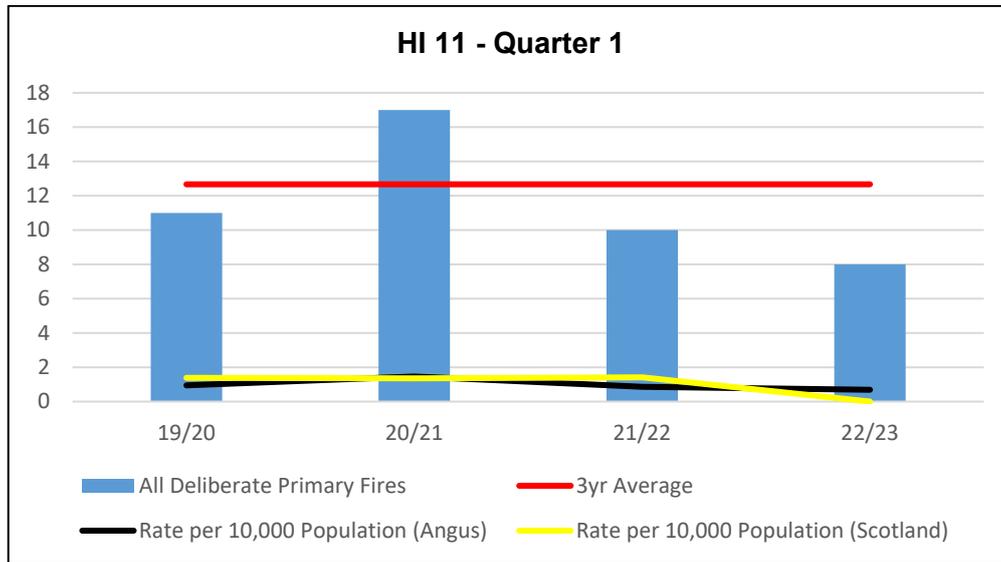


Table 8: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	11	17	10	8	Green	34

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

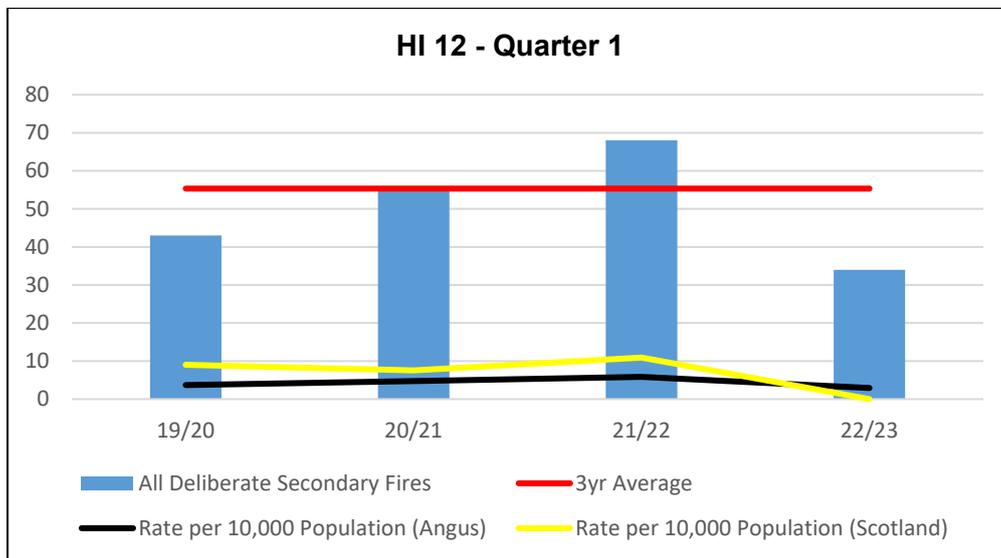


Table 9: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	43	55	68	33	Red	116

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 34** 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 116** 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 8 deliberate primary fires reported during quarter one, which is below the 3-year average. These consisted of cars, outdoor structures, grassland and one school. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate primary fires in Angus below 34 each year, we are on track to achieve the HI 11 annual target. Work is ongoing through thematic action plans to tackle areas of high prevalence of this type of incident along with secondary fires.

