



QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

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



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INTRODUCTION

This is the Quarter Four (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 2023/24 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.

Q4: All Incidents Attended - 270		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 14 Incidents YTD – 61 Incidents Annual Target – below 78</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 1 YTD – 9 Annual Target – below 15</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 3 Incidents YTD – 9 Incidents Annual Target – below 13</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)</p>  <p>Q4 – 13 Incidents YTD – 62 Incidents Annual Target – below 53</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 1 YTD – 4 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 4 YTD – 36 Annual Target – below 26</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q4 – 34 Incidents YTD – 207 Incidents Annual Target – below 355</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 9 Incidents YTD – 33 Incidents Annual Target – below 34</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 9 Incidents YTD – 89 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 (HI) and targets, the following is a summary for Q4 2023/24:

- There were **14** Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF) during Q4 which is below the 3-year average for the quarter and is the third consecutive year where we have seen a reduction in this incident type.
- There were **Zero** ADF Fatalities, and **Zero** ADF Casualties during Q4. There were **242** Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) carried out across Angus during Q4 and **947** in the year to date (YTD) to support the communities knowledge and understanding of risk related to fire in the home.
- There were **3** Non-Domestic Building Fires during Q4, which is above average for the quarter. Non-domestic Fire Fatalities were **Zero** and Non-domestic Fire related Injuries were also **Zero**.
- We attended **13** Road Traffic Collision's (RTCs) during Q4, which is slightly below the average of **14** for this quarter. There was again unfortunately a **single** RTC Related Fatality on the B954 between Auchterhouse and Newtyle. There were **4** further RTC Related Injuries in other RTCs across the Angus area.
- We attended **34** Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) during Q4 (**207** within the 2023/24 fiscal year), this is considerably below the annual target of **355**. This is mainly due to the implementation of the 'Time for Change Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals' initiative introduced on the 1st July 2023.
- There were **9** Deliberate Primary Fires reported during Q4, which is above the 3-year average for the quarter (**6**). There were **9** Deliberate Secondary Fires reported during Q4, which is considerably lower than the 3-year average (**22**).
- 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)

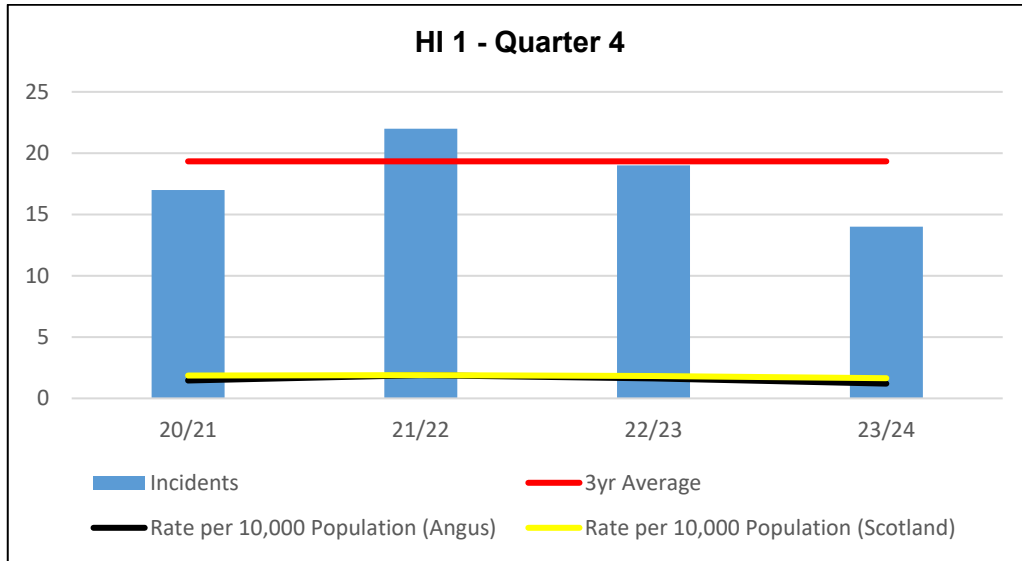


Table 1: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	74	90	68	61	Green	78

