

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

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



Quarter Four: 2022/23

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INTRODUCTION

This is the Quarter Four (Q4) 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

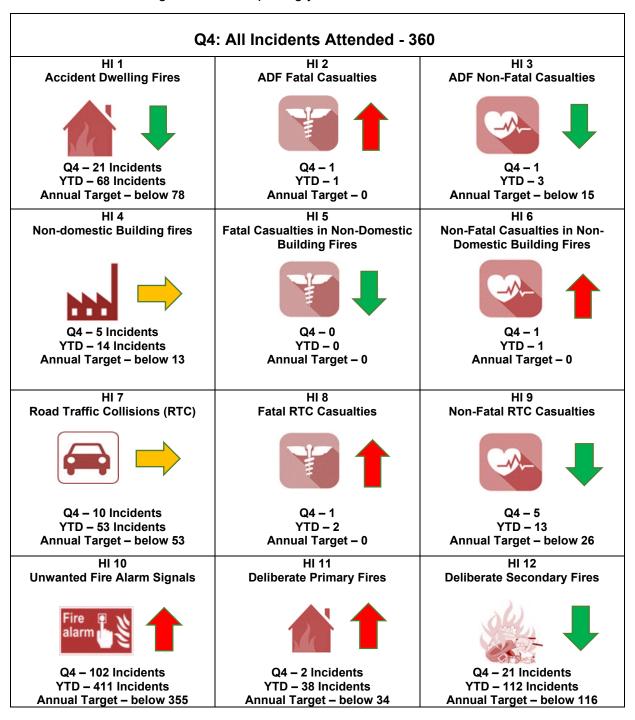
As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Angus Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Angus Community Plan.

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 (HI) 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 Q4 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.



YTD Performance, Based on Annual Target

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

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 Headline Indicators (HI) and targets, the following is a summary for Q4 2022/23:

- There were **21 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** during Q4 which is in line with the 3-year average for the quarter. The majority are classed as low severity, with 10 of the 21 starting in the kitchen and being contained within that compartment.
- There was 1 ADF Fatality, and 1 ADF Casualty during Q4 both incidents occurred in the same Angus town. Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) were carried out at surrounding properties to reduce the opportunity for a reoccurrence and to reassure residents. There were 329 HFSV carried out across Angus during this quarter. (Arbroath 91, Kirriemuir 56, Carnoustie 55, Forfar 55, Montrose 43 and Brechin 29)
- There were 5 Non-Domestic Building Fires during Q4, which is above average for the quarter. Non-domestic Fire Fatalities were zero and there was a single Nondomestic Fire related Injury at an agricultural building fire.
- We attended 10 Road Traffic Collision's (RTCs) during Q4, which is below average
 for this quarter. There was again unfortunately a single RTC Related Fatality within the
 Carnoustie area. There were 3 further RTC Related Injuries in other RTCs across the
 Angus area.
- We dealt with 102 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) during Q4 (411 within the 2022/23 fiscal year), this is above average based on the previous 3-year figures. The Angus area Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) and Supervisory Management teams on stations, remain very proactive in engaging with problematic premises in a bid to reduce UFAS related incidents.
- There were **2 Deliberate Primary Fires** reported during Q4, which is lower than 3-year average for the quarter. There were **21 Deliberate Secondary Fires** reported during Q4, which again, is slightly lower than the 3-year average.
- 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 where possible to
 gather information on local risks to assist us in an emergency through our operational
 intelligence visits.
- Finally, Q4 continues to see face to face engagement with our communities to ensure
 we can continue to help those who are most vulnerable. We have seen a large
 increase in partnership working and provided lots of support for local initiatives some
 of which you can read in appendices at the end of this report.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 - Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

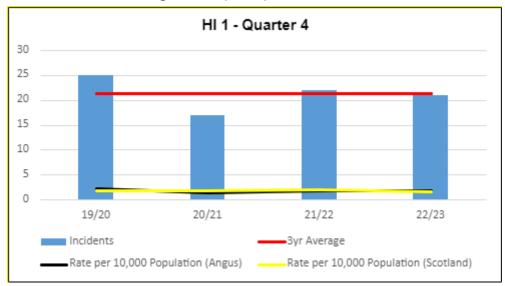


Table 1: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	79	74	90	68	Green	78

