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Arson Convictions 2018/19

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12 July 2019

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Submitted By: Director of Service Delivery

- Purpose** This report gives details of the arson convictions over the 2018/19 period where the Fire Investigation Team from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) provided expert witness statements to the Crown Prosecution Service.
- Recommendations** That Members of the Community Safety Committee note the contents of this report.
- Summary** The dedicated Fire Investigation Unit at WYFRS comprises 4 Watch Managers working the Flexible Duty system. There are also a number of trained Fire Investigation Officers operating at Station Manager level. The arson convictions where expert witness evidence from our Fire Investigation Officers was used for the prosecution are included within this report.

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Over the past year WYFRS Fire Investigation Unit Officers (FIOs) have submitted expert witness statements to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in a number of arson cases.
- 1.2 This paper gives details of the cases where the Fire Investigation Team from WYFRS have attended court, or are due to attend court to give expert witness evidence.

2 Information

- 2.1 There are many occasions where a Fire Investigation Officer attends court and presents evidence from the witness box. This evidence is subject to cross-examination by the defence legal team.
- 2.2 FIOs are currently working with West Yorkshire Police on 9 cases which are progressing through the Criminal Justice System
- 2.3 WYFRS continues to provide Fire Investigation Officers 24/7 to a range of incidents to support the response arrangements. The FIO's often return to scene and work with Police investigators to establish the cause of fire.
- 2.4 Understanding the cause of fire also informs our prevention activities.
- 2.5 FIOs will always attend Coroners inquests to provide evidence in fire-related deaths.
- 2.6 The table below shows the position to date where our Fire Investigation Officers were, or are due to be, called to provide expert witness evidence. The table does not provide details of cases where our Fire Investigation Officers were not required to provide supporting evidence.

INCIDENT NUMBER/ ADDRESS	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS	SENTENCE	CONVICTEE (GENDER)	PRISON	COMMUNITY ORDER
1747015240	July '17	Wakefield	House - Bedroom	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	F	<i>Awaiting Trial Date</i>	
1747029604	Dec '17	Leeds	House - Bedroom	Leeds Crown Court Arson – With intent to endanger life	M	1 Year	
1847000010	Jan '18	Halifax	House – Hall/Bedrooms	Bradford Crown Court Arson with Intent	M	7 Years	
1847001364	Jan '18	Leeds	House - Hallway	Leeds Crown Court Attempted Murder x 3	M	15 Years	
1747028893	Jan '18	Bradford	Mill	Bradford Crown Court Arson with Intent	M	4 Years	
4 x Separate Incidents	May '18	Leeds	High-rise/House	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	6 Years 9 Months	
1847017325	July '18	Bradford	Flat	Bradford Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	20 Months	
1847025916	Oct '18	Leeds	House	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	7 Years 6 Months	4 Years Extended Licence
1847008311	May '18	Birstall	House	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Pleaded Guilty Awaiting sentence</i>	
1847031347	Dec '18	Morley	House	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Awaiting trial date</i>	

1947007643	April '19	Bradford	Flat	Bradford Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Trail Aug '19</i>	
1847023992	Sept '18	Dewsbury	Flat	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Pleaded Guilty Awaiting sentence</i>	
1847024692	Oct '18	Leeds	Flat	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Guilty Awaiting Sentence</i>	
1947007810	April '19	Leeds	House	Leeds Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Awaiting trial date</i>	
1947001466	Jan '19	Bradford	House	Bradford Crown Court Arson - Reckless	M	<i>Awaiting trial date</i>	
1947013697	June '19	Hudds	House	Arson with Intent	M	<i>Charged</i>	
1947013702	June '19	Hudds	House	Arson with Intent	M	<i>Charged</i>	

3 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 The Chief Legal & Governance Officer has considered this report and has no observations to make at the time of submission of this report but may provide legal advice at the committee meeting and/or respond to any requests by Members for legal advice made at the meeting.

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

5.1 There are no Human Resources or diversity implications arising from this report.

6 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

6.1 The health and safety of our staff attending incidents is our priority. We ensure that Fire Investigators work in pairs where possible and they also work alongside Police investigation teams at more serious incidents.

6.2 The Fire Investigation Officer team are often left at the scene of the most harrowing incidents. In addition to regular contact when they are on-scene, we are also progressing the introduction of mandatory counselling sessions with suitably trained healthcare professionals.

7 Your Fire and Rescue Service priorities

7.1 This report links with the key 2019 – 22 service priorities below:

- Reduce the risks to the communities of West Yorkshire
- Support, develop and enable our people to be at their best

8 Conclusions

8.1 The Fire Investigation Officers working within WYFRS are often a vital witness at court for criminal prosecution of arson cases. Their training and experience of dealing with fire investigation work is an essential element of the judicial process.



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Moorland Fires - Ilkley and Marsden Moor

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12 July 2019

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Submitted By: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose To inform Members of three significant incidents that occurred over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend on the moors above Ilkley and Marsden

Recommendations That Members note the content of this report

Summary West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) attended three large-scale moorland fires and were in attendance for a protracted period of time. WYFRS had to call on support from Fire and Rescue Services across the north of England and stood up additional resources from West Yorkshire. Although we were extremely stretched at times we were able to manage and co-ordinate the successful resolution of all three incidents. WYFRS is now working with our personnel and partners to ensure we learn all the lessons from these incidents and are committed to implement the recommendations that fall out of this subsequent review.

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At 15:14hrs on Saturday 20 April (Easter weekend), WYFRS were mobilised to a report of a moorland fire behind Crossbeck Close in Ilkley. This was to be the start of an intensive period of activity on the moors above both Ilkley and Marsden.
- 1.2 The Ilkley incident was closed on 24 April 2019 and the fire on Marsden moor (New Hey Road, Huddersfield) was finally closed on 29 April 2019, some 10 days after the first fire on Ilkley Moor.
- 1.3 Our attendance at these incidents included regular front line appliances, specialist wildfire resources as well as officers from across the county, including specialist wildfire officers. At the height of activity we had 5 additional West Yorkshire appliances stood up with Firefighters on 'recall to duty'. In addition to this we also requested support from Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs) across the north of England via the National Resilience Assurance team (NRAT), this resulted in ten additional appliances being sent from five different FRSs.
- 1.4 Our own command teams on scene were supported by an Enhanced Logistics Support (ELS) team, from Staffordshire FRS, that helped to co-ordinate the additional appliances that attended.

2 Information

2.1 Ilkley Moor incident

This incident started at 15:11hrs on 20 April 2019 and was finally closed at 20:54hrs on 24 April 2019. At its height we had 15 appliances attending together with the appliances required to support a large-scale incident of this nature (command vehicles, runners, welfare). We had support from additional West Yorkshire appliances that were staffed by Firefighters operating under our 'recall to duty' arrangements as well as five other FRSs who provided support. In total we had 10 appliances from other services across the north of England, two each from the following:

- Tyne and Wear
- Cumbria
- Merseyside
- North Yorkshire
- South Yorkshire

Although the fire at Ilkley was nowhere near as large as the incidents in Marsden it did present particular problems as it became extremely deep-seated and therefore was not able to be extinguished until Firefighters were able to get right on top of it and drive firefighting jets deep in to the ground.

- 2.2 To support our traditional FRS resources we also deployed specialist 'wildfire' vehicles from Keighley and Holmfirth. These are short wheel base Land Rover Defenders. They have a 'fire fogging' system on the back that supplies high pressure lances. The Land Rovers also tow a trailer to the incident which is full of specialist equipment, including:
 - Hand bag pumps
 - Portable dams
 - Blowers
 - Small diameter hose

2.3 We implement our usual command structure at this type of incident but also mobilise a specialist 'Wildfire Officer'. These officers have attended a course where they received training on this type of incident so that they can inform and advise the Incident Commander when they are devising their tactical plan.

2.4 Firefighting on the moors at night is particularly hazardous. We do not withdraw completely from the moor at night-time but rather scale back operations and maintain a watching brief from points of safety. However we do mobilise back up on to the moor at first light and re-commence operations.

2.5 **Marsden Incidents**

WYFRS received its first call to the main Marsden incident (running adjacent to New Hey Road) at 18:23hrs, 21/4/19 and was finally closed at 1000hrs, 29/4/19. At its height this incident also had 15 appliances in attendance, again supported by command, welfare and specialist wildfire resources. This fire spread rapidly and covered an area of approximately 5km x 5km. The reasons for the rapid spread that we experienced were as a result of a combination of factors. Firstly the ground was dry and a prevailing wind helped to drive the flame front. The remoteness of the area being dealt with and the lack of natural fire breaks also made for challenging firefighting conditions.

2.6 As with the Ilkley incident the respective landowners approved and financed the deployment of helicopters with underslung water buckets to be able to drop large quantities of water on to the flame front. The helicopters were deployed for an extensive period and assisted greatly in bringing both incidents under control.

2.7 Whilst dealing with this incident on Marsden Moor WYFRS had to respond to a fire on a neighbouring part of the moor adjacent to Owlers End Farm on Binn Lane in Marsden. This incident was comparatively short in duration - mobilising at 12:13hrs on 23/4/19 and the incident being closed at 08:25hrs on 24/4/19. However, 11 appliances still had to be mobilised to this incident to deal with a number of seats of fire. A combination of a heavy initial response and being able to divert the helicopter already in operation meant that we were able to get on top of this incident before it was able to take hold. This second incident on Marsden moor did mean that, for a period of time, we were dealing with three separate large-scale incidents.

2.8 **National Support**

As previously mentioned supporting appliances were requested to assist in dealing with these incidents and this was facilitated through National Resilience. Within National Resilience there is a range of officers seconded from different FRSs who provide an on-call rota to support FRSs during emergency situations. Merseyside FRS host a National Resilience Fire Control room which, supported by National Resilience officers, can mobilise both specialist and traditional frontline resources. There is also a network of tactical and strategic advisors that can be called upon to assist our own officers in managing these incidents.

2.9 To assist with the co-ordination of these assets once they arrive in service an Enhanced Logistics Support (ELS) team were also mobilised from Staffordshire FRS. This crew worked alongside our own officers in setting up our 'Reception Plan' and liaising with the Incident Commanders on-scene to ensure the right resources were available at the right time. Intrinsic to this role is to ensure that crews from other FRSs receive the right welfare including the provision of appropriate accommodation during the course of their deployment to West Yorkshire.

2.10 **Fire Investigation**

2.11 The incident at Ilkley resulted in the arrest of 3 youths, one has been charged and will be in Court on the 21 June 2019 to face charges of arson.

2.12 The main Marsden incident is believed to have been caused by a disposable BBQ. A family enjoying a day out on the moors did report that one of their children accidentally kicked over the BBQ they had been cooking on. They did make attempts to extinguish the fire but unfortunately it quickly caught hold. They also made several 999 calls to ensure we were mobilised to the incident. On this occasion the Police took the decision not to press charges.

2.13 The second Marsden incident was believed to have been caused deliberately as there were several seats of fire. However, despite the Police helicopter being deployed in support of Police assets on the ground, no one has been charged over this.

2.14 **Operational Learning**

As with all incidents we look to learn the lessons from both good practice and areas for development. The debrief process is currently underway and early lessons coming out will be incorporated a wide-scale review of how incidents on the moors are managed. Although our current capability has served us well (and our neighbouring FRSs when we deployed to Saddleworth Moor and Winterset in 2018) it is only right that we look to ensure that we remain at the forefront of national thinking and developments.