There were 33 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter one, which is above average for the quarter compared to the previous three years. They were all outdoors made up of grassland and waste fires spread across the Angus area. We continue to work with partners to reduce deliberate fire setting and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and members may be aware that an ASB group is about to begin work within Angus in this area of which SFRS are a key partner. We continue with our fire skills and fire setters' programmes locally, aimed at reducing these types of incidents.

Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below 116 each year, we are showing red for HI 12 annual target.

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 One 2022 (April - June), we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

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| • Breathing Apparatus | • Driving |
| • Casualty Care | • Refuse |
| • Hazardous Materials | • Wildfires |
| • Road Traffic Collision | |

Firefighters continue to conduct Operational Intelligence visits to sites within their station area ensuring that they are familiar with the associated risks and hazards and, if required, can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. They also continue to conduct Home Fire Safety Visits, with an action plan implemented to ensure that all High-Risk properties were visited and telephone contact made with all Medium and Low Risk properties.

Specific Incident Command, Breathing Apparatus & Compartment Fire Behaviour Training courses continue, ensuring stations are staffed appropriately to meet the needs of our communities. Our Trainee Firefighter yearly assessments are also continuing to ensure that they are developing their skills in line with their 3-year Modern Apprenticeship.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during quarter one of 2022-23, in support of our priorities and targets.

Fire Safety Engagements

1. Covid restriction easing has allowed personnel to engage in person with the community delivering Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) in person.
2. Community Action Team (CAT) continue to attend partnership meetings with Protecting People in Angus (PPA), Angus Violence Against Woman Partnership (AVAWP), Learning and Development (L & D subgroup) and Angus Mental Health & Wellbeing Network (AMHAWN).

Persons at Risk

1. Angus CAT and operational staff fitted 11 Hard of Hearing smoke alarms to vulnerable persons.
2. CAT Issued 2 fire-retardant bedding to adults at risk. Plus 2 full bedding packs (duvet, pillows and bedding) issued.
3. CAT issued 4 fire-retardant throws and 4 fire-retardant mats to vulnerable residents.
4. Operational personnel have fitted 24 linked smoke alarms and 9 linked heat detectors to Angus properties as per the new Scottish Government Fire Alarm legislation which came into force in February 2022. 11 CO2 alarms have also been fitted.
5. Numerous Joint HFSV Visits ongoing with Angus CAT members and Community Mental Health Teams, Angus Council Home Care Assessors, Community Housing Teams, Deaf Links workers etc.
6. Joint High-Risk Fire Safety Visits (following strict Covid protocols) completed due to concerns for occupier's wellbeing. Several High-profile partnership visits following adult concern reports during this quarter.
7. 212 HFSV's have been carried out by operational personnel and 36 HFSV's carried out by Angus CAT.
8. CAT working closely with Angus Adult Protection in providing several presentations for a partnership approach to Hoarding and Self- Neglect to members of the Protecting People in Angus group.

Referrals

1. Continue to attend Early Screening Group (ESG) weekly meetings to identify vulnerable person who require a Home Fire Safety Visit.
2. Multi Agency Risk Assessments Conference reports are received and acted upon regularly. Information is shared between partners, ensuring that those who have been the subject of domestic abuse are supported.
3. On-going HFSV referrals from Police Scotland, Locality District Nursing Teams, Community Mental Health Teams, Social Work teams, Northeast Sensory Services (NESS) and Community Housing Teams etc.
4. 15 Adult Protection (AP1) referral forms were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over the period.

5. Angus CAT attended 7 virtual multi agency Case Conferences involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
6. Community Safety Advocate attended 1 virtual multi agency Initial referral discussion involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
7. Angus CAT fitted 1 letter guard at vulnerable person property.
8. Angus CAT fitted 3 Sash Jammers to letter boxes at vulnerable residents' properties.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE EVENTS

Water Safety Campaign



Following higher than average water related injuries and deaths across the country last year, the SFRS in Angus have prioritised water safety awareness and training in all secondary schools across the area prior to the end of term. The sessions were well received by the students.

Carnoustie Community Fire Station

Carnoustie fire crews have led a course in partnership with Carnoustie High school, with 12 kids attending over 3 sessions allowing the pupils to experience smoke and darkness and crawling galleries for confined space along with basic firefighting skills.