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

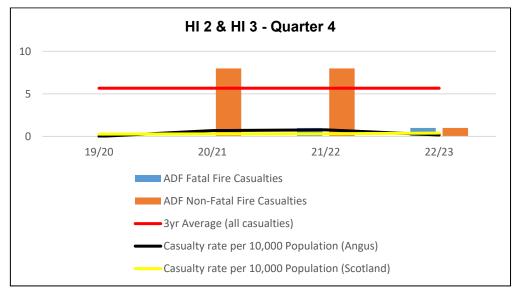


Table 2: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	2	1	Red	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	2	15	14	3	Green	15

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 the near 56,500 homes in the Angus area, 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 21 ADFs during Q4, which is the average over the previous 3 years. The majority of these are attributed to cooking or combustibles near a heat source with 17 of the 21 involving adults or elderly persons (twelve 18 to 64 years of age and five over the age of 65). The majority of our ADFs caused little or no fire damage and it was limited to the room of origin. The majority of the 21 incidents in Q4 occurred in Montrose -7, Arbroath -5 and Forfar -5. The YTD report shows less than the target set of 78 ADFs over the fiscal year.

There was sadly one ADF Fatality and one ADF Casualty during Q4. Both these incidents occurred within the same town and only a matter of 17 day apart. Unfortunately, we have not made our target of having zero ADF fatalities over this quarter or fiscal year. Based on our target of keeping ADF fire casualties below 15 each year, we are showing green for the HI 3 annual target.

In support of the targets, Appendix 1 & 2, details a range of our activities during Q4 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.

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

HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires

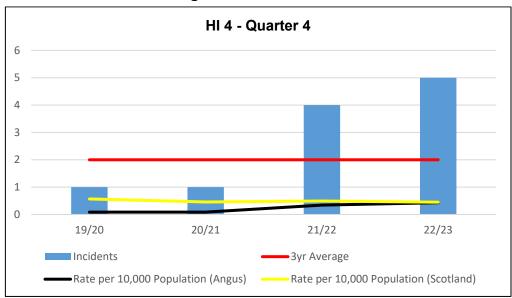


Table 3: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	17	7	12	14	Amber	13

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

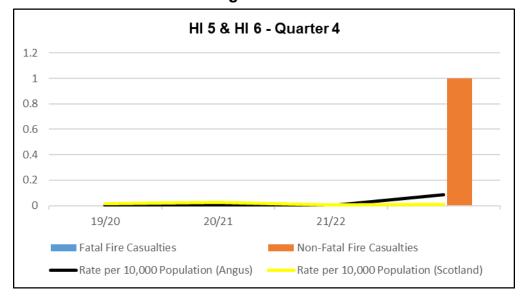


Table 4: 2022/23 Year Performance

	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	1	Red	0

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 five accidental fires in the relevant non-domestic buildings during Q4, which is three above average for this quarter compared to the previous three years. With an annual target of 13 we are showing amber and slightly above the target with 14 incidents over the fiscal year for HI 4. The numbers involved in Angus although on the rise over the last two quarters remain relatively low for this type of incident. The five incidents in Q4 were low severity. 1 was smoking related and 4 were equipment used to provide heat sources (welding, cooking, heater and hot roof works).

There were zero Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties and one Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during Q4. Based on our targets we are showing green for HI 5 and red for HI 6.

During Q4, the Angus Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) carried out 24 fire safety audits, of which 9 were post fire audits. Within the planned audits were 8 hospital premises, 6 care homes and 3 Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO). The Angus FSEO during this reporting period has dealt with 3 complaints.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 - Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

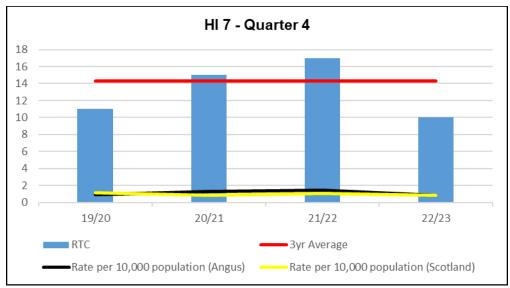


Table 5: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	50	49	56	53	Amber	53

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

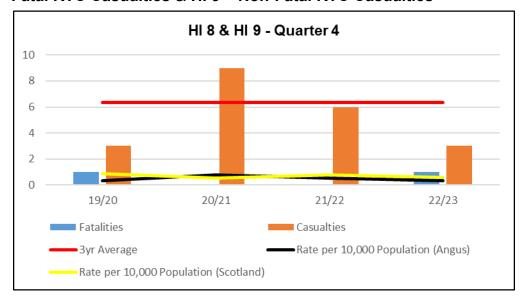


Table 6: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	3	2	0	2	Green	3
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	21	22	33	28	Amber	26

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 have **Zero Fatal RTC Casualties** within Angus 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 Q4 we attended 10 RTC Incidents, to assist/support other Category 1 responders in the release/extrication of occupants from vehicles, which is below average for the quarter. These were spread across Angus with no obvious trend. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below 53 each year, we are showing amber for the HI 7 annual target due to reaching 53 incidents within the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Sadly, there was one Fatal RTC Casualty reported during Q4, this was from a single vehicle RTC in the Carnoustie area.

