



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 three 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 three 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.

Q3: All Incidents Attended - 418		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 12 Incidents YTD – 47 Incidents Annual Target – below 78</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 2 Annual Target – below 15</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 4 Incidents YTD – 9 Incidents Annual Target – below 13</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)</p>  <p>Q3 – 22 Incidents YTD – 42 Incidents Annual Target – below 53</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 1 YTD – 1 Annual Target – below 3</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 12 YTD – 25 Annual Target – below 26</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q3 – 82 Incidents YTD – 308 Incidents Annual Target – below 355</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 3 Incidents YTD – 36 Incidents Annual Target – below 34</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 19 Incidents YTD – 91 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 three 2022/23:

- There were **12 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** during quarter three, which is below the 3-year average. The majority are classed as low severity, requiring little or no intervention from the SFRS and minimal fire damage. Seven had an alarm system present which operated.
- There were **0 ADF Fatalities**, and **0 ADF Casualties** during quarter three which is below average.
- There were **4 Non-Domestic Building Fires** during this quarter which is below average. **Non-domestic Fire Fatalities and Non-Fatal Fire Fatalities** were both zero, and therefore continue to remain very low.
- We attended **22 Road Traffic Collision's (RTCs)** during quarter three which is above average for this time of year. There was **1 RTC Related Fatality, and 12 RTC Related Injuries** – the latter again is above the 3-year average for the time of year.
- We dealt with **82 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** during quarter three which is slightly below average based on the previous 3-year figures. We continue to work towards reducing UFAS and consult with stakeholders on ways to achieve this.
- A total of **3 Deliberate Primary Fires** were reported during quarter three, which is well below the 3-year average for the quarter. There were **19 Deliberate Secondary Fires** reported during quarter three which is slightly above average when compared to the last 3 years.
- Firefighters continue to train in all aspects of their role to ensure they are operationally prepared for what is required and we continue to gather information on local risks to assist us in an emergency through our Operational Intelligence visits.
- Finally, quarter three has seen a large increase in partnership working and provided lots of support for local initiatives some of which you can see in the appendices at the end of our report highlighting the fantastic work our crews are involved in away from emergency response.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

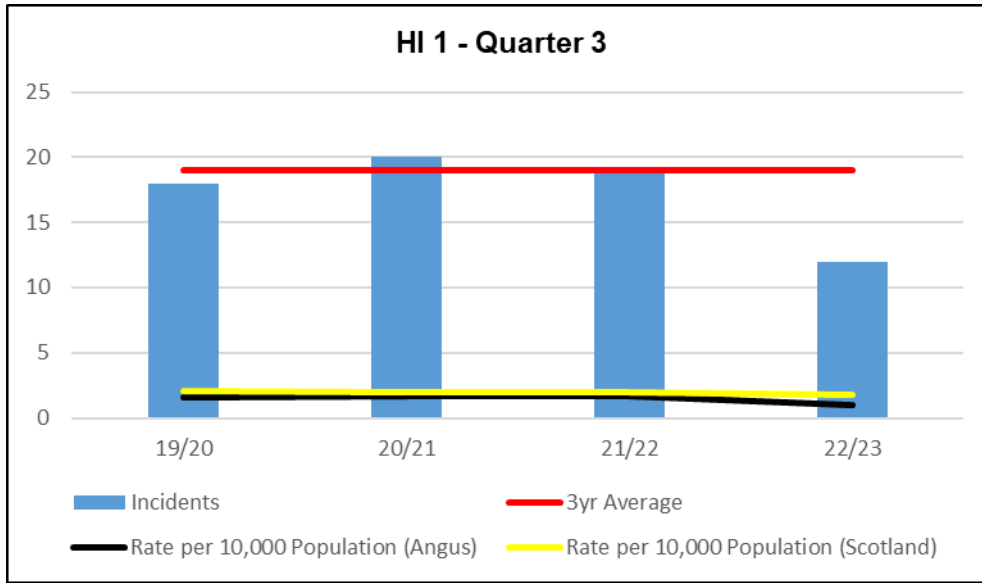


Table 1: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	54	57	68	47	Green	78

