

**PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING**

**A meeting of the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee will be held on Thursday 21 February 2019 at 2pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.**

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# Keeping People Safe in Inverclyde

Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

## Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



Overall, Group 1 Crimes of Violence have increased by 24 crimes to a total of 107, with attempted murders and serious assaults both rising by eight.

**There were no murders or culpable homicides in the reporting period - three fewer victims than the same period last year.**

449 fewer disorder complaints (-16.6%)

There have been 489 recorded common assaults (75 fewer victims) - down 9.7% on the previous year. 71 assaults targeted police officers, with 11 further assaults on other emergency workers. 22 police assaults occurred while the offender was in custody.



The rate of overall violence per 10k population in Inverclyde is 74.3 - below the national average of 89.2. Meanwhile, the detection rate for crimes of violence is 63.3%, compared to a national position of 69.3%. Nearly half of all recorded serious assaults in Inverclyde involved uncooperative/hostile complainers or witnesses. In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, there has only been one Taser

## Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting has increased 30.2% to a total of 341 crimes - 79 more than last year. Food and grocery thefts are up 67%.



Housebreaking crimes (inc attempts) - have fallen by 29.9% (53 fewer crimes). 72% of HBs targeted dwelling houses.

While the majority of categories of crimes of dishonesty have fallen considerably on the previous year, an increase in fraud (+83%) has offset this decrease to a degree, resulting in an overall decrease of 0.3 percent in acquisitive crimes (three fewer crimes) Online credit/debit card fraud and automated checkout fraud continue to be



There have been three reported bogus workmen crimes - the same volume as the previous year. Tactics used by suspects included posing as utilities workers to gain access to properties and steal from within, and charging complainers for construction work which was thereafter not completed.

## Inverclyde

### Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

Reporting Period: 1 April - 31 December 2018

### Public Protection

Reported sexual crimes have increased slightly on the previous year, to a total of 143 - two more than 2017/18. In Inverclyde, 18.1 sexual crimes were reported per 10k population, slightly below the national rate (18.5).

**57% of sexual crimes involved victims aged 15 years or less at the time of the offence, with a significant proportion (44%) of these crimes involving non-recent reporting. Nearly a third of all sexual offences were cyber-enabled.**



**1,222 adult / child concern Vulnerable Person forms in the current year - down 7.6% on the same period last year.**

644 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down 8.7% on the previous year. 42.1% of these incidents resulted in a crime report being raised - a decrease on the 47% conversion rate recorded last year. Meanwhile, of the total 16,669 recorded police incidents, there were 552 public safety incidents (one more than last year).

**21 complaints have been received in relation to the Police within Inverclyde (12.6 complaints per 10,000 incidents). A total of 28 allegations have been made.**

**74% of sexual offences occurred in dwelling houses and other private settings, with open spaces featuring in only 15% of sexual crimes. Meanwhile, 43% of reports were non-recent in nature.**

The detection rate for sexual crime is 42% - down from the 45.4% recorded last year.

150 missing person incidents have been reported year-to-date - up from 138 the previous year. 31% of all incidents related to the top five repeat missing persons. Neil Street Children's Unit was the most common location for people to go missing from.

## Major Crime & Terrorism



59 individuals linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division. In addition, £807,434.82 has been seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

There have been 58 drug supply charges raised year-to-date, three more than the previous year. Cannabis was involved 50% of supply charges, while cocaine and crack cocaine featured in 28%, a notable increase on the previous year

There have been 14 confirmed drug - related deaths between April and December 2018 with two further suspected drugs deaths (awaiting toxicology results). Etizolam and methadone featured in the majority of the confirmed drug deaths.



Cyber-enabled crime continues to be an issue, with 35 crimes year-to-date having a 'cybercrime' marker applied (up from 21 last year). Recent crimes threatening to disclose private sexual images and recordings, indecent communications and online credit card fraud.

## Road Safety & Road Crime



No road fatalities were recorded in the period April - December 2018. This represents three fewer road deaths than the previous year. Meanwhile, serious road injuries increased by four to a total of 11, while slight injuries fell to 53 (33 fewer than last year).



While offences relating to motor vehicles have fallen 18.4% on the previous year, proactive road policing has contributed to an increase in license and insurance offences, in addition to dangerous and disqualified driving offences.

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**Wellbeing Matters** - Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division has recently recruited 4 more officers to become wellbeing champions to help support and deliver on the organisation wide wellbeing initiative. Future planned activity includes a Wellbeing Day in March bringing together advisors for health, finance and social support, better resourcing the quiet rooms in each of our offices and free health checks for staff.

**Organisational Improvement - Contact Assessment Model** - As society changes, the demand on our service is changing with more than 80 per cent of the calls we receive not related to crime. In order to meet this evolving need, Police Scotland are introducing a new Contact Assessment Model (CAM) which will empower frontline staff to make dynamic assessment of threat, risk and harm at first point of contact providing greater focus on individual caller needs and potential vulnerability. CAM will commence in early spring within Lanarkshire Division with Renfrewshire and Inverclyde planned towards the end of 2019. In January 2019 local elected members visited our Contact Command and Control Division at Govan where senior officers explained the changes and provided a tour of the facility.

**Police Scotland National Recruitment Campaign** - Police Scotland have recently launched a recruitment campaign for police officers. Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division is keen to support local residents who are considering applying and are offering opportunities to talk to local officers for advice on the role and recruitment process.

**Supporting the New Scots Families in Inverclyde** - Since 2015, local officers have been regularly involved in supporting the New Scots Families who have settled in Inverclyde through both the Afghan and Syrian Refugee Schemes.

In partnership with HSCP, The Trust, Your Voice and Magic Torch, our Safer Communities team recently supported Project 22 which is a youth led programme for refugee children and young people exploring integration and topics like children's rights and hate crime. The young people developed an interactive comic referencing these themes which can be used as a resource for future families. Aileen Campbell MSP the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government recently recognised this as an outstanding project.

**Police Scotland Youth Hub** - Police Scotland has launched its first dedicated internet page and social media channel dedicated to the children and young people of Scotland. The new platforms are a result of feedback from national consultation with young people who requested better access to information and modern ways to communicate with police.

**Counter Terrorism Awareness** - In November 2018 the youths at PSV Inverclyde received a presentation from the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer. The ACT For Youth presentation, designed by National Counter Terrorism Police, is designed to teach 11-16 year olds how to act in the unlikely event they are caught in a gun or knife attack. The 'ACT For Youth' campaign reinvents the successful 'Run, Hide, Tell' public information films for a new generation. While the chances of being caught up in a terrorist incident remain rare, it is important to be prepared and know how to protect yourself if the need arises.

**Partnership Training Opportunities** - Officer in Inverclyde are being offered a range of opportunities to increase their knowledge on changing legislation and the roles of other agencies which will better enable them to provide a more efficient service to the public. The Procurator Fiscal and Victim Support Inverclyde have recently provided inputs on their roles and expectations to all officers which generated positive discussion and additional referrals for victims. The neighbourhood officers and local partners have been trained on the No Knives Better Lives and Serious and Organised Crime toolkits aimed at educating young people to make informed choices. Both of these training packages are endorsed by the Scottish Government and help deliver on the national strategy.

Safe

**Festive Campaign** - Thanks to the co-operation of our local communities, the festive period was one of the quietest for several years. Officers and police staff were still extremely busy however both violent and acquisitive crime was down on the same period last year which was welcomed. Proactive engagement with licensed premises with increased visits and high visibility patrols all contributed to the reduction in crime and helped make it a safer and more enjoyable time for people.

We did receive some reports around antisocial behaviour in areas of Gournock mainly attributed to a small number of youths. This included damage to two police vehicles whilst officers were dealing with the complaints which has a detrimental effect on our ability to respond to calls whilst these are being repaired. We continue to work with partners to address this issue to safeguard young people and keep communities free from this type of behaviour.

