



## REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 25 MAY 2021

### SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – MARR AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

FOR 1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2021

#### 1. Reason for Report

To discuss how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Marr against key SFRS priorities and the Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan.

#### 2. Recommendations

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

**2.1 Acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report relating to the period.**

**2.2 Acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report.**

#### 3. Purpose

3.1 The main purpose of this report is to inform members how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Marr against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan and Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan.

3.2 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 Marr

3.3 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Their comments are incorporated within the report and they are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

#### 4. Discussion

4.1 A verbal update will be provided on the day to advise of matters arising and discuss in more detail the information contained within **Appendix 1**.

## 5. Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

5.1 This report helps deliver the following Council Priorities:

- 1 – Our People – Education and Health and Wellbeing
- 2 – Our Environment – Resilient Communities

5.2 The Table below shows whether risks and implications apply –

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Financial			<b>X</b>
Staffing			<b>X</b>
Equalities			<b>X</b>
Fairer Scotland Duty			<b>X</b>
Town Centre First		<b>X</b>	
Sustainability			<b>X</b>
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			<b>X</b>

5.3 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.

5.4 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report

## 6. Scheme of Governance

6.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.7 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the Area Committee is authorised to consider the performance of Fire and Rescue in the Marr area and to make any necessary recommendations to the appropriate policy committee or governing body. In this case, comments will be fed back to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

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

**Ritchie Johnson**  
**Director of Communities**

**10 May 2021**

### List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Summary Report

## Marr Area Committee 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### Introduction

From 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 there have been 101 incidents within the Marr Area;

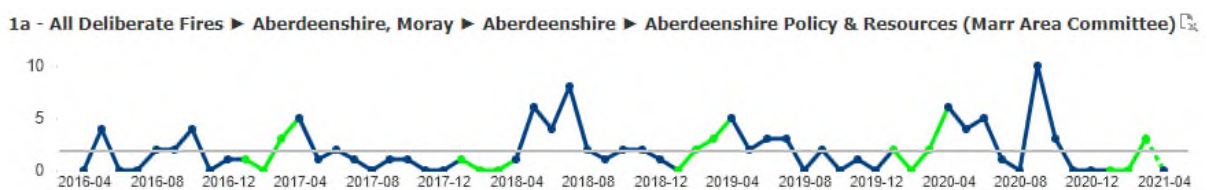
- 101 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 1 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 6 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 0 RTC Casualties
- 3 Deliberate Fires
- 24 Accidental Fires
- 6 Non-Domestic Fires
- 22 Special Service Incidents
- 51 False Alarms

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 Marr Area a safe place to work, live and visit.

This report provides the Marr 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

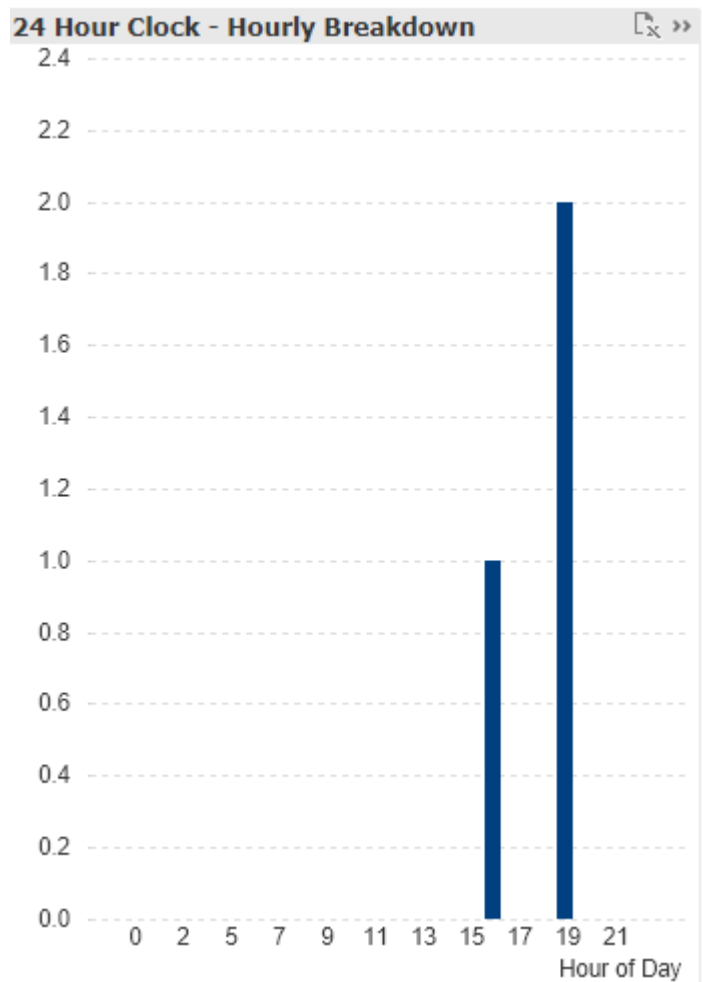
Reducing Deliberate Fires is a priority for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the Marr area. The chart below shows a continuing decrease in the number of Deliberate Fires recorded during this reporting period (the sections of the chart coloured green represent January to March from 2016/17 to 2020/21) in comparison with the previous 3 years.