Mental Health Awareness

Crews at Carnoustie teamed up with Angus Council's Communities support team to attend a community cafe in May which is set up to combat loneliness. The crews engaged with the attendees, offered fire safety information, and gave a tour of the fire appliance.

Foodbank Initiative

Arbroath Fire station have teamed up with a local foodbank who provide food to families across all primary schools in Arbroath. In Arbroath Fire station there is now a collection of prefilled 'emergency provision' bags filled with groceries which will provide enough food for 2-3 days, should anyone find themselves struggling they can just pop to the station and collect any day/time. The station is also acting as a drop off point for donations to replenish the bags and boost stocks at the food bank. This initiative is being promoted through the fire stations twitter and facebook page.

Community Together Partnership



Staff from Montrose fire station have been working in collaboration with partners on a new initiative at Tesco in Montrose. The new initiative will see customers being able to buy a voucher which will be put into a central fund. Partner agencies will allocate vouchers to those in need. The initiative opened on 3 June and has raised £1300 within the first four weeks, with additional funding, we have raised a total of £2300.

Queens Garden Party – Holyrood

Watch Commanders Jim Kinnear & Paul Perrie from Carnoustie attended the Queens Garden Party at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh, both had the privilege in talking to members of the Royal Family about their initiatives and services they have provided to our communities across the Angus area.

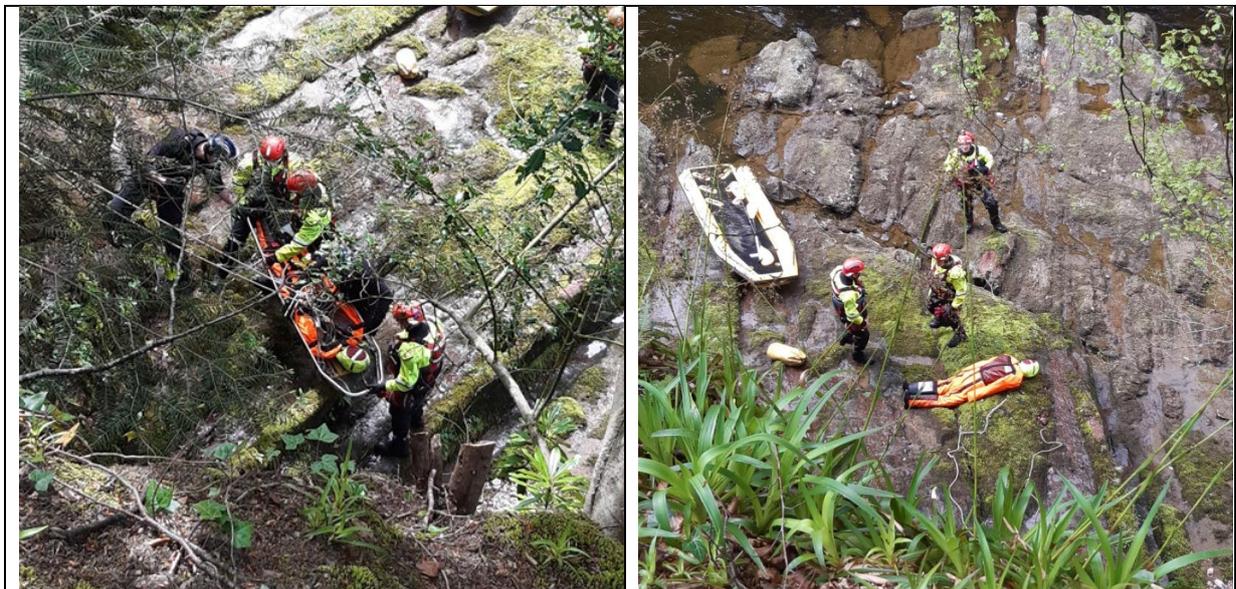


Joint Training with Scottish Ambulance Service



In May, operational crews at Brechin fire station carried out a series of training with our colleagues in the Scottish Ambulance Service. The training included a joint road traffic collision exercise and familiarisation training with associated medical equipment carried on ambulances and fire appliances. This training strengthens our partnership approach to dealing with incidents.

Water / Rope Rescue Exercise - Edzell



In May, our water and rope rescue teams held an exercise at Edzell, practicing rescue techniques. A safety message was also delivered to locals by our Community Action Team, highlighting the dangers surrounding water.