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Spotlight On Community Safety Committee

Date: 13 January 2023

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.

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: Spotlight On for each District

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 Monitoring Officer has considered this report and is satisfied it is presented in compliance with the Authority’s Constitution.

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 Equality Impact Assessment

Are the recommendations within this report subject to Equality Impact Assessment as outlined in the EIA guidance? (EIA guidance and form 2020 form.docx (westyorksfire.gov.uk))	Yes / <u>No</u>
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7 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

- 7.1 The activities described demonstrate our commitment to improving the health, safety and wellbeing of target groups across the respective districts. All such initiatives will have a focus around our key service priorities.

8 Environmental Implications

- 8.1 Several the risks highlighted in these documents could potentially have a significant impact on the environment locally and service wide, the plans show we have considered these risks and the actions we will take to mitigate the impact.

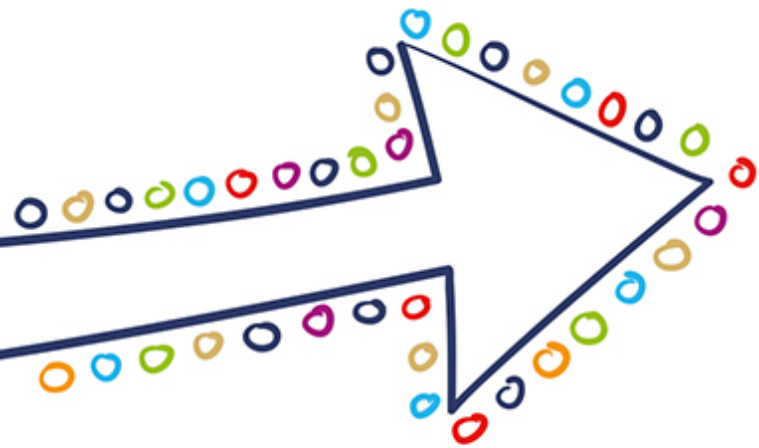
9 Your Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

The Spotlight On case studies attached provide examples of how we deliver against the following key service priorities for 2022 - 25:

- Improve the safety and effectiveness of our firefighters.
- Plan and deploy our resources based on risk.
- Focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
- Collaborate with partners to improve all of our services.
- Continuously improve using digital and data platforms to innovate and work smarter

10 Conclusion

- 10.1 The documents presented to Community Safety Committee demonstrate how West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service have found innovative ways to make a positive contribution to the communities of West Yorkshire amidst the challenges posed by Covid.



Spotlight on...

Bradford City Stay Safe



impact this has on the emergency services and wider communities.

The event targeted Year 6 students, prior to the transition to secondary education as previous initiative evaluation has highlighted this as the ideal time. Students are of an age where they can understand and apply the information to real life.



Sixteen-minute sessions were held in a carousel, allowing the fifteen students in each group to attend all partner workshops.

WYFRS provided education on bonfire safety and misuse of fireworks. Plus, the impact of these incidents over the bonfire period with regards to the service (attacks of FRS staff) and wider community.

Giving a practical demonstration of incidents had a profound impact on the students. Providing greater understanding of how increased incidents number happen at the same time could potentially increase response time within the community.



What was the need, how was it identified?

Bradford District planning understands the need to work with primary school children with regards to fire prevention. The aims of concreting trust between the community and service, providing early education and preventing fire related incidents.

An example of this being the role played at the Stay Safe Event held at Bradford City Football Club.

Bradford Local Authority identify schools based on a series of metrics such as deprivation. 39 schools across Bradford and 4 in Keighley were deemed priority 1. These schools were invited to attend the Stay Safe Event held over an eight-day period.

Bradford District FRS attended delivering education on the dangers of bonfires, the misuse of fireworks, attacks on crews and the

What did we do?

A wide range of partners attend including West Yorkshire Police, British Transport Police, Bradford Road Safety Team, Northern PowerGrid, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Railway Children and St Giles Trust

➔ What difference did we make?

Providing education alongside specialist Youth Intervention teams, to 360 pupils has allowed targeted input to those students that may have drawn into anti-social behavioural (ASB) activities over the bonfire period.

Educating students on the risks of injury, criminal record implications and wider impact on members of their own community - (Think before you act).



➔ What are the keys to our success?

Further developing the Primary school input received at Year 5. The extra education provides students greater exposure to WYFRS and affirms teachings.

These relationships - putting a face to the uniform and whilst becoming more visible within the community.

Feedback in the form of a questionnaire as provided to both students and teachers. The overall outcome was positive and the data will support further education events.

➔ What are we doing next?

We will continue our partnership work with Stay Safe Bradford. The next event is at Keighley College in July 2023. There we will working with the local stations, Youth Intervention and Bradford District Officers to support open water and wildfire awareness education.

The project has secured funding for the next two years and will be carried out at Bradford City and Keighley College. This provides greater opportunity to target education and allocate

additional resource across twelve days. Local station will be involved, building on existing relationships with the schools they visit throughout the year.

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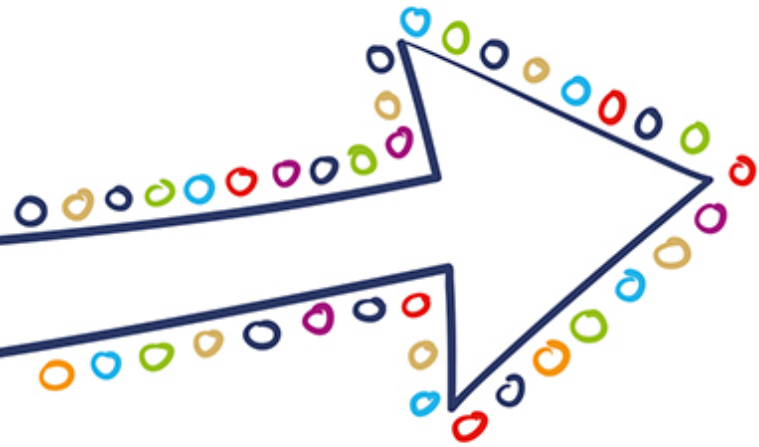
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Spotlight on...