2.15 What was particularly disappointing was the unnecessary nature of these incidents, whether they were caused deliberately or accidentally. Whilst our crews were dealing with these incidents members of the public were still going up on the moors and people were still seen to be using BBQs despite the fact they could see a major fire. The damage caused to the moors and its wildlife will take potentially decades to repair. We are, therefore, working closely with landowners and local authorities to promote a greater awareness of how to behave responsibly and safely on the moors. Our Corporate Communications team have developed a publicity campaign which will be launched in the coming weeks.

3 Financial Implications

3.1 We have not yet received invoices from the six FRSs that supported us (5 providing 2 regular fire engines each, and 1 Enhanced Logistical Support crew) , however, an appliance with a Watch Commander and four Firefighters would cost £5,172 so an indicative cost for the ten appliances, and one support crew, would be around £62,000.

3.2 As with other incidents of this nature where we are operating over a large area and conditions are changing rapidly we did have to write-off a quantity of equipment that

became fire damaged. On this occasion this equipment amounted to a value of £3,800 which can be met from within current budgetary provision.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Chief Legal & Governance Officer has considered this report and has no observations to make at the time of submission of this report but may provide legal advice at the committee meeting and/or respond to any requests by Members for legal advice made at the meeting.

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 Three large-scale incidents lasting a number of days tested our resilience and staffing arrangement to the full. However, all of the arrangements that we have put in place to support our normal firefighting capabilities, including national support, worked well and ensured that we were still able to respond to all incidents that were still occurring whilst we dealt with the fires on the moors.

6 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

- 6.1 We have tried and tested procedures for working on the moor and they have served us well for many years. However we did have one Firefighter from Merseyside who suffered burns and some of the conditions experienced were as severe as any we have witnessed in recent years. It is therefore welcome that a widespread review of our response to fires on the moors is undertaken.

7 Organisational Dependencies

- 7.1 A Watch Manager will be seconded on this review to co-ordinate all the actions arising from the debriefs and to oversee the implementation of any and all actions.

8 Your Fire and Rescue Service priorities

- Provide a safe skilled workforce that meets the needs of a diverse community
- Deliver a professional and resilient emergency response service
- Deliver a proactive community safety programme

9 Conclusions

- 9.1 The scale of these incidents and the volume of resources required to deal with them did present significant challenges to many areas of operations. However, the plans that have been prepared and maintained over a number of years ensured that the right local, regional and national resources were able to be called upon to bring about a successful resolution to all the incidents. We will all be acutely aware of the challenges brought about by climate change and the conditions which saw the rapid escalation of these incidents will not be going away. It is only right that we review our current approaches to ensure that we continue to equip our Firefighters with the very best training, equipment and clothing to deal with them.



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2018/19 Performance Management Information - Outcome Targets - Final Report

Community Safety Committee

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Submitted By: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose	To inform Members of the Community Safety Committee of the performance against the 2018/19 performance outcome targets
Recommendations	That Members of the Community Safety Committee note the contents of this report
Summary	This report provides details of the performance against the outcomes targets for 2018/19

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: Service and District Performance Information 2018 – 19 and District Commander commentaries

1 Introduction

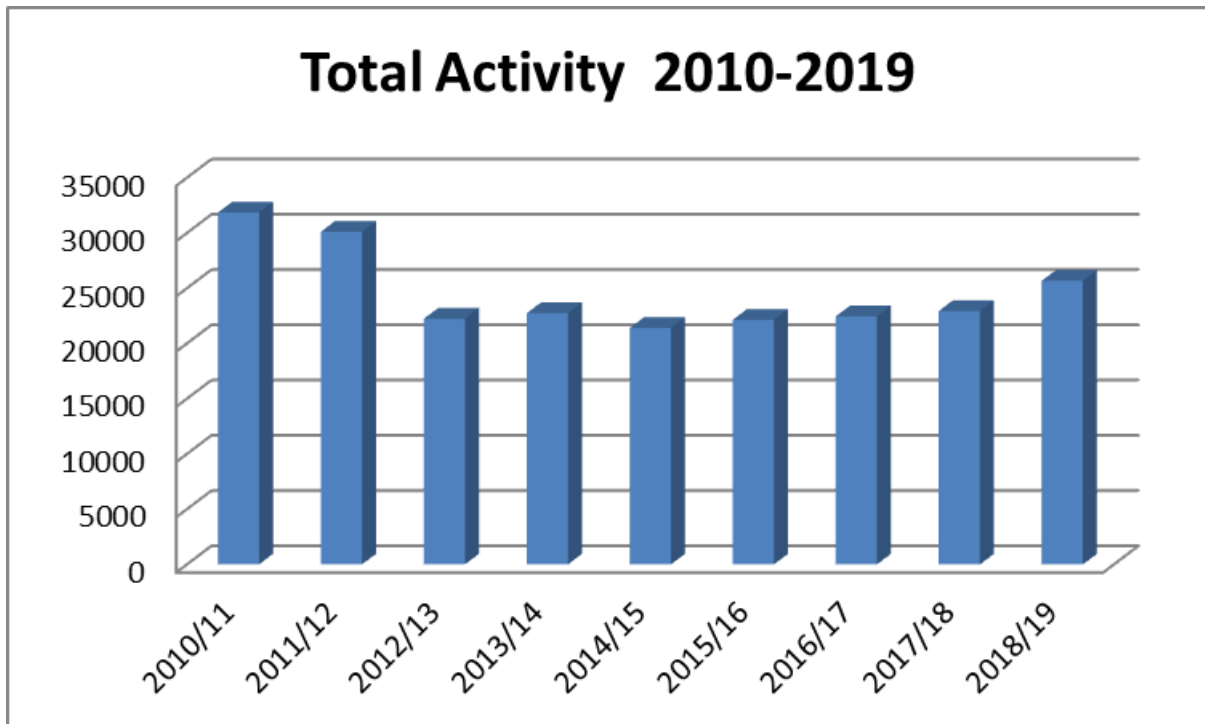
- 1.1 The attached reports show the performance across West Yorkshire and the five local authority districts against the outcomes targets that were set for the 2018/19 year.
- 1.2 The reports in the appendices cover the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
- 1.3 The cover report looks at performance over the past 9 years to allow some context as to how we are performing across the range of incident types that we monitor.
- 1.3 Members of the Community Safety Committee approved the methodology for setting the annual targets against a range of incident types using a 3-year rolling average. The District Management teams measure, monitor and evaluate the performance against these targets at regular intervals throughout the year.
- 1.4 Updates are provided to Members of the Community Safety Committee so performance against the targets is considered throughout the course of the year.

2 Information

- 2.1 The performance management system allows managers and staff to monitor incident trends using real-time data sets. The WYFiremap function also allows incidents to be plotted on a map of West Yorkshire so geographical trends can also be picked up.
- 2.2 The attached reports provide the final data sets against the annual targets for a range of incident types in 2018/19. There is a summary report showing the figures for the whole of the service and then subsequent performance sheets show the district reports with a commentary from each respective District Commander.

Total Activity

- 2.3 Overall, performance in 2018/19 has seen **increases in total activity** (which is 14.1 % over the 3 year average target set). Compared to the previous year, total activity increased from 22,936 incidents attended in 2017/18 to 25,675 incidents attended 2018/19 (an increase of 11.9% on the previous year). The significant reason for this increase was the incidence of secondary deliberate fires through the summer period in 2018.



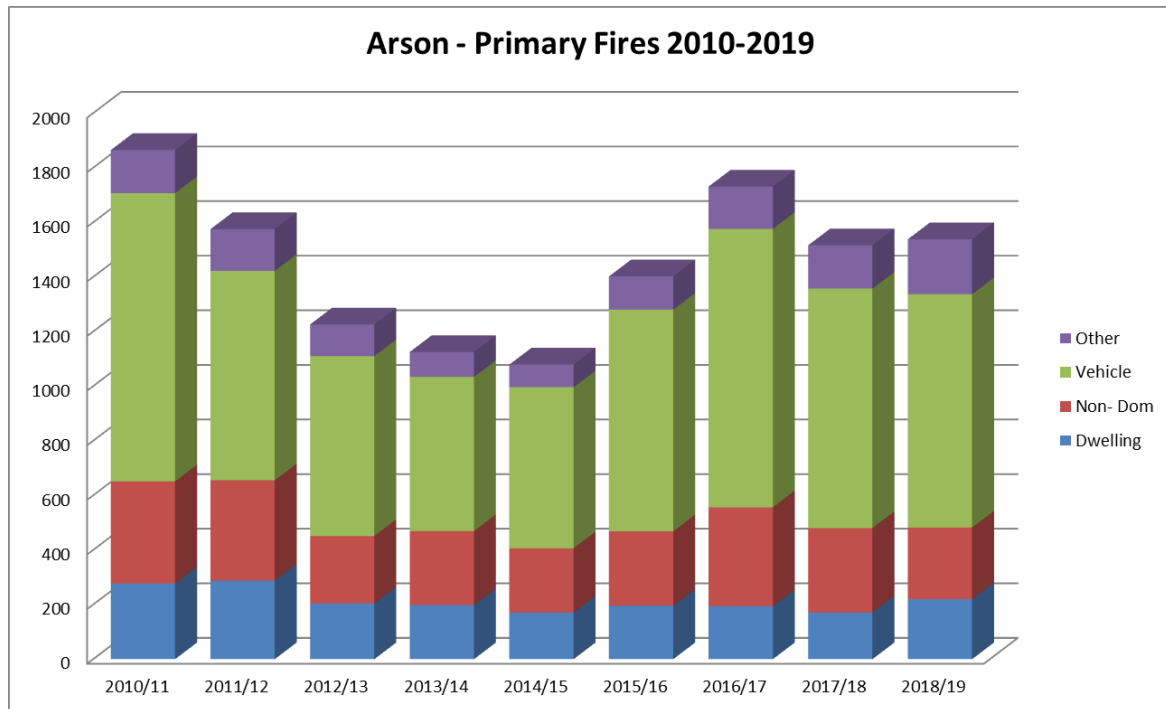
Arson Incidents

2.4 Arson incidents are recorded when the fire and rescue service attend an incident and record that the evidence indicates that the most likely cause of the fire is that some person or persons wilfully and maliciously set the fire. Arson incidents are categorised into two headings:

Arson - Primary Fires

2.5 Primary fires are more serious fires that harm people or cause damage to property. Primary fires have one or more of the following characteristics:

- (a) all fires in buildings and vehicles that are not derelict or in outdoor structures,
- (b) any fire involving casualties or rescues,
- (c) any fire attended by more than 5 fire appliances.