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

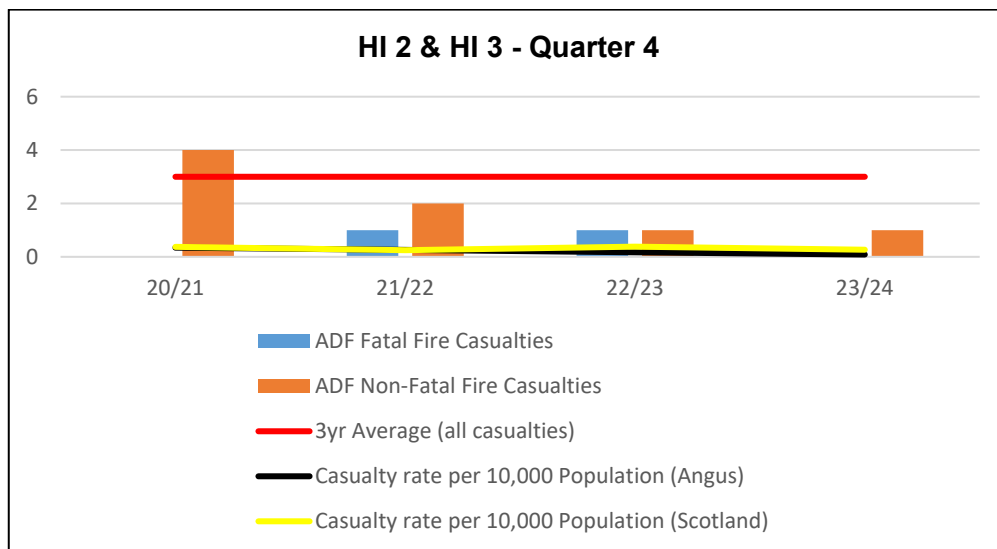


Table 2: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	2	1	1	Red	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	15	14	3	9	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 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 **14** ADFs during Q4, which is below the average for the previous 3 years (**19**). The YTD total is **61** which again is well below the annual target of **78**. The Angus area management team, along with crews across the area will strive to continue to reduce this type of incident as we move into the 2024/25 reporting period.

There were **Zero** ADF fatalities during Q4, unfortunately over the reporting fiscal year we have seen **One** ADF fatality which is above our annual target of **Zero** for the year. ADF casualties were also **Zero** for Q4, providing a YTD total of **8** casualties which is below our annual target of **15**. 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. Teams across Angus have carried out **242** Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) to homes across Angus during Q4 and **972** over the reporting year.

