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## REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR Q3 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER – 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 The reason for this report is to inform members how Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is performing locally in Buchan against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan and Buchan Multi-Member Ward Plan.

#### 1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

**1.2.1 acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report at Appendix 1 to this Report relating to the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**1.2.2 acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within Appendix 1 to this Report.**

#### 2 Decision Making Route

2.1 Since it became a single service for Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has provided quarterly information on its performance and activities to Buchan Area Committee both formally and informally.

#### 3. Discussion

3.1 Appendix 1 to this Report provides performance information for this Area. It gives the opportunity for Elected Members to discuss fire and rescue performance and activities in the local area in order to ensure that good outcomes are achieved for the residents of Buchan.

#### 4. Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This Report helps deliver the following Council Priorities:

- Our Economy
- Our Environment

4.2 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 and Fairer Duty Scotland			<b>X</b>
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			<b>X</b>
Climate Change and Sustainability			<b>X</b>
Health and Wellbeing			<b>X</b>
Town Centre First			<b>X</b>

4.3 There are no direct staffing/financial implications as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation.

4.4 An integrated impact assessment is not required because the reason for the report is for the committee to take note and it does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.

4.5 There are no direct risk implications for the Council as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation.

## **5. Scheme of Governance**

5.1 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.

5.2 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 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and to make any necessary recommendations to the appropriate Policy Committee or governing body.

**Chay Ewing**  
**Local Senior Officer**  
**ACAM (Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire & Moray)**

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

## BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2021

### Introduction

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 there have been 151 incidents within the Buchan Area;

- 15 Deliberate Fires
- 19 Accidental Fires
- 51 Special Service Incidents
- 63 False Alarms

As a result of these incidents there have been:

- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 3 RTC Casualties
- 0 RTC Fatality
- 5 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 8 Non-Domestic Fires

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 Buchan a safe place to work in, live in and visit.

This report provides the Buchan Area Committee with an overview of performance within the area and what Scottish Fire and Rescue 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 Buchan Area. (the sections of the chart coloured green represent October to December from (2017/18 to 2021/22)).

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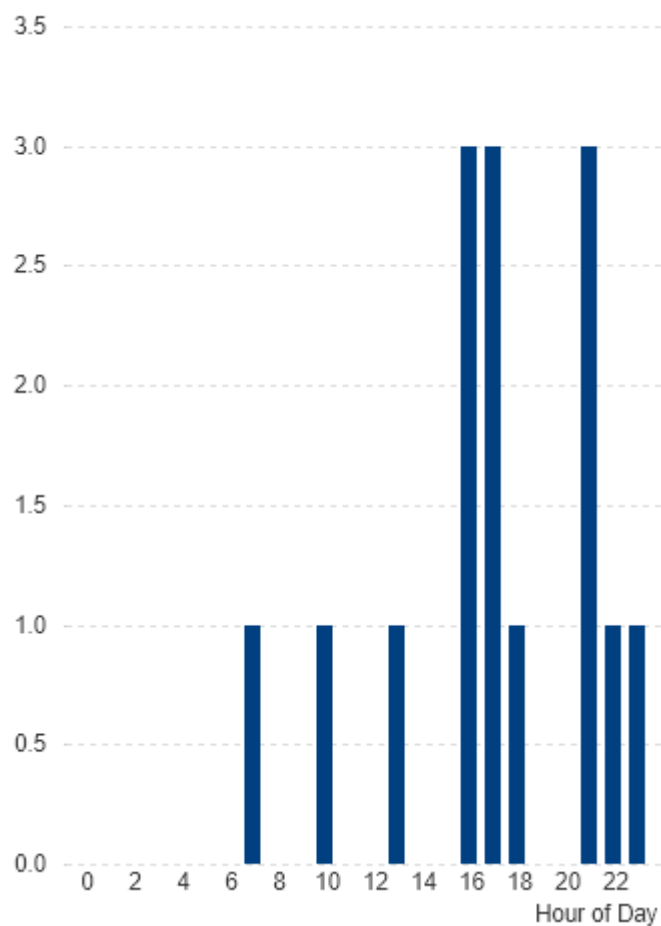


The table below shows the breakdown of deliberate fires throughout the Buchan Area down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that there has been a slight increase in the number of deliberate fires in the area. The figures also highlight that Central Buchan area has seen a reduction, Peterhead North & Rattray has stabilised but Peterhead South & Cruden has seen an increase.