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

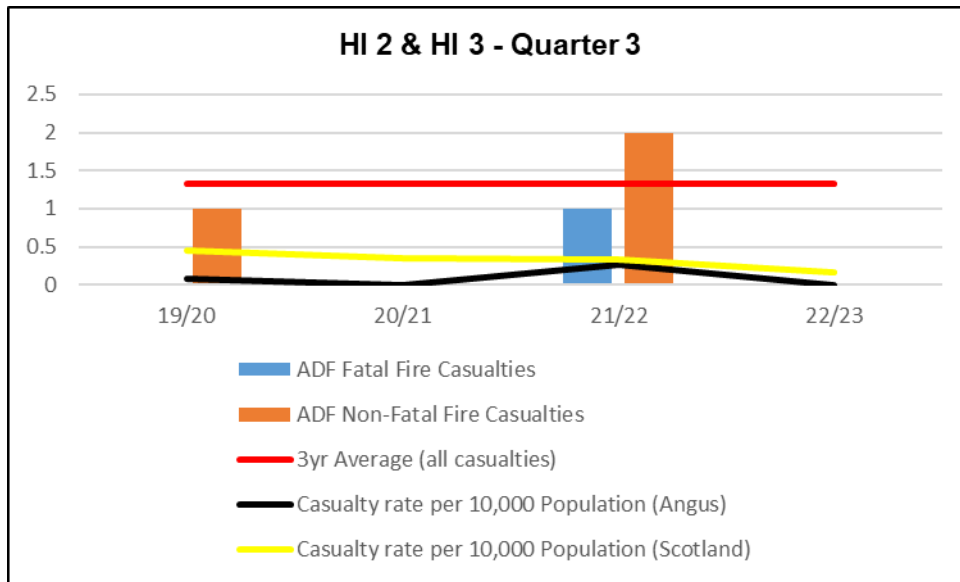


Table 2: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	1	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	3	15	12	2	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 SFRS community safety activity.

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's, in the changing demographics of the Angus population, 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; and
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment.

Performance Management

There were 12 ADFs during this quarter which is below the average of the previous 3 years for quarter three. The majority of these are attributed to cooking or combustibles near a heat source with a third involving adults or elderly persons. Very few were caused by impairment through drugs or alcohol. The majority of our ADFs caused very little or no fire damage and it was limited to the room of origin. Of the 12, 7 had an alarm system present and it operated and raised the alarm. They were spread evenly across Angus with no trends identified. Based on our target of keeping ADF's below 78 each year, we are showing green for the HI 1 annual target.

There were zero ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter three, and therefore we show green for achieving the HI 2 and there were also zero ADF Non-Fatal Casualties, which is also positive to note. Based on our target of keeping fire casualties below 15 each year, we are showing green for the HI 3 annual target.

In support of the targets, Appendix One & Two, details a range of our activities during this quarter which included high-risk Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) and numerous referrals from partners where risk had been identified. You will also notice some of the engagement sessions we are running again such as 'Safe Angus' and working with partners and residents at Rossie School.

