Argyll & Bute Performance Report Q2 - 1st July 2019 - 30th September 2019

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
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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 Argyll & Bute and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely wit h our partners in Argyll & Bute 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 Argyll and Bute's 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 Argyll & Bute 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
Cowal Ward	0	0	0	3	3	11
Dunoon Ward	4	0	1	2	0	9
Helensburgh and Lomond South Ward	1	0	4	3	0	12
Helensburgh Central Ward	3	0	1	6	0	17
Isle of Bute Ward	1	0	3	0	0	4
Kintyre and the Islands Ward	0	0	0	0	0	12
Lomond North Ward	0	0	5	1	0	9
Mid Argyll Ward	2	0	1	1	0	23
Oban North and Lorn Ward	2	0	5	0	0	13
Oban South and the Isles Ward	3	0	2	1	0	47
South Kintyre Ward	0	0	1	0	1	10
Total Incidents	**16**	**0**	**23**	**17**	**4**	**167**
Year on Year Change	-36%	-100%	-38%	-37%	-67%	-1%
3 Year Average Change	-4%	-67%	-15%	19%	-9%	1%
5 Year Average Change	-7%	-14%	-2%	-5%	-17%	-1%

About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and opennes s. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statist ics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which res ult 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

Argyll & Bute Activity Summary

51 fires primary & secondary — (-37) -42%

64 special services — -26% (-23)

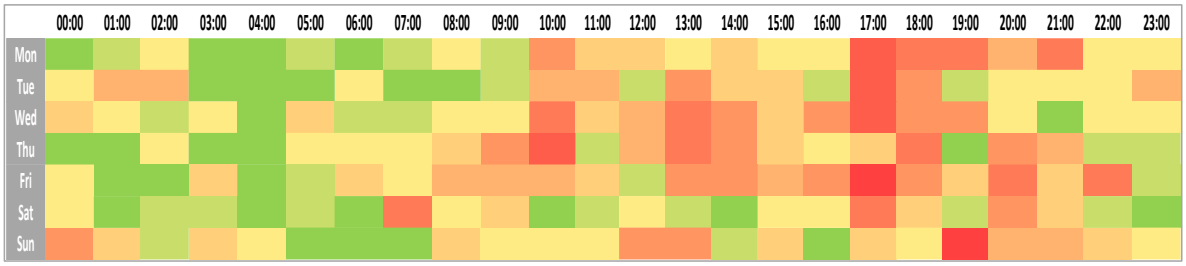
326 false alarms — 1% (4)

441 total number of incidents — -11% (-56)

23 fire & non-fire casualties — -48% (-21)

£328,990 economic cost of ufas incidents

Activity by Time of Day



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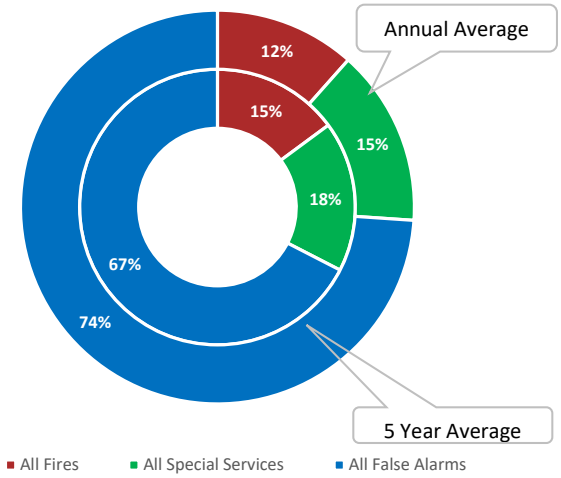
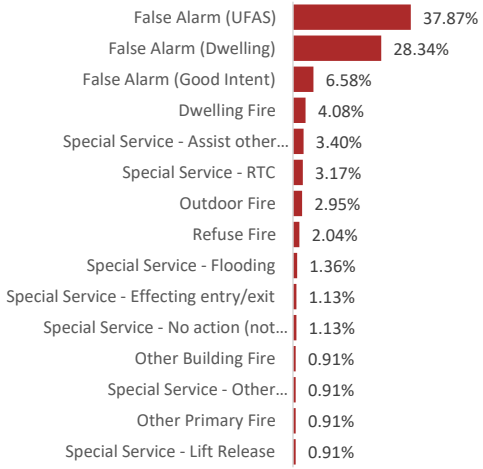
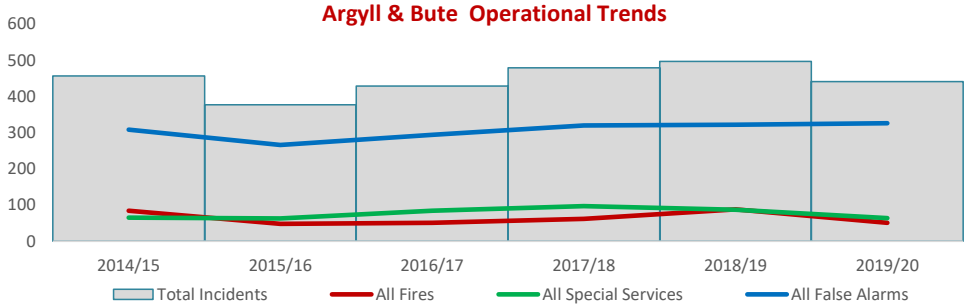


