



## REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2018

### SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR Q1 (1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2018)

#### 1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

1. acknowledges and discusses the attached performance report relating to the period;
2. acknowledges and discusses any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report; and
3. provide comments on the revised format of the 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.

#### 3. Staffing and Financial and Equalities Implications

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.
- 3.3 There are no direct risk implications for the Council as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation.

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## Garioch Area Committee April to June 2018

### Introduction

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 there have been 103 incidents within the Garioch Area;

- 103 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 4 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 0 RTC Casualties
- 9 Deliberate Fires
- 19 Accidental Fires
- 3 Non-Domestic Fires
- 6 Special Service Incidents
- 45 False Alarms

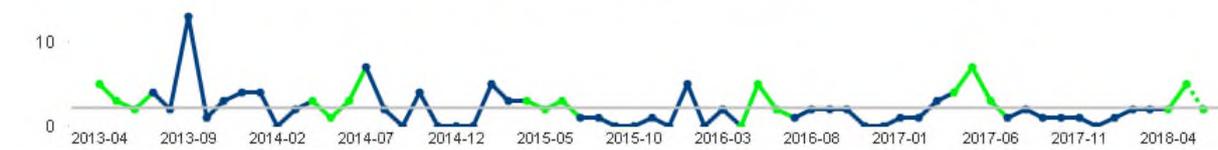
The Aberdeenshire Management Team and staff within the area are committed to working with Communities and Partners to reduce all types of incidents and continue working to make Garioch a safe place to Work in, Live in and Visit.

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 that we are making progress towards this objective (the sections of the chart coloured green represent April to June from 2013/14 to 2018/19).

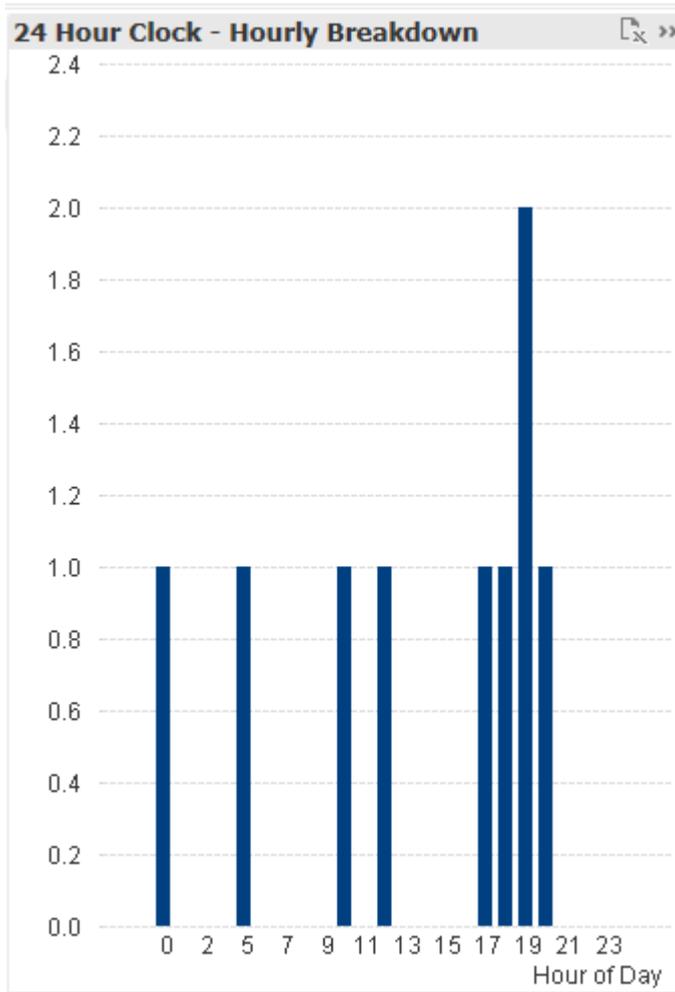
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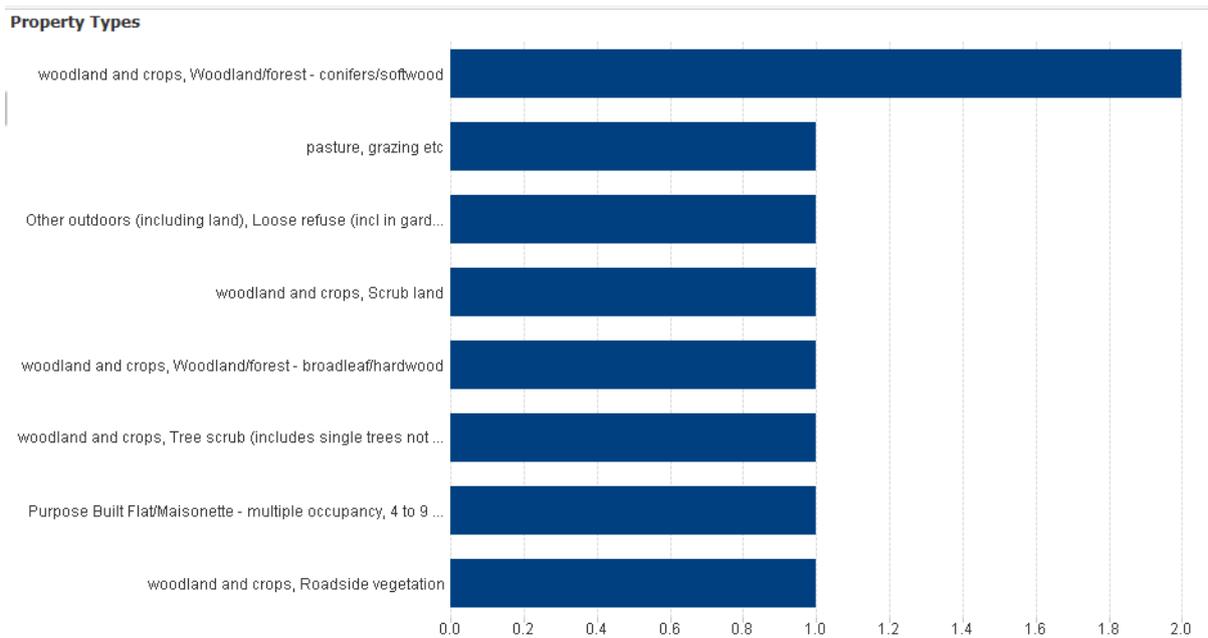
The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Garioch area down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that the majority of deliberate fires over the current period have occurred in the Westhill and District area.