Union Street, Halifax



What was the need, how was it identified?

Union Street is an economically deprived area of Halifax Town Centre, housing some of the most vulnerable people in the community. The housing in this area is provided by private landlords and is known for its basic approach to tenancies, this is often one room accommodation with shared bathroom facilities.

Tenancies are frequently given to vulnerable people who are living with substance misuse or are recovering addicts. Some residents are also experiencing a range of mental health issues and so medication plays a part in their everyday lives & wellbeing.

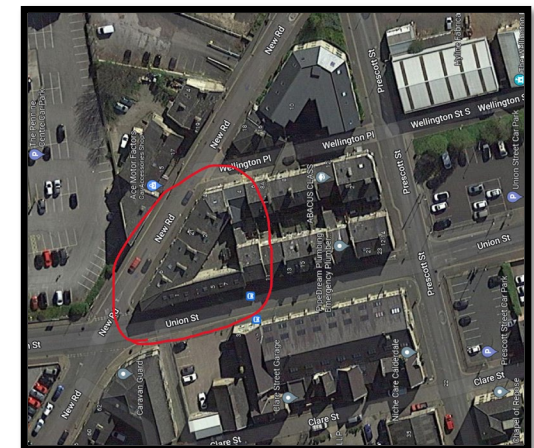
Some of the incidents occurring at these addresses have been deliberate, either directed at themselves through Mental Health instability or intentional as ASB directed at others living in the flats.

The lives and lifestyles of residents can be chaotic and there have been scenes of erratic and concerning behaviour which have frequently

escalated because of the impact of substance addiction and alcoholism.

These incidents have caused distress and fear to those living within this community trying to seek a better life away from addiction.

Attendance by WYFRS has grown and incidents can be challenging for frontline workers because of the unpredictable behaviour that comes from addiction.



This piece of work is valuable in supporting some of Calderdale most vulnerable people to make better choices and keep themselves safer on a daily basis"

➔ What did we do?

A targeted piece of work has been developed to establish different ways of engaging fire safety education with vulnerable adults, who live with substance misuse as a daily challenge in their lives.

Our usual offer of a Safe & Well interaction has failed previously as often the occupant is unable to concentrate for long periods of time. Calderdale District team are making visits on a monthly basis to join the union street community over a coffee and a donut where an informal chat around fire safety subjects are being shared through discussion and conversation.

Only one message at each visit is being delivered, subjects include electrical safety, cooking safely, candles, night time routines and smoke alarms.

As the residents are often isolated it was important to focus on the individuals and the importance of fire safety to them and their belongings.

We ensured that the landlords and community workers had access to fire safety material and that they were aware of the information we were giving to residents to ensure consistency of approach.

This piece of work is being jointly promoted and delivered with Calderdale's drug & alcohol team, Recovery Steps

➔ What difference did we make?

So far we have delivered a couple of the informal sessions which have been well received by the residents.

We haven't attended any further incidents at Union Street since the partnership work started.

We have also been able to work with the landlord to ensure that all fire safety requirements are maintained and educate the residents as to why certain precautions are put in place to hopefully reduce the damage that has previously been seen to items such as fire doors and smoke alarms.

➔ What are the keys to our success?

Involving a number of partner agencies from across the different sectors has allowed the development of a suite of interventions, rather than relying on one source.

Development of the informal sessions has meant that information is given in a more personal and relaxed way, meaning that residents are listening and taking on board the advice.

➔ What are we doing next?

We are now working with further HMOs and similar residential profiles across the district to roll out the informal sessions and develop the necessary partnerships with relevant agencies.

Calderdale District are also looking at developing visual safety aids in the form of posters, covering important risk facts – these will be strategically placed in common areas in all HMOs and high vulnerability premises.

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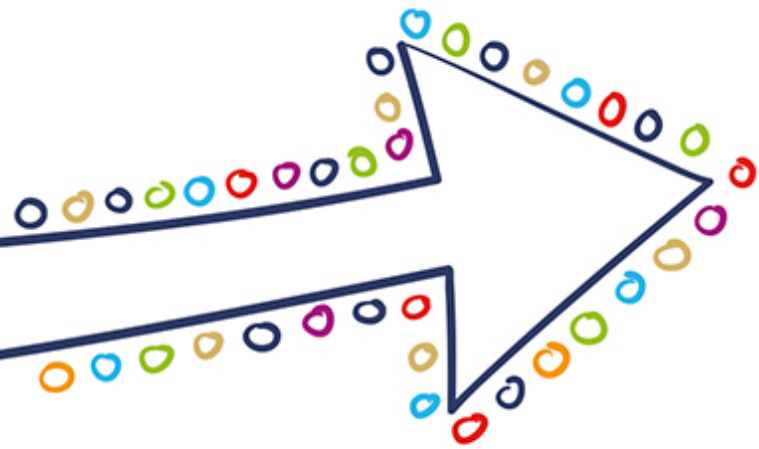


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Spotlight on...

National Road Safety Week



➡ What was the need, how was it identified?

Kirklees District took part in National Road safety week from the 14th to the 20th of November which involved a variety of activities across the region. The events were organised by the Kirklees Road Safety group and was a great opportunity for WYFRS to facilitate joint exercises working with paramedics and the Police.