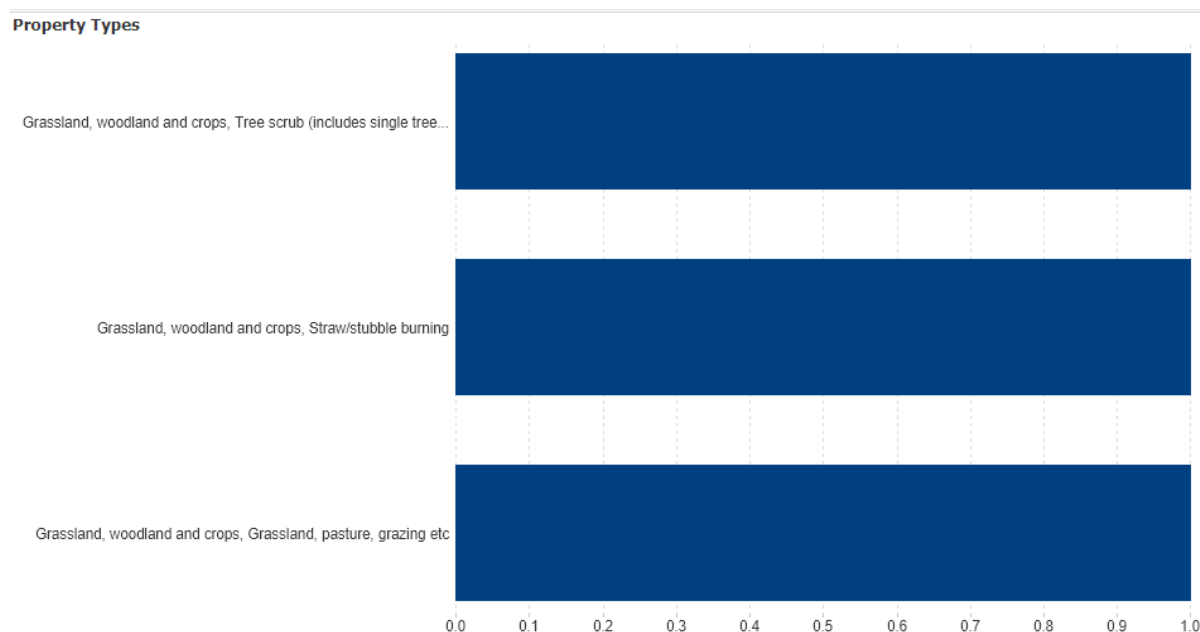
The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Marr area down to ward level. There has been a continuing decrease in Deliberate Fires being recorded in the area though an increase reported in the Banchory & Mid Deeside area.