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

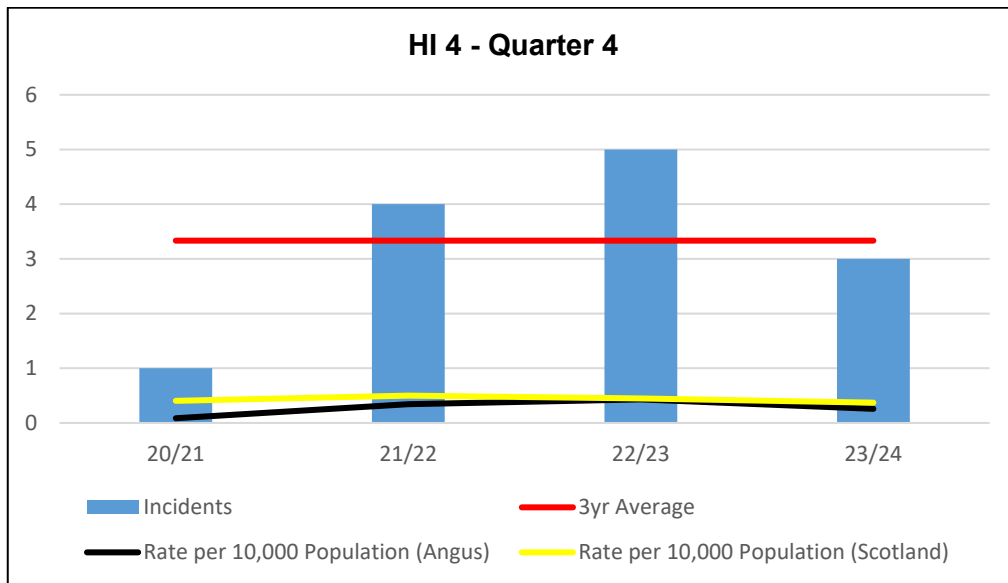


Table 3: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	7	12	14	9	Green	13

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

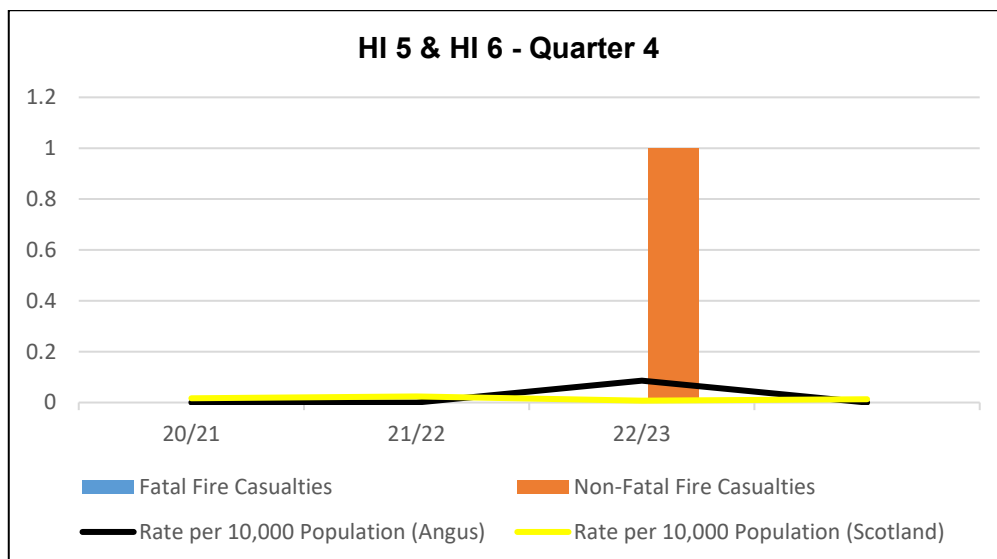


Table 4: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	1	1	Red	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 the relevant non-domestic buildings during Q4, which is below the three year average for this quarter. With a YTD total of **9** we are showing **Green** as we are below the annual target of **13** incidents over the fiscal year. The Angus area has seen a number of high profile fires over this reporting year but numbers involved for this incident type remain relatively low. The **3** incidents in Q4 were low to moderate severity. Two incidents were contained to the room of origin and the other to the item first ignited.

There were **Zero** Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties and **Zero** Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during Q4. Based on our targets we are showing **Green** for HI 5 and **Red** for HI 6 as we have had **Single** non-domestic casualty during the reporting year.

During Q4, the Angus Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) carried out **25** full audits, of which **4** were post fire audits. Within the planned audits were **6** hospital premises, **6** care homes, **8** Thematic audits and **2** Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO). The Angus FSEO has also served **2** Prohibition Notices (1 part of building the other full) and is in the process of actioning an Enforcement Notice with support from Police Scotland.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