This allowed Kirklees crews the opportunity to display their operational skills and highlight the consequences of being distracted while driving. We were also involved in raising awareness in schools, colleges and general day to day actions.



➡ What did we do?

Monday 14th –

Demonstration/presentation at Kirklees Springfield College in Dewsbury. Good engagement from crews to a captive audience.

Tuesday 15th –Speed Indication Devices (SID'S) pilot with Linthwaite, Ardon School – with Kirklees Safer team.

Wednesday 16th- WYFRS attending Kirklees College Engineering Centre on St Andrews Road – A successful event with three hundred people in attendance.

Thursday 17th– Road Safety Awareness stall in Dewsbury Bus Station with West Yorkshire Police

Friday 18th– Day of action in Batley Town Centre – which looked at dangerous driving and inappropriate parking,



➔ What are the keys to our success?

The keys to success are ensuring the fire service is an integral part of the road safety message delivered across the District.

ADC Chris Bell was pivotal in ensuring partners were clear on the objectives and messages that needed to be delivered. The need for co-operation between the different agencies and working together highlighted the great partnerships we have within Kirklees.

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➔ What difference did we make?



The visible presence of West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Fire Service, Kirklees Council licensing and Safety teams was crucial to send a clear message inappropriate road use will not

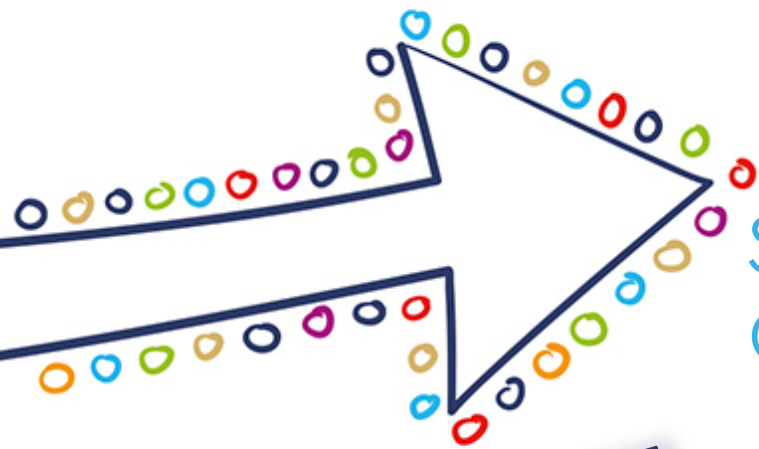
tolerated. ”

Kim Leadbeater MP

➔ What are we doing next?

The events were a fantastic success with a debrief providing an opportunity for questions and discussion about what went well and where we could improve. This has resulted in further joint work with the Kirklees college students on road safety, University on fitness, data and training sites.





Spotlight on...

Supporting and Engaging Communities



➔ What was the need, how was it identified?

As a service we engage and support our community in Leeds daily through our work. This support and engagement is so ingrained in our BAU that we don't often pause to review some of the great things we do and give recognition for this.

This spotlight on is an opportunity to shine a light on just some of the great work happening in Leeds. Starting with Fire Prevention Officer Tony Firth winning the National Fire Chiefs Outstanding Contribution to Prevention Award. Tony was the 2022 Winner of this national award because of the Prevention work he has conducted over the past 15 years. Tony is a former firefighter who after one tragic incident he attended in his career decided he wanted to focus all his efforts on fire prevention after retiring from the service. Since WYFRS started their Safe and Well visits in 2016 Tony has managed 5942 high risk cases and performed 3651 home high-risk intervention prevention visits. He has also safeguarded over 90 vulnerable and at-risk individuals. Tony has

consistently been the highest performing member of the prevention team and shines a light on our Safe and well programme with pride.

➔ What did we do?

Tony is just one example of the work we do. As some people may have seen recently, we supported the BBC's DIY SOS Big Build for the Getaway Girls. Our local fire crews at Leeds and green book staff helped with the most ambitious build the BBC has attempted. Our crews thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to be involved and help support such a wonderful charity for our young people in Leeds. On attending the site, the BBC DIY SOS team stopped and made the time to thank the Fire Service for the help we provided and the way the crews were given a task and accomplished so efficiently with great teamwork.





The Getaway Girls aren't the only local youth organisation we have been supporting. CATCH is a great organisation based in Killingbeck's station area and after the success of the Pathfinders programme, Killingbeck White Watch are partnering with CATCH to develop and deliver their Superstars programme. This Programme will be about developing skill sets for young people and promoting careers in the fire service. This will be an ongoing programme of youth work in one of our most vulnerable communities which we hope will support greater community relationship with our young people.

Morley fire Station joined with residents and BBC radio Leeds presenters for part of 'The Big Baton Challenge' as part of a children in need fundraising event.

Morley is actively engaged in the local community and the fire crews wanting to take part and support his great cause is just another example of how we support communities and causes.

Neil Griffith Leeds ADC decided to mix his musical talents with his FI and prevention song writing skills and create a 12 days of Christmas fire safety video. Each day for the first 12 days of December [@WYFRSLeedsTeam](#) Twitter account has released the videos featuring safety messages and videos starring Leeds crews, Prevention teams and the Fire Investigation team which ADC Griffith leads. This was our attempt of spreading a serious message in a fun and engaging way. This has been now requested from BBC Look North for their website and social media accounts.



➔ What difference did we make?

The differences we make in the community can't always be seen in quantifiable measures. However, the Safe and Well work by Tony has meant thousands of people are safer in their homes. In addition to this the ability to have Tony nationally recognised for this work means we are also showing the value we hold for our amazing staff.

Working with partners and young people is helping to promote fire safety, self-esteem and support life and employability skills. Beyond this we are also strengthening bonds within the community between our fire crews and service users.