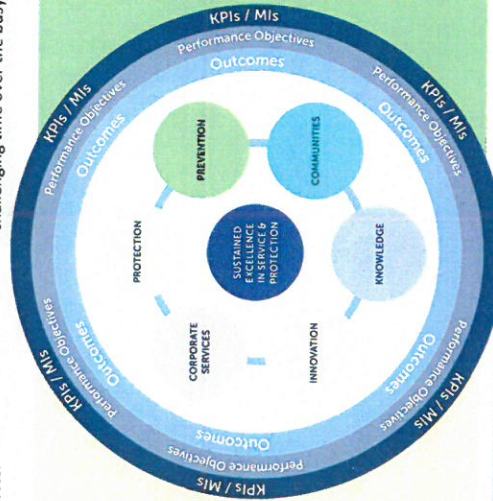
**Multi Agency Partnership Incident Response** - Officers were called to an ongoing large scale fire at a local furniture shop within Greenock Town Centre. Liaison with SFRS colleagues quickly established the extent of the fire and the requirement to ensure an effective and co-ordinated joint response including the evacuation of neighbouring properties and organising road closures to protect local residents. Officers worked with SFRS, Inverclyde Council and other agencies to facilitate this whilst keeping residents and the wider community updated on developments. The swift and co-ordinated response of all attending agencies at a challenging time over the busy festive period helped ensure public safety and minimise disruption to businesses.

**Road Safety Awareness** - Local officers together with Roads Policing colleagues have carried out a series of engagement and enforcement initiatives over the last few months aimed at raising awareness about various aspects of road safety. This has included a local plan to visit all schools regularly in November to promote safe and considerate parking, high visibility patrols and road checks during the Festive Drink and Drugs campaign and speed checks at various locations throughout Inverclyde. One incident of note resulted in a 60 year old man being charged with careless driving and threatening behaviour when he was observed by two off duty officers causing fear and alarm to school children due to his manner of driving. Use of local and social media has assisted with highlighting the safety messages.

**Protecting People at Risk of Harm - Vulnerable Adult** - Police and Paramedics responded to a call from a person reporting to have taken ill due to inhaling gas lighter fluid. Medical care was provided and the patient taken to IRH. Checks of the property revealed a large quantity of butane gas canisters which raised concern about the mental health and future wellbeing of the individual. The safety of neighbouring residents was also a consideration. Escalation to housing, SFRS and social work through our Public Protection Hub will ensure all relevant partners are aware and necessary support is offered.

**Notable Arrest - Acquisitive Crime** - Community impact - Over a two week period Police Scotland received several reports of crimes including a housebreaking, theft of a vehicle and a suspicious person attending at doors in the Gournock area. Through extensive pro-activity including high visibility and plain clothes patrols, assistance from air and dog units, intelligence gathering and an overwhelming response from the Gournock community, officers identified, traced and arrested a 24 year old man. He was charged with 6 offences and is currently remanded pending sentencing. Stolen property was recovered and returned to its rightful owner.

**Cybercrime Awareness** - Cyber dependent and enabled crimes makes up an increasing proportion of the total crime we aim to prevent and investigate. Police Scotland will be supporting the national Safer Internet Day campaign in February through local and social media messages. On a regular basis neighbourhood officers provide age appropriate inputs to schools and youth groups about cyber safety using nationally approved toolkits. Local officers will also be supporting the RBS 'Friends Against Scams' awareness event along with partners in HSCP, Trading Standards and the banking staff to provide information about online and other scams.



Responsible

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ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE & HERITAGE

Active

Included



**Inverclyde Performance Report  
1st October 2018 - 31st December 2018**



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# Inverclyde Performance Report

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# Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan Priorities

The Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan has been developed to set out the priorities and objectives within Inverclyde and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely with our partners in Inverclyde to ensure we are all **“Working Together for a Safer Scotland”** through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.

The plan has been developed to complement key partnership activity embedded across Inverclyde Community Plan and associated Delivery and Thematic plans. Through partnership working we will seek to deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.


The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde identified six areas for demand reduction and is subject to regular monitoring and reporting through the Police / Fire and Rescue Committee. A summary of the priorities and current activity is detailed below with further detail and analysis contained within this performance report.


	Accidental Dwelling Fires	Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties	Unintentional Injury and Harm	Deliberate Fire Setting	Non-Domestic Fire Safety	Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
Inverclyde Central	5	0	2	9	1	13
Inverclyde East	1	0	2	3	0	12
Inverclyde East Central	5	1	3	9	2	14
Inverclyde North	7	1	5	3	3	26
Inverclyde South	2	0	0	3	0	25
Inverclyde South West	1	0	0	6	0	4
Inverclyde West	1	0	3	1	1	14


<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Year on Year Change</b>	 22%	 100%	 -48%	 -13%	 40%	 0%
<b>3 Year Average Change</b>	 -7%	 -33%	 1%	 -21%	 -13%	 10%

## About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

 Activity levels have reduced by more than 5%

 Activity levels have reduced by up to 5%

 Activity levels have increased overall

# Inverclyde Activity Summary



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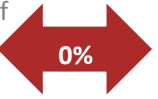
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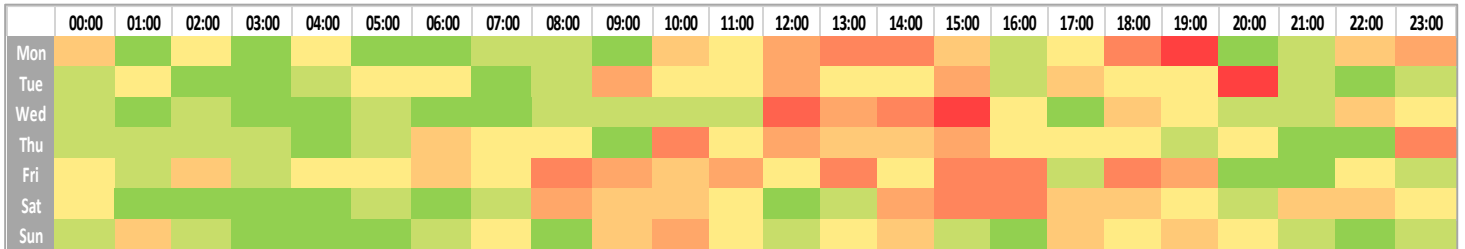


fire & non-fire  
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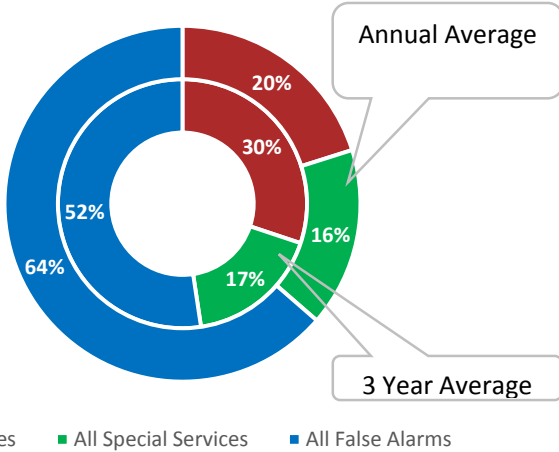


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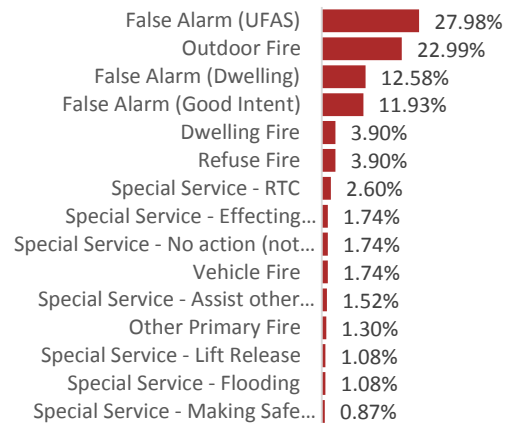
## Activity by Time of Day