There were 3 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during Q4 which is less than half the 3-year average for the time of year. Unfortunately, with 28 casualties over the 2022/23 fiscal year we are slightly above our target of 26, thus we are showing amber for HI 9.

There is a plan to run the 'New Drivers Scheme' within Angus in partnership with Police Scotland. The equipment and software packages have been sourced and delivery is now in the planning process.

As an area, Angus stations have attended 77 special service incidents in Q4 including the 10 RTCs. The majority of other incidents were to 'gain entry' due to 'concern for occupant', assist other agencies, animal assistance and making safe.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 - Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

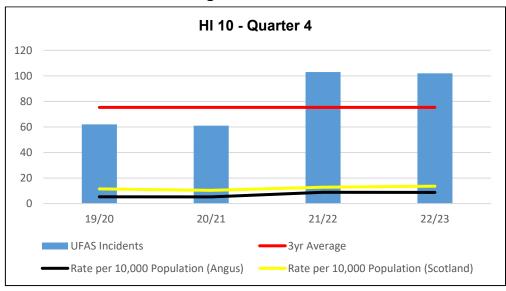


Table 7: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	361	270	383	411	Red	355

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 Q4, we were called out to 102 UFAS incidents, which is approximately 25% above the 3-year average for the quarter. We are showing red for the HI 10 annual target. It continues to be disappointing to see the figure rise but this must be balanced against the return to workplaces after the agile working linked to COVID.

The table below lists the top property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS incidents during 2022/23 reporting period.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Education (schools)	100
Hospitals	16
Sports Clubhouses/premises	10
Places of Entertainment	10

As stated previously, from 1st July 2023, we will stop attending AFA calls to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities unless a fire has been confirmed.

Our control room operators will now be asking anyone who reports a fire alarm to check whether there is an actual fire or signs of fire, before sending the nearest fire appliance.

This change does not apply to sleeping premises, such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings who will receive a full pre-determined attendance (PDA).

A full emergency response will be mobilised to any confirmed fires while this change will not affect how we respond to alarms from private homes, only to false alarms in workplaces that have fire safety responsibilities under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005.

PRIORITY 5 - REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 - Deliberate Primary Fires

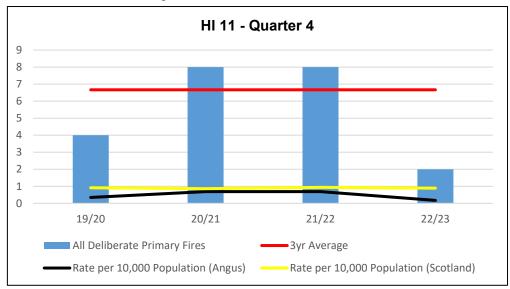


Table 8: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	37	42	34	38	Amber	34

HI 12 - Deliberate Secondary Fires

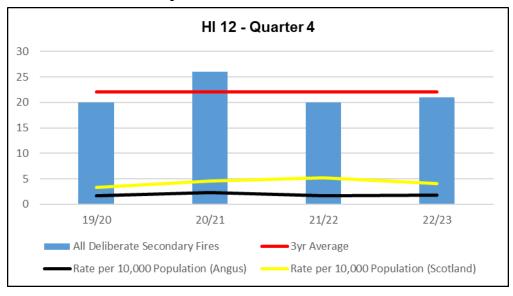


Table 9: 2022/23 Year Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	95	134	118	112	Green	116

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 2 deliberate primary fires reported during Q4, which is well below the 3-year average. Over the 2022/23 fiscal period we have attended 38 deliberate primary fires which is above the target of 34, hence the reason we are showing amber for the YTD performance.