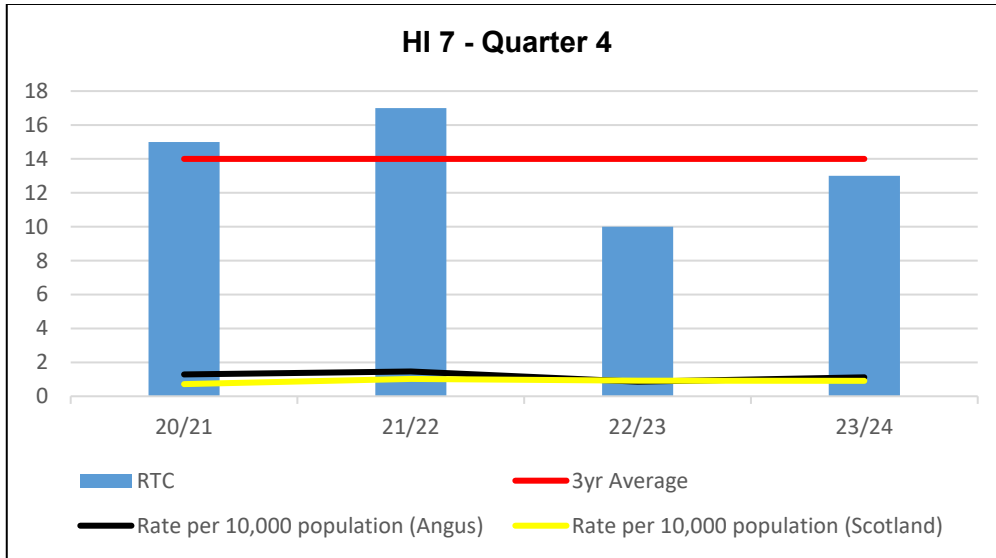


Table 5: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	49	56	53	62	Red	53

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

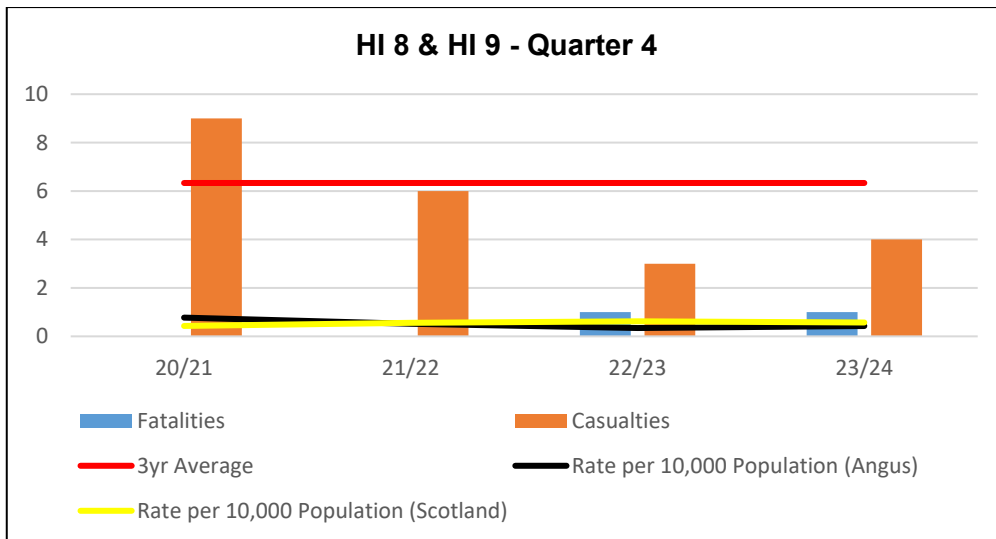


Table 6: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	2	0	2	4	Red	0
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	22	33	28	36	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 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 **13** RTC Incidents, to assist/support other Category 1 responders in the release/extrication of occupants from vehicles. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below **53** each year, we are showing **Red** for the HI 7 annual target, due to reaching **62** incidents within the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Sadly, there was a **Single** RTC Fatality reported during Q4, this was from a single vehicle RTC on the B954 between Auchterhouse and Newtyle. This has seen the total for the reporting year rise to **4**, again we are showing **Red** for HI 8.

There were **4** Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during Q4 which is below the 3-year average for the time of year. Unfortunately, with **36** casualties over the 2023/24 fiscal year we are above our annual target of **26**, again we are showing **Red** for HI 9.

The Angus Community Action team along with colleagues from Montrose Fire Station and Police Scotland, have over the last **two** quarters have been delivering 'New Driver Schemes' packages at High Schools across Angus.

As an area, Angus stations have attended **83** special service incidents in Q4 including the **13** RTCs. The majority of other incidents were to 'Effect entry/exit' (**37**) due to 'concern for occupant' and assist other agencies (**13**).