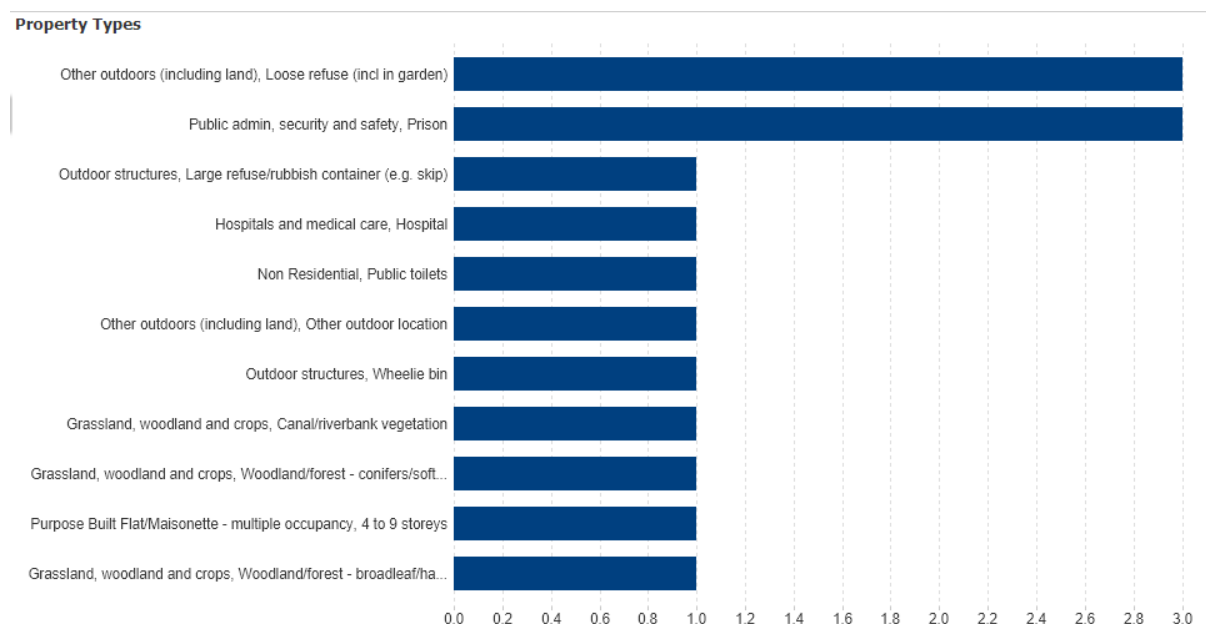
GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Central Buchan	0	3	4	4	2
Peterhead North & Rattray	8	5	4	9	9
Peterhead South & Cruden	2	10	7	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

The breakdown of the times when the 15 incidents occurred are shown below and reflect that 7 of the 15 incidents were from 1600-1800 and a further 5 between 2100 -2300.

#### 24 Hour Clock - Hourly Breakdown

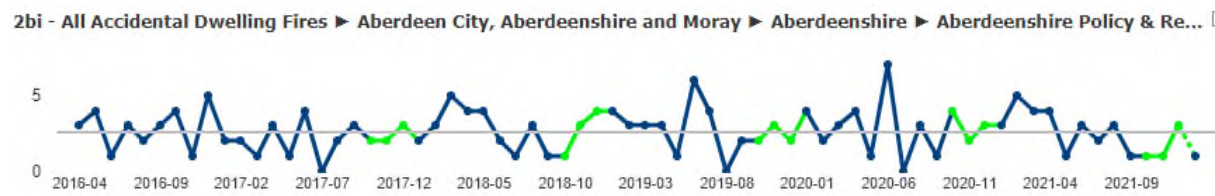


The graph below indicates the varied property types where the incidents took place.



