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**Aberdeenshire**  
COUNCIL 

## **REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR Q1 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

#### **1. Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Area Committee:-**

- 1. acknowledges and discusses the attached performance report relating to the period; and**
- 2. acknowledges and discusses any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report.**

#### **2. Background / Discussion**

- 2.1 The main purpose of this report is to inform members how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Garioch against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan and Garioch Multi-Member Ward Plan.
- 2.2 The summary report (see appendix 1) will provide a regular opportunity for Elected Members to discuss fire and rescue activities, in the local area in order to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Garioch.
- 2.3 Following feedback from Committees the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has changed the reporting format. It is envisaged that future reports will contain more commentary alongside the figures and graphics.
- 2.4 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

#### **3. Scheme of Governance**

The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the matter impacts the Garioch Area.

#### **4. Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report is to inform committee on performance and there will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.

- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.
- 4.3 There are no direct risk implications for the Council as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation.

**Martin Tait**  
**Local Senior Officer**  
**Aberdeenshire and Moray**

**Ritchie Johnson**  
**Director of Business**  
**Services**

## Garioch Area Committee 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Introduction

From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 there have been 98 incidents within the Garioch area;

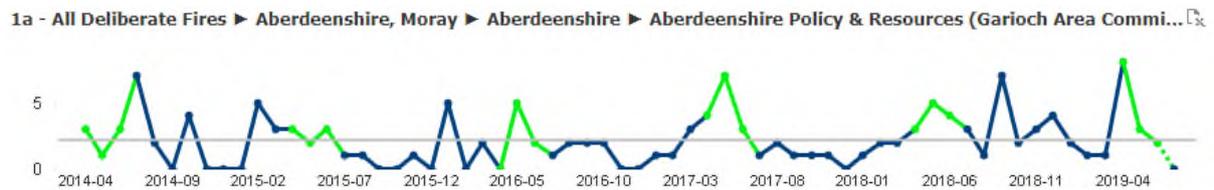
- 98 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 1 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 9 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 6 RTC Casualties
- 13 Deliberate Fires
- 17 Accidental Fires
- 3 Non-Domestic Fires
- 18 Special Service Incidents
- 43 False Alarms

The Aberdeenshire Management Team and staff within the area are committed to working with Communities and Partners to reduce all types of incidents and continue working to make Garioch a safe place to work, live and visit.

This report provides the Garioch Area Committee with an overview of performance within the area and what the service are doing in partnership with both communities and partners to continuously improve performance within the area.