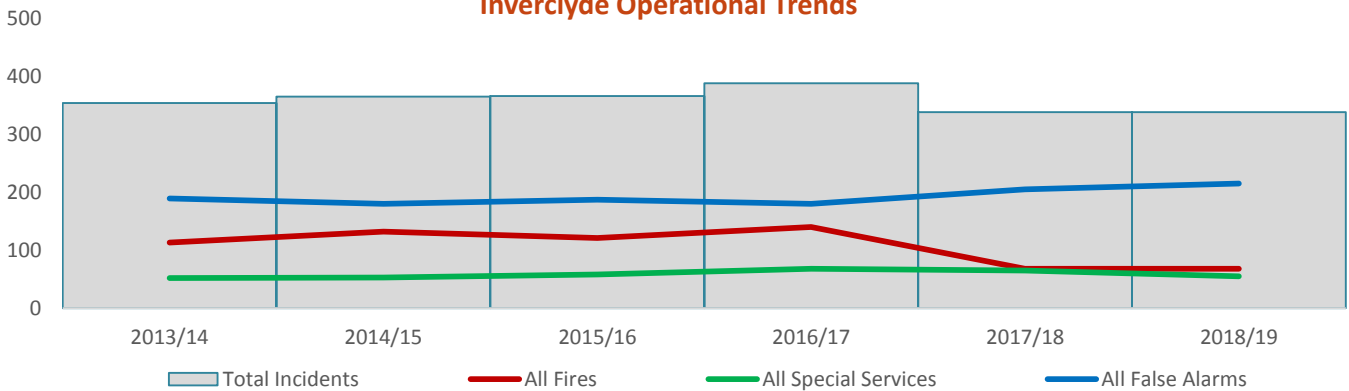
## Incidents By Classification



## Top 15 Incidents Types by %



## Inverclyde Operational Trends



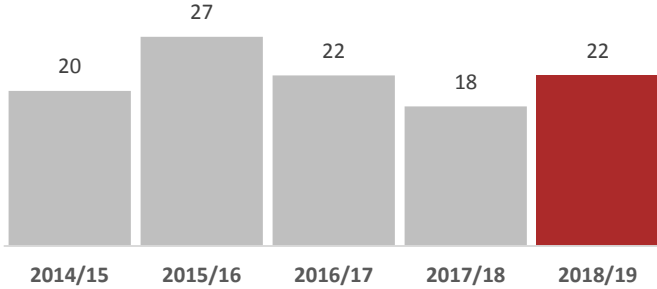
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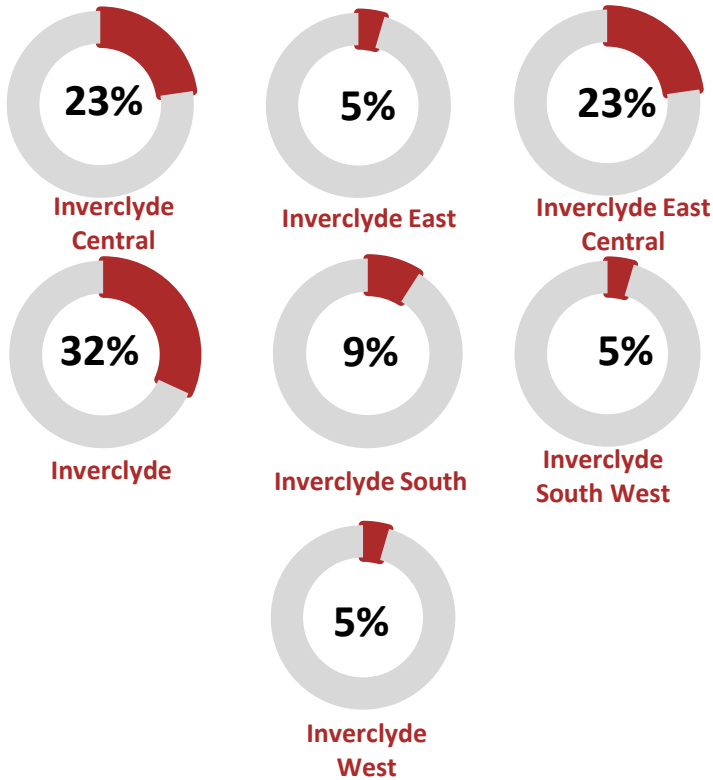
## Performance Summary

Year on Year ◆ 22%    3 Year Average ● -7%

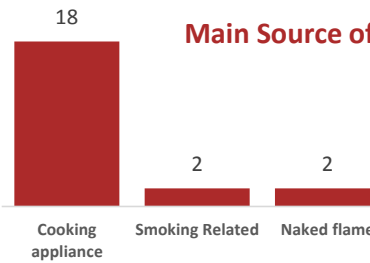
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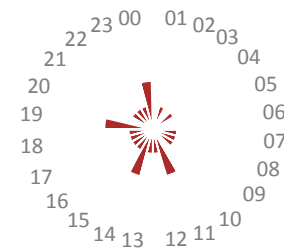
## Accidental Dwelling Fires Activity by Ward (% share)



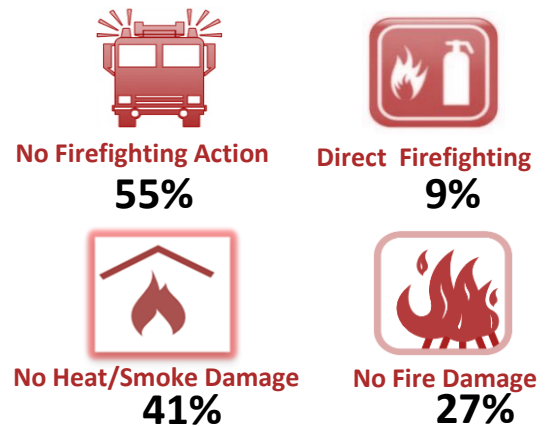
## Main Source of Ignition



## Accidental Dwelling Fires by Time of Day



## Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires



## Human Factors



## Automatic Detection & Actuation



Quarter 3 statistics show a slight increase compared to Quarter 3 of 2017/18. The main ignition source remains Cooking with Smoking and Naked flames also a factor, data is showing a reduction over the 3 year average. We continue to see an increase in households where detection is present, alarm systems are linked and alarm actuation has occurred. This is supported by an increase in No Firefighting Action being taken on arrival of SFRS.