### Unintentional Harm and Home Safety

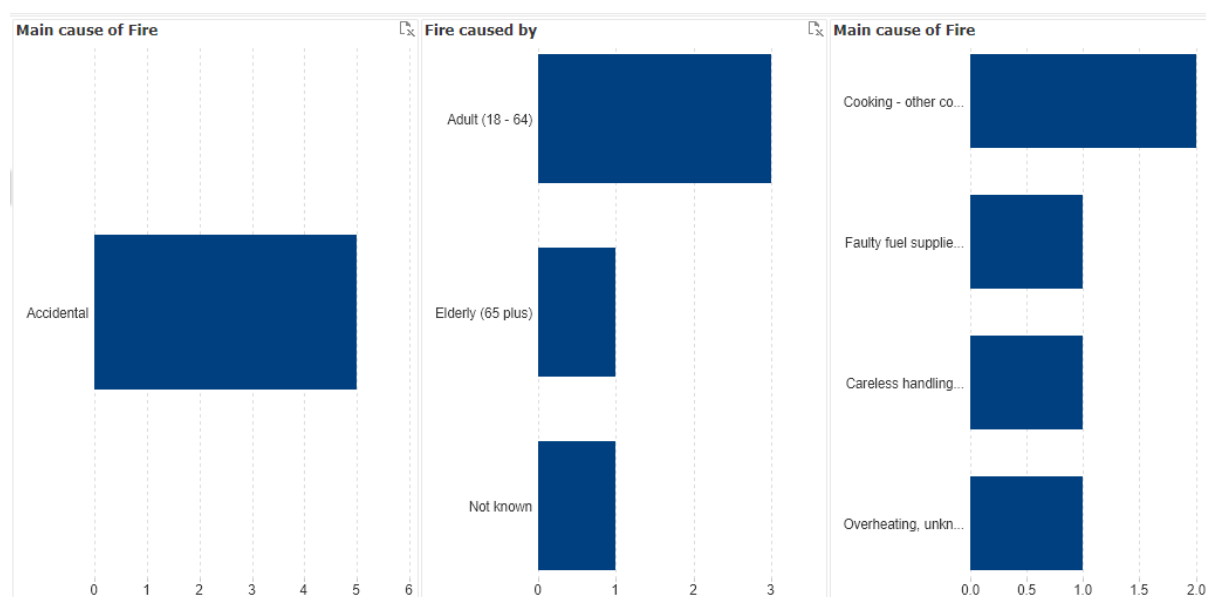
Reducing unintentional harm and improving home safety remain a priority for the SFRS. The chart below shows that the number of accidental dwelling fires within the area have decreased over the previous year and was the lowest total recorded over the previous 5 years.



The table below shows the breakdown of accidental dwelling fires down to ward level. Incidents recorded in Peterhead North & Rattray decreased substantially.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Central Buchan	2	1	1	1	1
Peterhead North & Rattray	2	4	4	6	1
Peterhead South & Cruden	3	3	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

The chart below shows the main causes of the Accidental fires and which age group caused them.



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
Central Buchan	20	5 (25%)	9 (45%)	6 (30%)
Peterhead North & Rattray	49	16 (33%)	20 (41%)	13 (26%)
Peterhead South & Cruden	28	5 (18%)	13 (46%)	10 (36%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>26 (27%)</b>	<b>42 (43%)</b>	<b>29 (30%)</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. This is a critical piece of work as delivering these visits to the people that are most in need.

### Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

During this reporting period there has been no casualties as a result of accidental dwelling fires. The table below shows the continued low figures over the 5 years.

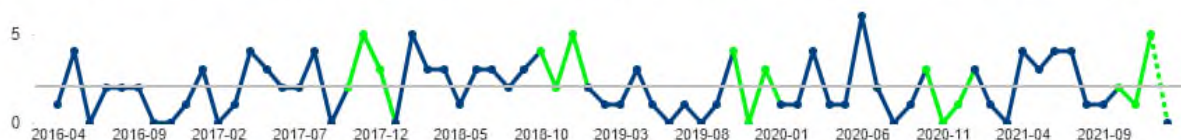
GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Central Buchan	0	0	0	0	0
Peterhead North & Rattray	0	0	0	0	0
Peterhead South & Cruden	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Non- Domestic Fires

During this reporting period there have been 8 non-domestic fires in the area. The table below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous five years. The table reflects that the figure has doubled in comparison with the previous year.