### Deliberate Fires

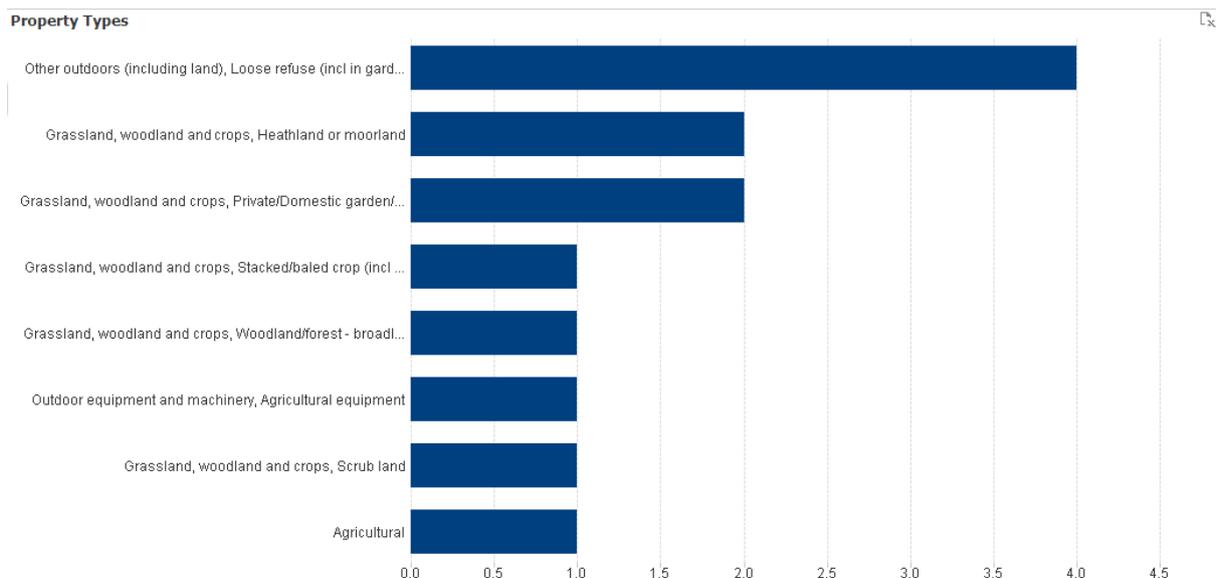
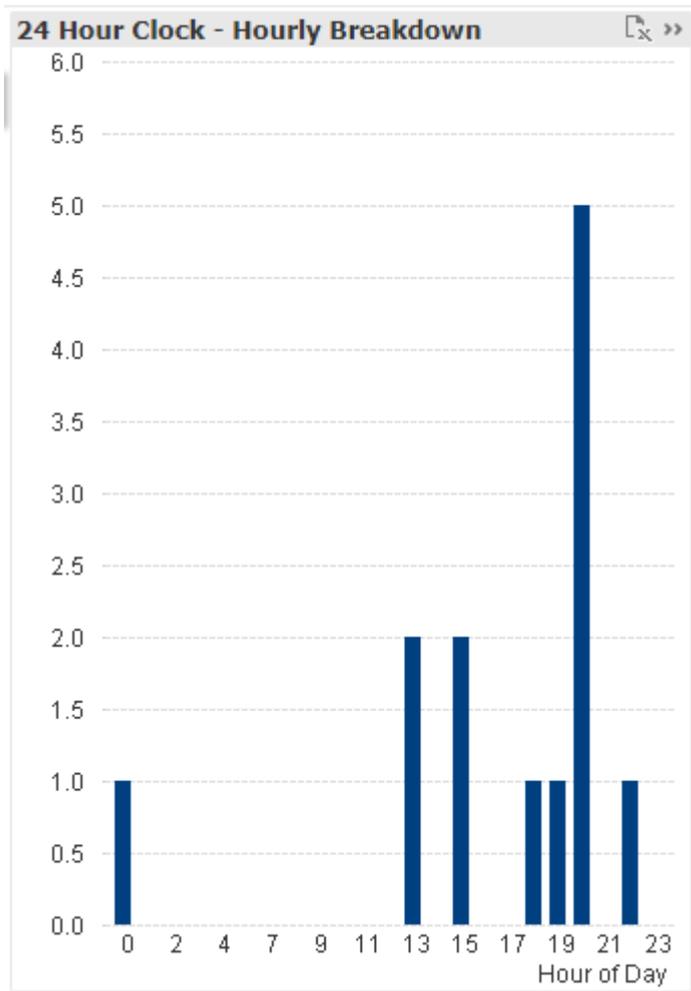
Reducing Deliberate Fires is a priority for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the Garioch Area. The chart below shows the challenge is still there for the achievement of this objective (the sections of the chart coloured green represent **April to June from 2014/15 to 2019/20**).



The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Garioch area down to ward level indicating the majority of deliberate fires are in the East Garioch area.

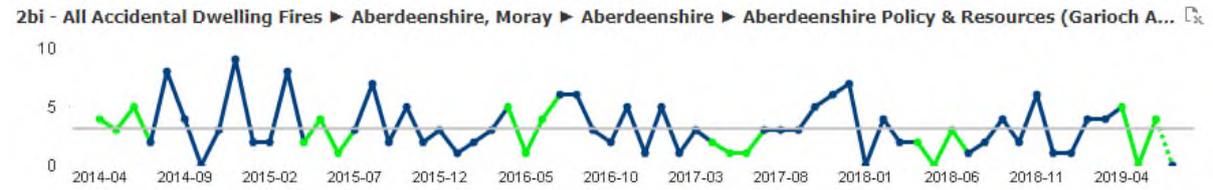
Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
East Garioch	3	4	1	2	3	8
Inverurie & District	0	2	4	8	2	1
West Garioch	1	1	1	2	1	2
Westhill & District	3	1	1	2	6	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>

7 out of the 13 incidents that have occurred during this period have taken place between 1800 – 2000hrs (this can be seen in the figure below).