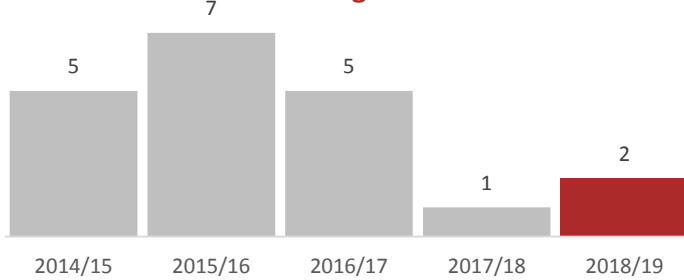
# Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties



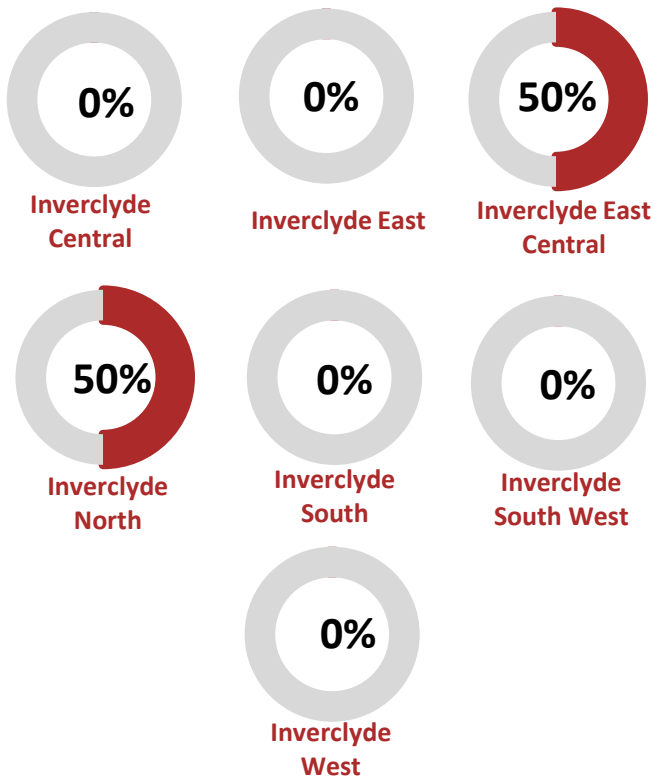
## Performance Summary

Year on Year ◆ 100%  
 3 Year Average ● -33%

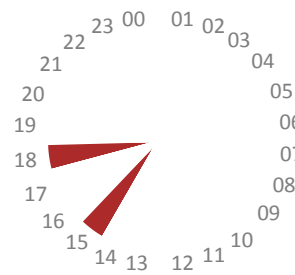
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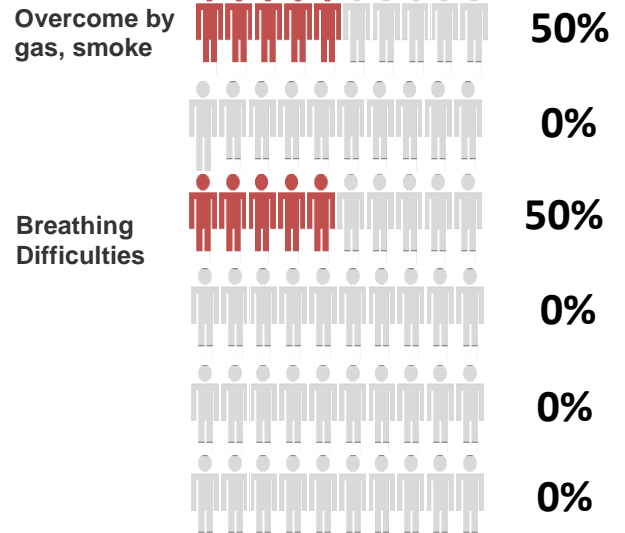
## Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



## Fire Casualties by Time of Day



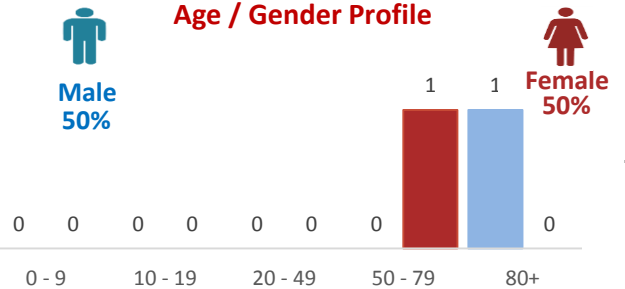
## Nature of Injury



## Extent of Harm



## Age / Gender Profile



Quarter 3 shows low fire casualty numbers and remain static matching quarter 2 data. It's recognised both fire fatalities during December are not included in this report. This is due to the production of fire investigation reports prior to data being uploaded. A verbal update will be given. Both casualties were elderly and asleep, and the fires occurred as a result of cooking. Data shows an even split across gender. The increase in early notification of fire is welcome and the data is reflective of Accidental Dwelling reported on page 5, where No Firefighting Action was taken by SFRS. SFRS are doing substantial work with Inverclyde Homecare providers to reduce fires in the home.

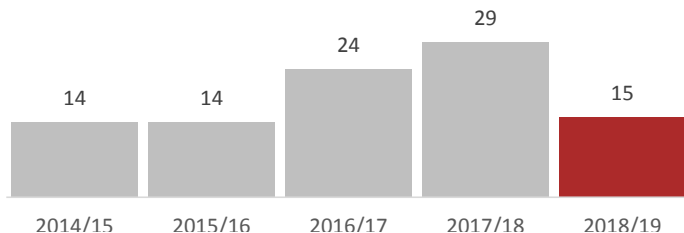
# Unintentional Injury and Harm



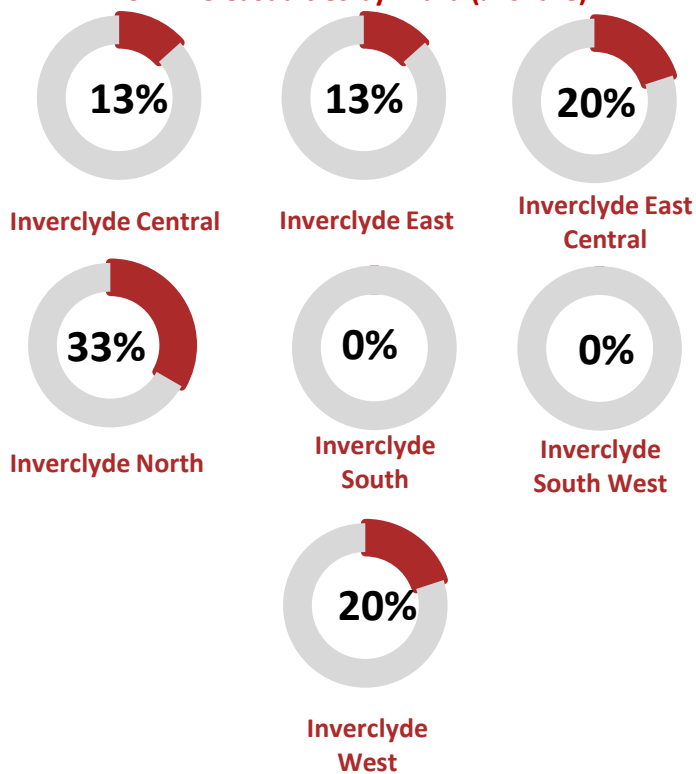
## Performance Summary



## Non-Fire Casualties Year to Date



## Non-Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



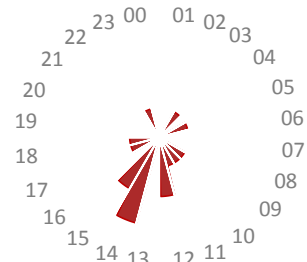
2018/19 figure shows a significant reduction from 2017/18. As reported in Quarter 2 data continues to show a high percentage of incidents where SFRS are Assisting Other Agencies. There were 2 fatalities during this period where SFRS provided medical attention as a result of Cardiac Arrest and the extrication of a bariatric male.

A reduction in Road Traffic Collisions from quarter 2 is to be welcomed.

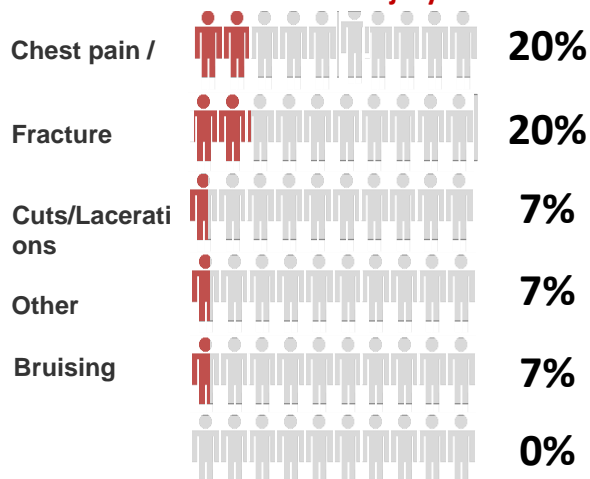
We continue to see a higher percentage of Males being affected by Unintentional Injury and Harm.