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

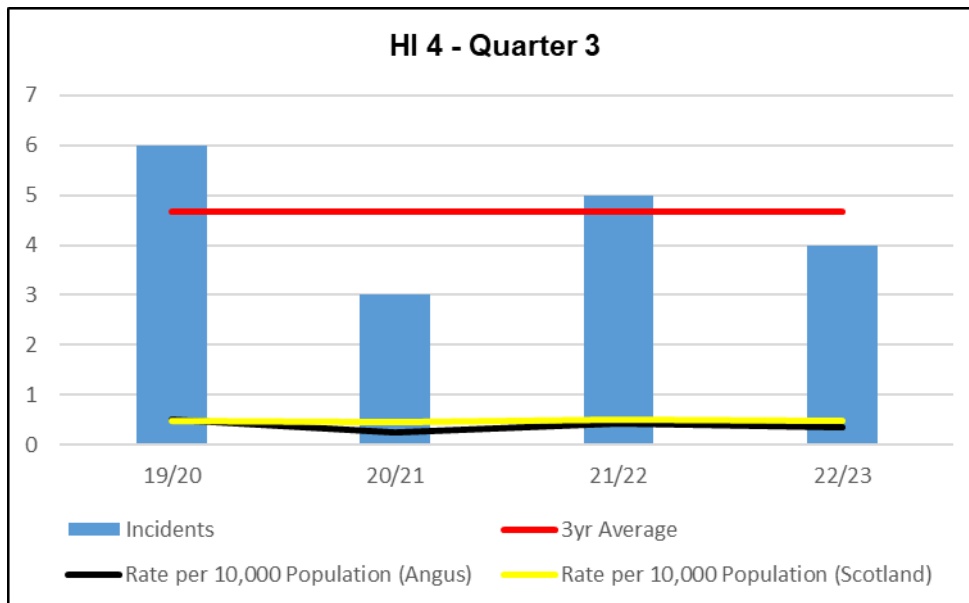


Table 3: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	16	6	8	9	Green	13

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

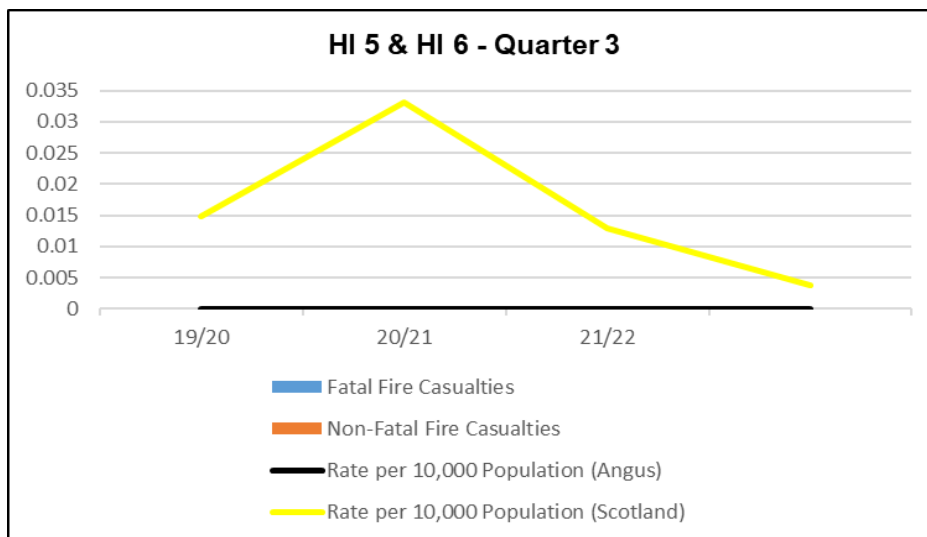


Table 4: 2022/23 Year Performance

	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' (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; and
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment.

Performance Management

There were 4 accidental fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter three, which is below average for that quarter compared to the previous three years. With an annual target of 13 we are showing green and below the target for HI 4. The numbers involved in Angus are low for this type of incident and currently no cause for concern. The 4 incidents were low severity. 2 were in hospitals and 2 were on farms.

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

During quarter three, there were 31 fire safety audits carried out of which 2 were post fires at Shell Petrol Station in Forfar and Results Gym in Arbroath. 29 of these were framework audits which we are legislated to carry out with 27 care homes audited in addition to the two post fires. A Thematic Audit was carried out at B&Q in Arbroath following an alteration to the fire safety measures at this premises and an audit was carried out at a primary school following a query from the Head Teacher. We continue to engage with the business community where possible on Fire Safety related issues. There was no enforcement activity in quarter two or enforcement notices issued.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