## Unintentional Harm and Home Safety

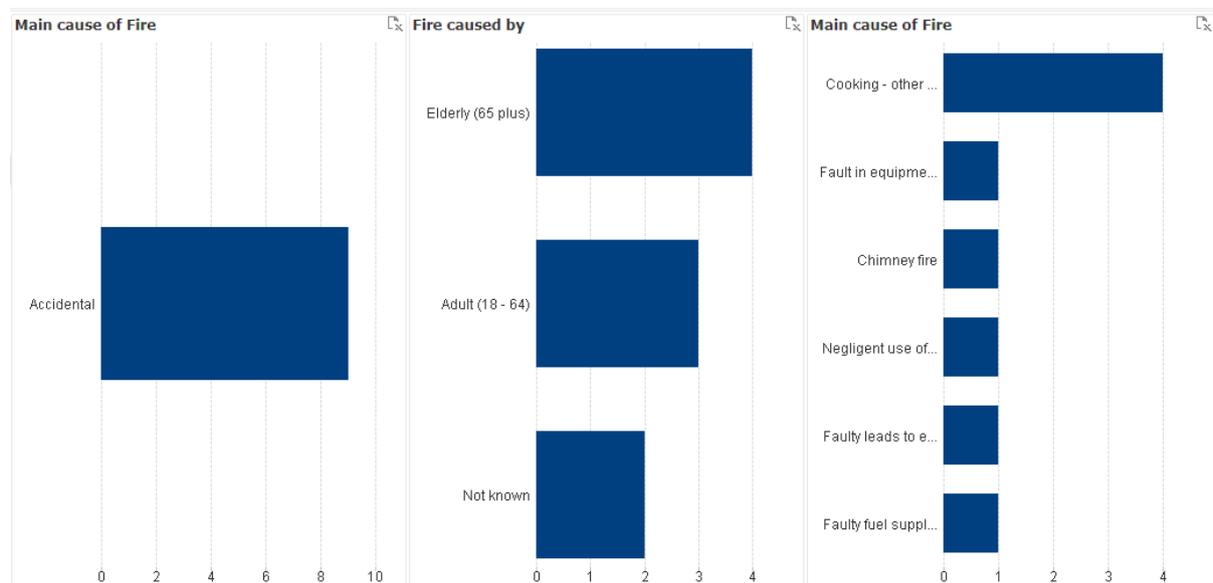
Reducing unintentional harm and improving home safety remain a priority for the SFRS. The chart below shows that the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires within the area have increased over the period.



The table below shows the breakdown of accidental dwelling fires down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that the number of accidental dwelling fires over the current period have occurred in **Inverurie and District area**.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
East Garioch	5	1	3	1	2	2
Inverurie & District	2	2	3	2	1	4
West Garioch	2	4	2	1	1	2
Westhill & District	3	0	2	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>

It can be seen from the chart below that **4 out of the 9** accidental dwelling fires that occurred, resulted from cooking. We will provide a greater focus on cooking related fires and distraction during HFSV's.



Home Fire Safety Visits continue to be our primary method for reducing accidental dwelling fires during this period we have delivered the following HFSV's.

Area	Total Visits	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
East Garioch	17	6 (35%)	6 (35%)	5 (30%)
Inverurie & District	24	10 (42%)	10 (42%)	4 (16%)
West Garioch	12	5 (42%)	4 (33%)	3 (25%)
Westhill and District	14	2 (14%)	7 (50%)	5 (36%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>23 (34%)</b>	<b>27 (40%)</b>	<b>17 (26%)</b>

We are continuing to work with our Partners through Local Community Planning Arrangements and the Health and Social Care Partnership to increase the number of High Risk referrals made for Home Fire Safety Visits. We continue to work in conjunction with our Prevention and Protection colleagues to identify vulnerable and high risk persons, referring them to Partner Agencies for additional support where required. Delivering these visits to people in need is a critical piece of work.