The second period of zero reported Water Rescue activity is encouraging and a positive reflection on the collaborative Strategy being developed by partners.

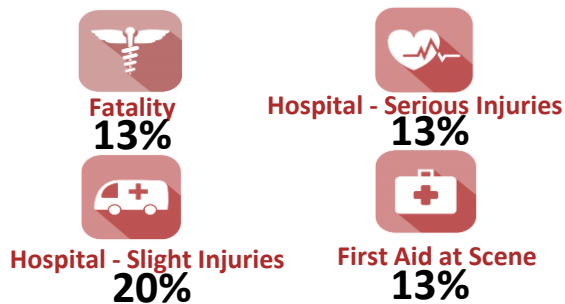
## Non-Fire Casualties by Time of Day



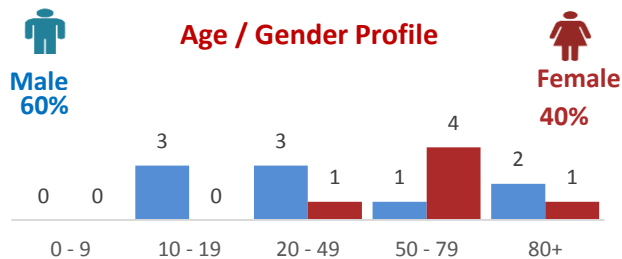
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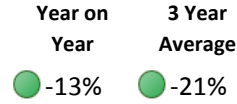
## Non-Fire Emergency Activity



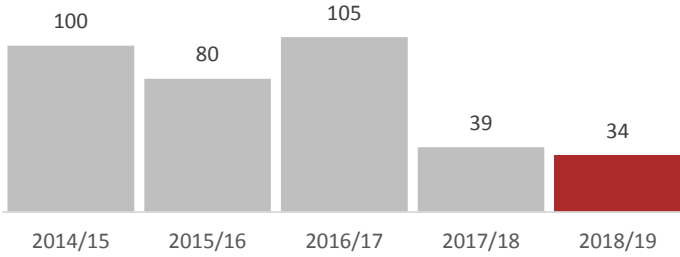
# Deliberate Fire Setting



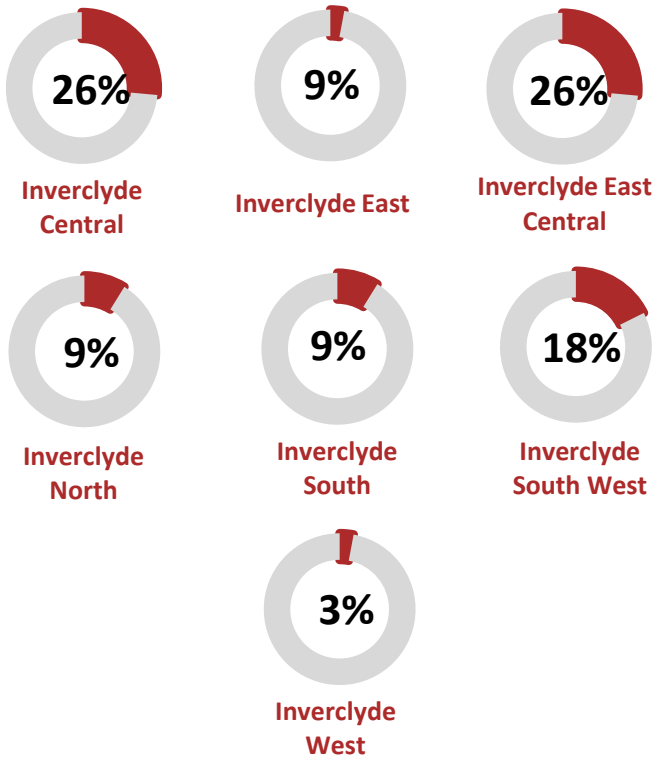
## Performance Summary



## Deliberate Fires



## Deliberate Fires by Ward (% share)

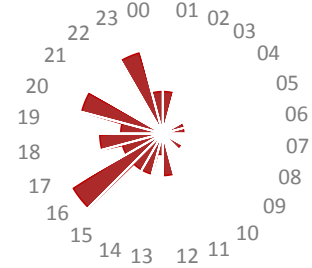


### Definitions

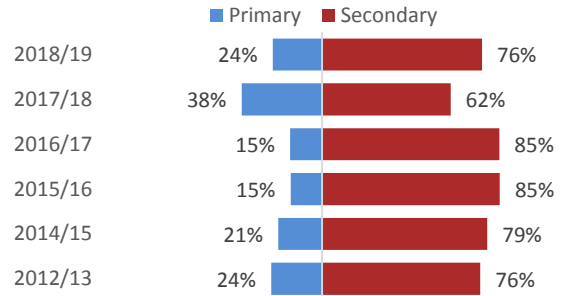
**Primary Fires** - all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fires attended by five or more appliances

**Secondary Fires** - fire incidents that did not occur at a primary location, was not a chimney fire in an occupied building, did not involve casualties (otherwise categorised as a primary incident) and was attended by four or fewer appliances.

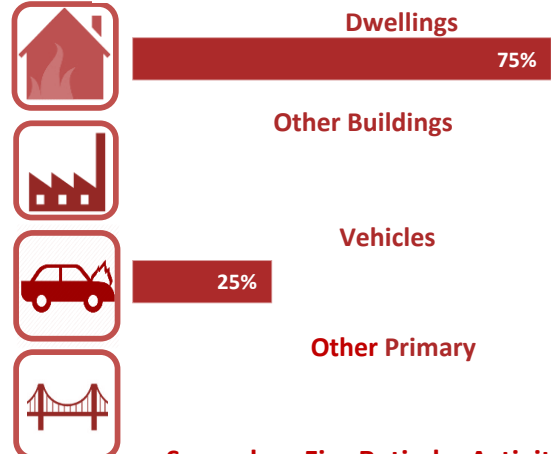
## Deliberate Fires by Time of Day



## Deliberate Fires by Classification



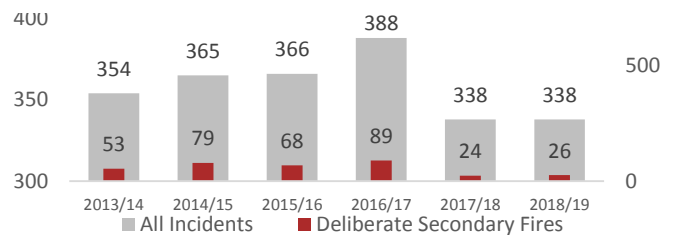
## Primary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



## Secondary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



## Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity



Deliberate Fire Setting remains low and we have seen a significant reduction across the 3 Quarters of 2018/19, this reduction is reflective of the 3 year average.

The majority of these are classified as Secondary and the Times of Day remain consistent with previous quarters.

Scrutiny of Deliberate Fires is carried out routinely by SFRS, where trends are identified a multi agency action plan from SFRS, Inverclyde Council and Police Scotland is developed to target areas of high demand.