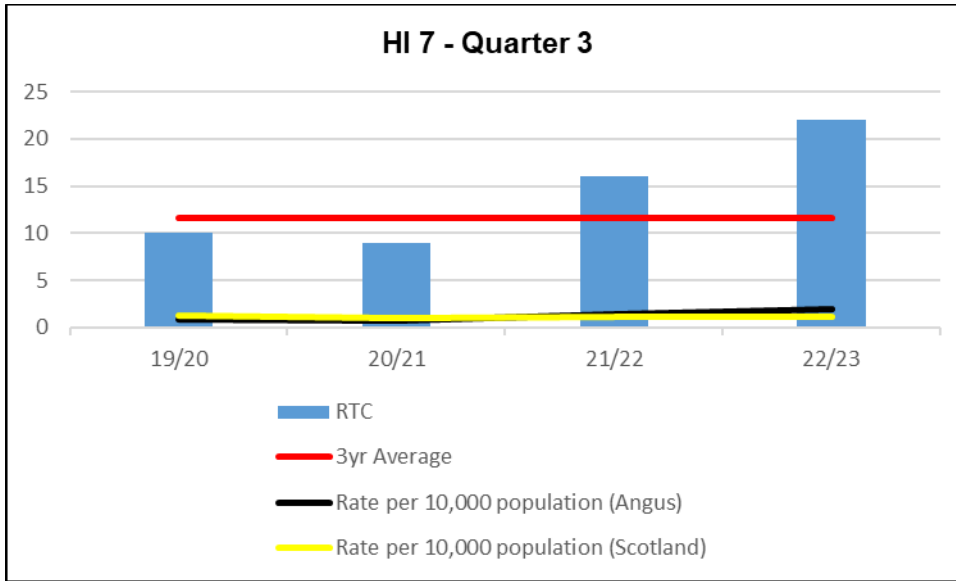


Table 5: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	39	34	39	42	Amber	53

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

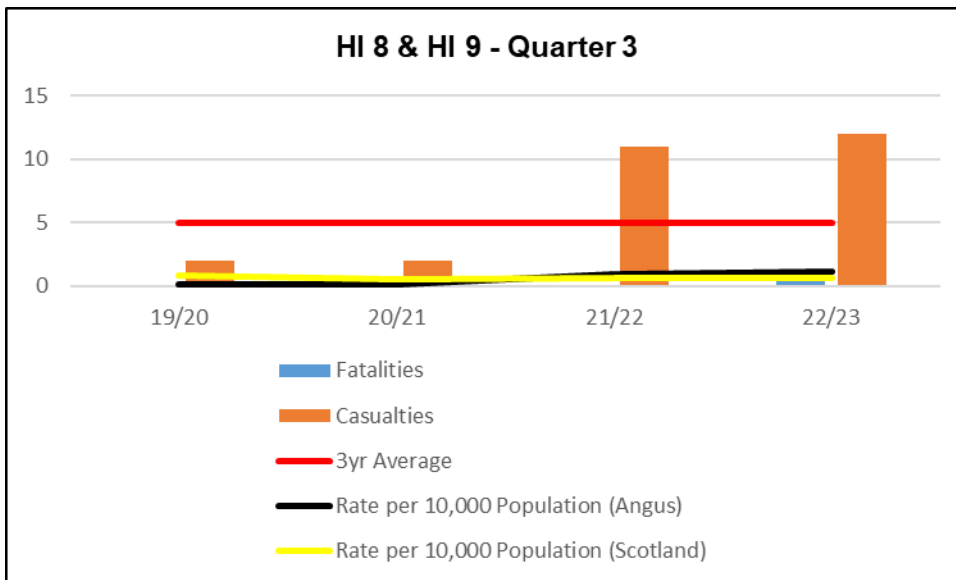


Table 6: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	2	2	0	1	Green	3
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	18	13	27	25	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 the number of 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; and
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Performance Management

During quarter three we attended 22 RTC Incidents, to assist other partners to resolve and release/extricate the occupants of the vehicle/s, which is above average for the quarter. These were spread across Angus. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below 53 each year, we are showing amber for the HI 7 annual target.

Sadly, there was one Fatal RTC Casualty reported during this quarter, this occurred in south of Angus in the Monikie area.

There were 12 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during this quarter which is above the 3-year average for the time of year. 3 of the casualties' injuries were deemed to be serious requiring hospital treatment, with the remainder consisting mostly of cuts and bruises. Based on our target of keeping Non-Fatal RTC Casualties below 28 each year, we are showing red for the HI 9 annual target.

Our aim is to drive down this incident type by engaging in partnership approaches and safety forums. 2022-23 will see the SFRS supporting the Police led 'New Driver Scheme' aimed at those aged around 16 which will be delivered at schools and colleges. It consists of an interactive video with Q&A throughout, building in scenarios and learning as it progresses.