### **Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties**

There has been one casualty as a result of accidental dwelling fires. The table below shows how this compares to the previous five years;

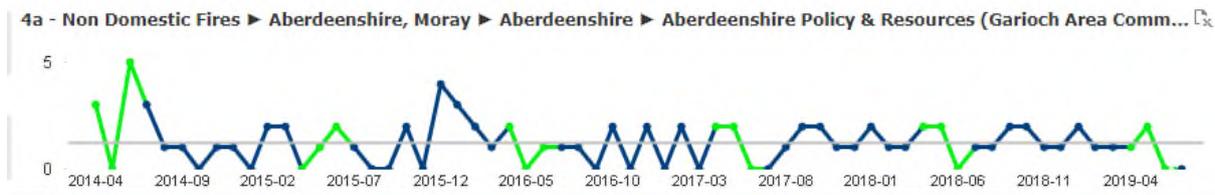
Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
† Ward						
East Garioch	0	0	0	1	0	1
Inverurie & District	0	0	1	0	0	0
West Garioch	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westhill & District	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Although the number of casualties remains low we will not become complacent and will continue refining our HFSV process to ensure casualty numbers are minimised.

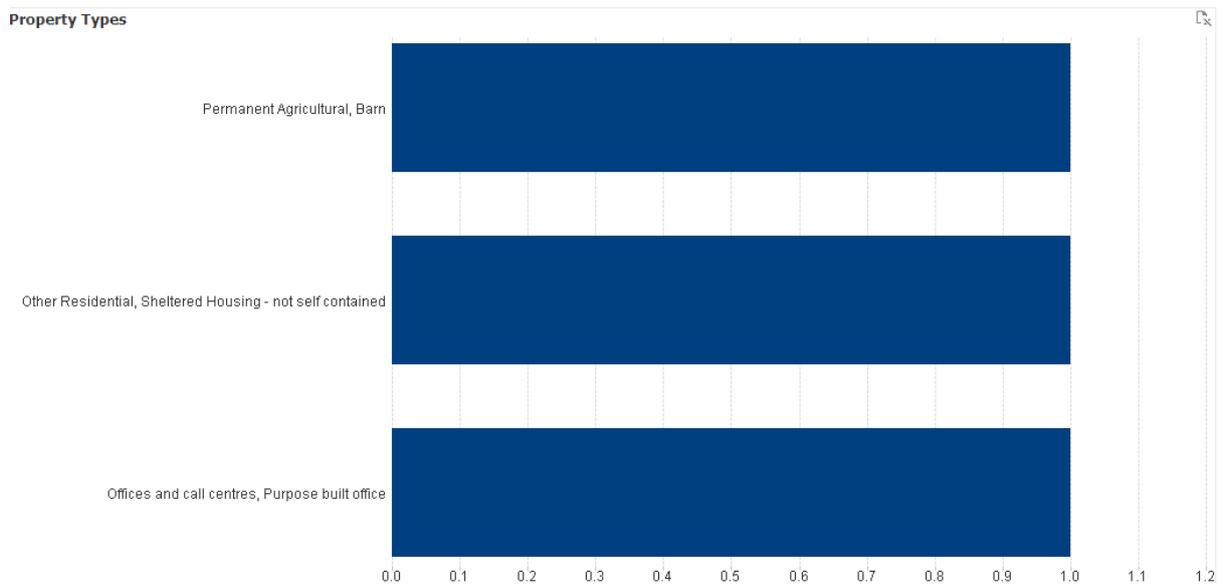
### **Non Domestic Fires**

During this reporting period there have been 3 Non-domestic fires in the area, the table and chart below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous 5 years.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
East Garioch	5	0	1	1	2	2
Inverurie & District	1	1	0	2	1	0
West Garioch	2	0	1	1	0	1
Westhill & District	0	2	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>



The chart below shows the property types where these incidents occurred.