Top 15 Incident Types by % of Total Incidents



Argyll & Bute Operational Trends



	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2016/17	2018/19	2019/20
All Fires	84	48	51	62	88	51
All Special Services	65	63	84	97	87	64
All False Alarms	308	266	294	320	322	326
Total Incidents	457	377	429	479	497	441

Contributory Factors

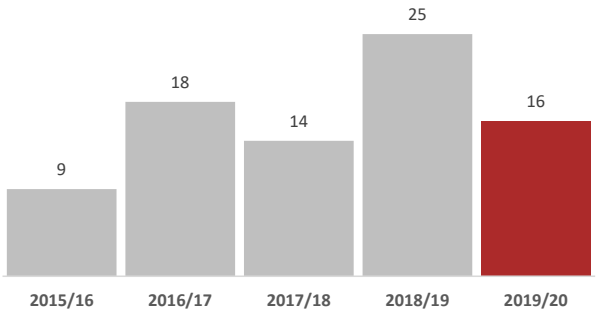
This quarter presents positive performance within Argyll and Bute against the same period last year, seeing an 11% drop in total incidents. There is a significant reduction in the number of Fire and Non-Fire Casualties which is encouraging, and our continued pro-active engagement, both in terms of Home Fire Safety Visits and working with young people in Schools / Community groups is attributable to this.

Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fires

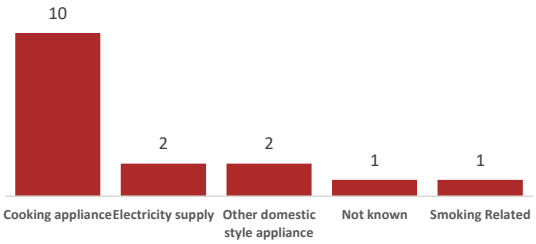
Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-36%	-4%	-7%

Accidental Dwelling Fires to Date



Main Source of Ignition



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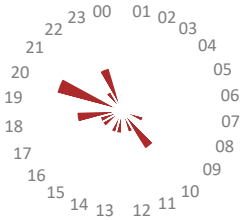
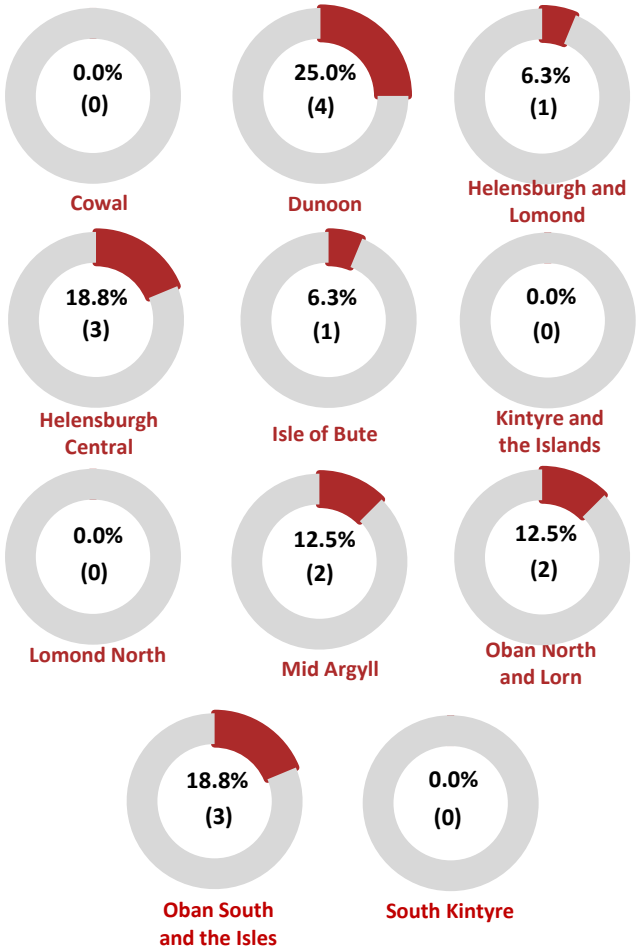