“ Even though it's wonderful to have won this award, the best part of the job is working at the fire station in Leeds and visiting people to make sure they are safe ”
Tony Firth

➔ What are the keys to our success?

The key to this success is quite simply caring about our communities. We are proud that our staff think beyond the day-to-day job and want to be a supporter of their communities and the great work our partners are doing.



The enthusiasm and commitment shown by the Leeds staff across departments is something we wish to acknowledge and nurture to enable us to continuously be driving forward innovative work with our partners and communities.

➔ What are we doing next?

While we will always be continuing our community engagement work, we are now putting some additional focus on the current cost of living crisis. We are looking for ways we can support the most vulnerable services users during our interactions with them. One of these ways is to re-open the food bank operating out of Rothwell fire station which means a much-needed foodbank can now operate in south Leeds on Thursdays, offering food and fuel support. We are working with LCC and the CoLC group to secure funding for emergency warmth and food packs that can be handed to individuals in need at incidents or during safe and well visits. There is a whole host of other support we are working partners and all our crews will be giving the details of the agencies in Leeds that can support people in need and the locations of local warm banks.

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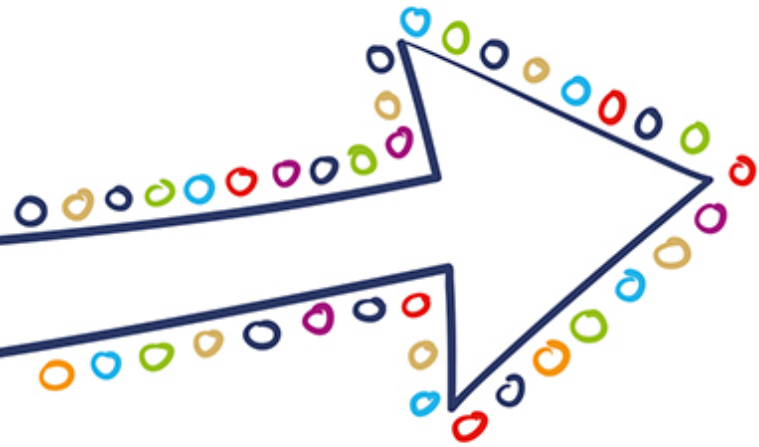


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Spotlight on...



Wakefield District – Focus on road safety initiatives for Young Drivers

➔ What was the need, how was it identified?

Our crews identified that a large proportion of the RTC's we attended involved younger drivers and this is backed up by figures produced by the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Group.

➔ What did we do?

Crews from across the District headed up by WM Hames delivered a bespoke training package aimed at Younger Drivers. The training was delivered across all 3 venues of the Heart of Yorkshire Colleges – Wakefield, Castleford and Selby with over 4000 students engaging in the work.

We have also reset the Wakefield Safer Roads Group and meetings will restart in the New Year and feed into both the Steering and delivery group to work towards the vision zero campaign.

We have also delivered 2 road safety awareness days at the Amazon Distribution

Centre. These were a success and we hope they can be rolled out across the other centres in 2023



➔ What difference did we make?



*The RTC event was brilliant thank you to all services involved . I feel the event will have a far reaching impact that cannot really be measured . I think it helps young people to appreciate and respect our emergency services and the work they do. **Youth Justice Services.***

*'The event was amazing and really powerful. It needs to be rolled out in as many places as possible where there are young people' Cllr **Ferguson.***



➔ What are the keys to our success?

Effective and robust partnership working.
Listening to our communities. Being seen to tackle these issues and deliver swift and innovative solutions



➔ What are we doing next?

- Community/youth engagement to tackle arson related secondary fires across the District
- Water safety training across the District including a new ice training package
- Continue Road Safety Initiatives
- Work alongside the farming communities and landowners to reduce the risk from standing corn fires across the District

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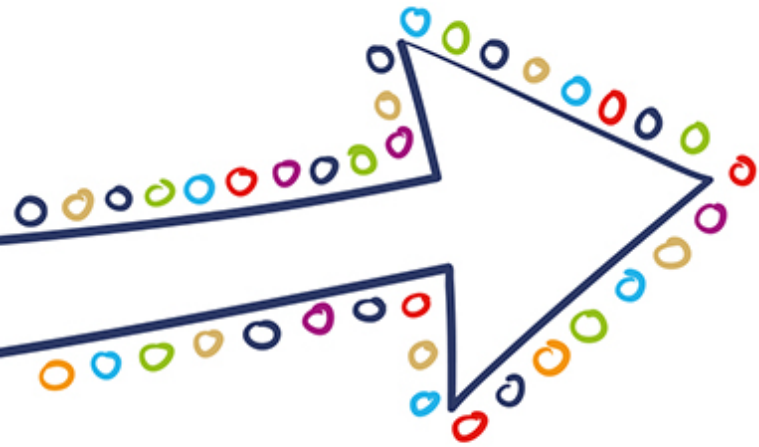


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Spotlight on...

Get Started with Boxing



What was the need, how was it identified?

WYFRS partners with the Prince's Trust to deliver a range of Get Started Programmes for 16 – 25-year-olds not in employment, education, or training.

The 1-week Get Started programmes support young people to discover new talents, develop the confidence and key skills needed to make the next positive step in their lives.

The Get Started programmes that have been delivered by WYFRS include Boxing, Health and Fitness, and Emergency Response. The Boxing programme gives young people the opportunity to improve their self-discipline skills, learn basic boxing techniques and integrate with other young people from across West Yorkshire.



What did we do?

In December 2022 a practical, 1-week programme was delivered from Dewsbury Fire Station.