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

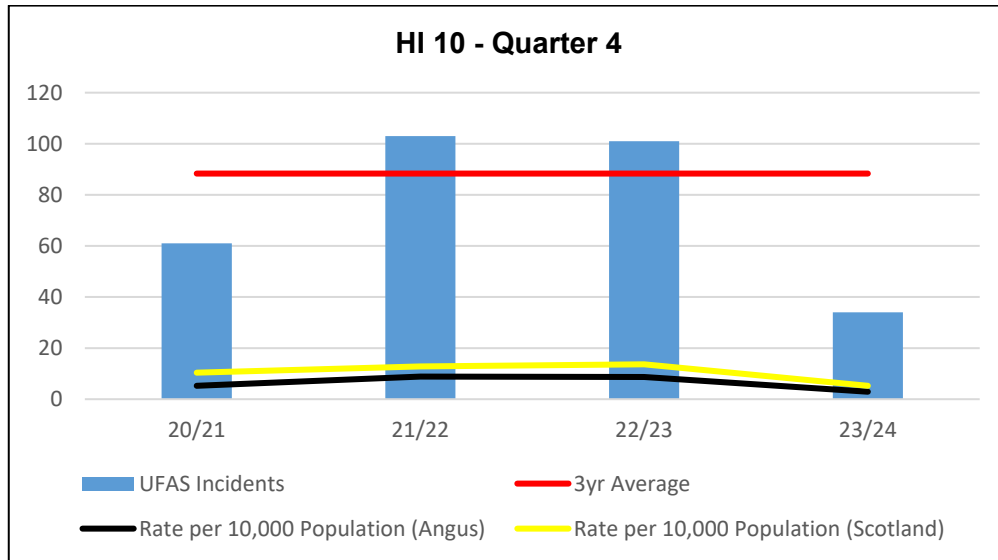


Table 7: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	270	383	411	207	Green	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 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 attended **34** UFAS incidents, which is considerably below the 3-year average for the quarter. The year to date total is **207** which is considerable below the annual target of **355**, this is with **9** months of the 'Time for Change' initiative included in the annual target. Moving forward into the 2024/25 reporting period the annual target will be reduced to provide a more realistic review of performance against this HI.

The table below lists the premises types that have had the most call-outs due to UFAS incidents during Q4 2023/24 reporting period.

Premises Types	No. of UFAS
Hospitals	11
Residential Home (Nursing/Care)	10
Sheltered Housing	7

The table below lists the top False Alarm types that led to mobilisations to the premises types.

Incident Causes	No. of UFAS
Human > Cooking/Burnt Toast	12
Human > Accidentally/Carelessly Set Off	9
Chemicals/Aerosols	3
Faulty Smoke Alarm	2

The Angus area Fire Safety Enforcement Officer continues to work with duty holder to further reduce this incident type within problematic premises.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

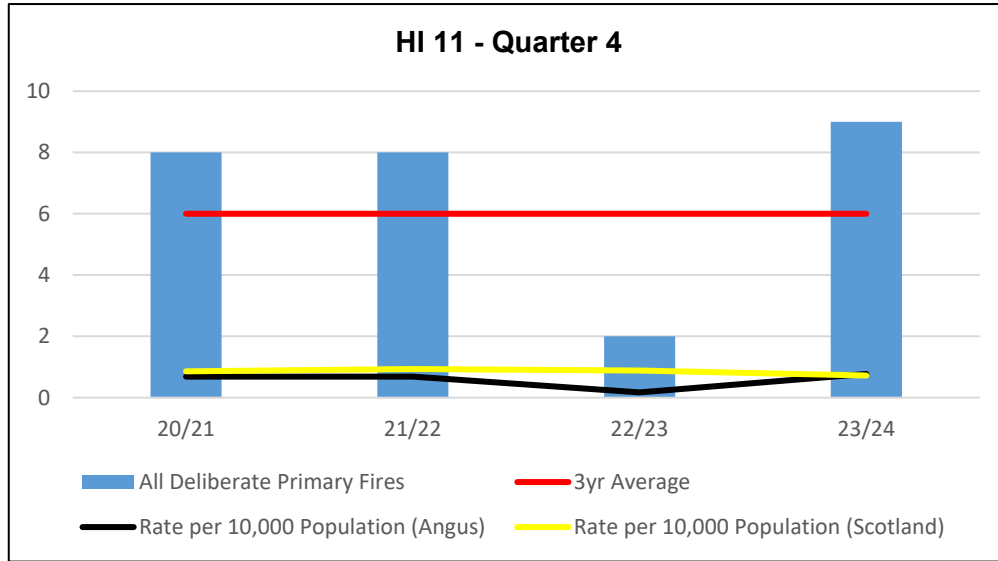


Table 8: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	42	34	38	33	Green	34