Accidental Dwelling Fires Activity by Ward (% share)



Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires

No Firefighting Action	Direct Firefighting	Heat/Smoke Damage Only	No fire Damage
50.0% (8)	12.5% (2)	37.5% (6)	75.0% (12)

Human Factors

Distraction	Alcohol/Drug Impairment
31.3% (5)	12.5% (2)

Automatic Detection & Actuation

Detection Present	Detection Actuated
87.5% (14)	64.3% (9)

Calls Made via Linked Alarms
18.8% (3)

Contributory Factors

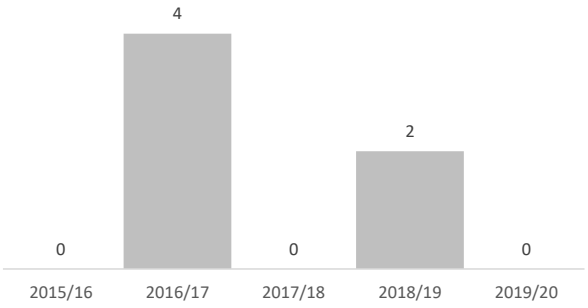
The main source of ignition in the majority of accidental dwelling fires attended during this reporting period can be attributed to food being cooked and left unattended. Three quarters of those incidents resulted in no fire damage and it is worth highlighting detection was present at over 87% of incidents. We have completed 436 Home Fire Safety Visits in the quarter within Argyll and Bute and have fitted smoke detection in 435 of the households visited.

Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-100%	-67%	-14%

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties Year to Date



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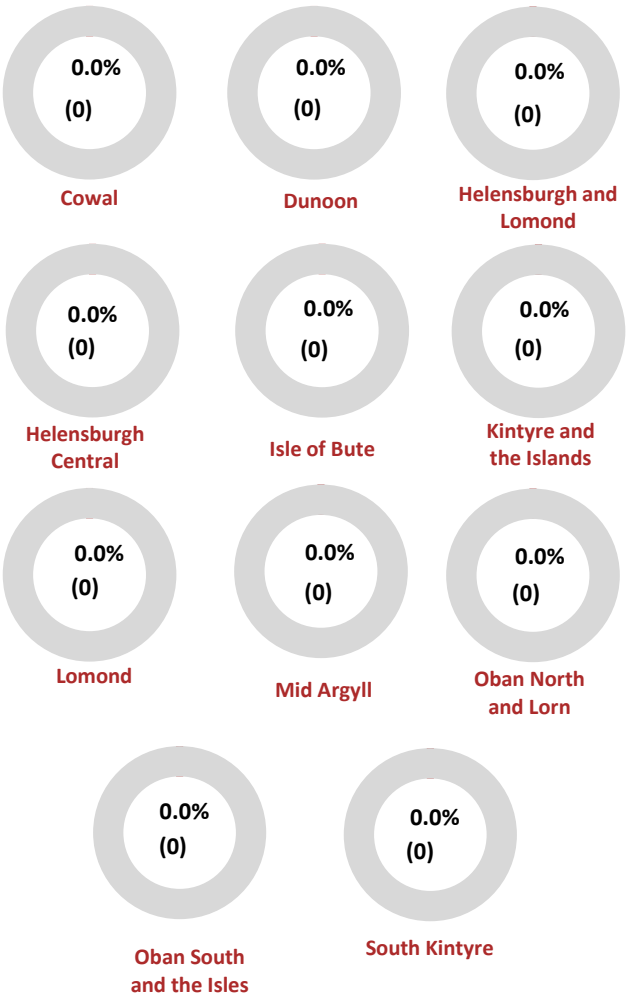

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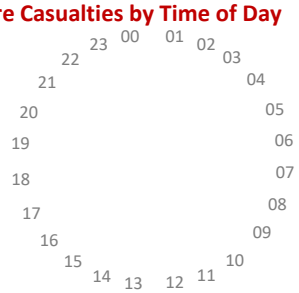