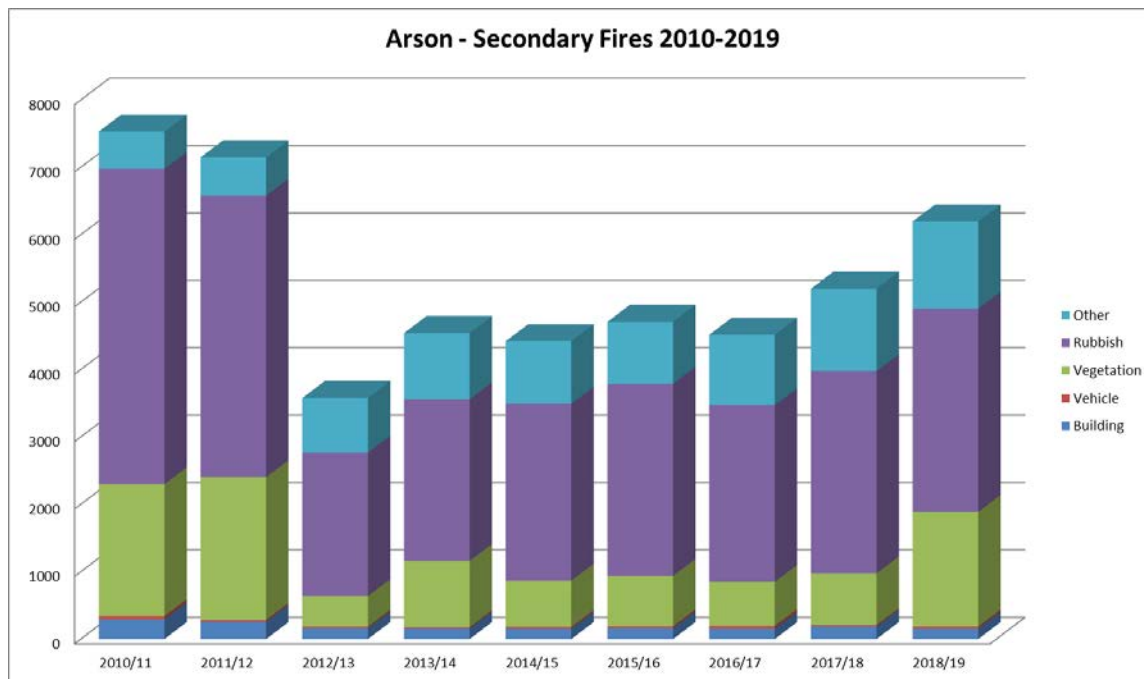


2.6 The arson primary fire performance in 2018/19 is slightly lower than the 3-year average target and very similar to the performance from the previous 12 months. The significant issue that affected this performance metric in recent years was an increase in vehicle fires. This issue is often linked to gang crime and the conviction rate for such criminal acts is very low due to the burden of evidence. Within this figure, however, it is pleasing to note that the number of non-domestic building fires subjected to arson attacks is reducing as such incidents can have significant impacts on the local economy with job losses that occur through closure of commercial businesses following a fire.

Arson – Secondary Fires

2.7 Secondary fires are less serious and generally less information is collected following a secondary fire. When fire crews record the motive for a fire they are categorised as follows:

- (a) accidental, including where the cause was unknown or unspecified
- (b) deliberate, where deliberate ignition is merely suspected.



2.8 The arson secondary fire performance in 2018/19 was outside of the 3-year average target by 28.9%. This has followed regional and national trends in such incident types and is the second year running where this type of incident has seen increases. The significant proportion of such incidents are recorded as ‘vegetation’ and ‘rubbish’ fires and these two incident types make up 76% of the total secondary fire figure. All operational and prevention staff will be given an arson reduction training module as part of the future Safe and Well training strategy and we will continue to work with our partners across the districts to highlight the impact of nuisance fires in addition to working with Schools, Businesses and home owners to deliver education and increase awareness of how to prevent deliberate fires from happening. District teams have worked and will continue to work with partners to address the issues around deliberate fire setting.

Actual Rescues

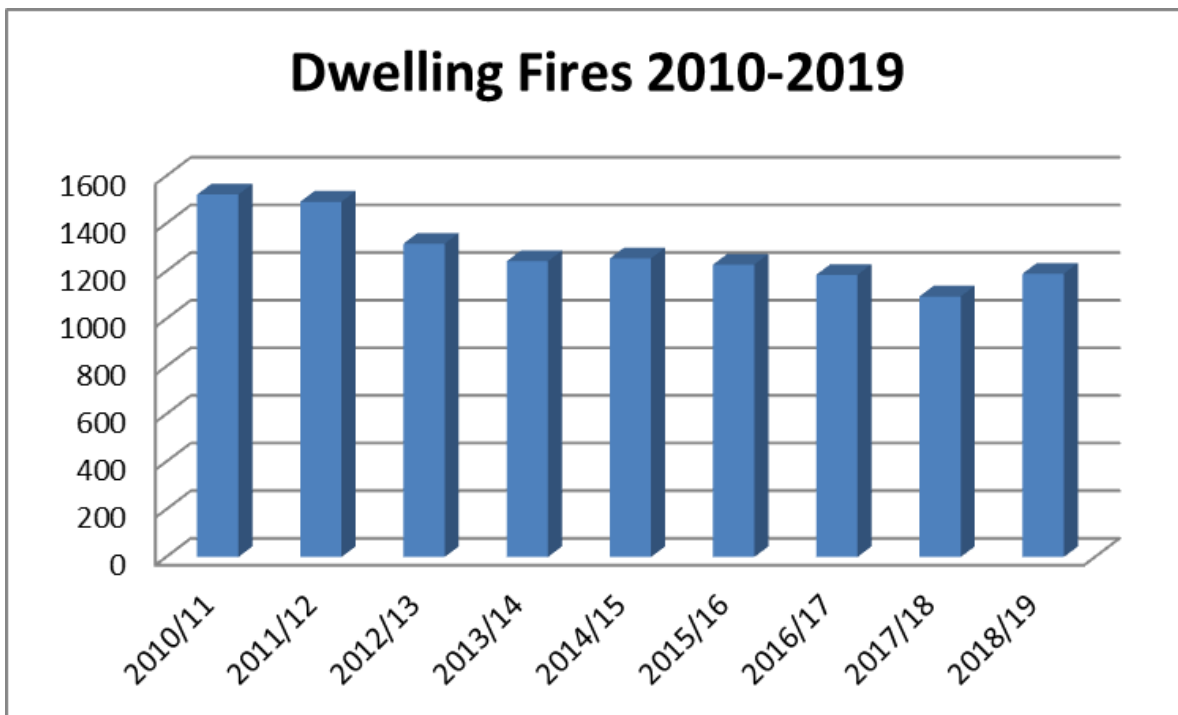
2.9 This performance area was slightly outside of the 3-year target by 1.5%. It is of concern that this figure did increase compared to the previous year but a breakdown of the figures records that out of the 796 rescues:

- 77 were from fires
- 221 were from road traffic collisions
- 385 were recorded as ‘other’ and these incident types range from technical rescues (from water, height, trapped in machinery) to more minor issues such as people having rings that require removal from their fingers or limbs trapped in bicycles. The increase in such incidents will also come as a result of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) providing increasing support to other agencies such as the Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

Dwelling Fires

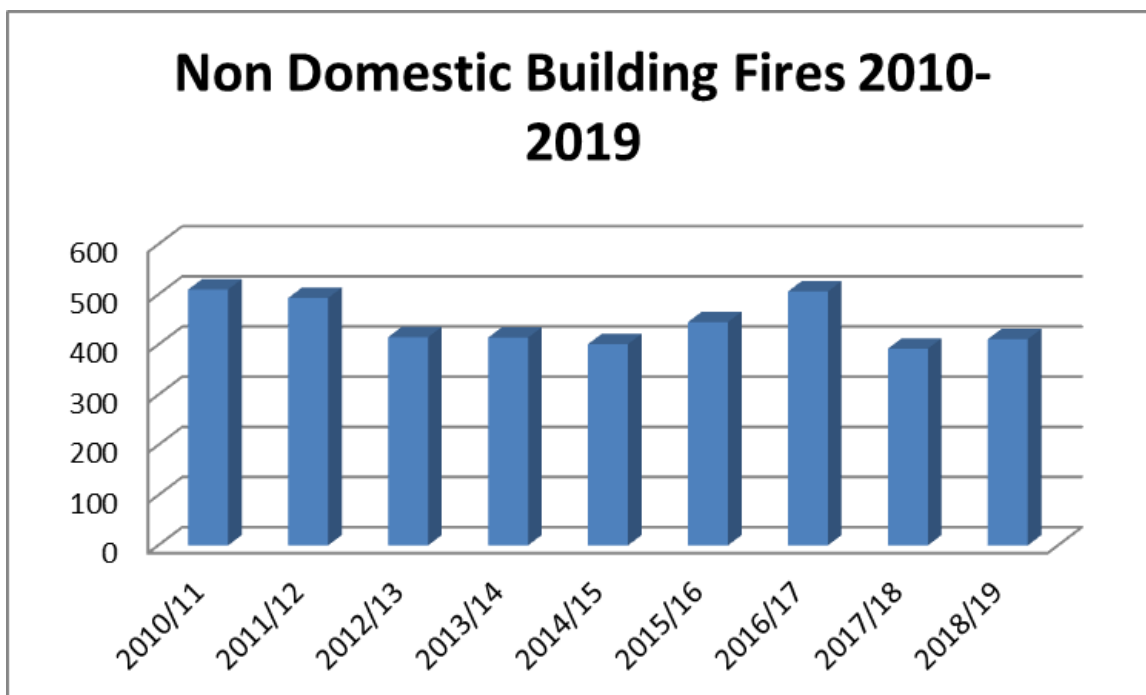
2.10 The number of dwelling fires experienced in 2018/19 was slightly outside our target by 1.8%. The performance since 2010 has seen dwelling fires generally reduce year on year and in 2017/18, WYFRS experienced the lowest ever recorded number of dwelling fires. We continue to visit people in their homes to deliver our flagship prevention activity. The

home Safe and Well visit delivers more focus on those who are more likely to suffer a fire in their home and we provide advice on how to prevent fire in addition to appropriate interventions such as domestic fire detection.



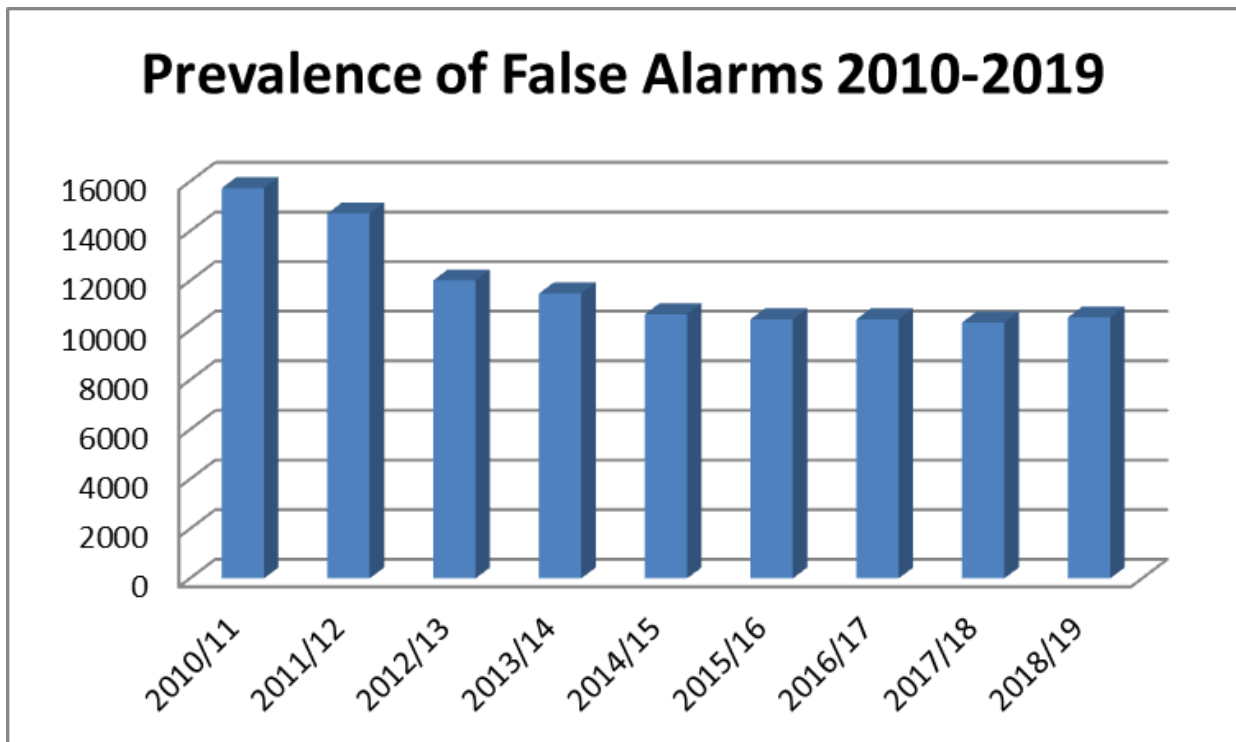
Non-Domestic Building Fires

2.11 We attended 411 non-domestic building fires in 2018/19 compared to 392 in the previous year. The performance is well within the 3-year average target. We continue to offer arson and fire prevention advice during operational risk visits.