<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	3	0	2	1	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	2	1	3
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	1	1	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

Details of the time breakdown of when the incidents occurred are shown below:

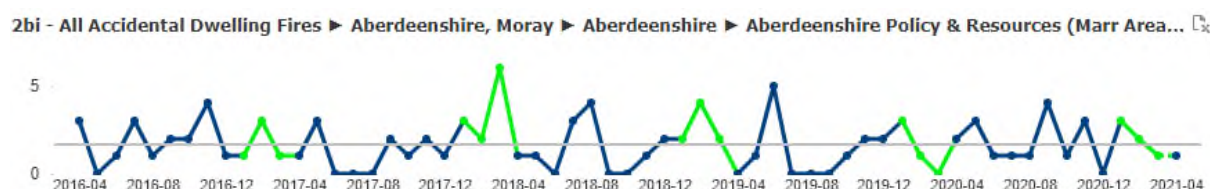


The types of property involved in the incidents are shown below:



### Unintentional Harm and Home Safety

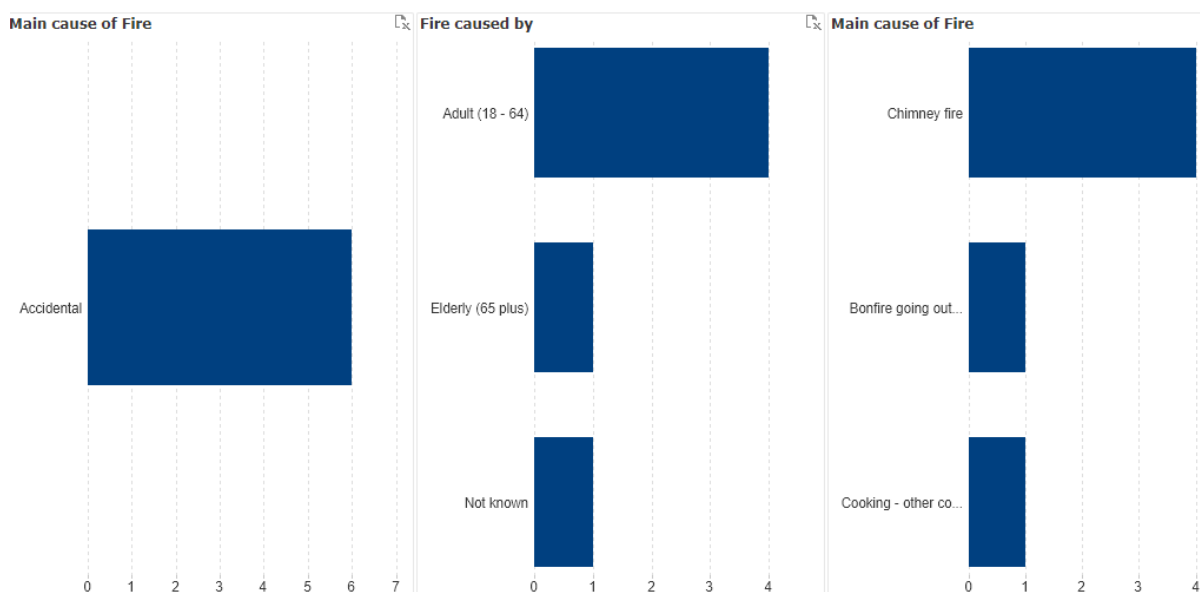
Reducing unintentional harm and improving home safety remain a priority for the SFRS. The chart below shows that there has been six Accidental Dwelling Fires within the area during this period an increase over the corresponding quarter from the previous year.



The table below shows the breakdown of Accidental Dwelling Fires down to ward level.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	2	5	4	3	4
Banchory & Mid Deeside	1	4	2	1	1
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	2	2	2	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

The chart below highlights how the accidental dwelling fires occurred.



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

Area	Total Visits	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Banchory and Mid Deeside	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	3	1 (33%)	2 (64%)	0 (0%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1 (33%)</b>	<b>2 (64%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</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. Delivering these visits to the people most in need is a critical piece of work.

### **Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties**

During this reporting period there has been no casualties as a result of Accidental Dwelling Fires. The table below shows how this compares to the previous five years.


GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	1	0	1	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

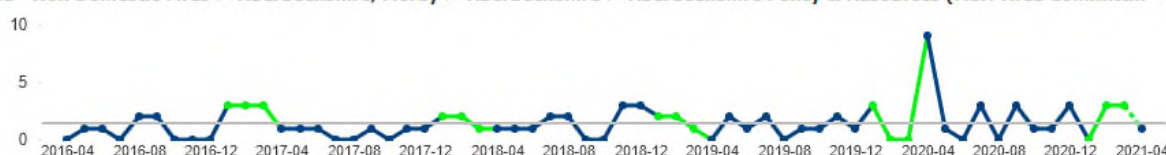
We will continue to refine our HFSV process to ensure casualty numbers continue to be low or at zero.

### Non Domestic Fires

During this reporting period there have been six non-domestic fires in the area – mostly due to an increase in incidents in the Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside area. The table and chart below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous five years.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	3	2	3	1	4
Banchory & Mid Deeside	2	0	1	1	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	4	3	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

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



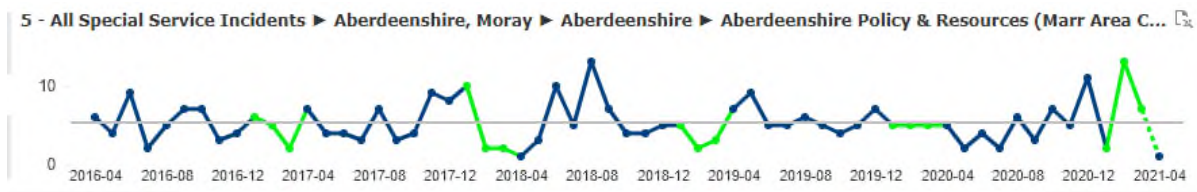
### Non-Fire Emergencies

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.

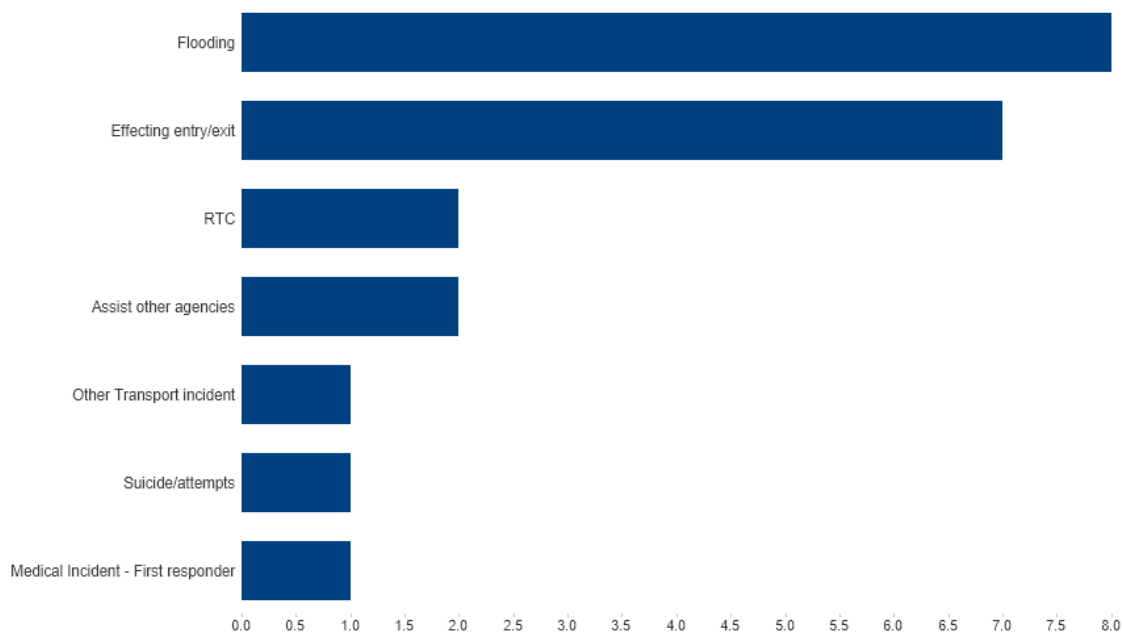
The table chart below shows information and comparison with the previous five years. The figures show a significant increase over the previous 3 years. The figure for this reporting period is the highest in the previous 5 years.