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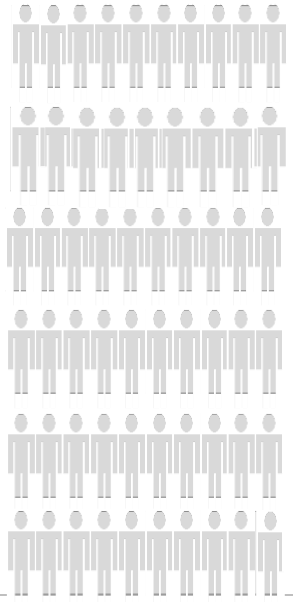

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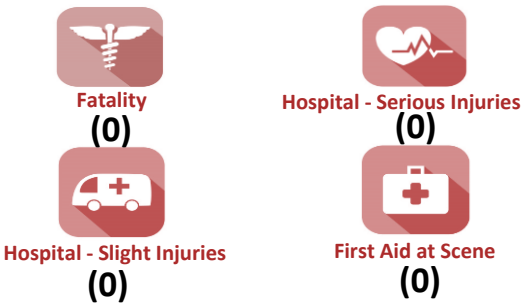
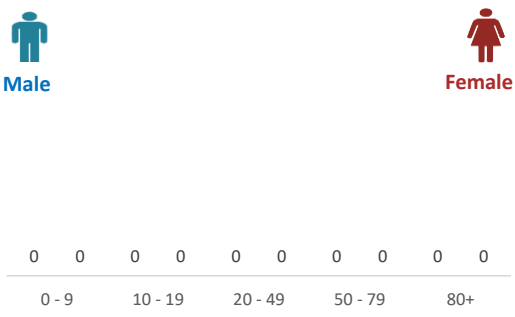


Age / Gender Profile



Contributory Factors

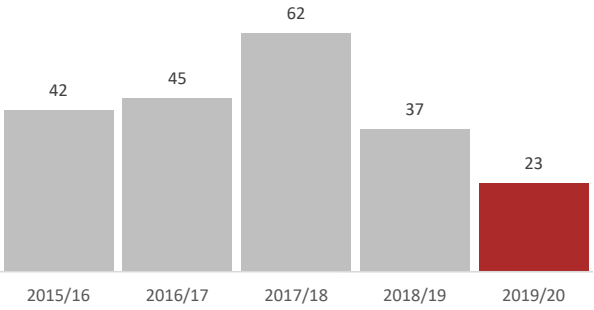
The reduction in fire related casualty numbers compared to the number of dwelling fires is testimony to our focus on educating households in terms of fire prevention. Some of the recent successful engagement activities delivered within Argyll and Bute have been Fire Skills Courses. This course is an experiential training week for young persons where on top educating on Fire Safety, young people build confidence and develop practical and tranferrable skills.

Unintentional Injury or Harm

Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-38%	-15%	-2%

Non-Fire Casualties Year to Date



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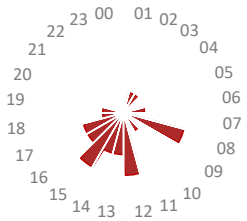