There were 21 deliberate secondary fires reported during Q4, which is just below the average for the quarter compared to the previous three years. They were made up of scrubland and wheelie bin fires and predominantly in Arbroath, Carnoustie and Forfar areas. We continue to work with partners in Police Scotland to tackle and educate both primary and secondary school pupils of the dangers of these incidents along with the other potential impacts (i.e. delayed attendance to significant fires or special service incidents where people are trapped).

Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below 116 each year, we are showing green 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 Q4 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
Incident Command	

We are continuing joint training with partners and some larger scale training exercises to ensure our preparedness to respond to emergencies.

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 debriefs.

We continue to promote the service and at present across Angus, we are currently recruiting at the following stations to help and build resilience into the station, area and county (Kirriemuir, Forfar, Brechin and Montrose). Both Arbroath and Carnoustie remain at capacity.

The Community Action Team (CAT) and the Angus station personnel remain committed to supporting their local communities through all aspects of their role which can be seen in the following appendices.

APPENDIX 1:

COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during Q4 of 2022/23, in support of our priorities and targets.

Community Engagement Programmes

SFRS Angus CAT and crews continue to be fully engaging with all aspects of the community delivering HFSV's.

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

- Angus CAT and Stations fitted 21 hard of hearing smoke alarms to vulnerable residents.
- Issued one fire-retardant bedding to Adults at risk, also one full bedding pack (duvet, pillows, and bedding).
- Two fire-retardant throws.
- 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.
- Some Joint High-Risk Visits completed due to concerns for occupier's wellbeing.
 Several High-profile partnership visits in this last 1/4 close working with AIDARS,
 Police Scotland, Angus Housing and Community Mental Health Teams.
- 277 HFSV's have been carried out by Angus stations and 52 HFSV's carried out by Angus CAT totalling 329 HFSV's.
- LALO and CSA's are 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

- Continue to attend Early Screening Group (ESG) weekly meetings to identify vulnerable person who require a Home Fire Safety Visit.
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) reports sent at the beginning of each month with information we hold on each referral.
- On-going Home Fire Safety Visit referrals from Police Scotland, Locality District Nursing Teams, Community Mental Health Teams, Social Work teams, Northeast Sensory Services (NESS) and Community Housing Teams etc.
- 22 Adult Protection (AP1) referral forms were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over the Q4 period.
- Angus LALO and CSA's attended 6 virtual multi agency Case Conferences involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
- Angus LALO and CSA's attended 3 virtual multi agency Initial Referral Discussion involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
- Angus CAT fitted 2 Sash Jammers to letter boxes at vulnerable residents' properties.
- Angus LALO fitted 1 letter guard at a vulnerable person property

APPENDIX 2:

NOTABLE EVENTS

CPR training Carnoustie

In January the crew from Carnoustie visited Carlogie and Burnside primary schools to deliver CPR training to all P7 children, a total of 128 pupils received input on the lifesaving skill alongside some well received fire safety in the home information.



Bike Marking Event

In March the crew worked in partnership with Police officers from the local community team and Tayside Preventions and Interventions Department to offer free bicycle marking. 133 bicycles were marked and registered at this event which will assist in their recovery should they be lost or stolen.



Community engagement session

In February a community engagement session was held at the fire station in partnership with Police Scotland and the Scotlish Ambulance Service. This gave the local community a chance to discuss local concerns/issues, get fire safety advice and learn about each agency's roles and recruitment. Over 100 members of the community attended.



Arbroath Food and Donations Bank

In February the crews from Arbroath organised a food donations event alongside local partners Arbroath FC. Before the Arbroath vs Partick Thistle game, both sets of fans were asked to bring along a donation to help restock emergency provision bags. These bags are available to the local community from Arbroath Fire Station. In Q4 a total of 63 food and toiletry support bags were provided to those most in need within the local community.



Go Safe Initiative

On Tuesday 21st March, Primary 7 pupils from Maisondieu Primary School joined Brechin crew members and Constable McKendrick from Police Scotland Tayside for a joint Police & Fire and Rescue "Go Safe" initiative.

The pupils learned about the role the fire service and police play in the community, they took part in team building exercises, including hose running and ladder drills, and were spoken to about the dangers of misuse of 999 calls. The pupils are pictured carrying out the different exercises.

We are looking forward to the similar events planned with other primary schools in the Brechin and Edzell.



On Monday 20th March Play spaces Nursery, Brechin visited Brechin Fire Station as part of their learning about people who help us project. As part of the visit the children learned about the role of the firefighter, how to keep themselves safe in their home, what to do in the event of a fire and the equipment carried and used by firefighters.