| Geography/Reporting Year | 13-14     | 14-15    | 15-16    | 16-17    | 17-18     | 18-19    |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| † Ward                   |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| East Garioch             | 5         | 3        | 4        | 1        | 2         | 3        |
| Inverurie & District     | 4         | 0        | 2        | 4        | 8         | 1        |
| West Garioch             | 0         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 2         | 0        |
| Westhill & District      | 1         | 3        | 1        | 1        | 2         | 5        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>10</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>9</b> |

5 out of the 9 incidents that have occurred during this period have taken place between 1700 – 2000hrs (this can be seen in the figure below).

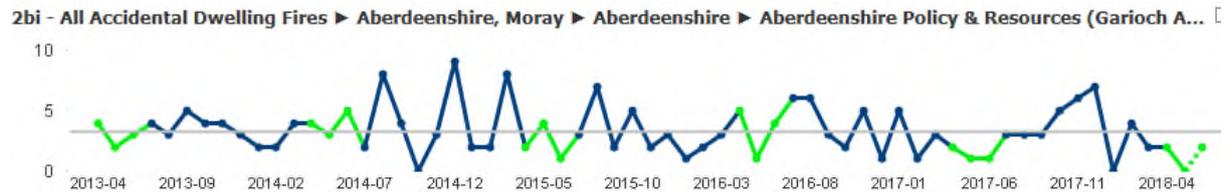


Given the time of day and the type of fires that have occurred then



## Unintentional Harm and Home Safety

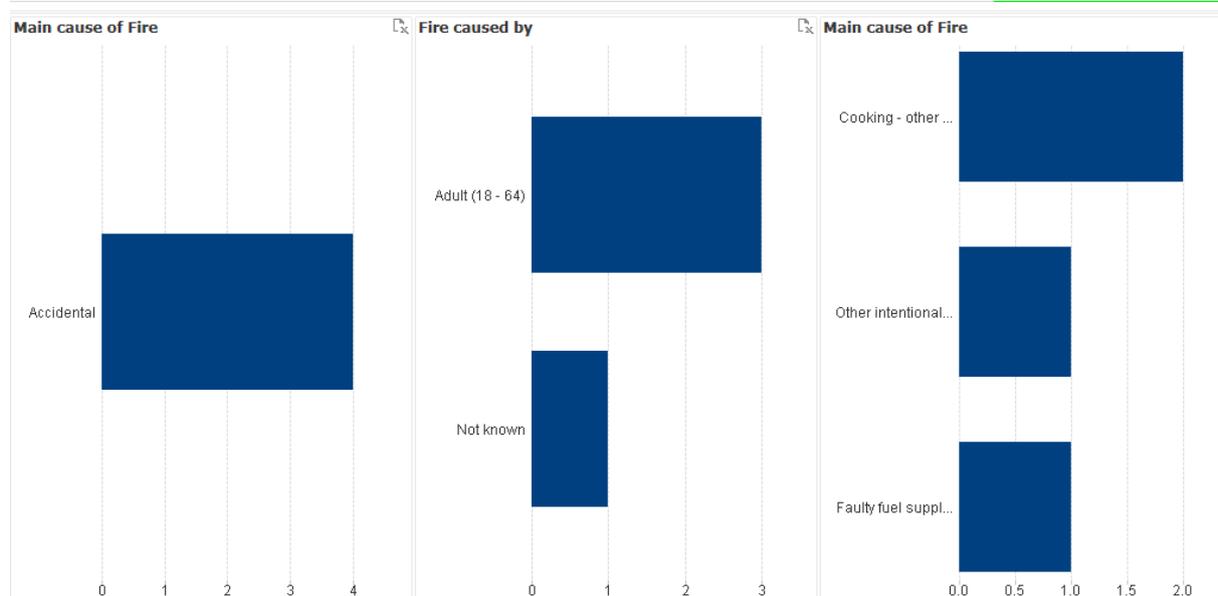
Reducing unintentional harm and improving home safety remain a priority for the SFRS. The chart below shows that the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires within the area have remained relatively static over the period.



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 East Garioch Area. 1 x Electrical, 1 x Cooking

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

It can be seen from the chart below that 2 out of the 4 of accidental dwelling fires that occurred resulted from cooking. There will be a greater focus on cooking related fires and distraction during Home Fire Safety Visits, and when attending Public Events.



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

| Area                  | Total Visits | High Risk       | Medium Risk     | Low Risk        |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| East Garioch          | 25           | 5 (20%)         | 8 (32%)         | 12 (48%)        |
| Inverurie & District  | 40           | 17 (42%)        | 14 (35%)        | 9 (23%)         |
| West Garioch          | 15           | 3 (20%)         | 5 (33%)         | 7 (47%)         |
| Westhill and District | 10           | 1 (10%)         | 3 (30%)         | 6 (60%)         |
| <b>Totals</b>         | <b>90</b>    | <b>26 (29%)</b> | <b>30 (33%)</b> | <b>34 (38%)</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

It is pleasing to note that during this reporting period there have 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 | 13-14    | 14-15    | 15-16    | 16-17    | 17-18    | 18-19    |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ↑ Ward                   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| East Garioch             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Inverurie & District     | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| West Garioch             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Westhill & District      | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |

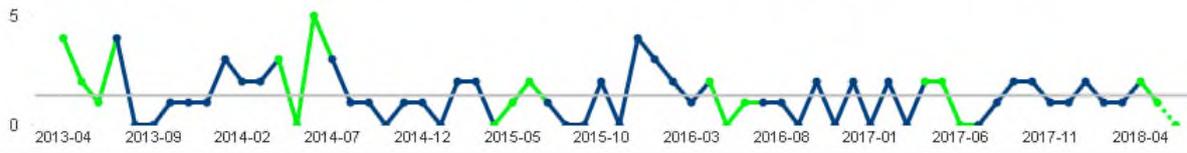
Although the number of casualties remains low we will not become complacent and will continue refining our HFSV process to ensure casualty numbers are minimised.