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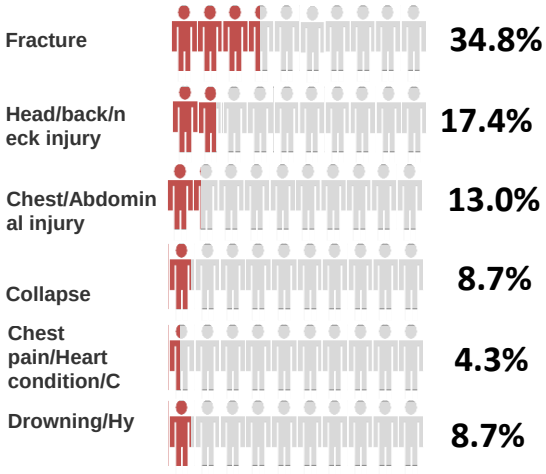
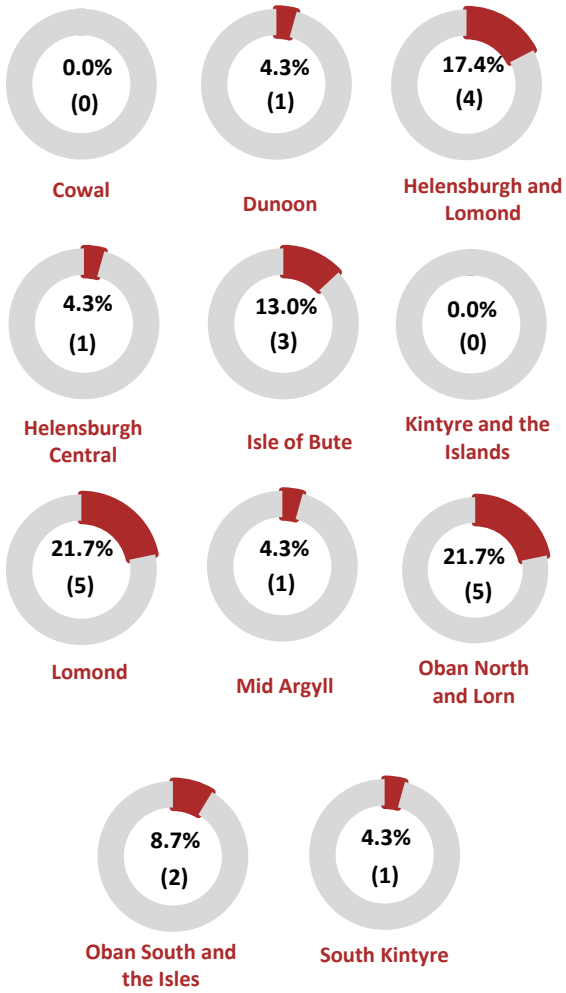


Non-Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



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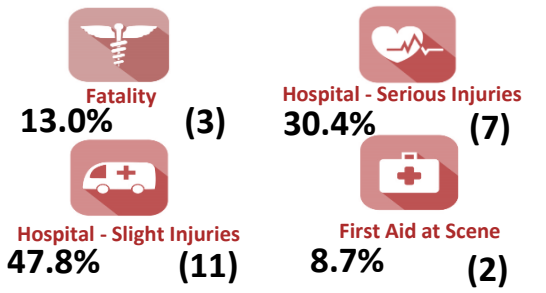
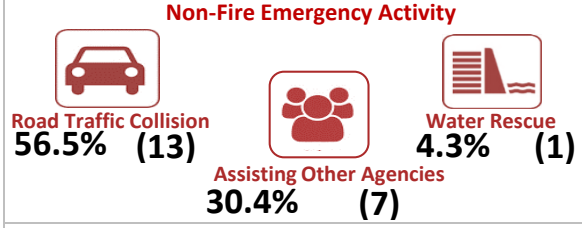


Non-Fire Emergency Activity



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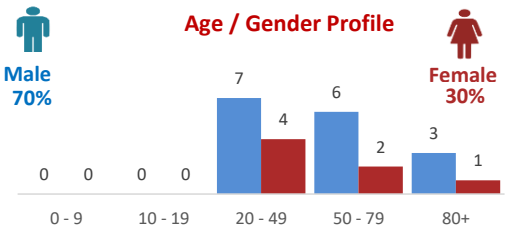


Contributory Factors

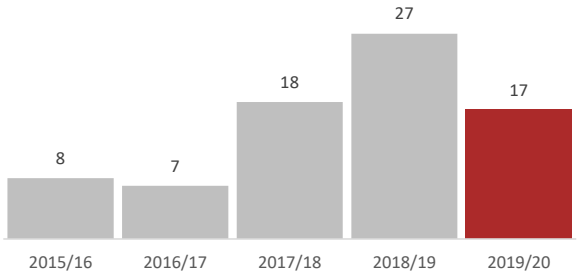
SFRS attends a variety of incidents not only restricted to those involving fire. Our Road Safety Coordinator for Argyll and Bute has been involved in ensuring sixth year pupils accross Argyll and Bute receive our Safer Driver input, specifcally our tailored presentation, "Drive to Arrive". Police Scotland have been co-delivering input within some localities which helps us deliver important messages to new drivers within our community.