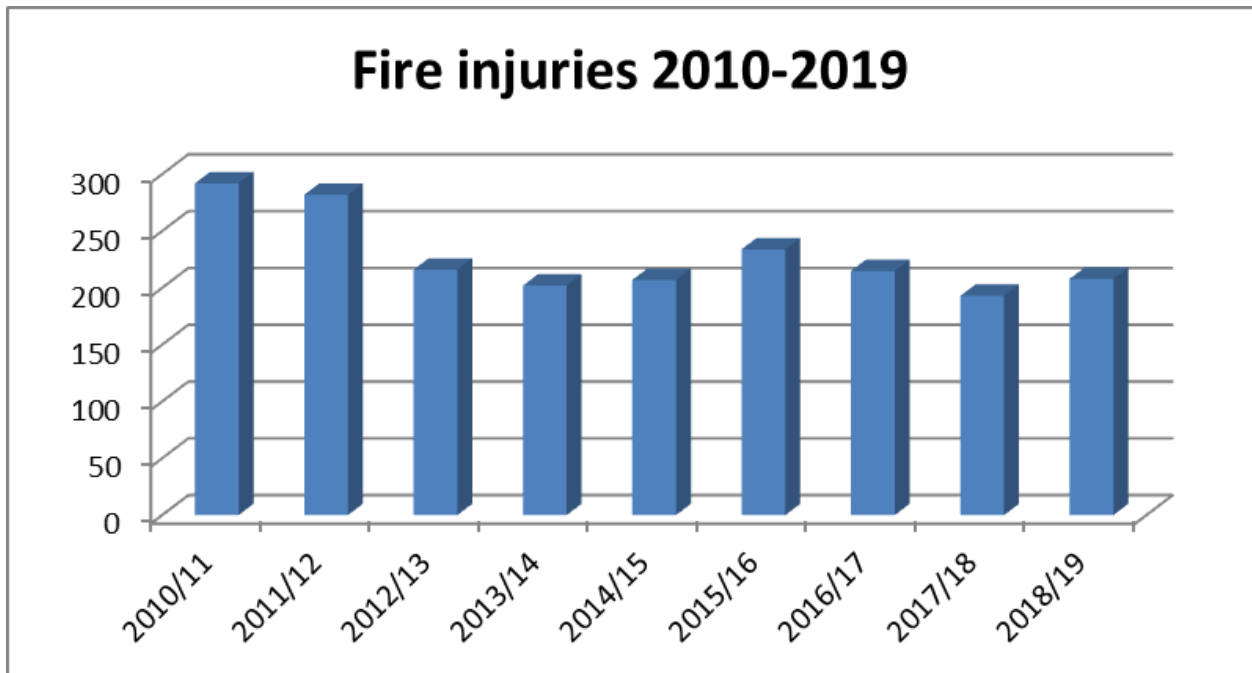
Prevalence of False Alarms

2.12 The 2018/19 performance for false alarms fell within the 3-year average target across West Yorkshire, although there was a slight increase compared to the previous year. We continue to work through the fire protection team and district based teams to identify and support premises where there are repeat false alarms and look to advise businesses on how to avoid the false activation of automatic fire detection equipment.



Fire Related Injuries

2.13 The number of recorded fire related injuries in 2018/19 was 208. This figure is slightly higher in comparison to the previous year but within the 3-year average target. From the injuries that occurred where casualties were transported to hospital, the majority (85%) are recorded as 'slight'. However, 29 injuries were reported as being more serious. Sadly, 10 people lost their lives following accidental dwelling fires in 2018/19. This compares to 12 in the previous year. Of the 10 fire fatalities from accidental dwelling fires, 4 of the fires started in the lounge, 4 started in the bedroom and 2 started in the kitchen.



3 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 The Chief Legal & Governance Officer has considered this report and has no observations to make at the time of submission of this report but may provide legal advice at the committee meeting and/or respond to any requests by members for legal advice made at the meeting.

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

5.1 All initiatives to reduce the numbers of incidents we attend are focussed towards those more vulnerable. Effective working with key partners across the districts continues to develop and we are starting to recognise that our strategy of concentrating our resources towards risk and vulnerability is increasing our effectiveness. We are spending much less time with people who have little or no risk from fire and our efforts are being directed towards prevention activities in the right areas, dealing with those most vulnerable.

5.2 The Safer Communities Programme Board continues to provide oversight and governance for the implementation of prevention strategies and this forum ensures that stakeholders from departments across the service have a say in how the prevention service is being delivered. This includes diversity and inclusion and representative bodies.

6 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

6.1 There are no direct H&S implications arising from this report.

7 Your Fire & Rescue Service priorities

7.1 The activity that this report and appendices refer to will support the following 2019 – 22 service priorities:

- Reduce the risks to the communities of West Yorkshire
- Support, develop and enable our people to be at their best
- Be more efficient across all areas of the service to make savings
- Make better use of technology and innovate where possible
- Work smarter throughout the service.

8 Conclusions

- 8.1 Members of the Community Safety Committee are presented this report as part of an on-going commitment to demonstrate the priority that WYFRS places in prevention and early intervention and how we judge the success of our activities through the performance 'outcomes' targets that we set each year.
- 8.2 The performance over the 2018/19 year has shown some mixed results. When compared to the performance in the previous year, we experienced increases in the numbers of incidents we attended. However, setting this in a longer term context does demonstrate that we have experienced a general decline in the number of incidents that we attend.
- 8.3 We do recognise that we continue to have to work across our communities to address the rise in arson incidents, specifically in relation to nuisance fires (secondary fires). Working with partners is one way to best address anti-social behaviour type incidents such as setting fire to wheelie bins and rubbish but we are also planning to deliver a training module to all staff on arson reduction as part of the development of the Safe and Well training programme.

WYFRS SUMMARY REPORT - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM

DEFINITIONS

3 YEAR AVG TARGET (Previous 3 Years)

Average performance from the previous 3 financial years, used as the target for this current year

AGAINST TARGET SO FAR (Current Year)

Comparison of activity so far against the target – Red (outside 10% of target), Amber (within 10% of target), Green (target achieved or exceeded)

01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 23:59:59	BRADFORD		CALDERDALE		KIRKLEES		LEEDS		WAKEFIELD		WYFRS TOTAL	
	TARGET (2018/19)	SO FAR (2018/19)	TARGET (2018/19)	SO FAR (2018/19)	TARGET (2018/19)	SO FAR (2018/19)	TARGET (2018/19)	SO FAR (2018/19)	TARGET (2018/19)	SO FAR (2018/19)	TARGET (2018/19)	SO FAR (2018/19)
Arson	1978	29.8%	452	-1.3%	895	34.0%	2142	10.2%	889	30.8%	6355	21.7%
Arson - Primary Fires	468	7.9%	96	-20.8%	222	15.8%	560	-14.8%	203	9.9%	1549	-0.7%
Arson - Secondary Fires	1510	36.6%	356	3.9%	672	40.2%	1582	19.0%	686	37.0%	4806	28.9%
Actual Rescues	175	4.6%	102	-25.5%	143	9.1%	258	10.5%	106	-9.4%	784	1.5%
Total Activity	5875	16.3%	1873	15.0%	3610	24.5%	8340	6.2%	2806	18.8%	22504	14.1%
Dwelling Fires	306	5.2%	100	13.0%	185	3.2%	435	1.1%	143	-13.3%	1169	1.8%
Non-Domestic Building Fires	103	-4.9%	36	-5.6%	67	-1.5%	191	-17.3%	51	7.8%	448	-8.3%
Prevalence of False Alarms	2701	-7.0%	897	-2.7%	1867	0.7%	4524	-10.5%	1260	-4.1%	11249	-6.5%
Fire Related Injuries	62	-1.6%	20	35.0%	30	36.7%	70	-24.3%	32	-18.8%	214	-2.8%
Road Traffic Collisions	152	-10.5%	68	-17.6%	117	-4.3%	205	9.8%	92	-6.5%	634	-3.0%
Malicious False Alarms	124	0.0%	24	16.7%	55	16.4%	122	-12.3%	27	7.4%	352	0.0%

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM

DEFINITIONS

3 YEAR AVG TARGET (Previous 3 Years)	Average performance from the previous 3 financial years, used as the target for this current year
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Arson	6355	6714	7735	21.7%	7735
Arson - Primary Fires	1549	1516	1538	-0.7%	1538
Arson - Secondary Fires	4806	5198	6197	28.9%	6197
Actual Rescues	784	691	796	1.5%	796
Total Activity	22504	22936	25675	14.1%	25675
Dwelling Fires	1169	1094	1190	1.8%	1190
Non-Domestic Building Fires	448	392	411	-8.3%	411
Prevalence of False Alarms	11249	10317	10522	-6.5%	10522
Fire Related Injuries	214	193	208	-2.8%	208
Road Traffic Collisions	634	599	615	-3.0%	615
Malicious False Alarms	352	377	352	0.0%	352

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

BRADFORD LOCAL AUTHORITY (DRRT) - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM

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Arson	1978	2143	2567	29.8%	2567
Arson - Primary Fires	468	460	505	7.9%	505
Arson - Secondary Fires	1510	1683	2062	36.6%	2062
Actual Rescues	175	145	183	4.6%	183
Total Activity	5875	6165	6835	16.3%	6835
Dwelling Fires	306	285	322	5.2%	322
Non-Domestic Building Fires	103	100	98	-4.9%	98
Prevalence of False Alarms	2701	2560	2511	-7.0%	2511
Fire Related Injuries	62	53	61	-1.6%	61
Road Traffic Collisions	152	133	136	-10.5%	136
Malicious False Alarms	124	131	124	0.0%	124

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Bradford District Performance Monitoring Report – 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019

The District performance in the following areas either meets or exceeds the set target:

Non-Domestic Buildings Fires

Bradford District has seen a reduction in the number of non-domestic building fires by 4.9% against the 3-year average. The majority of the non-domestic building fires were caused accidentally (72%) and the remaining were thought to be deliberate. During this period we had several largescale non-domestic building fires within the district such as AWM Ltd in Shipley which had 21 pumps in attendance, Princess drinks (15 Pumps), Bronte Works (8 pumps) and Stratford Grocers (6 pumps). The structured Operational Risk Visits (ORV) process allows fire crews to target visits where the greatest risk of fires exists with an aim of reducing incidents at these types of premises. The work we do with partners is invaluable, through the Ward partnership team meetings, to identify derelict buildings and work closely with the owners to educate and secure their premises and ultimately prevent arson.