The week was aimed at developing young people's self-discipline, teamwork and

communication skills, while learning basic boxing techniques.

During their time at Dewsbury Fire Station the young people took part in activities that helped them gain resilience and work together as a team to achieve.

In addition to this they also learned basic First Aid as well as nutritional skills which they put into action by making healthy smoothies. They also learnt the basics of home fire safety and gained knowledge about what they would do if they saw or were involved in a fire.

All the skills they learned during the course were put to the test in the final challenge of the week - to create their own fitness session and deliver this to the fire crew, police officers and their boxing instructors.

The young people worked as a team and prepared for delivering the session. They all worked in pairs to choose an exercise as part of a circuit which they demonstrated and explained the exercise. They also prepared a warm-up and cool down which they all helped to deliver. At the end of the circuit the young people set up a fun exercise which involved





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Performance Against PMI Targets 2022/23

Community Safety Committee

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Submitted By: Director of Service Delivery

Purpose	To inform Members of Community Safety Committee of the performance against the 2022/23 performance outcome targets. The reports specifically looks at performance covering 01 April 22 – 09 December 2022.
Recommendations	That Members of the Community Safety Committee note the contents of the report.
Summary	This report provides details of the performance against the outcome targets. The appendices show the performance across West Yorkshire and then broken down into the five districts with additional commentaries from the District Commanders.

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The attached commentaries show the performance across West Yorkshire and the five Local Authority Districts against the outcomes targets that were set for the year 2022 / 23.
- 1.2 The performance report covers the reporting period from 1st April 2022 to 9th December 2022.
- 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, manage and evaluate the performance against these targets at regular intervals throughout the year.
- 1.4 It must be noted that targets for the year 2022 / 2023 have not taken 2020 / 21 into account due to the impact of Covid and how this would skew the figures.

2 Information

- 2.1 The Performance Management System and the WYFiremap tool allows managers and staff to monitor incident activity using real time data sets. Incidents are plotted geographically which allows for the identification of trends and the monitoring of prevention activity.
- 2.2 The attached reports provide the data sets against the annual targets for a range of incident types. A summary report showing the figures for the whole of the service and then subsequent performance sheets present the district reports with a commentary from each respective District Commander.

Service Wide Performance

Performance across West Yorkshire for the following indicators exceed the set targets:

Arson – Primary Fires

- 2.3 Primary fires are the more serious fires that harm people or cause damage to property.
- 2.4 Primary fires have one or more of the following characteristics:
- Fires in buildings and vehicles that are not derelict or in outdoor structures
 - Any fire involving casualties or rescues
 - Any fire attended by more than 5 pumping appliances
- 2.5 During the period 1st April – 9th Dec 2022, we have attended 900 primary deliberate fires, compared to 749 in the same period of the previous year. Of the 899 deliberate fires, 487 involved vehicles, 133 involved dwellings, 129 were non-domestic properties and 151 classed as other type.

- 2.6 The heatwave we experienced over the summer resulted in an increase of fires involving crops, hay bales and incidents require more than 5 appliances which qualify under this performance indicator. Three months ago, this target was not being achieved, however, the risk reduction activity undertaken over the bonfire period has gone some way in bringing us back in line with the target and it is anticipated we continue to see positive result for this indicator.

Dwelling Fires

- 2.7 WYFRS has attended 745 dwelling fires to date in 2022 / 2023, this is six more than the same period for the previous year. The annual target is currently predicted to be achieved by 6.0%. We have returned to delivering our safe and well visits to pre-covid levels and we are now proactively targeting visits in areas where we are seeing deliberate fire setting in order to reduce risk and engage with local communities.
- 2.8 As our communities fight through the 'Cost of Living' crisis we have provided additional resources to crews and prevention officers which allows them to safely spot and advice on cost of living related risk and where necessary signpost and refer people to agencies where additional support can be found.

Non-Domestic Building Fires

- 2.9 There have been 12 fewer fires in this category compared to the figure from the previous year (231 compared to 243). Performance against the target has been achieved by 17.9%, This is excellent performance and demonstrates the work undertaken by fire protection teams and operational crews to reduce the risk in our built environment is effective.

Fire Related Injuries

- 2.10 The figures for fire related injuries demonstrate an improvement compared to the previous year and the target has been achieved by 26.7%. There have been 92 fire related injuries in 2022 / 2023 to date compared with 95 for the same period last year.
- 2.11 It is disappointing to report that there have been five fatalities at fire incidents since April 2022 of which two are considered accidental dwelling fires.

Road Traffic Collisions

- 2.12 We have attended 402 RTCs in 2022 / 23 compared to 417 in the same period in 2021 / 22. The overall performance target is on track to be achieved by 10.1%. Road safety as a driver, passenger and as pedestrians continues to be a priority. Education is delivered to target groups across each of the districts, Proactive partnership arrangements such as Operation Hawmill continue to be effective and events such as the Halifax Road Safety Road Show and the Wakefield Collision Education Programme have demonstrated strong results. The Wakefield Spotlight – On provides a more detailed view of some of the activities we are undertaking.

Actual Rescues

- 2.13 This target is currently being achieved by 29.6% and we have seen 57 less incidents than in the same period last year. The majority of these rescues are as a result of the support we provide to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service.
- 2.14 The reduction in RTCs has also contributed to the positive performance for this indicator.

Performance across West Yorkshire for the following indicators is projected to be within 10% the set targets:

Malicious False Alarms

- 2.15 We have attended 258 malicious false alarms for the year to date. 11 of these were due to one resident at an address in Halifax which has now been managed. The spread of this type of incident is proportionate across the districts and the two major causes are break glass actuations and mobilisations where no incidents are found.
- 2.16 There have been 27 fewer incidents than in the same period last year and we are currently on track to miss the target by 4.0%.
- 2.17 Control continue to challenge callers they believe to be providing false information and the district teams work with the responsible person to tackle repeat malicious false alarms in buildings across West Yorkshire and education on the dangers and consequences of hoax calls is delivered in schools. This approach is showing some success in managing this indicator.