The other 114 Special Services were mainly effecting entry or release of persons as there was concern for the occupier and a partner agency requested the SFRS assistance. We continue to see an increase in these types of incidents along with assisting other agencies to lift or remove casualties. The others were made up of acting as a first responder, flooding, rescues from lifts, Hazardous Materials and animal rescues.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

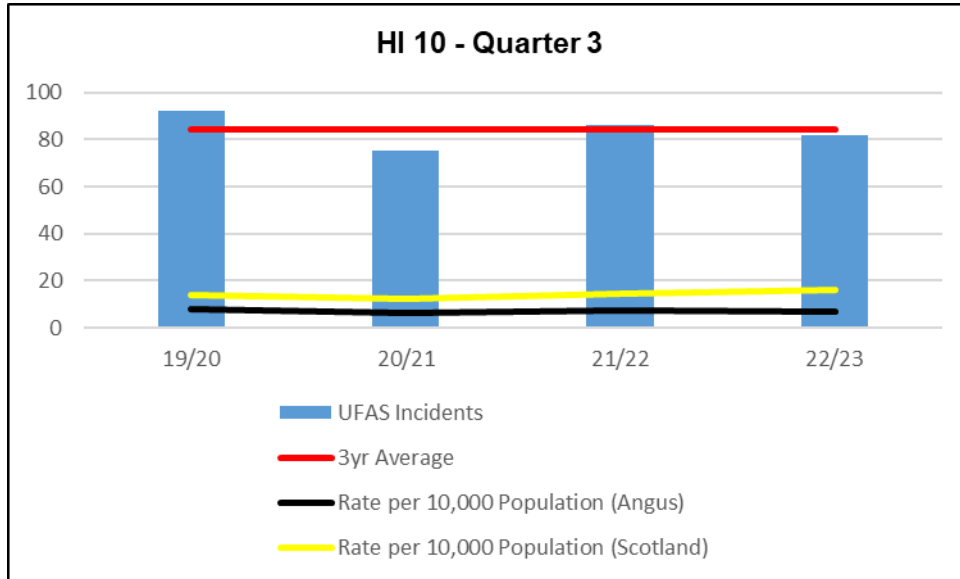


Table 7: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	299	209	280	308	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 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 this quarter, the SFRS were called out to 82 UFAS incidents, which is below the 3-year average for the quarter. We are showing red for the HI 10 annual target. It is disappointing but not surprising to see this figure rise as we come out of lockdown, mainly due to the limited/no occupancy of premises during the pandemic.

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

Property Types
Care/Nursing/Residential Homes
Education (Primary/Secondary)
Office/Retail
Industrial Manufacturing/Processing
Hospital/Medical

During quarter three we have continued our engagement with these premises and made recommendations to reduce occurrence. The remainder not in the table are made up of other public buildings and secure units. One of the priorities of SFRS is to reduce the amount of UFAS calls we attend. The Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (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 head types). We will continue to engage with the duty holders and responsible persons, 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 having identified that this is where large number of UFAS incidents can be avoided.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