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

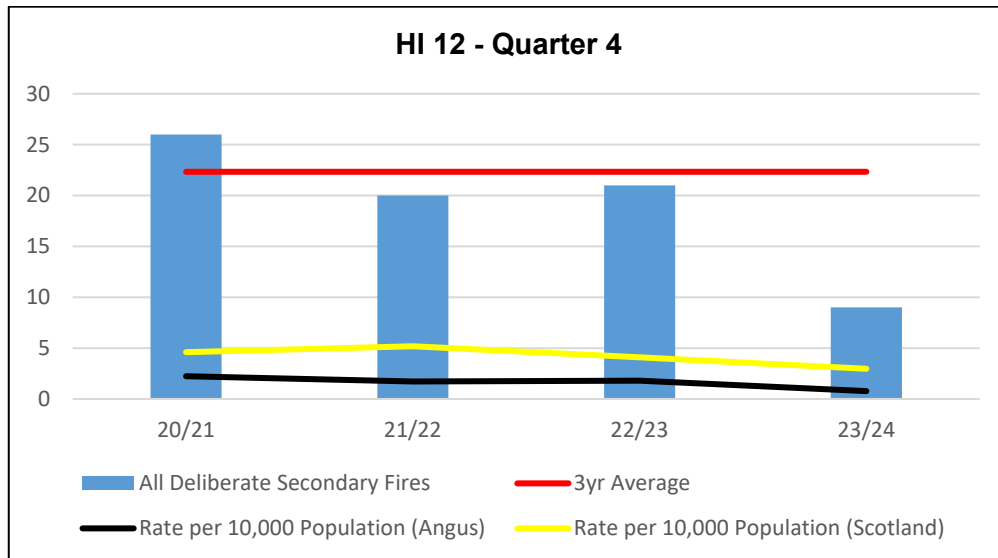


Table 9: 2023/24 Year Performance

	2021	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	134	118	112	89	Green	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 **9** deliberate primary fires reported during Q4, which is above the 3-year average of **6**. Over the 2023/24 fiscal period we have attended **33** deliberate primary fires which is below the annual target of **34**, we are showing **Green** for the YTD performance.

Within the **9** deliberate primary fires, **2** of these were within dwellings, a further **3** were woodland or crops, **3** non-residential outhouses and **One** vehicle fire.

There were **9** deliberate secondary fires reported during Q4, which is below the average for the quarter (**22**) compared to the previous three years. The **9** incidents were made up of scrubland, loose refuse and bin fires.

The YTD total for secondary fires **89**, 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.

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).

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:

BA, CFBT and Tac Vent	Road Traffic Collisions & Extrication
Knots and Lines, Ladders & Fire Pumps	Casualty Care (Heart Attack/Stroke)
Incident Command (Sectorisation)	Electricity
Asbestos Awareness	Regulation and Compliance (Cybsafe 2024)

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 build resilience into the station, area and county (Kirriemuir, Forfar, and Brechin). Arbroath and Carnoustie remain at capacity, Montrose have recently filled their last two remaining positions and both personnel are awaiting their initial task and task management course.

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 2023/24, in support of our priorities and targets.

Community Engagement Programmes

Fire Safety Engagements

1. SFRS Angus Community Action Team (CAT) and crews continue to fully engage with the communities of Angus.
2. LALO (Local Authority Liaison Officer) & CSAs (Community Safety Advocate) 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. Issued one set of fire-retardant bedding to an Adult at risk.
2. Also 2 fire-retardant throws and 1 fire retardant mat.
3. 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.
4. 242 HFSV's have been carried out across Angus during this reporting quarter.

Referrals

1. Continue to attend Early Screening Group (ESG) weekly meetings to identify vulnerable person who require a HFSVs.
2. MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) 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.
4. 26 Adult Protection (AP1) referral forms were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over the reporting period.
5. Angus LALO and CSAs attended 12 virtual multi agency case conferences involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
6. Angus LALO and CSAs attended 1 virtual multi agency Initial referral discussion involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
7. Angus CAT fitted 3 Sash Jammers to letter boxes at vulnerable residents' properties.
8. Angus CSA's attending Well Bean cafés in Forfar, Arbroath, and Montrose quarterly for chats with attending people promoting and offering HFSV.
9. Angus CAT conducted 2 Fire Safety & Support Education (FSSE) interventions after fire related incidents.
10. Angus CAT conducted 11 Hoarding presentations for various partner agencies.