Performance across West Yorkshire for the following indicators is projected to be greater 10% the set targets:

Arson

- 2.18 The performance across all arson incidents has increased significantly when compared to the same period last year. We have attended 5381 deliberate fires through 2022 / 23 compared to 4260 in the previous year. This is an increase of 1121 incidents and largely attributable to extreme weather over the summer. The performance against this target has improved by almost 27% over the last three months and further improvements are expected through the rest of the year.

Arson – Secondary Fires

- 2.19 Secondary fires are less serious and generally less information is collected following a secondary fire. They tend to involve accumulations of rubbish and 'vegetation' which is mainly grass fires during warm, dry periods. Compared to the 2021 - 22, there has been a significant increase in secondary fires. We have attended 4481 incidents compared with 3511 in the same period last year. This target is currently being missed by 28.2%.
- 2.20 A large proportion of these incidents can be attributed to the period of dry weather. Between 1st June 2022 and 31st August 2022, the service attended 2314 additional incidents compared to the previous year.
- 2.21 The West Yorkshire Community Risk Management Plan is built on a robust understanding of risk. There is a clear correlation between deprivation and incidence and severity as fire. As our communities continue to live through the 'cost of living' crisis it is likely we will continue to see an increase in secondary fires and deliberate fire setting.
- 2.22 We have, however responded well to the high demand over the summer and tackled the bonfire risk head on. This has resulted in a reduction in demand over the bonfire period and we hope to continue the downward trajectory over the next 4 months.

Total Activity

- 2.23 There has been large increase in the total number of incidents attended during this reporting period compared to the same period in 2021 / 22. The long dry summer has provided conditions which support rapid fire development and fuel which can be ignited easily. This peaked in mid-July when a red heat warning was released by the Met Office. On the 18th & 19th July we saw unprecedented activity across the country resulting in many services declaring major incidents.
- 2.24 As a fire and rescue service we know that the incidence of fire is directly proportionate to the deprivation within a particular area. Our prevention messaging is tailored to support as many people in need as possible and we will continue to target the most vulnerable people in our communities.
- 2.25 We have improved against this target since the summer and will continue to do so for the rest of the year.

Prevalence of False Alarms

- 2.26 There have 195 additional false alarms compared to performance in the previous year. Single dwellings, sheltered housing and self contained flats make up a large proportion of these false alarms. As people live longer in their homes and outside of the care setting we will see an increase in this type of mobilisation. The target is being missed by 12.3%.
- 2.27 The dry summer has led to an increase in false alarms related to BBQs, smell of burning, controlled burning, and steam from extinguished fires.
- 2.28 Repeated false alarms in commercial properties continue to be a priority which we approach through education and cost recovery.

3 Financial Implications

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7 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

7.1 The health, safety and wellbeing of all WYFRS staff involved in responding to emergency incidents is one of the key priorities contained within the Your Fire and Rescue Service 2022-2025 document. The District Command teams actively monitor the health and safety of staff following incidents and have welfare provisions in place for any specific incident type where crews may witness distressing scenes with support available through local managers and the Occupational Health and Safety Unit.

8 Environmental Implications

8.1 Working in partnership has enabled WYFRS to relaunch the Bemooraware campaign to manage the risk of wildfire across our moorland areas. This has proven extremely successful this summer in preventing significant wildfires and opened networks which we will use to improve our prevention and response activities in the future.

8.2 We will continue to monitor response activity related to climate change and through the CRMP process develop our response and prevention resource to manage the risk.

9 Your Fire and Rescue Service

- Improve the safety and effectiveness of our firefighters.
- Plan and deploy our resources based on risk.
- Focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
- Collaborate with partners to improve all of our services.
- Continuously improve using digital and data platforms to innovate and work smarter.

10 Conclusion

- 10.1 Members of the Community Safety Committee are presented this report as part of an ongoing commitment to demonstrate how the service delivery activities undertaken by WYFRS contributes to 'Making West Yorkshire Safer'
- 10.2 To date, 2022 / 23 has been a year of two halves. The long hot summer resulted in extreme demand for our services and has overshadowed the work which has been undertaken to support a safe bonfire period. As we see deprivation and climate change influence the demand for our services, we will respond proportionately and consistently.
- 10.3 We are already beginning to see the impact related to the cost-of-living crisis and we are ahead of the curve on this and ready to prevent and respond to those most in need.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Key Performance Indicators

1st April 2022 – 09th December 2022

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	3 YEAR AVG TARGET (2017/20)	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (2021-09/12/21)	[values to 09 Dec 2022 23:59:59]			[values to 09 Sep 2022 23:59:59]		
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Arson	6383	4260	5381	21.6%	7763	4207	48.5%	9479
Arson - Primary Fires	1341	749	900	-3.2%	1298	610	2.5%	1374
Arson - Secondary Fires	5042	3511	4481	28.2%	6465	3597	60.7%	8104
Actual Rescues	1621	848	791	-29.6%	1141	522	-27.4%	1176
Total Activity	24209	18027	20054	19.5%	28932	14110	31.3%	31791
Dwelling Fires	1144	739	745	-6.0%	1075	482	-5.1%	1086
Non-Domestic Building Fires	406	243	231	-17.9%	333	165	-8.4%	372
Prevalence of False Alarms	10558	8024	8219	12.3%	11857	5311	13.3%	11966
Fire Related Injuries	181	95	92	-26.7%	133	64	-20.3%	144
Road Traffic Collisions	645	417	402	-10.1%	580	264	-7.8%	595
Malicious False Alarms	358	285	258	4.0%	372	160	0.7%	360