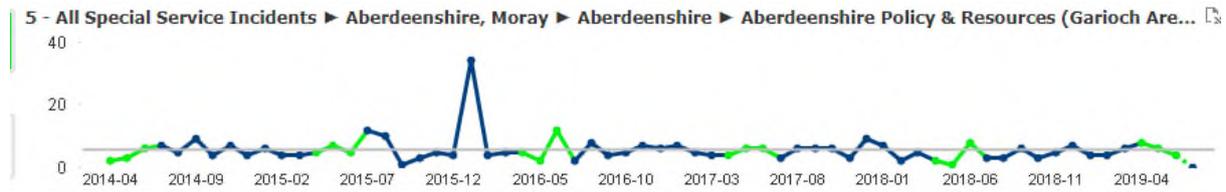


### Non-Fire Emergencies

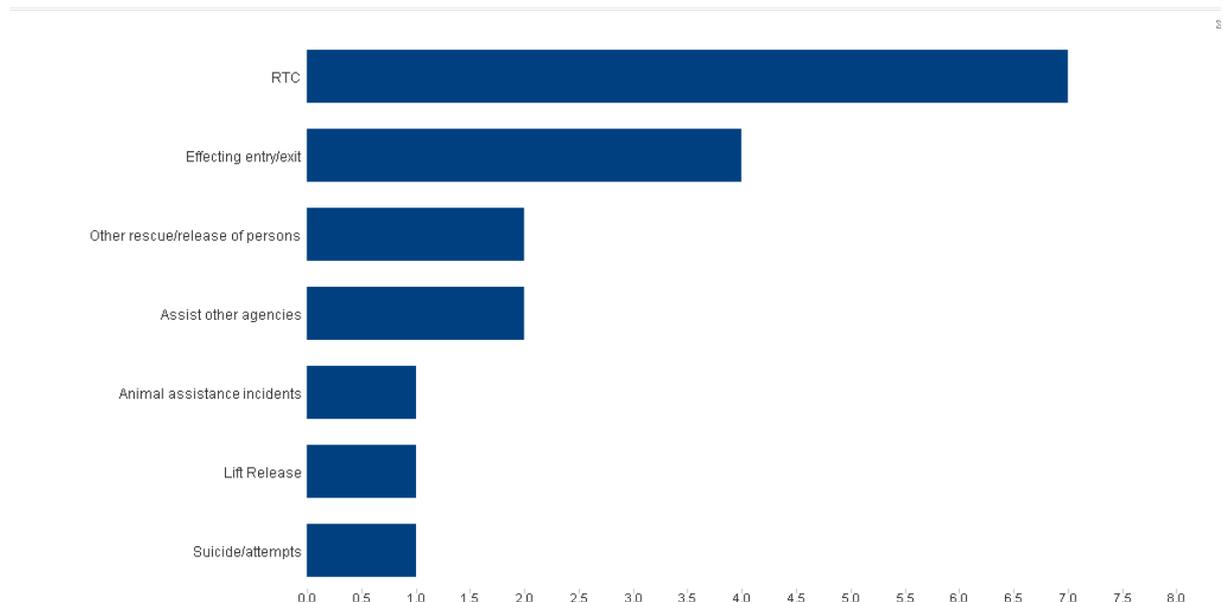
The modern Fire and Rescue Service attends many incidents that are not fires. This section provides information in relation to Non-Fire Emergencies to allow members to see both how we are progressing in this area and the variety of Non-Fire Emergencies that crews within the area deal with.

The table and chart below show comparison with the previous 5 years;

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
East Garioch	1	4	5	3	5	5
Inverurie & District	1	2	6	1	1	7
West Garioch	2	7	5	4	4	3
Westhill & District	7	4	3	8	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>



The chart below shows the number and different categories of Non-Fire Emergencies that the Service have responded to in the Garioch area during the reporting period;



We continue working with both partners and local communities to reduce the number of Non-Fire Emergencies in the area and to ensure that there is an effective response when an incident does occur.