Prevalence of False Alarms

Bradford District has reduced the number of false alarms by 7% against the 3-year average target set. During this reporting period there have been 2511 false alarms, 59% of which were due to system faults, 36% were 'good intent' and the remaining 5% were malicious. There has been a 2% reduction when compared to same period last year. Bradford stations work closely with the Fire Protection department with the aim of reducing false alarms. Bradford district also work directly with local businesses, providing education and guidance to reduce false alarms by helping them improve and manage their fire detection systems. Where appropriate, we will continue to apply charges if there is a continual failure to invest in improvements in fire alarm systems as at least half of false alarms are a result of faulty apparatus.

Fire Related Injuries

Bradford District has seen a slight reduction in fire related injuries against the 3-year average target. During the last year there have been 61 fire related injuries from which sadly there were 3 fatalities. The district continues to improve and refine its 'Safe and Well' strategy and work hard with partner agencies to reduce the risk of fire. We are heading up a multi-agency hoarding panel for the Bradford District with the aim of identifying the most vulnerable members of the community; fire crews and dedicated prevention staff carry out safe and well visits and provide necessary interventions where required. We have carried out Serious Incident Reviews (SIRs) with partner agencies for the fatal incidents and lessons learnt from these are being implemented by various partners with the aim of preventing any further deaths. Any learning from the SIRs is also shared internally with the other districts.

Road Traffic Collisions

There have been 136 road traffic collisions requiring action by Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) crews in this reporting period. The district has reduced the number of road traffic collisions by 10.5% against the 3-year average target set. We are actively involved with Operation Steerside which was set up in 2016 with the focus on the 'fatal four'- Drink/drug, Seat belts, speed and mobile phone offences. We are currently developing new strategies to engage with the community around road safety education working in close partnership with Bradford Road Safety Team. Bradford district have recently commissioned the "Riot Act", a group who will deliver hard hitting road safety messages through theatre in education to a number of secondary schools with the aim of continuing to drive the number of RTCs down further over the coming years.

Malicious False Alarms

There were 124 malicious false alarms recorded in this reporting period, a decrease of 7 (5%) compared to the previous year. We are working closely with the owners of the 2 premises in which we received repeated malicious false alarms and put measures in place to prevent further malicious false alarms. We will continue to work with Control to 'call challenge' when appropriate and we will also continue to push the message out via media and through community liaison around the consequences and impacts of malicious activity. We are utilising every opportunity available to deliver the key messages into schools and community groups.

The District performance in the following areas is within 10% of the set target:

Actual Rescues

We have experienced an increase in the number of actual rescues during this reporting period (183 rescues compared to 145 in the same period last year). Over 50% of the rescues were in the 'other' category which includes rescue from height, water rescue, entrapment from machinery, children locked in cars etc. 28% of rescues are from Road Traffic Collisions and 11% from dwellings. We will continue to educate the community through our safe and well visits on the importance of having an escape plan.

Dwelling Fires

We have experienced an increase in the number of dwelling fires during this reporting period (322 dwelling fires compared to 285 in the same period last year). The majority of the fires in the dwellings were recorded as accidental (78%). In terms of the cause, 24% were due to cooking. We will continue to strengthen the district partnerships and provide a better understanding of the fire risk to the partners by delivering refresher fire awareness training. We will deliver targeted campaigns on safe cooking within the district by utilising existing avenues and maximising the use of media.

The District performance in the following is outside of the target set:

Arson

There have been 2567 arson incidents recorded for this reporting period. Of these, 20% are recorded as primary arson in which a property is destroyed and 80% recorded as secondary arson such as rubbish, grass fire etc. The majority of the primary arson is associated with vehicles (60%) whilst the majority of the secondary arson are from refuse (60%). The Wards with the highest number of arson incidents are Tong, Bowling and Barkerend, Little Horton, City, Royds and Eccleshill. There was high activity during the summer months, especially in relation to secondary arson figures. December had the lowest number of arson incidents.

The Bonfire period in Bradford continues to be an issue with anti-social behaviour, including arson being a perennial problem. Fire crews from Bradford district along with prevention staff worked extremely hard on community engagement on the lead up to the Bonfire period. Some excellent work with schools, youth groups, community centres and faith establishments resulted in a marked decrease in activity in some areas.

We will continue to work with the local authority, police and other partners through the 'Ward Partnership Team Meetings' to identify areas of concern with regard to arson and work with partners and communities to reduce the problem. Partnership events held throughout the year are aimed at young people and WYFRS give presentations to young people on the consequences and impact of arson.

Total Activity

The total number of incidents attended across Bradford District is **16.3%** above the target figure set. A total of 6835 incidents were recorded over the last 12 months. The increase in the total activity is largely due to an increase in number deliberate secondary fire incidents within the District. Bradford District stations and Prevention staff will continue to work closely with partner agencies including West Yorkshire Police, Bradford Council and Neighbourhood groups to reduce the number of deliberate fire incidents by delivering targeted prevention campaigns in the high risk areas. Fire Station action plans in Bradford have highlighted specific areas of concern within the wards and fire crews are committed to driving down activity with the help from partners.

Summary

This has been a challenging but positive year for Bradford as we have experienced an increase in total activity and deliberate fires across the district but at the same time some of the performance indicators show some encouraging reductions from previous years with incident types such as Building Fires, Road Traffic Collisions and false alarms.

Bradford has experienced a large increase in recorded arson incidents, in particularly with secondary fires and this is where we must continue to focus much of our attention. Anti-social behaviour continues to be a large factor and therefore it is vital we continue to develop cross partnership strategies to understand the root cause of the problem and ultimately attempt to drive down the number of arson incidents.

Firefighters and district staff are focusing more and more on community engagement and developing collaborative initiatives with partners, in particularly around the issues leading up to the bonfire period.

As Bradford District Commander, I have observed how professional and skilful our fire crews are when required to deal with operational incidents and also their commitment to our risk reduction strategy to try and prevent incidents. I am proud to see the dedication of all personnel within the district striving to make Bradford a safer place.

CALDERDALE LOCAL AUTHORITY (DRRT) - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM

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Arson	452	368	446	-1.3%	446
Arson - Primary Fires	96	89	76	-20.8%	76
Arson - Secondary Fires	356	279	370	3.9%	370
Actual Rescues	102	74	76	-25.5%	76
Total Activity	1873	1826	2154	15.0%	2154
Dwelling Fires	100	97	113	13.0%	113
Non-Domestic Building Fires	36	28	34	-5.6%	34
Prevalence of False Alarms	897	819	873	-2.7%	873
Fire Related Injuries	20	19	27	35.0%	27
Road Traffic Collisions	68	61	56	-17.6%	56
Malicious False Alarms	24	30	28	16.7%	28

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Calderdale District Performance Monitoring Report - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

The District performance in the following areas either meets or exceeds the target set:

Arson

Calderdale District has met its target for Arson for the fiscal year 2018/19. This is despite a sharp increase in deliberate fires across the county.

Although the arson figure is positive against the 3 year average (1.3%), there has been an increase in recorded arson incidents compared to the previous year. The significant factor is the increase in deliberate secondary fires, whilst deliberate primary fires showed a reduction compared to the previous year. This will be closely monitored in the next financial year, as secondary arson continues to be a problem for both West Yorkshire Fire Service and our partners.

Actual Rescues

Calderdale District has carried out 76 rescues in the 2018/19 fiscal year. This is 26 less than the three year average figure. This result is excellent and something the district team is very proud of.

The rescues have been made during a wide variety of incidents including rescues from height, water, lock in's, the removal of rings and people trapped in machinery as well as the more traditional incidents such as RTC's and Fires.

Non-Domestic Building Fires

Historically, Calderdale District has struggled to meet the target set for Non-domestic building fires. The performance in 2018/19 has exceeded the target by 5.6%. There has, however, been a slight increase in these incidents compared to the previous year (up from 28 to 34).

The District Team continues to work in partnership to reduce the risk of fires in commercial properties. The main focus will continue to be Halifax town centre, which has the highest incidence of Non-domestic building fires. We offer arson advice to commercial property owners and managers during our Operational Risk Visit programme.

Prevalence of False Alarms

Calderdale District exceeded the target for unwanted fire signals this year by 2.7%. However, there has been a slight increase in the number of incidents attended compared to the previous year. Performance is disproportionately affected by repeat false alarms at a small number of buildings. The main cluster of these buildings is in the town centre of Halifax. The District Team is working closely with the Protection Team in following up repeat attendances to automatic fire alarm actuations.

Road Traffic Collisions

In 2016, a number of local surveys reflected Calderdale residents' perceptions of road safety, and that conditions were deteriorating. It is therefore pleasing to see that the number of road traffic collisions attended by WYFRS continue to reduce. Performance in the District is currently in the green by 17.6%

The District Team is delivering several initiatives to help improve road safety. A good example of these initiatives is the Roadshow delivered during National Road Safety Week which targets local sixth form students who are effectively the next generation of drivers.

The District Commander also chairs the Road Safety Partnership Board in Calderdale. The Board is implementing a framework of road safety initiatives that reflect four main themes; education, engagement, enforcement, and engineering. The District has also been working in partnership with Calderdale Council and West Yorkshire Police to deliver Operation Haw mill. This has proved a very successful project.

Performance in the following areas has not met the required target:

Total Activity

Calderdale District has not achieved the target set for the overall number of emergency incidents, and has missed the target set by 15%. There has been 281 more incidents in Calderdale than the three year average.

This increase is mainly due to high activity levels during the summer months, this was caused by the unusually hot weather. Fire Crews and Fire Prevention teams are focusing their efforts and working in partnership to and educate, encourage and enforce regulations within communities, in an effort to reduce the total number of incidents the fire crews attended during periods of hot weather.

The increase in total activity is consistent with the rest of WYFRS and across the country as a whole.

Dwelling Fires

Last year the number of dwelling fires in Calderdale fell to their lowest ever level. This was a fantastic achievement but it presented a real challenge for the District Team to maintain similar performance. Unfortunately this trend has not continued and current performance is slipping behind the 2018/19 target by **13%**.

The District Team is aware that dwelling fires generally increase during school holiday periods. It therefore expects performance against this target to improve during the next six-months. Current performance does not reflect the hard work taking place to deliver bespoke and innovative prevention initiatives which are reducing the risk of fires in the home.

Fire Related Injuries

For successive years, Calderdale District failed to meet the target set for fire related injuries. Last year though, fire related injuries in Calderdale fell to at an all-time low level.

Unfortunately this year's performance has failed to build on last year's success and is outside of target by 35% (8 injuries). The breakdowns of injuries are as follows:

- 15 x Slight Injury – Victim attended hospital
- 5 x Precautionary Check-up recommended
- 6 x First aid required at scene
- 1 x Serious injury – Victim attended hospital

Although the vast majority of injuries sustained have been minor, Calderdale district has launched a number of initiatives to try and reduce the number of fire related injuries in the future.

Malicious False Alarms

Calderdale generally struggles to meet its malicious false alarm target due to the very small target number (24). The district has improved on last year's performance by a reduction of attendance at malicious calls from 30 to 28, however has still attended four more malicious calls this year, than the target.

The number of malicious calls in Calderdale has reduced by 74% since 2010.

The district is working with partners and regular sites of malicious false alarms to try and get achieve our target next year.

Summary

The Calderdale District Team is committed to meeting its service delivery targets. The targets continue to be very challenging because of the low figures which afford limited ability to absorb glitches in performance. The unusual hot period of weather in July led to a sharp increase in emergency calls. The impact of this is that the District has struggled to recover its position against its total activity targets, although the second six months of the year has seen a much better performance against the set targets.

The District is performing strongly against some of its targets though, particularly road traffic collisions and actual rescues. The District Team continue to be pragmatic in their approach and are championing several multi-agency initiatives that are making a real difference to the safety of local communities. Current performance may not reflect the value of these initiatives but they are making a real difference to community safety.