District Summary Report 2022 – 23 (1st Apr – 9th Dec)

01 April 2022 to 09 December 2022 23:59:59	BRADFORD		CALDERDALE		KIRKLEES		LEEDS		WAKEFIELD		WYFRS TOTAL	
	TARGET (2022/23)	SO FAR (2022/23)	TARGET (2022/23)	SO FAR (2022/23)	TARGET (2022/23)	SO FAR (2022/23)	TARGET (2022/23)	SO FAR (2022/23)	TARGET (2022/23)	SO FAR (2022/23)	TARGET (2022/23)	SO FAR (2022/23)
Arson	2156	14.6%	367	20.7%	911	19.6%	1988	39.3%	961	2.2%	6383	21.5%
Arson - Primary Fires	419	-4.6%	79	9.6%	209	-8.2%	445	-3.4%	188	0.5%	1341	-3.3%
Arson - Secondary Fires	1737	19.3%	288	23.7%	701	28.0%	1544	51.5%	772	2.8%	5042	28.1%
Actual Rescues	376	-30.2%	167	-22.3%	273	-39.8%	630	-32.4%	175	-10.1%	1621	-29.7%
Total Activity	6398	12.2%	2152	22.7%	4072	17.1%	8579	22.4%	3009	27.0%	24209	19.5%
Dwelling Fires	318	-14.3%	105	9.9%	187	-0.5%	405	-10.9%	128	9.3%	1144	-6.0%
Non-Domestic Building Fires	92	-27.9%	38	-16.5%	63	-45.0%	162	-16.3%	50	29.8%	406	-17.9%
Prevalence of False Alarms	2523	9.3%	917	27.0%	1861	10.9%	4130	12.9%	1127	7.3%	10558	12.3%
Fire Related Injuries	45	-26.3%	21	3.0%	35	-38.2%	57	-29.1%	22	-27.9%	181	-26.7%
Road Traffic Collisions	139	-2.4%	65	-24.5%	130	-19.0%	225	-9.6%	86	-1.0%	645	-10.3%
Malicious False Alarms	132	16.9%	29	54.2%	56	-9.8%	113	-17.0%	28	3.0%	358	4.0%

Wakefield District – Performance 2022 – 23 (1st Apr – 9th Dec)

WAKEFIELD LOCAL AUTHORITY (DRRT) - PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM					
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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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			TOTAL SO FAR (2022/23)	AGAINST 3 YEAR AVG (2022/23)	END OF YEAR PROJECTION (2022/23)
Arson	961	642	681	2.2%	982
Arson - Primary Fires	188	126	131	0.5%	189
Arson - Secondary Fires	772	516	550	2.8%	793
Actual Rescues	175	100	109	-10.1%	157
Total Activity	3009	2181	2649	27.0%	3822
Dwelling Fires	128	91	97	9.3%	140
Non-Domestic Building Fires	50	25	45	29.8%	65
Prevalence of False Alarms	1127	789	838	7.3%	1209
Fire Related Injuries	22	12	11	-27.9%	16
Road Traffic Collisions	86	44	59	-1.0%	85
Malicious False Alarms	28	17	20	3.0%	29
COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					

The district performance in the following areas either meets or exceeds the target

Actual Rescues

The district saw a large decrease in actual rescues across the period compared to the 3-year average by 10.1%. We are pleased with the continuing decrease in this indicator given that normality is resuming in society after the lockdown period. Six of the rescues were from fire incidents and fourteen rescues from road traffic collisions (the majority not resulting in serious injury) this is encouraging as they are the most impactful on the persons involved. The reason for the majority of these incident types is the 'Gaining Entry Cause for Concern' workstream, assisting YAS with entry into properties. Looking forward we will continue to strengthen our education to younger drivers through our engagement with colleges and partners to try and reduce risk from RTCs.

Fire Related Injuries

Fire related Injury statistics are very encouraging 27.9 % below the agreed average. The ten injuries sustained were thankfully minor, resulting in precautionary check-ups either on scene or at hospital. As a district we are pleased with such low numbers and severity of injuries; but any fire related injury no matter how serious is stressful for those involved. We will continue to deliver our safe and well programme to those vulnerable in society to educate on the risks of fire and install detectors, where required, to ensure early notification of a developing fire.

Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)

The number of RTC's recorded has risen, as expected; but only by fifteen incidents from the same period in 2021 as life continues to return to normality and traffic gets busier on our roads. Encouraging though, is that the figures are still below the set three-year average target. Reducing RTCs continues to be a district priority. We will implement local initiatives delivering impactful safety training and safety messages; when applicable. We will continue to work in collaboration with Safer Roads Wakefield and various other local agencies to increase engagement with young adult drivers.

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

Arson

There has been a rise in the number of recorded arson incidents this year. There have been further 39 incidents compared to the same period last year and 2.2% rise on the 3 year average. There has been a significant reduction in arson related incidents during the current quarter (Sept – Dec) this is mainly due to our crews carrying out targeted community safety work in hotspot areas and good partner working West Yorkshire Police, Council anti-social behaviour teams, youth outreach workers and local schools/colleges to reduce the incidents of arson and anti-social behaviour.

Arson - Primary Fires

Primary fires generally cause damage to property, non-derelict buildings, or vehicles.