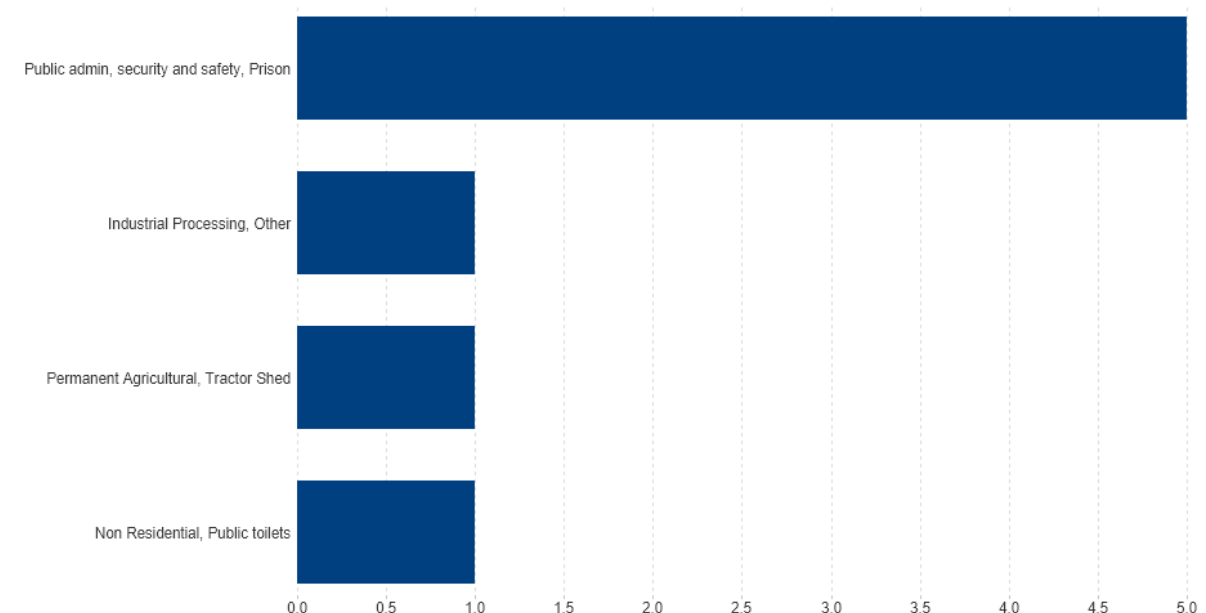
GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Central Buchan	3	1	0	1	0
Peterhead North & Rattray	1	1	1	2	2
Peterhead South & Cruden	6	9	6	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

4a - Non Domestic Fires ► Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray ► Aberdeenshire ► Aberdeenshire Policy & Resources (... [



The chart below shows the property types where Non-domestic Fire Incidents have occurred during this reporting period

### Property Types



## 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.

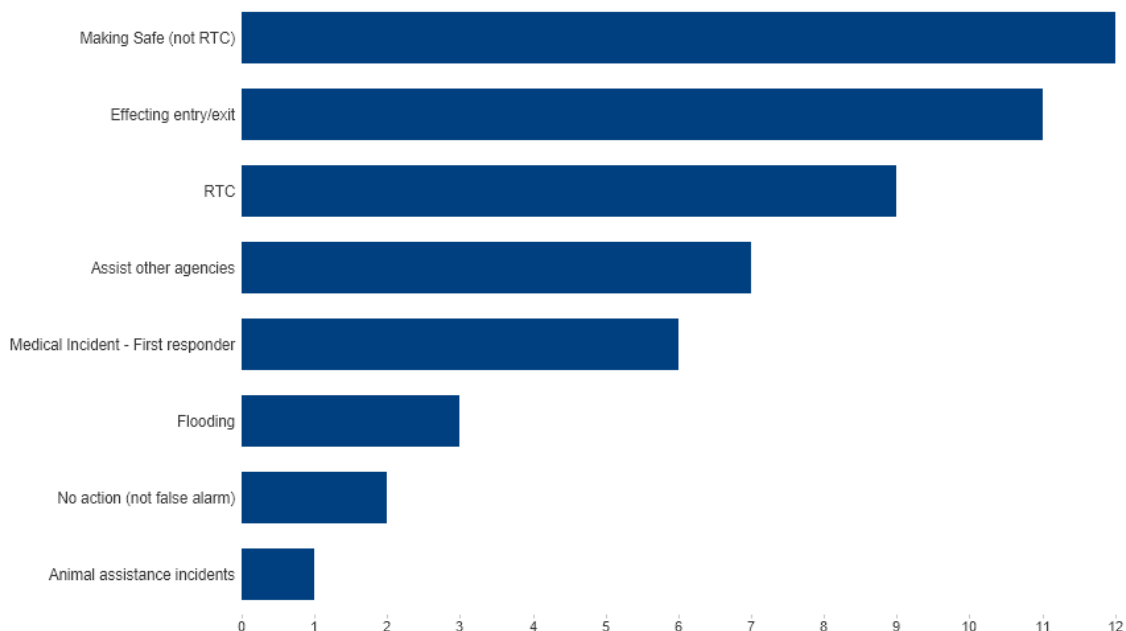
The table chart below reflects that incidents, related to non-fire emergencies, have more than doubled compared to previous year and the total was the highest in 5 years.