### **Casualties resulting from Road Traffic Collisions**

It is pleasing to note that there have been no Fatal Casualties as a result of Road Traffic Collisions during this reporting period.

We have seen an increase in the number of Non-Fatal Casualties from RTC's during this period and the table below provides information for comparison over the previous 5 years.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
East Garioch	2	2	1	2	1	2
Inverurie & District	1	0	0	2	0	0
West Garioch	2	6	1	3	1	3
Westhill & District	10	5	0	4	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

We continue to provide Road Safety Initiatives with partners in the area and during this reporting period we were heavily involved with the Safe Drive Stay Alive campaign. We will continue to deliver Crash Live events across the area, and we are also aiming to target drivers who commute to work by undertaking Road Safety Initiatives at business premises. Several events are being planned in Westhill in October, with the plans to deliver similar events across the area in the future.

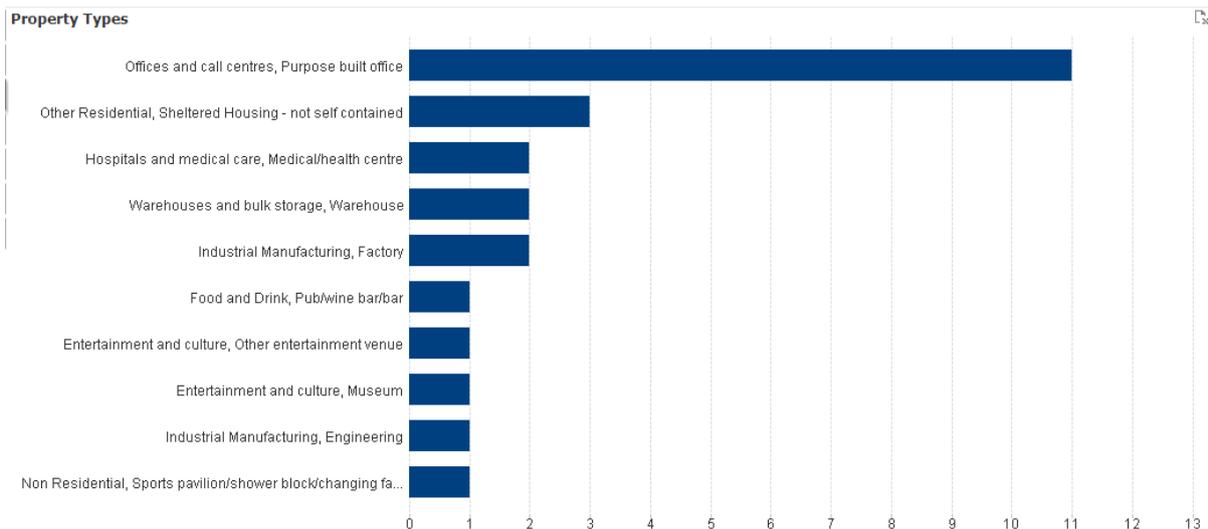
### **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)**

Reducing the number of unwanted fire alarm signals is a priority for the area. Reducing this type of incident has a positive impact on local employers by decreasing the interruption to businesses and the wider community. This also reduces road risk in relation to blue light journeys made while responding to incidents that turn out to be a false alarm.

We continue working on this priority with business owners and occupiers and the progress can be seen in the table below;

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
East Garioch	4	4	2	8	6	6
Inverurie & District	0	1	4	9	5	7
West Garioch	0	1	3	4	8	2
Westhill & District	13	12	15	12	16	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>

The chart below shows the property types where UFAS Incidents have occurred during this reporting period.



In line with our policy for Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, all operational crews provide advice and guidance to occupiers/owners every time that they attend an Unwanted Fire Alarm. In cases where there is no improvement we provide occupiers/owners with additional advice from our specialist Fire Safety Enforcement Officers to assist them in resolving the issue.

**Establishment – Garioch Area**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Establishment Figures</b>
Inverurie	17 (3 under establishment) + 2 in HR system
Kintore	8 (2 under establishment) + 1 in HR system
Insch	9 (1 under establishment)