<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	5	5	2	5	10
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	6	3	8	5
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	8	3	5	2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>





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



15 out of 22 of the incidents relate to Flooding and Effecting Entry/Exit. 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**

There has been no Fatal Casualties as a result of Road Traffic Collisions during this reporting period and there have been no Non-Fatal Casualties.

The table below provides information for comparison for Non-Fatal Casualties from RTC’s during this 5 year period and highlights that this quarter’s figure, continues with the no casualties reported as per the same period last year .

<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	0	0	0	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	1	1	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	2	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Due to Covid restrictions, we have been unable to continue to provide Road Safety Initiatives with Partners in the area and during this reporting period.

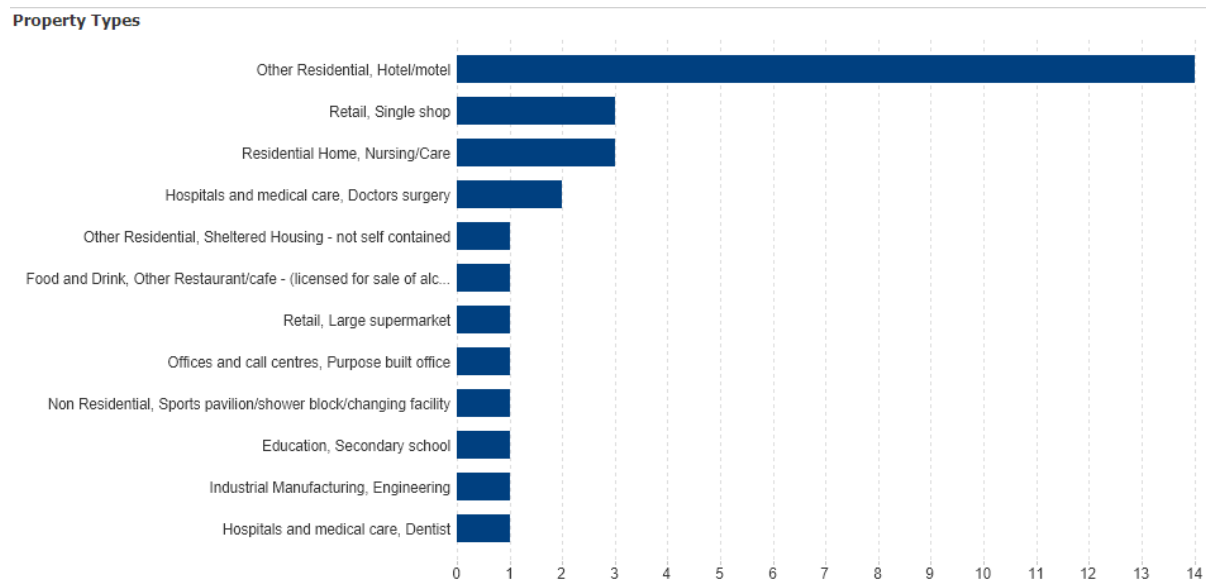
### **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)**

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.

Covid restrictions have impacted on our ability to continue working on this priority with business owners and occupiers. The table below shows a substantial increase on number reported as compared with previous years.

<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	9	8	12	6	17
Banchory & Mid Deeside	1	6	3	3	7
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	6	8	11	3	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</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 – Marr Area**

Station	Establishment Figures
Aboyne	11 - Full establishment
Balmoral	8 - Two under establishment
Ballater	16 - Four under establishment (1 recruit)
Braemar	8 - Two under establishment (2 recruits)
Strathdon	6 - Four under establishment
Alford	10 - Full establishment
Huntly	13 - Seven under establishment (3 recruits)
Banchory	17 - Three under establishment