APPENDIX 2:

NOTABLE EVENTS

Montrose Breakfast Club

Montrose Fire Station ran a breakfast club in partnership with Montrose Community Trust, and Tesco Montrose during the school holidays in April, from 08:30 to 10:00hrs,

The aim was to provide a healthy breakfast for school age children from the town and promote the Fire and Ambulance service where we could. The community trust were holding a football camp during the holidays at Links Park and offered any child who came for breakfast free football for the day.

We were kindly gifted all the breakfast food from Tesco on as much as we required basis, cereals, fruit, bread, spreads, juices, toaster, coffee and tea. Our intention is to run this again in the summer holidays, with the possibility to carrying it on for a school mornings



Montrose Concrete Football

Montrose Fire Station are currently hosting concrete street football, with Montrose Community Trust. This is a programme we run every Friday evening to tackle poverty, wellbeing and anti-social behaviour for young people. This is open to all ages from 5-14 years. Hot food is provided from the trust for all the kids involved. We also promote and offer HFSV to the parents, this initiative has now received widespread recognition.



Rapid Response Unit Relocation to Kirriemuir Fire Station

A Rapid Response Unit (RRU) has been relocated into the Angus area, the vehicle is located at Kirriemuir Fire Station and will run as the stations 2nd appliance. The crew at Kirriemuir have recently completed their RRU training courses working in partnership with colleagues at Newbridge training centre. The asset went live on Monday 29th January 2024.



RRUs carry a range of new firefighting equipment and technologies tailored to meet the risks and needs of our local communities.

The equipment integral to the RRUs includes:

- Ultra High-Pressure Firefighting System (UHPFS).
- Ultra High-Pressure Lance (UPLH).
- Multi-Purpose Nozzle.
- Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV) Fan.
- Bayley Splitstow 4.8m ladder.
- Lucas eDraulic Combi Tool.
- Peli 9430 portable light.



Angus Floodmobile Roadshow

Firefighters from across Angus supported the Floodmobile Roadshow which toured four venues across Angus from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st March. The Floodmobile is a purpose built bus that has lots of flood protection equipment and advice. Flood Mary is volunteer with a lot of expertise and advice to share as she has also been impacted by flooding. Both Floodmobile and local firefighters provided advice to the Angus communities who are worried about future flooding and insurance and what they can do to protect their homes and community post Storm Babet.

Montrose Port Authority Funding Supports Communities Learn Lifesaving CPR Skills

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service personnel are about to embark on a new CPR skills programme for local teenagers after a boost from Montrose Port Authority. The port has provided ten new CPR mannequins which will be used in classrooms across the district to educate youngsters in the lifesaving technique. Previous kit was so well used it was worn out by generations of pupils.



The CPR mannequins will also be available for use by local groups, at community events and also at sessions at fire stations across Angus. Further funding has been attained to buy an infant CPR mannequin and training defibrillator.

Carnoustie bike marking and station open day

Carnoustie fire crews teamed up with the Carnoustie, Monifieth and the Sidlaws Community Policing team to offer a free bike marking event. Members of the community were also invited to discuss any issues/concerns regarding safety within our community with both emergency services. Ninety five bike were registered with over 200 people attending the event.



Carnoustie Food Cabin:

The food cabinet at Carnoustie which continues to provide 24 hour access to food, has been as busy as ever and continues to be restocked every second day with provisions. The Carnoustie crew have managed to sustain the cabinet through generous donations from the local community and businesses.

Carnoustie Mental Health and Wellbeing event - Links House

Crews attend the event in February alongside numerous partner organisations, CPR sessions were delivered to attendees, HFSV generated and lots of positive engagement.



Brechin Breathing Apparatus (BA) exercise at QPP Ltd in Brechin

The exercise was planned to allow both Brechin and Montrose crews to practice their BA, Search & Rescue skills and also to allow the QPP staff to practice their response to a fire alarm activation, subsequent fire and first aid skills. The on-site staff were told they would be conducting some training but had not been briefed on the fire service attendance as management wished to test their response to the situation.