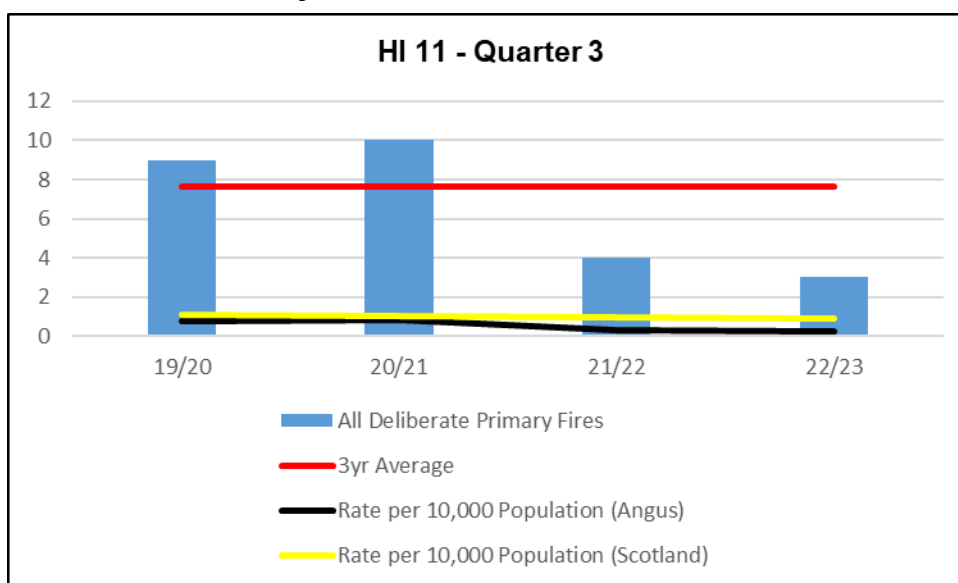


Table 8: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	33	34	26	36	Red	34

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

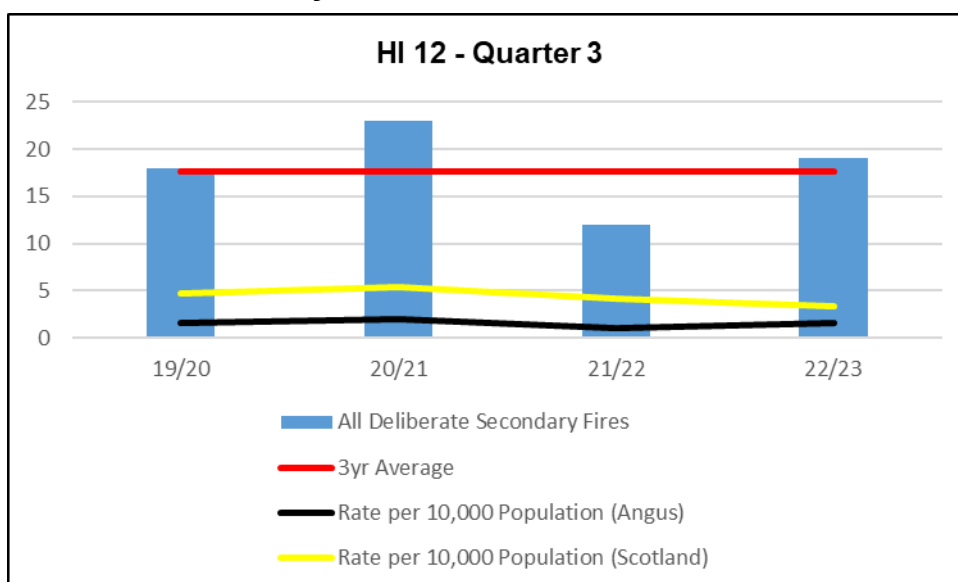


Table 9: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	75	108	98	91	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 3 deliberate primary fires reported during this quarter, which is well below the 3-year average. This is positive and hopefully links into the return in our community engagement processes post pandemic. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate primary fires in Angus below 34 each year, we are showing red for the HI 11 annual target.

There were 19 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter three, which is slightly above average for the quarter compared to the previous three years. They were made up of scrub and wheelie bin fires and predominantly in Carnoustie, Arbroath and Forfar areas. We continue to work through our Thematic Action plan around youth engagement in these areas and have the wardens in DCC assisting around the border areas. We have managed to get some materials into schools to utilise and our colleagues in Police Scotland are running an operation involving their community teams in the Monifieth and Forfar areas carrying out high visibility patrols. Our Operational Control teams are informing Police Scotland any time we are mobilised to these areas. We are also carrying out leaflet drops and engagement with environmental services/teams to clear areas of rubbish build up to help reduce secondary fire numbers. Our teams are doing more face to face engagement with youth groups to assist in the reduction of deliberate fire setting and anti-social behaviour and you can see more of this in appendix 2.

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

Breathing Apparatus / Fire Behaviour	Road Traffic Collisions
Knots and Lines, Ladders & Fire Pumps	Casualty Care
Building Construction	Water Awareness

We have started to arrange joint training again with partners and some larger scale training exercises to ensure our preparedness to respond to emergencies. A national CBRN exercise was recently conducted with partners involving some local staff.

Firefighters continue to carry out Operational Intelligence 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. We have had a drone operator added to our Community Asset Register which has been utilised at a couple of training exercises to assist with learning and development of staff and partners.