### Non Domestic Fires

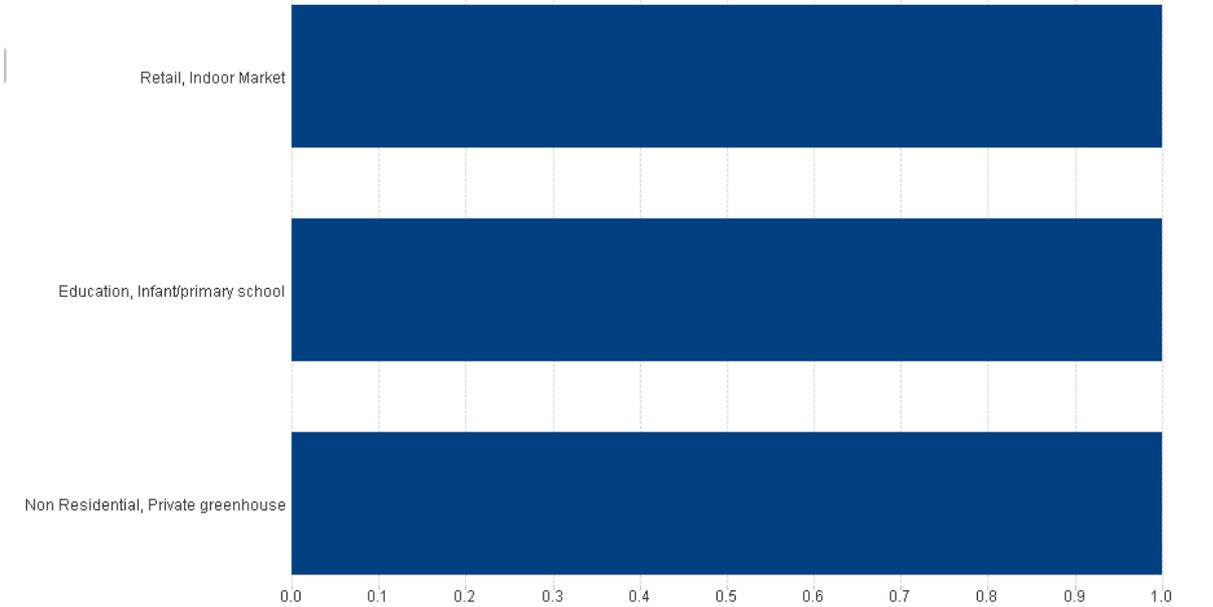
During this reporting period there has been 3 Non-domestic fires in the area, the table and chart below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous 5 years. 2 x Cooking, 1 x Accidental.

| Geography/Reporting Year | 13-14    | 14-15    | 15-16    | 16-17    | 17-18    | 18-19    |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ↑ Ward                   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| East Garioch             | 1        | 5        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 2        |
| Inverurie & District     | 3        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 1        |
| West Garioch             | 2        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| Westhill & District      | 1        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> |

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Property Types



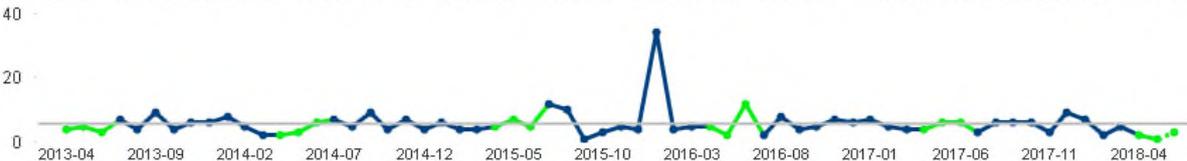
**Non-Fire Emergencies**

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.

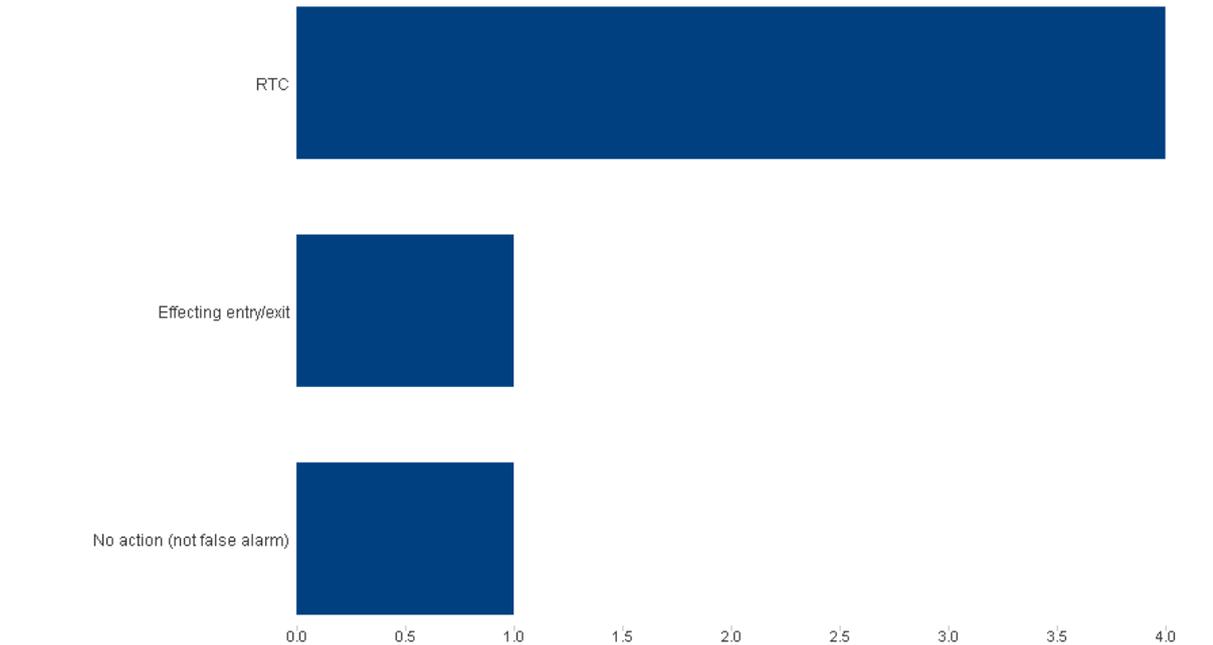
The table and chart below show how we are progressing in comparison with the previous 5 years;