<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Central Buchan	13	14	25	11	24
Peterhead North & Rattray	9	21	12	11	20
Peterhead South & Cruden	6	8	6	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51</b>

5 - All Special Service Incidents ► Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray ► Aberdeenshire ► Aberdeenshire Policy & Reso...



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



The figures reflect that 31 of the 51 incidents related to Making Safe (not RTC), Effecting Entry/Exit or RTC's. 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 fatalities as a result of road traffic collisions we attended during this reporting period, however there have been 3 casualties. The table below provides information for comparison over the previous 5 years;

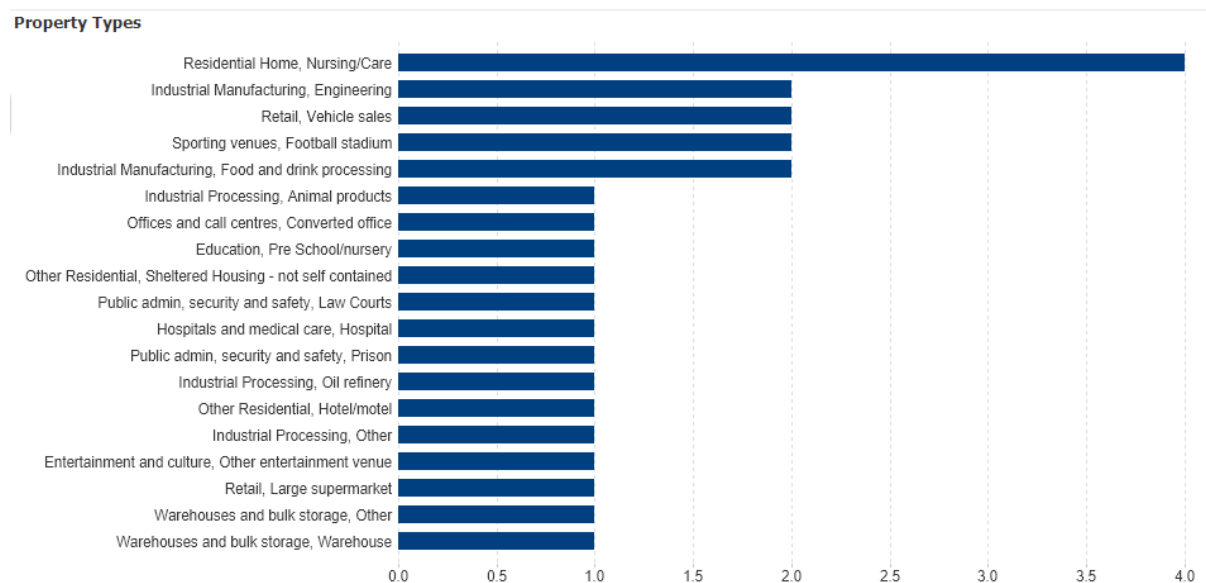
<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Central Buchan	6	5	3	6	3
Peterhead North & Rattray	2	1	0	1	0
Peterhead South & Cruden	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

### Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

Reducing the number of unwanted fire alarm signals is a priority for the area and the number has increased in comparison to the previous year due mostly to the increase in incidents in the Peterhead North & Rattray area. Reducing this type of incident has a positive impact on local employers by reducing the interruption to businesses and the wider community by reducing Road Risk through the reduction in the number of blue light journeys made while responding to incidents. We continue working on this priority with business owners and occupiers.

<b>GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR</b>					
<b>WARD</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Central Buchan	1	6	1	2	1
Peterhead North & Rattray	12	19	9	7	17
Peterhead South & Cruden	9	9	11	9	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</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 – Buchan Area**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Establishment Figures</b>
Peterhead	28 Whole Time & 14RDS
Maud	12 RDS