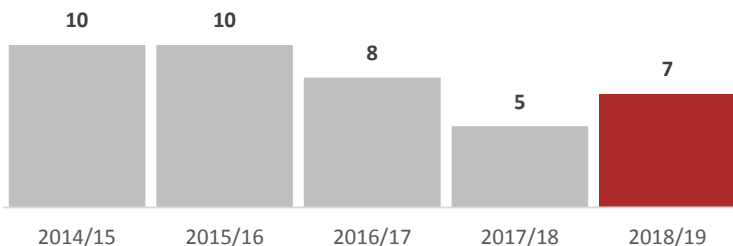
# Non Domestic Fire Safety



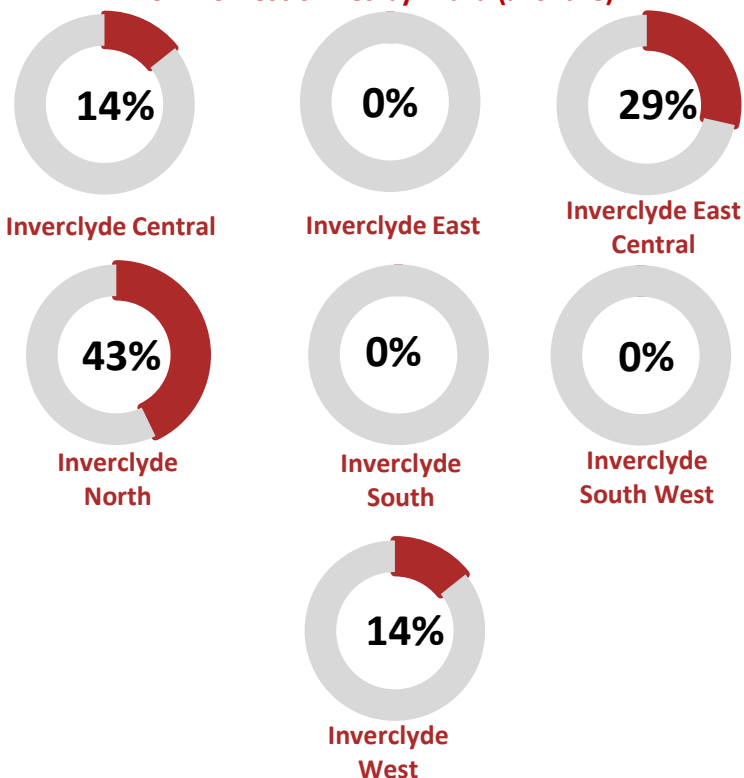
## Performance Summary

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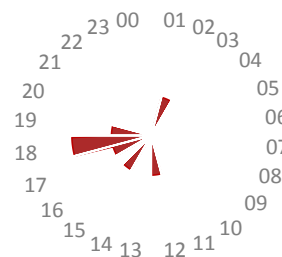
## Non Domestic Fires



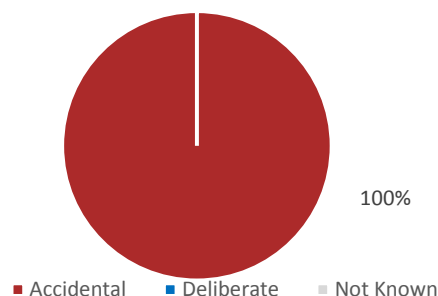
## Non-Domestic Fires by Ward (% share)



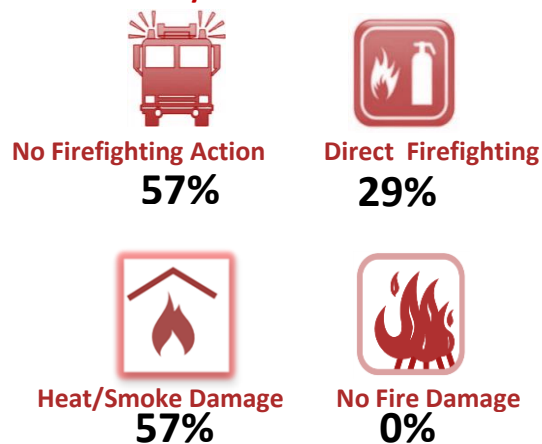
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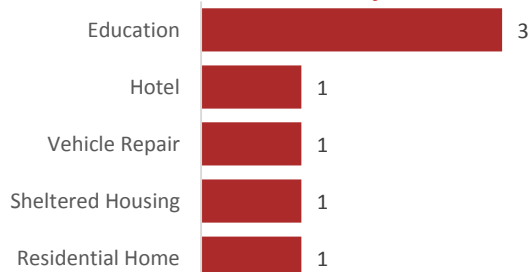
## Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



## Severity of Non-Domestic Fires



## Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



Quarter 3 data shows a slight increase from 2017/18 with the 3 year average continuing to reduce. An increase in fires within Educational premises has seen Post Fire Audits identify improvements opportunities in Educational establishment procedures. The origin of all fires was 100% accidental with an increase in No Firefighting Action from Quarter 2.

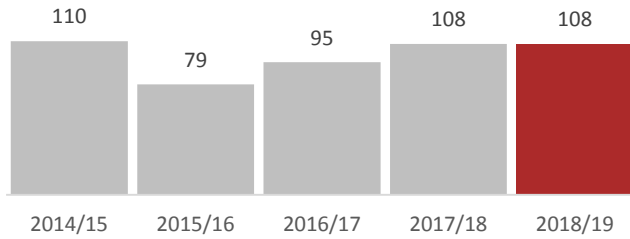
# Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