We continue to promote the service and at present across Angus, we remain close to maximum establishment levels at most of our stations which is encouraging.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

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

Fire Safety Engagements

1. SFRS Angus Community Action Team (CAT) and Stations are fully delivering HFSV's in person.
2. Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) & Community Safety Advocates (CSA) 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 Stations fitted 21 Hard of Hearing smoke alarms to vulnerable residents.
2. Issued 1 fire-retardant bedding to Adults at risk. Also 1 full bedding pack (duvet, pillows, and bedding) issued.
3. Issued 2 fire-retardant throws.
4. 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.
5. Some Joint High-Risk Visits completed due to concerns for occupier's wellbeing. Several High-profile partnership visits in this last quarter working with AIDARS, Police Scotland, Angus Housing and Community Mental Health Teams.
6. 202 HFSV's have been carried out by Angus stations and 52 HFSV's carried out by Angus CAT.
7. LALO and CSA's working closely with Angus Adult Protection in providing several presentations for a partnership approach to Hoarding and Self-neglect to members of the PPA Learning & Development Framework.

Referrals

1. Continue to attend Early Screening Group (ESG) weekly meetings to identify vulnerable persons who require a Home Fire Safety Visit.
2. MARAC reports sent at the beginning of each month with information we hold on each referral.
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. 22 Adult Protection (AP1) referral forms were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over this quarter.
5. Angus LALO and CSA's attended 6 virtual multi agency Case Conferences involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
6. Angus LALO and CSA's attended 3 virtual multi agency Initial Referral Discussions involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
7. Angus CAT fitted 2 Sash Jammers to letter boxes at vulnerable residents' properties.
8. (NEW) With good partnership links with discharge teams mainly for Airflow mattresses SFRS PKAD now has sight of the locations of these risks within our station areas and we are offering home visits as per the same processes as medical oxygen discharge teams at NHS Tayside.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE EVENTS

Rossie Trust



The Angus CAT have successfully finished their second course at the Rossie Trust secure facility for young adults. Watch Commander Gary Wood and his team delivered a four-day programme based around the fire skills programme in November with six students succeeding to complete.

Chief Executive Mary Geaney said: "This partnership that Gary has created with us here at Rossie has been invaluable and the experiences that SFRS are giving these young adults is both rewarding and positive to their futures going forward".

Watch Commander Wood said: "To run this type of course in this type of facility with young adults however rough life has been to them thus far, you need good people around you and them. I'm looking forward and onwards to the 2023 course... in the spring this time where it will be slightly warmer!".

Work Placements

Positive employer work placement

Angus local authority is excited to introduce Ryleigh Hogg as our first positive employer work placement student in partnership with Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Tay Cities and Forfar Academy.



Ryleigh and another seven students were involved in a Fire Skills course in September. Following this course, they were asked to apply for a placement within the Angus CAT.

This process included an application form and if successful they were invited to an interview with three-panel members. The panel consisted of LALO Watch Commander Gary Wood, Angus Council skills co-ordinator Mhairi Kelly and North youth engagement officer Ryan Nicoll. During this interview, candidates gave a presentation on their knowledge and understanding of the Service. Following Ryleigh's success at the interview, he spent five days shadowing the CAT in Angus, delivering and

helping with HFSV and local initiatives. Additionally, he redesigned our new community safety board on home safety and water safety.

This project and partnership with DYW Tay Cities has allowed Angus to become a positive employer giving work experience opportunities for young people. However, the main idea for this pilot project was to give these young adults a fuller understanding of applying for and being interviewed for a job.

Looking forward, the team are looking to roll this out to all secondary schools in Angus, where candidates will be asked to apply for a position on the Fire skills course and Work Placement. They will run the project with two students from each school to allow them to work with their peers from different areas and towns. Also, the team are hoping to link the work placement to the Rossie Trust Project and include students from the facility.

Safe Angus – Police Scotland Partnership



Angus Community Action Team once again teamed up with Police Scotland to deliver Safe Angus across Angus schools covering various safety topics for young adults, SFRS took the lead in delivering CPR to all pupils. Safe Angus was delivered to all schools in the Angus catchment area. It was a real positive step to see the Safe Angus project up and running again after recent years.

Cost of living engagements



Kirriemuir Community Fire Station has their doors open 11am - 2pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday for Challenge Poverty week, Pop in and say hello and there is lunch food packs available to collect
[#protectingthecommunity](#) [#challengepoverty](#)



Pop down to [@ArbroathFCTrust](#) Gayfield Park today before 3pm and chat to Community Safety Advocate Lisa Cox at [@AngusCouncil](#) Cost of Living Roadshow. Lots of different safety messages to get from various different stalls [#workingtogether](#) [#protectingthecommunity](#)



We have been heavily involved with the cost of living events, supporting communities during this particularly challenging time of year. The majority of Angus stations were involved in providing support through different activities over the period.