Deliberate Fire Setting

Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-37%	19%	-5%

Deliberate Fires Year to Date



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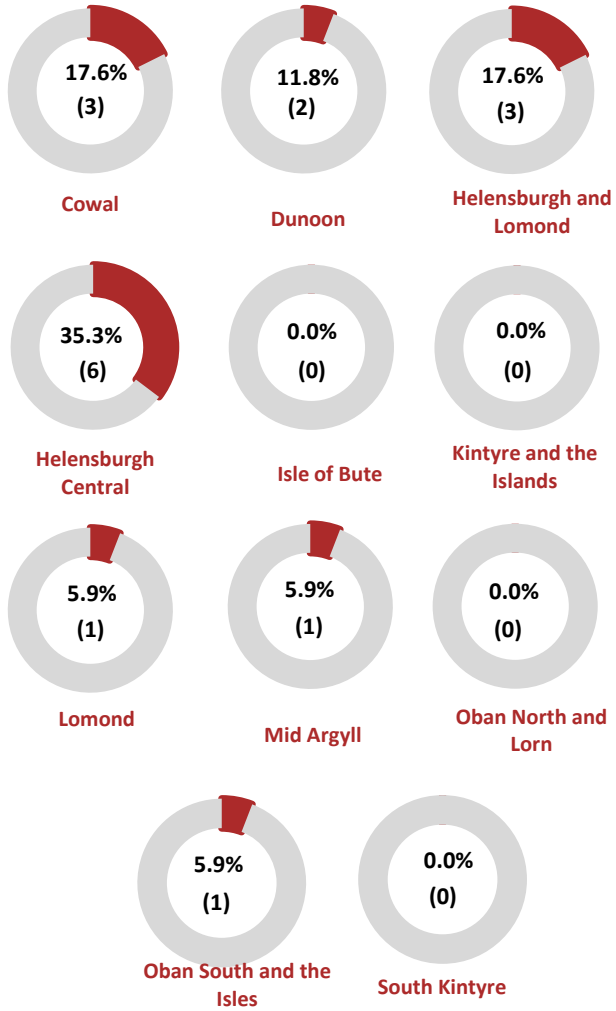

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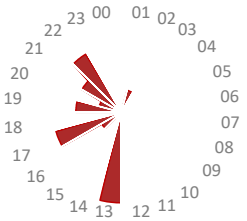
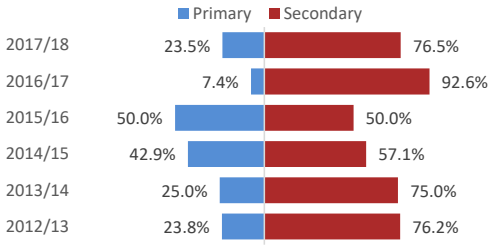


Deliberate Fires by Classification



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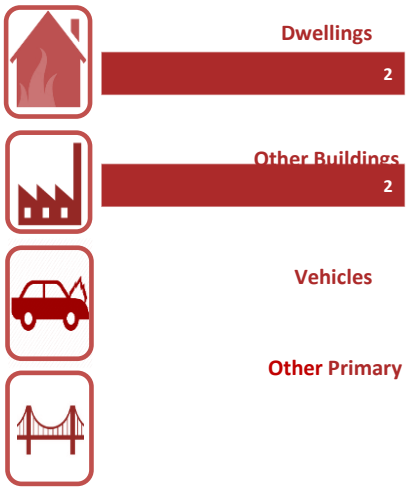

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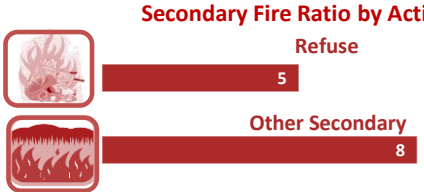
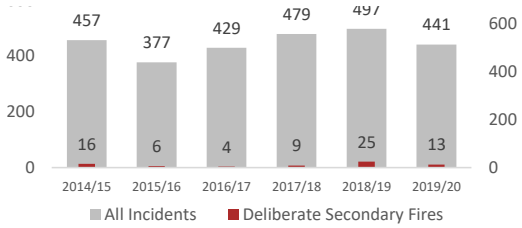


Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity



Contributory Factors

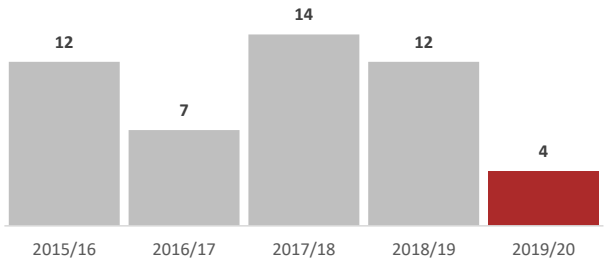
We have seen a reduction of the number of deliberate fires attended during this reporting period compared to last year. The majority of which were grass and refuse fires. SFRS continue to work with our partners within Argyll and Bute through the information sharing and trend analysis to allow for partnership resources to be deployed in a coordinated manner to minimise Anit-Social Behaviour throughout our local authority.