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Arson	895	982	1199	34.0%	1199
Arson - Primary Fires	222	220	257	15.8%	257
Arson - Secondary Fires	672	762	942	40.2%	942
Actual Rescues	143	149	156	9.1%	156
Total Activity	3610	3769	4495	24.5%	4495
Dwelling Fires	185	170	191	3.2%	191
Non-Domestic Building Fires	67	65	66	-1.5%	66
Prevalence of False Alarms	1867	1721	1880	0.7%	1880
Fire Related Injuries	30	27	41	36.7%	41
Road Traffic Collisions	117	111	112	-4.3%	112
Malicious False Alarms	55	64	64	16.4%	64

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Kirklees District Performance Monitoring Report March 2019

The District performance in the following areas either meets or exceeds the required Target:

Non-Domestic Building Fires

Through the great work being carried out across the District identifying owners of both derelict and empty premises, Kirklees has exceeded its target by 1.5% across the 3-year target average almost equalling last years' figure. This is due to the focused process of identifying the owners of this type of premise to ensure that site security is maintained.

Road Traffic Collisions

Almost equalling last year's figure, Kirklees District have exceeded the target for reduction of this type of incident by 4.3%. As a District we continue to drive our road safety campaign through the Kirklees Road Safety Partnership and will develop future initiatives with schools and colleges. Kirklees District now lead on the 'Kirklees Road Safety Group' which is reportable to the Kirklees Communities Board on a wide range of road safety/road vehicle issues. The group has undergone a refresh and now incorporates focused academic studies by Huddersfield University where student are being utilised to conduct studies into the causation and behavioural changes required to improve road safety within Kirklees.

Performance in the following areas is within 10% of the target set:

Actual Rescues

Kirklees District is within the 3 yearly target set margin for this area at 9.1%. Incidents within this area vary from assisting an elderly occupant out of a bath to an influenced link to other PMI areas such as RTC's.

Dwelling Fires

Kirklees District has exceeded its target by 3.2% in this area against the 3 year target average. This rise has been seen across all Districts to varying degrees. Although this figure is higher than the previous year's incidents, Fire Crews and Prevention staff are working hard in their activities across the District.

Prevalence of False Alarms

Within this area Kirklees District is exceeding the 3 yearly target by 0.7%. We will continue to work with local businesses to try and reduce these further and where we have repeat incident occurrences, will seek support from the Fire Protection team to formulise a targeted approach. Where incidents occurring in residential homes Kirklees District will continue to work with key partners to engage with occupants and incorporate a Fire Protection and Safe and Well educational approach. We hope to see improvements within this area in the future following the continued focused engagement that has taken place within selected local authority properties and schools.

Performance in the following areas is outside of the target set:

Arson

Over the last fiscal year there has been a significant increase in arson related incidents within Kirklees which have resulted in being 34% outside the set 3 year average target.

It is recognised that the severe hot weather spells throughout summer and October last year have influenced a rise in this area and have created real challenges in reducing the target set. Through the months of May to July the target was being exceeded with a significant rise being noticed throughout the whole of summer period.

Arson has been recognised as a rising trend nationally within UK FRS areas to which working focus groups have been formed to target such areas – WYFRS is to be represented within these groups.

These areas have been broken down further below:

Primary Fires

Unfortunately Kirklees are 15.8% outside the 3 yearly target in this area. This is mainly due to an increase in domestic and vehicle arson. Kirklees District will be trialling a new arson referral pilot in the coming year so with this along with strong partnership working we hope to bring this figure down. Utilising joint intelligence with the Police we hope to reduce the higher number of vehicle fires currently observed through a joint crime/arson reduction plan. A proportion of the arson within this area has been attributed to anti-social behaviour and targeted crime which we are also working with the Police and other key partners around a focused prevention activity.

Secondary Arson

Kirklees District has experienced a high number of secondary arson fires at 40.2% outside the 3 yearly target to which most of this activity took place over the summer months. The District will continue to work hard with all partner agencies in this area ensuring that a targeted approach is used, identifying the route cause and acting upon it.

Vegetation / Grassland	297 Incidents
Refuse	391 Incidents
Other	72 Incidents

The predominant number of secondary incidents were attributed to grassland fires which was observed throughout a hot weather spell within October when large scale moorland fires took place within the Marsden moor area. The rise in this area also incorporated fires outdoors that could be attributed to fly-tipping or inappropriately discarded waste which is recognised as a rising issue within Kirklees.

Kirklees District has ensured that this issue is an agenda within the Kirklees Communities Board key focus areas within the targeting of anti-social behaviour. The three key themes within the 'Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour' working group are arson reduction, fly tipping and youth engagement to which we are hopeful with the support from key partners we can see some real progress being made to reduce such incidents in the future.

In October 2018 following a spell of severe hot weather, Kirklees District formed part of the Kirklees Communities Board Severe Weather working group. An outcome of the group was the instigation of Public Protection Orders which were targeted around areas where repeat grassland incidents had taken place. This was a successful approach which has now been broadened to encompass moorland areas and other local authorities following the recent wildfire incidents.

Total Activity

Largely attributed to a rise in secondary arson fires, total activity within Kirklees has risen by 24.5% on the 3 yearly target. This is a trend that has been seen noticed across all Districts across West Yorkshire and is also been recognised across most FRS nationally. Kirklees District will continue to scrutinise all available data sets and localised intelligence across all key partners to identify root causes which will influence our risk reduction strategy action plans to proactively target areas or themes.

Fire Related Injuries

Kirklees District is 36.7% outside the 3 year average target area set. It is with regret that the District has had a number of fatalities within this period. Whilst there is no link between the actual incidents there has been recognised profiles. Within the weekend of 04 – 05/01/2019 two unrelated incidents occurred within Kirklees. Both deceased were female, elderly, living alone and had possibly been cooking at the time of the fire. Key partners such as Kirklees Council Care-line also had involvement within both incidents. Kirklees District has set about a robust Serious Incident Review (SIR) to look at tightening partnership referrals and also delivering a training package to Care-line call operators on key advice to be given and better knowledge and understanding around dwelling fires. We continue to work with our partners and through the delivery of the safe and well campaign.

Malicious False Alarms

Although Kirklees have had a higher than expected result in malicious false alarms at 16.4 % above the 3 yearly target, both the Crews and Fire Protection have worked hard in the areas of repeat incidents such as Salendine Nook and Whitcliffe Mount schools. A letter has gone out to every School within Kirklees outlining the impact of false alarm calls and the need to eradicate them, offer has also been given for input to be given to Staff and pupils to which some such visits have already taken place. This has resulted in a large reduction from the projected figures seen in the early part of the year. Kirklees will continue to work with education facilities and the local housing associations in the area to bring these calls down further.

Attacks on Firefighters

Compared to other Districts within the County Kirklees District see quite low numbers within this area:

- 8 verbal abuse
- 1 objects thrown

That said, any attack or verbal abuse directed at our Staff will not be tolerated. Kirklees District continue to promote the '**More than a uniform campaign**' and work closely with our youth engagement partners to reduce these further. We recently held a community event at Wilton Park in Batley where we had been getting repeat anti-social behaviour from youths within the area. The event saw a key partnership approach with the utilisation of community engagement officers to seek to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within the area – To this date a reduction with the area has been recognised.

Summary

As the District Commander for Kirklees I feel the weight of this year and the challenges that have been thrown at us whether that be the regrettable fatalities within the District or the number of large scale wild fire incidents. That said, I'm proud of the way the District team and Fire Stations have managed such situations and the daily commitment they demonstrate in trying to influence making our community safer.

It would be fair to say a key focus area for us moving forward continues to be arson reduction with the underlying causation of such incidents being attributed to anti-social behaviour through direct acts or inappropriate disposing of rubbish. To reduce anti-social behaviour and in-turn influence a reduction in areas such as arson requires a cross partnership approach.

The District will be heavily involved over the coming months in assisting partners with a number of initiatives to tackle a number of areas associated with anti-social behaviour and will continue to drive this agenda through the Kirklees Communities Board.

We have seen a reduction or minor increase in a number of areas that sit within the PMI's for example non-domestic buildings and road traffic collisions. This is attributed to the good work that is been carried out from both the District staff and our partners.

The Kirklees District Team are dedicated to making Kirklees a safer place for our community and will continue to drive this objective though partnership, collaborative initiatives and our delivery of safe and well.

LEEDS LOCAL AUTHORITY (DRRT) - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM

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Arson	2142	2248	2360	10.2%	2360
Arson - Primary Fires	560	558	477	-14.8%	477
Arson - Secondary Fires	1582	1690	1883	19.0%	1883
Actual Rescues	258	235	285	10.5%	285
Total Activity	8340	8363	8858	6.2%	8858
Dwelling Fires	435	409	440	1.1%	440
Non-Domestic Building Fires	191	157	158	-17.3%	158
Prevalence of False Alarms	4524	4078	4050	-10.5%	4050
Fire Related Injuries	70	69	53	-24.3%	53
Road Traffic Collisions	205	205	225	9.8%	225
Malicious False Alarms	122	122	107	-12.3%	107

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Leeds District Performance Monitoring Report – 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

The District's performance in the below areas exceeds the set target:

Arson – Primary Fires. Leeds District has seen a -14.8% reduction against the set target in primary arson fires. We continue to address domestic arson concerns via Target Hardening, working closely with our Leeds Front Door Safeguarding Team and collaborating with Police colleagues. We work with Neighbourhood/Crime Prevention Teams; Leeds City Council Teams; and local schools to deliver our joint risk reduction initiatives.

Non-Domestic Building Fires. Leeds has achieved a significant reduction in this particular performance area. This can be attributed to the secondment of the Assistant District Prevention Manager into Her Majesty Young Offenders Institute, Wetherby. The key objective set was to reduce the number of cell fires at this particular establishment. The secondment has contributed to a -17.3% reduction in the target for non-domestic building fires over the financial year.

Prevalence of False Alarms. Leeds has seen a reduction of -10.5% against this objective. This reduction is due to the continued joint working of crews, Fire Protection and the Leeds District Team. To reduce the number of false activations we have given suitable advice and issued warning letters. We have taken the lead on monitoring sheltered schemes and high rise buildings with repeat activations where appropriate.

Fire Related Injury. The Leeds team have driven a decrease in this performance objective of -24.3% throughout this reporting period. The District Prevention Team and crews continue to deliver fire related safety messages during Safe and Well visits; at targeted community events; and through Year 5 school talks. We are developing our delivery of reduction work via general communications in social media and local press releases/radio broadcasts to reduce injuries.

Malicious False Alarms. There has been a decrease in this reporting area of -12.3%. The Leeds District Prevention Team and Operational Crews work towards reducing malicious calls through community education and Year 5 school talks. Close liaison with our Control team aids the success of call challenging which contributes in discouraging this type of anti-social behaviour. Presentations will focus more closely on malicious false alarms as we approach the bonfire period; in order to mitigate the rising trend throughout quarter three of the financial year.

The District's performance in the below areas are outside of the set target:

Arson. Leeds District has seen an increase in the performance target set for arson by 10.2%. This performance target includes both primary and secondary fires caused by arson. The majority of fires caused by arson can be attributed to the increase in secondary fires involving vegetation or refuse with a notable increase in the period of dry weather in summer 2018.