Festive friends link

Again, we linked up the SFA Trust and produced festive home safety packs for their festive friend hampers, within these we gave advice for basic home safety, Christmas safety along with chimney and stove advice.

Floods and rural engagement Glen Lethnot



Following the recent devastating floods that affected a lot of rural Angus in November. The PKAD CAT were tasked with visiting and reassuring members of the Glen Lethnot community, the team spent the day in the area delivering advice to all the local residents in crofts and houses along the glen. This was vital to ensure that all occupiers had detection, a full awareness of fire safety and what to do in a fire related emergency. This was due to the main

access bridge being significantly damaged due to the floods, preventing the access to LGV traffic. This required the SFRS to put an alternate mobilising strategy in place to support any incident beyond the damaged bridge as access was limited to vehicles under 3 tonnes. WC Gary Wood liaised with estate factors and managers, and the team made contact in some form with all occupiers to give advice and reassurance.

Not Just Fire and Rescue!



Firefighters from Montrose Community Fire Station worked hard to make cars sparkle during their recent charity car wash. The money raised has provided members of the Montrose Community with warm blankets, hot water bottles, hats and gloves for the cold winter months. After the recent success of the Children's Winter Jackets event, Montrose Community Firefighters came out to fully support and boost this fundraising initiative. They were

delighted when local people came along and supported the event with their valued donations. The blankets, hot water bottles, hats and gloves have been distributed through Angus Council Social Work, Links Health Centre and Montrose Connections, going towards helping members of the community keep warm in the winter during these challenging times.

Firefighters not only attend fires and carry out rescues, Community Engagement plays a significant part of a modern firefighter role within SFRS, whether it be delivering fire safety advice in the home or for outdoor activities, but also helping support local communities by fund raising for essential items.

Brechin Charity Work



Firefighters from Brechin assisted the Brechin Rotary Club & BRAVO (Brechin Retailers and Volunteers Organisation) with Santa Sleigh tours through the streets of Brechin over the course of 5 nights from the 5th - 9th of December raising money for local charities. The team across the 5 nights raised and collected £500.

Arbroath

Food parcels: Over the quarter 67 emergency food parcel were handed out to members of the community, each parcel has enough food for 2 people to last 2 days, these parcels allow access to food 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We are now receiving referrals from Angus Council Social Work, Citizens Advice and various other 3rd sector organisations. We have secured future donations from the local Rotary club and in February a collection will be taking place at Gayfield prior to the Arbroath FC Football match to help secure longevity of this initiative.



Christmas presents: Due to generous donations from local crews and their families, 21 local children received a gift of a set of pyjamas, woolly hat, scarf and selection box. Referrals came direct from local Primary schools and Angus Council communities support team.

Christmas Day: Amber watch attended the C.A.F.E project in Arbroath to donate biscuits and speak to those attending for a free Christmas meal and some company on Christmas day.

Carnoustie



Challenge Poverty Week: 3rd-10th of October, Carnoustie Fire Station opened its doors to raise awareness of poverty and help combat social and economic inequalities. During the week we provided free breakfast items and toiletries, along with information on how people can receive help. (app 200 people). At this event we worked in partnership with Police Scotland, Angus Council communities' team and family nurture team and the Manna project who all attended throughout the week.



Food Cabinet: The food cabinet at Carnoustie provides 24hour at day access to food. It has been busier than ever and is being restocked every second day with provisions, we have managed to sustain the cabinet through donations from the community and local businesses.



Christmas Presents: In our third year of running our Christmas gift appeal Carnoustie Fire Station provided over 130 gifts, 40 sets of pyjamas, 200 selection boxes and 30 Christmas hampers for people within our community who would not necessarily be receiving a gift this year. The crew worked hard in collecting, sorting, wrapping and delivering the gifts which have all been donated by the crew, local community and local businesses.

Christmas Day visits: On Christmas day crew members put aside time to visit people who would be spending the day alone. We visited 10 households, a warm welcome was received at each house, they enjoyed the friendly conversation, received a gift and also some homemade soup and bread which was donated by a local cafe which also opened its doors on Christmas day to combat loneliness.