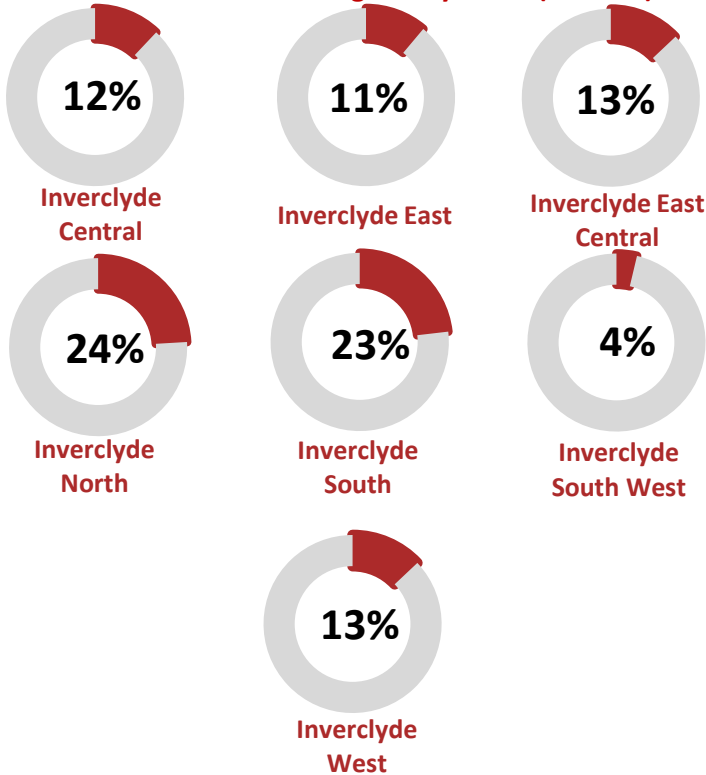
## Performance Summary

Year on Year ▲ 0%      3 Year Average ◆ 10%

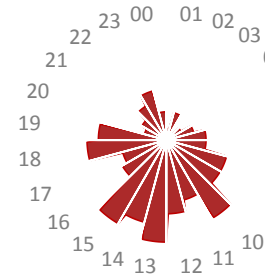
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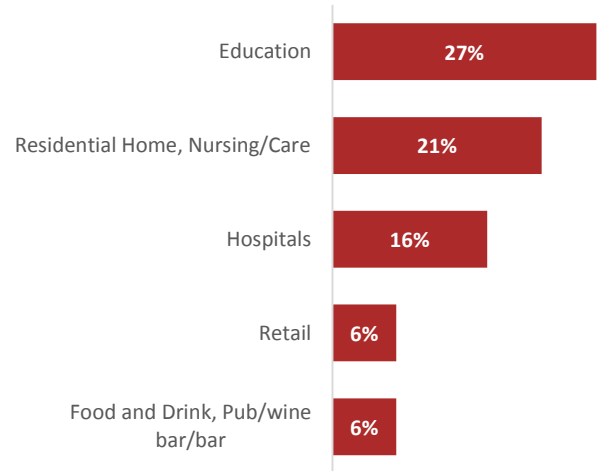
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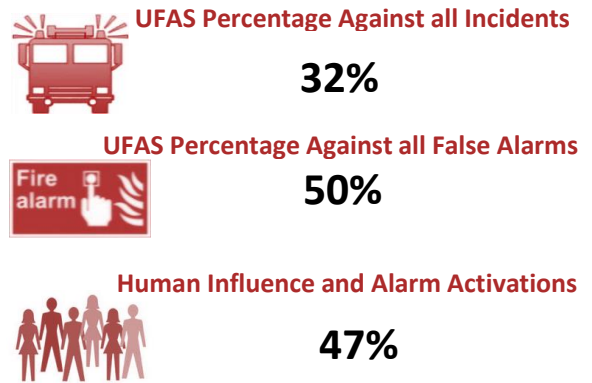
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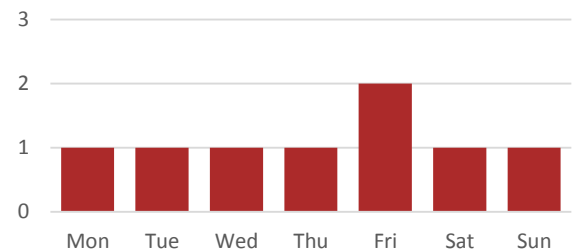
## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Activity Ratios



## Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Day



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) continues to challenge SFRS resources, ongoing work by crews at all UFAS incidents see crews deliver guidance and advise on how to reduce UFAS occurrences. Data for 2018/19 mirrors 2017/18 performance with the 3 common property types remaining Hospitals, Education and Care Homes a picture that is reflective across Scotland. The Time Of Day data remains consistent with previous reporting periods.

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**Report To:** Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee      **Date:** 21 February 2019

**Report By:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development      **Report No:** P&F/01/19/HS

**Contact Officer:** Hugh Scott      **Contact No:** 01475 715459

**Subject:** Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (February 2019)

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on current and emerging issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue Services.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides an opportunity for the Committee to be made aware of national initiatives, reviews and consultations and, where appropriate, to inform members' consideration of future agenda items relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.

2.2 In order to ensure that elected members can make representations to the national authorities as required in relation to wider scrutiny issues and concerns, elected members may be interested to note the following updates from external agencies including, but not limited to, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, Her Majesty's Fire Inspectorate, Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission in relation to the work carried out by the Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and they will consider and respond to consultations on strategic Police and Fire and Rescue priorities and Scottish Police Authority and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plans. This report is intended to draw these elements together with a view to informing and shaping future meeting agendas as appropriate and raising awareness of emerging issues.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes the information contained within the report in respect of current and emerging national issues relating to police and fire and rescue matters.

**Ruth Binks**  
Corporate Director- Education, Communities & Organisational Development

## 4.0 SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

- 4.1 **SPA Board and Committee Meetings:** The last 2018 board meeting of the Scottish Police Authority was held on [27 November 2018](#) and in addition to the regular standing items also considered the following matters: Development of Police Scotland's Performance Framework and British Transport Police - Devolution of Railway Policing Update.

The most recent board meeting of the Scottish Police Authority was held on [30 January 2019](#) and in addition to the regular standing items also considered the following matters: 'Trauma informed Policing' and 'Brexit: Impact on Operational Policing in Scotland Review'.

In respect of Trauma informed Policing, this consisted of a paper and video presentation from Ayrshire Division. The presentation explained that Police Scotland is dealing with an increasing number of calls from people in crisis. From homelessness to addiction, the service is on the front line helping some of the country's most vulnerable people and communities. It is estimated that half of Scotland's population have been affected by adverse childhood experiences (ACES). The presentation provided the SPA with an insight into the scope and breadth of the approach in Ayrshire which is a substantial piece of work across the three Local Authorities, Community Justice Ayrshire, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, NHS Ayrshire and Arran and HMP Kilmarnock.

In respect of Brexit: Impact on Operational Policing in Scotland Review, this matter was discussed in private in accordance with the SPA's Standing Orders section that discussion in public would likely to inhibit the free and frank provision of advice or the free and frank exchange of views for the purpose of deliberation; and/or disclosure of information could prejudice national security.

- 4.2 **Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18:** The SPA has published its annual report and accounts for the 2017-18 financial year. [The report](#) sets out key developments in the performance of the SPA and in the operation of Police Scotland and details how £1.1 billion of public funds has been utilised to deliver policing to communities across Scotland. In its independent review, Audit Scotland has highlighted a number of important areas of improvement in financial and organisational performance including:

- A year-end resource overspend outturn of £34.4m, reduced from £47.2m deficit included in the approved 2017/18 budget;
- Robust budget monitoring arrangements now in place;
- New leadership teams in both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority;
- The Authority now conducts its business in an open and transparent manner.

Audit Scotland also identified areas for attention including:

- Further improvements in the overall control environment;
- Delays in the development of a robust workforce strategy;
- The need for well-developed performance management framework;
- The need for robust monitoring of the use of contracts for consultancy and external professional support to ensure value for money and the achievement of strategic objectives.

- 4.3 **Annual Review of Policing 2017-18:** The SPA, on 20 November 2018, laid before Parliament its [Annual Review of Policing 2017-18](#). The Committee will recall that at the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on 27 September 2018, members were asked to retrospectively approve the Inverclyde response to the consultation.

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The SPA invited all Scottish Local Authorities to contribute their views to the annual report and the following themes in the responses included:

- Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny over the course of the year was effective;

- Evidence of strong alignment between local police plans and other local strategies and local outcome improvement plans;
- A desire for increased SPA and Police Scotland engagement with Scottish Local Authorities and would welcome an increased role for the SPA in bringing key partners together strengthening engagement at a national and local level and fostering the sharing of best practice in local scrutiny and engagement.

The report also provided a range of good practice examples from across Scotland and examples of areas which local authorities said can be improved. This included: ensuring that a local approach remains at the forefront of service delivery, recruitment and retaining of officers especially at a senior level, more local community engagement and training on what 'good scrutiny' is about.

## **5.0 HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY IN SCOTLAND**

**5.1 Thematic Review of Police Scotland's approach to the development and operational delivery of the Annual Plan (2018/19).** The [Thematic Review](#) was published on the 13 December 2018 and details how intelligence gathering, analysis, planning and performance can all work effectively to develop and deliver a relevant policing plan, noting twelve recommendations. Two recommendations make note of arrangements in relation to local policing and scrutiny arrangements. One (recommendation two) is to ensure that '...Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority should develop a clear process of governance and engagement around strategic assessment and consideration of priorities as part of their statutory responsibilities in the planning process'. A further recommendation (six) notes 'Police Scotland should develop transparent and consistent reporting of the deployment of specialist or national support resources from Specialist Crime Division and Operational Support Division'. Both of these recommendations suggest a consistency across Scotland to ensure that there is a greater transparency and assurance to the SPA and local scrutiny committees.

**5.2 Annual Report 2017-18:** The [Annual Report](#) was published on 21 December 2018 and outlines how they have carried out their statutory functions for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 which includes the inspection and scrutiny work undertaken by HMICS during the reporting period.