Arson – Secondary Fires. Secondary fires greatly attributed to the 19% rise in arson statistics. The dry weather conditions of summer 2018 account for a huge proportion of this figure when deliberate vegetation fires were started at multiple locations across the city. In addition, we experienced a number of ASB fires around the bonfire period of 2018 in the Harehills and Armley areas of Leeds. We have also noted a larger number of rubbish fires being attended and these may be attributed to a reduction in local bin service collections. Moving forward we will look to address these concerns with a review of the Safer Leeds Community Partnership and Risk Reduction working groups. This will build on the recent guidance from the NFCC and will further improve and promote collaboration with all associated agencies to address secondary arson fires.

Actual Rescues. We have experienced an increase over the year in actual rescues of 10.5%. These rescues can be attributed to people rescued from building fires; those extricated from RTCs; and those rescued from other situations including: rescues from height, water, and entrapments in machinery. We will continue to deliver risk reduction work through Safe and Well visits, by supporting road safety initiatives and through the support of the water safety campaign in the city centre and the Hunslet area.

Total Activity. Leeds District has seen an overall increase in activity over this period of 6.2%. This is largely as a result of the increase in secondary fires which can be attributed to the dry weather during the summer months. This increase is a reflection of the overall rise in activity at local, brigade and national levels.

Dwelling Fires. The number of dwelling fires has increased slightly within Leeds District during this reporting period, resulting in a 1.1% rise above the three year average target. We hope to reduce this trend across Leeds in the coming financial year with the continued development and implementation of Safe and Well. Our local partners have received training on the new referral process. This included a multi-agency Safe and Well workshop in March 2019.

Road Traffic Collisions. RTCs in Leeds have risen during this reporting period with attendances at 225 incidents: an increase of 9.8%. The Leeds District Prevention Team continues to support and be an influential member of the Leeds Safer Roads Steering Group. The Team will continue to be involved in road safety events and campaigns throughout the year.

Summary

Overall, Leeds District has performed well against the challenging performance targets set. We have seen a reduction in the number of subsequent fire related injuries, primary arson and non-domestic building fires. The reduction of all false alarm types continues to help Leeds work more efficiently and effectively. These reductions are a result of the on-going fire prevention work carried out by operational crews and prevention staff which will also assist any rising trends seen in domestic

dwelling fires. The new structure of the Leeds District Team will provide further resource allocation to address risk reduction projects in RTC and other rescues; and reply to the rise in these incident types. Leeds has seen a significant increase against the performance targets set for Arson. Looking forward, we have more prevention work to do around this type of ASB. This area of response has increased both locally and nationally. Leeds will embrace the recent strategic steer from the NFCC to further develop prevention and reduction projects in order to reduce arson related incidents. We will endeavour to do this by working with associated partners to innovative ideas and provide solutions whilst developing relationships with our existing partners.

WAKEFIELD LOCAL AUTHORITY (DRRT) - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM

DEFINITIONS

3 YEAR AVG TARGET (Previous 3 Years)	Average performance from the previous 3 financial years, used as the target for this current year
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (Previous Year)	Cumulative total for the same period in the previous year
TOTAL SO FAR (Current Year)	Cumulative total for current year so far
AGAINST TARGET SO FAR (Current Year)	Comparison of activity so far against the target – Red (outside 10% of target), Amber (within 10% of target), Green (target achieved or exceeded)
END OF YEAR PROJECTION (Current Year)	Projected value at the end of the financial year based on Total So Far and the number of days remaining

	3 YEAR AVG TARGET (2015/18)	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (2017-31/03/18)	[values to 31 Mar 2019 23:59:59]		
			TOTAL SO FAR (2018/19)	AGAINST 3 YEAR AVG (2018/19)	END OF YEAR PROJECTION (2018/19)
Arson	889	973	1163	30.8%	1163
Arson - Primary Fires	203	189	223	9.9%	223
Arson - Secondary Fires	686	784	940	37.0%	940
Actual Rescues	106	88	96	-9.4%	96
Total Activity	2806	2813	3333	18.8%	3333
Dwelling Fires	143	133	124	-13.3%	124
Non-Domestic Building Fires	51	42	55	7.8%	55
Prevalence of False Alarms	1260	1139	1208	-4.1%	1208
Fire Related Injuries	32	25	26	-18.8%	26
Road Traffic Collisions	92	89	86	-6.5%	86
Malicious False Alarms	27	30	29	7.4%	29

COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Wakefield District Performance Report from 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019

The District performance in the following areas either meets or exceeds the target:

Actual Rescues

The district saw a reduction of actual rescues across the 12 month period by 9.4%. This reduction is a correlation between the reduced Dwelling Fires and Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) (see below), which have both seen a decrease in output. Education is a key element of our prevention programme and we continue to highlight the need to have escape plans in place for all types of property. The rescues are geographically spread with limited overall numbers (96 in total) with no trends being identified.

Dwelling Fires

The district saw a significant decrease in the number of dwelling fires over the previous 12 months, with an overall reduction of 13.3%. The occurrence of dwelling fires are spread across the district with Wakefield, Castleford, Pontefract and South Kirkby seeing a higher number of incidents compared to the other areas in the district. This is being closely monitored by both operational staff and the District Prevention Team, ensuring that hot strikes and follow up campaigns are made in the higher risk areas.

Prevalence of False Alarms

The district saw a reduction in the Prevalence of False Alarms 4.1%. This still remains the single largest area of operational business in the district. Many of the false alarm incidents have been attributed to sheltered housing, hospitals and businesses within the district. Over 50% of the occurrences have been directly related to the apparatus itself, often due to faults on the system. Stations continue to work with Fire Protection Inspectors and partners to drive down unwanted fire signals and target premises with a high number of false alarms calls. The district team are currently tracking organisations that are experiencing high numbers of false alarms and working with them and the Fire Protection department to reduce attendances.

Fire Related Injuries

Recorded fire related injuries continued to fall with a reduction of 18.8% below the target which is very pleasing. The district team are continuing to work closely with crews to ensure accurate recording of injuries to casualties and the tightening of the procedures around post fire visits to clarify information with the victims.

Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)

The number of RTC's recorded continues to reduce, with Wakefield district recording a 6.5% reduction against the set target. The incidents are geographically spread with

RTC's being mainly on the high speed roads throughout the district around the areas that are less densely populated. We are working closely with Safer Roads Wakefield and various other local agencies to increase engagement with young drivers.

Performance in the following areas is outside of the target set:

Arson

Recorded arson has increased significantly to 1163 incidents within the district throughout the previous year, with the final figures showing 30.8% above the target set. The majority of the incidents (627) occurred within a 4 month period 1st June to 30th September and fall within the 'Secondary Fires' category.

Arson - Primary Fires

Primary fires generally cause damage to property, non-derelict buildings or vehicles. Recorded Arson - Primary Fires increased significantly within the district with the final figures showing 9.9% above the target set. We working closely with Police colleagues following these types of incidents are they are often highly impactful to the community.

Arson - Secondary Fires

Secondary Fires include vegetation (grass, corn etc.), refuse, bonfires and wheelie bins. Recorded Arson - Secondary Fires increased significantly within the district with the final figures showing 37.0% above the target set. The exceptionally dry and prolonged warm weather from the early part of the summer saw a high incidence of grass fires particularly in the outlying areas of the district and in the areas of known higher levels of anti-social behaviour. We are working closely with Police colleagues in the areas of high arson which often correlate to the known areas of high anti-social behaviour.

Total Activity

Wakefield district has seen a significant increase in activity, this correlates directly with the increase in arson incidents. The district saw an increase by 18.8% above target. Partnership engagement continues to be crucial for the development and implementation of initiatives particularly with those involved in anti-social behaviour and work is on-going to try and reduce the impact of these incidents in the district. Some of the proactive measures being implemented for the reduction of incidents include engaging with local schools and colleges and delivery of education to the travelling community.

Non – Domestic Building Fires

The district saw an increase of 7.8% above target. Incidents have been recorded across the district with no specific trends identified. Work is also underway with multi-agency partners around the most appropriate ways of reducing the fire risk at unused premises.

Malicious False Alarms

The district saw an increase of 7.4% above target, equating to 29 incidents within the year, which was 2 above the target. We continue to engage with local schools and colleges to deliver educational programmes focused on raising awareness of fire safety and the impacts and consequences of inappropriate behaviour and the malicious use/activation of alarms.

Summary

Last year's extended warm and dry summer brought with it many challenges including the busiest period we have seen within our district for many years. The performance data relating to Wakefield district for the first half of the year pushed the incident numbers far beyond the typical we have seen for many years. Whilst the second half of the year was far quieter and more "normal" in terms of incident numbers, we just weren't able to recover from the volume earlier in the year. The increased incidents were primarily due to the number of deliberate secondary fires that we attended. This has led to increased work and interventions being worked up with partners to tackle this with increased efforts around youth work and engagement. Wakefield was not unique regarding the increase in activity and arson incidents as this has been seen across the districts within the county and was also reflected regionally and nationally with an upturn in deliberate fire setting on the back of the prolonged period of warm and dry weather.

The district team are working hard with crews to embed interventions such as the School and College education packages, Travelling Community programme, improving the incident recording, and work is underway on a refreshed approach to derelict buildings with our partners. We are pleased with the reduction in property related fires, injuries and road related incidents as these tend to be the most serious and impactful issues for our community. Station based personnel and district prevention staff are actively engaging with partners and local community based groups in identifying vulnerable people and reinforcing fire and road safety messages through our safe and well programme.



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Fire Safety - Government consultations

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12 July 2019

Agenda Item:

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Submitted By: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose This report provides members of the Community Safety Committee with information which relates to current Government consultations in respect of Fire Safety.

Recommendations That members note the contents of this report

Summary Following the tragic events of Grenfell Tower the Government set out to review the regulatory landscape in relation to fire safety and building regulation legislation by appointing Dame Judith Hackitt to carry out a detailed review.

That review concluded in May 2018 following which the Government announced in December 2018 that they would be implementing the findings of the review through a series of consultations that would commence in Spring 2019.

On 6 June 2019 the Government commenced a call for evidence on the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and consultation on the “reform of building safety regulatory system”.

This report provides members with a brief update of these two processes and details how West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service will respond to the consultations.

Local Government (Access to information) Act 1972

Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In the autumn of 2017 Dame Judith Hackitt commenced a review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety following a request by Government due to emerging issues highlighted as a result of the fire at Grenfell tower.
- 1.2 Dame Judith published her report in May of 2018 entitled “Building a Safer Future – Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety”. In December of that year Government announced its proposals to implement the recommendations of the report through a series of consultations in the Spring of 2019.
- 1.3 On 6 June 2019 the Government launched two major consultation products:
 1. a consultation “Building a Safer Future: Proposals for reform of the building safety regulatory system” from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). This consultation incorporates proposals that respond to Dame Judith Hackitt’s review
 2. a Call for Evidence on the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 from the Home Office.

These consultations will run for eight weeks, and have a deadline of 31 July 2019.

2 Information

- 2.1 The first consultation document “Proposals for reform of the building safety regulatory system” is one of the most detailed consultations the Government has issued with 122 specific individual questions, some which are split into various parts.