Non Domestic Fire Safety

Performance Summary

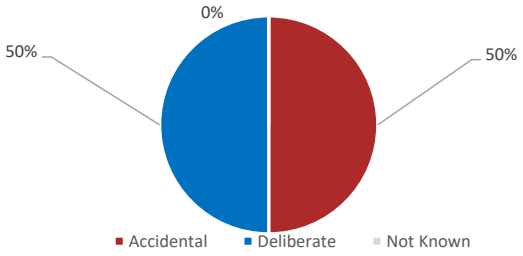
Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-67%	-9%	-17%

Non-Domestic Fires Year to Date



Non-Domestic Fires by Time of Day

Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



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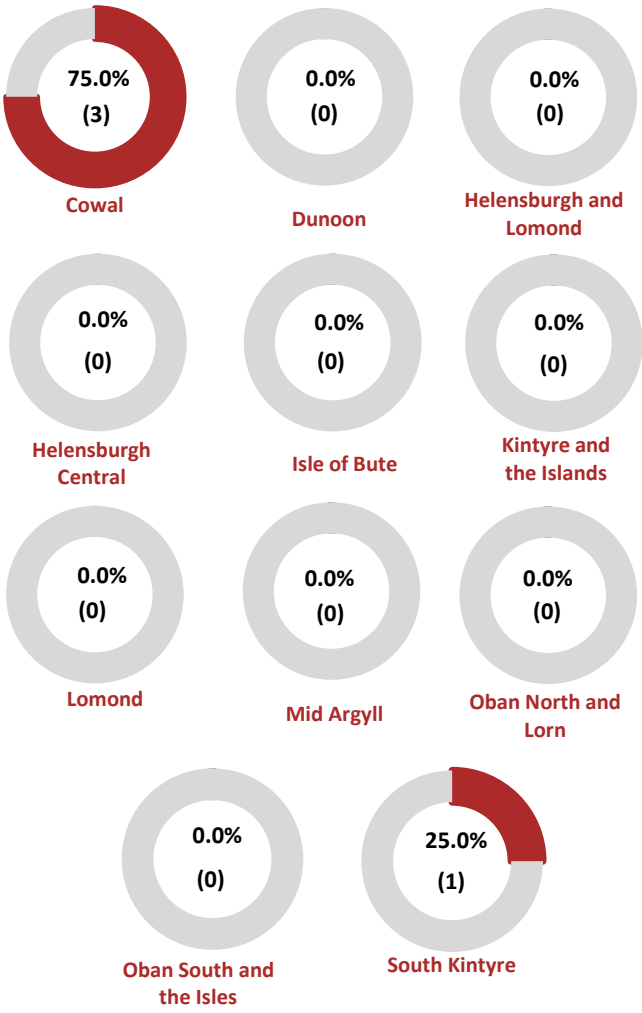
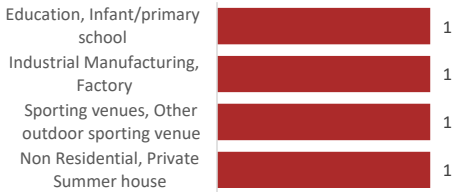


Severity of Non-Domestic Fires

No Firefighting Action		Direct Firefighting	
25.0%	(1)	75.0%	(3)

Heat/Smoke Damage Only		Whole Building	
0.0%	(0)	25.0%	(1)

Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



Contributory Factors

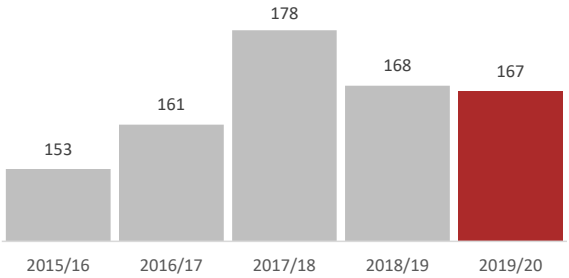
The number of non domestic incidents attended during this period has reduced by 17% in comparison to the same quarter last year. Every incident which occurs is a relevant premises as detailed by the Fire Scotland Act 2006, receives a visit from our enforcement team who provide guidance/ education in relation to risk assessment failure and how re-occurrences can be prevented.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-1%	1%	-1%