**5.3 Inspection of the strategic arrangements for the delivery of police custody.** This [Terms of Reference](#) aims to assess the strategic arrangements for the delivery of police custody in Scotland. This is the eighth publication into police custody since the formation of Police Scotland, the first focusing on the 'national arrangements for the delivery of police custody, including an assessment of issues such as leadership and governance, resources and partnerships'. The thematic inspection was followed by five inspections of police custody in particular geographical areas and most recently the seventh report, an inspection of 17 custody centres across Scotland, including the custody centre at Greenock. A report of the inspection will be published in Spring 2019.

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## **6.0 SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD**

**6.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Board:** The most recent meeting of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Board was held on [13 December 2018](#) with mostly standing items considered. [Agenda Item 17](#) (Strategic Plan 2019-22 Development Update) advises that a new 3-year Strategic Plan is required by the Scottish Government by October 2019. Work is ongoing with this document at the moment and the Committee should note that an anticipated consultation period of 15 April 2019 to 7 July 2019 is proposed, this consultation will be considered at a future Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee meeting.

**6.2 Transformational Consultation Findings:** A special board meeting was convened on 29 November 2018 to consider results from the [Transformation Consultation](#). The SFRS



undertook a public consultation exercise on its Service Transformation proposals, *Your Service Your Voice, Have Your Say*, from February to May 2018. The then Inverclyde Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee was one of 1563 responses to the consultation. The report concluded ‘...the Transformation proposals were endorsed by a majority of respondents, but the Service fully appreciates the concerns and issues raised by those who did not. We remain however convinced of the benefits that Transformation will bring to communities throughout Scotland. Consequently it is recommended that the Service continues to proceed with the development of a Transformation programme, while being fully committed to further engaging with those communities, partners and individuals who raised concern during the consultation exercise’.

## 7.0 SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

7.1 **Chief Officer Recruitment:** SFRS has appointed Martin Blunden at its new Chief Officer. Mr Blunden is currently Deputy Chief Officer of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, and will take up his role in early 2019.

7.2 **Ministerial Working Group:** A ministerial working group set up following the Grenfell Tower Tragedy confirmed its intention in December to introduce legislation in Scotland in 2019 in regards to sound alerts for evacuation in high rise buildings and extending the mandatory installation of sprinklers in new flats. The Ministerial Working Group commissioned two reviews of building standards, one to cover compliance and enforcement and the other fire safety. A public consultation bringing together the recommendations from both reviews closed in September 2018.

## 8.0 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

8.1 None

## 9.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 9.1 Finance

There are no financial implications.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With effect from	Annual net impact £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

### 9.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

### 9.3 Human Resources

This report does not impact on Human Resources.

### 9.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

X

YES (see attached appendix)

NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

## 9.5 Repopulation

This structure is intended to protect and assist the local communities.

## 10.0 CONSULTATIONS

10.1 None.

## 11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 There are no background papers.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Update from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on current work within the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy Group.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

2.1 The CSP Strategy Group is the lead group for community safety in Inverclyde with an aim to coordinate and scrutinise related activity across the authority area. The CSP Strategy Group was created in 2018 following the introduction of the Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan and changes to the delivery of community planning in Inverclyde.

2.2 The CSP Strategy Group is made up of representatives from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Inverclyde Registered Social Landlords, Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, The Scottish Ambulance Service, CVS Inverclyde and Your Voice Inverclyde. The CSP Strategy Group is currently chaired by Superintendent Derek Lang, Police Scotland (Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division).

2.3 The CSP Strategy Group met on 22 January 2019 and an update from that meeting is noted in section 4.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 That the Committee notes the information contained within the report from the CSP Strategy Group of 22 January 2019, detailed in section 5.

**Ruth Binks**  
**Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 As part of the review of the Single Outcome Agreement and the development of the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan, the structure for the delivery of the Community Planning Partnership has changed. Following feedback from partners it was also agreed to try to reduce the number of groups dealing with Community Planning outcomes and priorities.
- 4.2 The CSP Strategy Group is the lead group for community safety in Inverclyde. Its governance structure has two sub-groups below known as 'Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership' and 'Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group'. A number of working groups also exist with a combination of issue-based groups and short term multi-agency tasking and co-ordinating groups.
- 4.3 The CSP Strategy Group is made up of representatives from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Inverclyde Registered Social Landlords, Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, The Scottish Ambulance Service, CVS Inverclyde and Your Voice Inverclyde. The CSP Strategy Group is currently chaired by Superintendent Derek Lang, Police Scotland (Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division). The chairs of the 'Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership' and 'Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group' also attend to provide regular updates on group activity.

## **5.0 CSP STRATEGY GROUP 22 JANUARY 2019**

- 5.1 A joint report by Police Scotland and Inverclyde Council regarding a partnership community safety and violence prevention initiative was discussed. The report proposes a locality-based Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative in Inverclyde to bring together community safety partners and the community where there are issues around violence, crime and disorder. The CSP has recommended that the initiative is promoted via the Inverclyde Alliance Board for endorsement.
- 5.2 A report by Inverclyde Council advises of the end period of the 2014-2018 Inverclyde Anti-social Behaviour Strategy. The CSP Strategy Group accepted recommendations that the current Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment identifies that anti-social behaviour remains a high priority for communities across Inverclyde and does not need a standalone strategy.
- 5.3 A report regarding the Scottish National Missing Persons Framework was remitted to the group by the Inverclyde Alliance Board. The CSP Strategy Group approved the formation of a short-term working group involving partners from the Community Safety Partnership and representation from the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee and Inverclyde Adult Protection Committee
- 5.4 A report on behalf of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership provided updates in relation to:
  - A number of key guidance documents are currently being updated by the MAP to reflect recent national policy development. These include: Domestic Abuse Guidance, Domestic Abuse Protocol, Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence (HBV) Guidance, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Guidance.
  - Inverclyde Council will be participating in the Equally Safe at Work Accreditation Programme as Shadow Council. The programme will support employers to enhance their policies and practices which are key to addressing the barriers that women face at work. The programme will also enable employers to better support employees who have experienced gender-based violence, and work towards creating an inclusive workplace culture that prevents violence against women.
  - Discussions have taken place at MAP meetings regarding opportunities to

engage more closely with the Citizens' Panel. This would allow us to engage with a cross section of the community in Inverclyde to assess the level of awareness of issues of Violence Against Women.

5.5 A report on behalf of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinating Group provided updates in relation to:

- An update regarding planning arrangements for the period leading up to and including the 5 November was discussed. A final report is due soon, and at the request of the CSP Strategy Group Chair the 2019 planning meeting will be held in Springtime to progress issues.
- An update regarding the Fire Safety Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating (MATAC) Group was provided. There have been ongoing engagements around providing fire safety training to key staff groups who, as part of their employment, work and support vulnerable individuals such as care staff and housing staff. The MATAC will also work with the Adult Protection Committee following recent fatalities to identify other learning opportunities.
- In respect of water safety, following a fatality in Renfrewshire, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Community Safety analyst conducted a study to identify bodies of water across Inverclyde where there have been reported incidents to Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. It has been suggested that a small task group is established, initially comprising membership from SFRS, Inverclyde Council and HM Coastguard to identify all bodies of water across Inverclyde where there is a risk that people may enter and for the partnership to complete a risk assessment. Additionally, SFRS will be visiting all secondary schools across Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire to promote water safety.

5.6 The representative from SFRS provided further update in respect of fire safety advising of the approach to home fire safety visits (HFSV) and the opportunities to engage with isolated people and 'at risk' people. Due to an increase in the distribution of fire retardant bedding, Inverclyde Council will provide funding to SFRS to purchase additional bedding and look at other opportunities for funding.

5.7 The CSP Strategy Group will next meet in June 2019.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

There are no financial implications.

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