The key areas which the consultation addresses are:

 - The scope of the new regime as proposed by Dame Judith
 - The concept of duty holders who have clear responsibilities throughout a building’s design, construction and occupation
 - Giving residents a stronger voice in the system and ensuring their concerns are never ignored
 - Plans for a new building safety regulator to provide oversight of the new building safety regulatory regime
 - Strengthened enforcement and sanctions to deter non-compliance with the new regime
- 2.2 The second document is a call for evidence to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and is looking to obtain evidence to determine if the regulations are fit for purpose and what, if any, amendments need to be made. The key areas that the call for evidence addresses are:
 - The scope and objectives of the Fire Safety Order
 - Issues Specific to Multi-Occupied Residential Buildings

- Overlapping regulatory frameworks for the common areas of buildings
 - Definition of Responsible Person
 - Fire Risk Assessment process
 - National Guidance
 - Employee training
 - Definition of Competent Person
 - Enforcement and Sanctions
- 2.3 Our Fire Protection team have been working in liaison with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) who have established a Building Safety Programme Team (BSP) to support further development of government policy on building and fire safety regulations. The BSP Team was formally established on 1 March 2019 with financial support from the Home Office and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).
- 2.4 Members of the BSP have been seconded from a diverse range of Fire and Rescue Services from around the country on a full-time basis, each with their own area of fire safety expertise. This expertise will allow the team to provide effective support to the Government's Building Safety Programme, as well as engage closely with our own Protection team.
- 2.5 We are working with NFCC and the BSP to ensure that our professional and technical views are incorporated in to a national response to the Government. In doing so we will be able to ensure that positions on key aspects of the Government's Building Safety reforms will be tested with as many different Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs) as possible to ensure they are robust, and properly representative of fire sector views.
- 2.6 One of the core aims of the BSP team is to be open and accessible to all FRS staff, to ensure that FRSs have their views heard and understand how they can feed into the process. This includes raising engagement with staff across all of NFCC's Committees, national working groups and communities and enables us to have a wider holistic view of the impact the reforms may have.
- 2.7 In the build-up to the release of the consultation documents the NFCC held a number of workshops to gain views from FRS on the key priorities going forward. Officers from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) attended these workshops and feedback is being collated centrally by NFCC to develop national draft positions in response to the Government's consultations.
- 2.8 To date, our Protection team has engaged with the NFCC and regional FRS's to ensure a consistent and collaborative approach.
- 2.9 Once the NFCC has developed its draft responses (which WYFRS are involved with) they will be circulated around all the Heads of Fire Protection inviting comments. During the consultation period, the BSP Team plan to engage widely with FRSs on these draft positions, both in person, and through digital channels.
- 2.10 As NFCC develop position statements and responses to the consultations they will receive formal sign-off by the NFCC Protection Committee. WYFRS has long been established on this committee and do so on behalf of the Yorkshire and Humber Region.

- 2.11 Our goal is to ensure we have responded to both consultation products by engaging with the national response by NFCC. We will also be submitting an individual response which may mirror the NFCC submission. However, this provides us with the opportunity to incorporate any areas that we may feel have been missed from the national response.
- 2.12 In completing and supporting NFCC in the development of the national response we will:
- Provide feedback on questions and draft position statements to NFCC
 - Challenge and scrutinise all aspect of the NFCC's draft positions
 - Attend workshops, meetings, and weekly teleconferences being held
 - Volunteer to be involved with groups that may established to develop or test ideas and positions
 - Share our briefings and updates with colleagues
 - Encourage discussion locally and regionally about how FRSs can feed into the national work
 - Adopt NFCC positions, and submit our own response

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Chief Legal & Governance Officer has considered this report and has no observations to make at the time of submission of this report but may provide legal advice at the committee meeting and/or respond to any requests by members for legal advice made at the meeting.

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct Human Resource or Diversity implications as a result of this report

6 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

- 6.1 Whilst this report notes the consultation process of fire safety legislation at present there are no Health, Safety and wellbeing implications

7 Your Fire and Rescue Service priorities

- 7.1 This report details the consultation process that is taking for Fire Safety legislation. Our Service Plan 2019 – 22 details how we discharge our Fire Protection duties. Should the legislative landscape change in relation to this work area then there will be a direct impact upon our Service Plan.

8 Conclusions

- 8.1 The consultation process is necessary in ensuring that the review of Building Safety and Fire Safety Order is conducted correctly. West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service has been pivotal in previous legislative reviews and feels that it is essential to provide support and assistance in the review of current legislation enforced by the Authority.



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Service Delivery Spotlight On Case Studies

Community Safety Committee

Date: 12 July 2019

Agenda Item:

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Submitted By: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose	To provide Members with examples of how the service meets the needs of vulnerable people within the community in its service delivery functions of prevention, protection and response.
Recommendations	That Members of the Community Safety Committee note the contents of this report.
Summary	The 'Spotlight On' case studies highlight just some of the excellent work that is being delivered across the communities of West Yorkshire.

Local Government (Access to information) Act 1972

Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: Spotlight On Case Studies

1 Introduction

- 1.1 WYFRS is committed to meeting the needs of West Yorkshire's diverse communities. Members are aware that we direct our resources particularly towards the most vulnerable groups and individuals who are most at risk because of their lifestyles, behaviours or the way their protected characteristics, such as race, or religion or belief, influence their day-to-day life.
- 1.2 The Spotlight On case studies allow the Service to demonstrate to Members of the Community Safety Committee how we often go above and beyond in order to provide an excellent service to the people of West Yorkshire and keep vulnerable people safe

2 Information

- 2.1 The cases attached to this report showcase how our staff are working across districts in order to reduce risk and where required, respond to emergencies to provide a first class service to people in their time of need.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. The activities carried out in the development of the work described come from existing revenue budgets and are supporting through collaboration with key partners.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Chief Legal & Governance Officer has considered this report and has no observations to make at the time of submission of this report but may provide legal advice at the committee meeting and/or respond to any requests by members for legal advice made at the meeting.

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 The 'Spotlight On' Case studies illustrate how the Authority meets the needs of service users who share a protected characteristics and how it fosters good relations, two keys requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty.

6 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

- 6.1 The activities described will hopefully continue to improve the health and safety of target groups across the respective districts. All such initiatives will have a focus around our key service priorities.

7 Your Fire & Rescue Service Priorities

- 7.1 The Spotlight On case studies attached provide examples of how we deliver against the following key service priorities 2019 - 22:
- Reduce the risk to the communities of West Yorkshire
 - Continue to keep our firefighters safe
 - Work smarter throughout the service
 - Make better use of technology
 - Support, develop and enable our people to be at their best

Spotlight On – Leeds Partnership Event

What was the need and how we identified it

Over the last two years our Safe and Well commitment has grown and become a productive partnership between West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and many excellent organisations in Leeds such as, West Yorkshire Police, Age UK, Care and Repair, Groundwork's GreenDoctor's, Carers Leeds and One You Leeds. It was identified that there was an opportunity to hold a partnership event to enable an understanding of the wider offer we now deliver to benefit our communities Health, Wellbeing and Fire Safety.

What we did....

The Leeds District Prevention Team organised a partnership event to take place in Leeds City Centre on the 26th March 2019.

The Corporate Communications Team designed an invitation and this was communicated across the Leeds District partners and several networks including the Safeguarding Adults Board, Public Health Resource Centre and social media channels such as Twitter.

The Leeds Safe and Well partners were invited to hold an information stall at the event and Area Manager Chris Kirby was invited to open the event and set the scene in relation to Safe and Well development.

Following some presentations from the Leeds District Prevention Managers, there was a networking event to build on the relationships that WYFRS is building across various health and well-being agencies in Leeds.

The Outcome

Over eighty colleagues from organisations across Leeds attended the lunch and learn. Initial feedback on the day identified that 96% of attendees had found it useful and would attend something similar again.

Our Crime Prevention Colleagues said; 'Today was great thanks. We have taken away some email addresses of partners that would like to do some work with us.'

Follow up evaluation identified that 97% of attendees had learnt something new about Safe and Well and felt like the event had given them enough information to change their practice in referring to WYFRS. The average score provided in assessment of the event was 9 out of 10.

A suggestion for next time was to include the partners in having a chance to present their service and role as part of Safe and Well delivery in the district, something we will be happy to accommodate.



Spotlight on...

The Prince's Trust Team programme at Dewsbury Station

What the need was and how we identified it

Within Youth Interventions, a need was identified to offer a longer-term intervention for young people aged 16 - 25 who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). For those in this remit, other risk-taking behaviours can occur, they can disengage from services, and it is the beginning of their transition into young-adulthood. These all indicate vulnerability for the young person, and potentially a dependency on blue light services.

Dewsbury was an area without a Prince's Trust programme to offer young people. It would require travel to Wakefield or Huddersfield for the closest Teams and, for some people, their lack of confidence, motivation or independence skills restricts them from engaging with further services outside of Dewsbury.

Another consideration related to unemployment. The national changes to the benefits system, with the roll-out of Universal Credit, highlighted the figures for Dewsbury and Spen with 9,438 new claims (October 2018).

When compared with a larger town such as Huddersfield with a comparable 9,418 new claims, this emphasised the need for positive interventions that will offer the skills and experience required to enhance employment opportunities and develop future career prospects for young people.

What we did and the difference we made

The West Yorkshire Fire Service and The Prince's Trust established a contract to deliver the 12-week 'Team' programme at Dewsbury station, in conjunction with Kirklees College to accredit the qualification. A youth intervention trainer became the Team Leader for the duration, with 5 Assistant Team Leaders for a day a week, consisting of 2 youth intervention trainers, 2 operational firefighters and 1 station manager (strategic development). Through partnerships with local agencies, 15 young people were recruited and engaged with the content of the programme for the duration, with 13 achieving the full qualification. They successfully completed a community project to renovate a local autism sensory café which has created a safe space for children and adults to socialise. The young people also delivered their own fire safety talks to 3 different care homes using knowledge they had developed through internal interventions across the 12 weeks, including the Crash & Burn course and other prevention sessions. Their increased confidence and communication skills to undertake these challenges could then be applied to their everyday motivation and aspirations to really make a difference in their own lives and future career progressions.



- WEEK 1** Induction week and meeting others on the team
- WEEK 2** Residential experience away to try new outdoor activities and build your confidence
- WEEK 3-5** Community project to learn practical skills and improve community safety
- WEEK 6** Crash and Burn course to increase your resilience
- WEEK 7-8** Work placement to gain more experience or try a type of work that you are interested in
- WEEK 9** Planning for the future with application support, CV writing and interview practice
- WEEK 10-11** Team challenge to use all your skills to support other people at risk from a fire service perspective
- WEEK 12** Final celebration and a presentation of skills you have developed and everything you have achieved

Partnership working to be proud of.....

Outcome

For those participating in the programme to engage and personally development throughout the 12 weeks to the extent that they did was beyond all expectations. Their final presentation was attended by over 50 guests including councillors and professionals, families and friends, and people from within the community that wanted to emphasise the positive impact they had achieved through their hard work and commitment. For all those involved, some of whom are considered the most vulnerable and hard to reach young people, it was the first time they had been able to celebrate their success and have positive aspirations for their future. Not only did they achieve the qualification and undertake all aspects of the programme, they increased their interpersonal skills, their resilience and their mental wellbeing to provide a foundation to continue building on. Of the 13 who completed, 4 have gained employment, 3 are volunteering, 4 are actively seeking employment or apprenticeships and 2 are starting college in September on a Public Service Course.



Keys to our success

- Good multi-agency working relationships between WYFRS , The Prince's Trust and Kirklees College along with referral agencies such as Social Care, YJS, CK Careers and JobCentre Plus.
- Respect from, and respect towards, the young people as developing young adults within a professional environment where they are welcome and encouraged, to break down barriers and lead to more positive future interactions.
- Commitment from all staff involved to create a positive and supportive environment for the young people to thrive and develop as active citizens in the community.



This Spotlight On supports the delivery of the Strategic Priority:

- Reduce risks to the communities of West Yorkshire

Equality priorities

- Equal access to the programme for all 16-25 year olds currently NEET, without discrimination, but with consideration of all individual circumstances.

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