| Geography/Reporting Year | 13-14     | 14-15     | 15-16     | 16-17     | 17-18     | 18-19    |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| ↑ Ward                   |           |           |           |           |           |          |
| East Garioch             | 1         | 1         | 4         | 5         | 3         | 1        |
| Inverurie & District     | 4         | 1         | 2         | 6         | 1         | 1        |
| West Garioch             | 3         | 2         | 7         | 5         | 4         | 4        |
| Westhill & District      | 4         | 7         | 4         | 3         | 8         | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>12</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>6</b> |

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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 also seen a reduction 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 | 13-14    | 14-15     | 15-16     | 16-17    | 17-18     | 18-19    |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| † Ward                   |          |           |           |          |           |          |
| East Garioch             | 0        | 2         | 2         | 1        | 2         | 0        |
| Inverurie & District     | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0        | 2         | 0        |
| West Garioch             | 0        | 2         | 6         | 1        | 3         | 0        |
| Westhill & District      | 2        | 10        | 5         | 0        | 4         | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>2</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>0</b> |

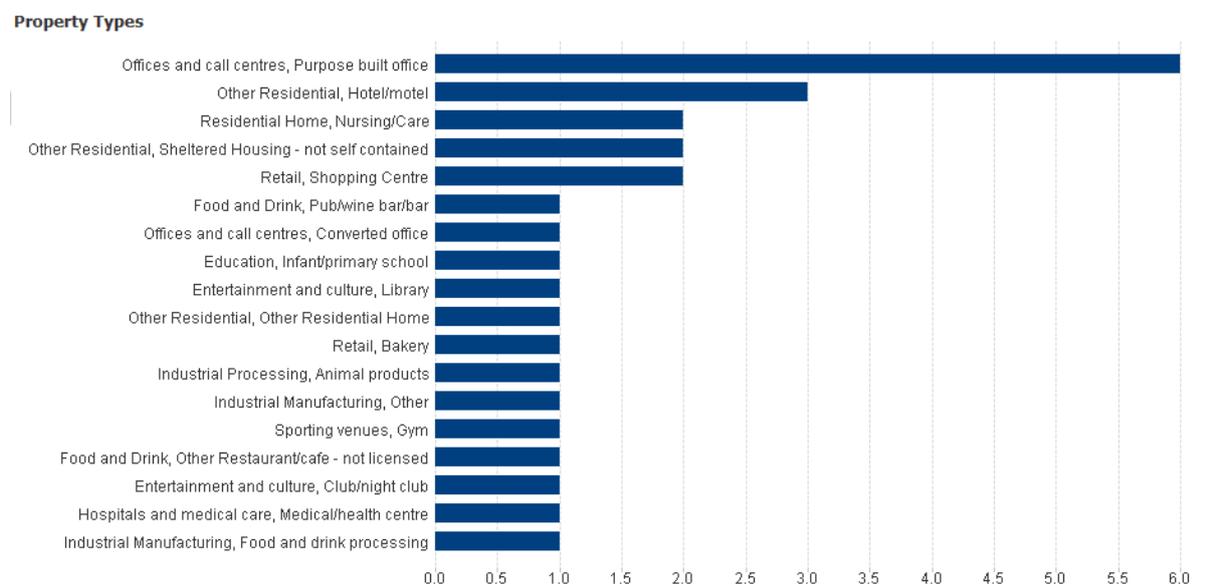
## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

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 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 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 | 13-14     | 14-15     | 15-16     | 16-17     | 17-18     | 18-19     |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| † Ward                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| East Garioch             | 4         | 4         | 4         | 2         | 8         | 5         |
| Inverurie & District     | 3         | 0         | 1         | 4         | 9         | 4         |
| West Garioch             | 0         | 0         | 1         | 3         | 4         | 4         |
| Westhill & District      | 12        | 13        | 12        | 15        | 12        | 15        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>19</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>28</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

| Station   | Establishment Figures |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Inverurie | 17 plus 2 Candidates  |
| Kintore   | 8                     |
| Insch     | 7 plus 3 Candidates   |