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Year to Date



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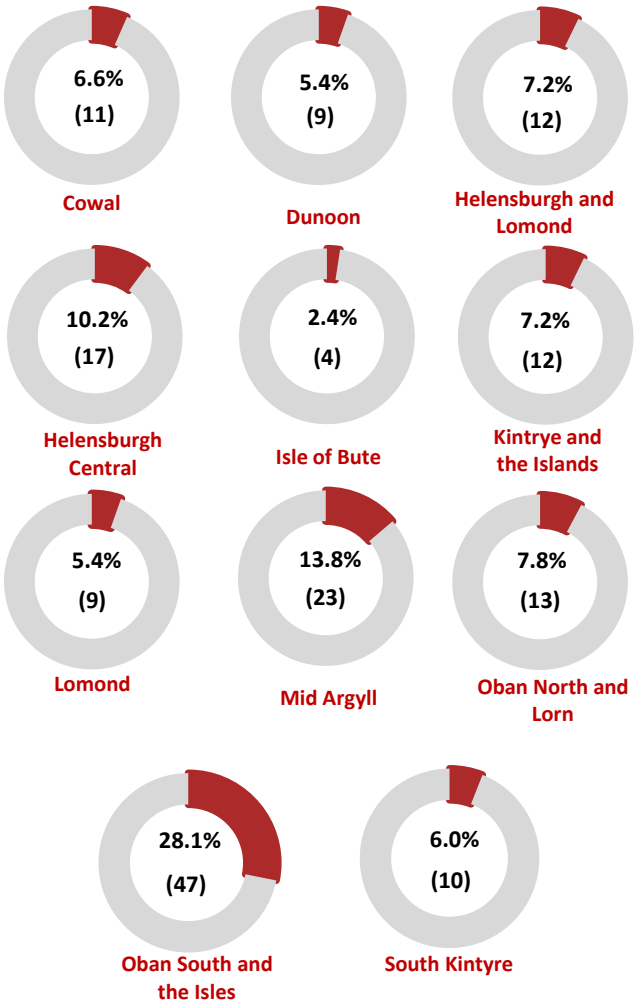

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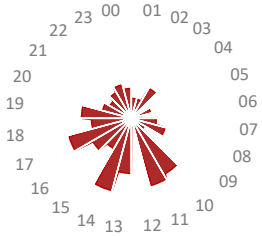
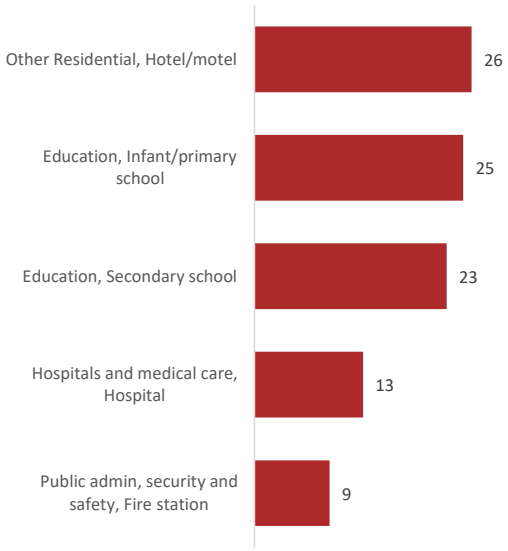


Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Activity Ratios

UFAS Percentage Against all Incidents

38% **(167)**

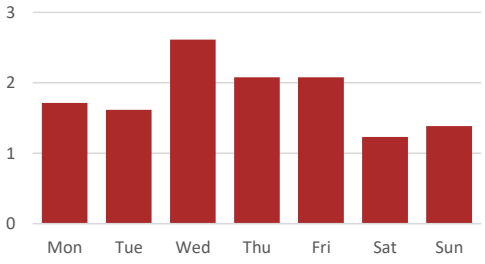
UFAS Percentage Against all False Alarms

51%

Human Influence and Alarm Activations

26.9% **(45)**

Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Day



Contributory Factors

UFAS incidents are continually monitored and our local UFAS champion collaborates with various partners to reduce the number of these incidents. We are working within the Argyll and Bute to implement our UFAS Reduction Strategy as this will increase capacity for SFRS resources and reduce the road risk presented by fire appliances attending false alarms.