There have been 131 recorded primary arson fires this financial year, this is a rise of 5 compared to the same period last year. 46 of the incidents have involved fields/standing crops during the hot weather period – we are building relationships with the farming communities to look at how we can best reduce these types of incidents moving forwards. The majority of the incidents are deliberately set fires to vehicles (54). These types of incident have occurred across the district with no identified links or trends. Anecdotally some of these incidents are related to organised criminal gangs but the majority are abandoned vehicles in remote locations. Deliberately set dwelling fires are low and these tend to involve either persons with mental health illness or secondary fires spreading to a property; examples being rubbish or bins being ignited then damaging a property. In both cases we work regularly with our partners from the health and wellbeing setting, local authority, education, and police to prevent further occurrences.

Arson - Secondary Fires

Secondary Fires include vegetation (grass, corn etc.), refuse, bonfires and wheelie bins. Recorded Arson - Secondary Fires increased by 34 incidents compared to the previous year and is above the set target by 2.8%. Although these figures are disappointing, we are working hard alongside key partners to reduce these. A large proportion of these fires can be attributed to the long dry spell experienced during the summer. The current quarter has seen a significant reduction as we were 30.9% above the 3 year average at one point.

Dwelling Fires

The district saw an increase of 6 in the number of dwelling fires over the previous period last year, this is still 9.3% up on the set 3 year average. The occurrence of dwelling fires is spread across the district with Wakefield, Castleford, South Kirby and Pontefract seeing a higher number of incidents compared to the other areas in the district. Analysis of the incidents has revealed that the majority of them were small fires limited to item first ignited, cooking incidents or contained within the room of origin. We will continue to monitor dwelling fire trends, identify risk reduction initiatives, and follow up campaigns to drive the figure down.

Non – Domestic Building Fires

Non-domestic building fires are impactful to businesses and WYFRS. We have seen an increase of 20 compared to the same period last year with 29.8% rise against the 3 year average. Incidents have been recorded across the district with no specific trends identified. Most of the fires were processes or equipment/machinery that had failed causing overheating, smouldering or limited fire development, resulting in insignificant damage to the buildings or businesses. 22 of the incidents were due to a deliberate act. 5 incidents occurred at the same site – South Kirby Household Waste Recycling Centre – we are working alongside the company and corporate comms to produce a campaign which will educate the community on the safe disposal of batteries.

A reduction in these incident types is beneficial not only to us as a service but more importantly to the businesses, community, and employees; we will continue to identify risk on our Site Specific Risk information visits to educate businesses and ensure our firefighters are well trained and equipped to deal with such fires.

Prevalence of False Alarms

Prevalence of False Alarms remains the single largest area of operational business in the district. The figure rose by 49 compared to the same period last year. These types of incident include fumes from cooking, accidental actuation of alarms or controlled burning by households within gardens etc. Stations and the district team 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.

Malicious False Alarms

Although we have had an increase of three incidents compared to the same period in 2021 we are still operating just 3% over the 3 year average. We will 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.

Total Activity

Wakefield district has seen an increase of 468 incidents in comparison to the same period in 2021 overall, we are projected to be 27% above the three-year set target. This can be accounted for by the extremely busy period when we experienced the hot weather and the rise in arson secondary fires. We will now continue to implement the proactive measures for the continued reduction of incidents include engaging with local schools, community anchors/hubs, businesses, and partner agencies.

Summary

Wakefield District experienced increases in certain areas of operational activity over the last few months. The hot weather periods in the summer placed a significant operational demand on our service and this is reflected in these figures. A priority is to ensure that our work and initiatives within the community are restarted supplemented with new innovative ways of working. Station based personnel and district prevention staff continue to actively engage with partners and local community-based groups in identifying vulnerable people and reinforcing fire, water safety and road safety messages through our schools education and safe and well programme

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Arson	2156	1523	1713	14.6%	2471
Arson - Primary Fires	419	219	277	-4.6%	400
Arson - Secondary Fires	1737	1304	1436	19.3%	2072
Actual Rescues	376	223	182	-30.2%	263
Total Activity	6398	4823	4978	12.2%	7182
Dwelling Fires	318	203	189	-14.3%	273
Non-Domestic Building Fires	92	65	46	-27.9%	66
Prevalence of False Alarms	2523	1919	1912	9.3%	2758
Fire Related Injuries	45	18	23	-26.3%	33
Road Traffic Collisions	139	96	94	-2.4%	136
Malicious False Alarms	132	136	107	16.9%	154
COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					

The district performance in the following areas has met or exceeded the targets set:

Arson – Primary Fires

Bradford District has experienced an increase arson–primary fires weighted against last years data by 58 incidents. The district is exceeding targets by 4.6% based on a three yearly average. The break down: 61 Dwellings, 45 Non-Domestic, 222 Vehicles and 27 Other.

The district continues to see a rising trend in the number of arson–primary fires associated with vehicles, notably in the Keighley, Tong and Eccleshill wards.

Knowing the risk areas Bradford district alongside partners are working collaboratively to engage with the community through days of action plus direct engagement with the Holme Valley Project. In addition, the district has secured funding through the Local Authority Anti Social Behaviour initiative to deliver targeted youth intervention to over 100 youths.

Data related to vehicle arson is being shared with partners (primarily the police) to ascertain causation and opportunities for prevention activities.

Actual Rescues

Bradford District has experienced a decrease in actual rescues weighted against last years data by 41 incidents. The district is exceeding targets by 30.2% based on the three yearly average.

The highest percentage of this incident types is ‘Gaining Entry Cause for Concern,’ assisting YAS with entry into properties. These types of incidents do allow to identify vulnerable people who can then be supported through prevention interventions.

Road Traffic Collisions resulting in extrication account for a large proportion of actual rescues away from supporting YAS, followed by release from lifts. To date 42 RTC’s resulting in extrication and 35 rescues from lift.

Bradford District continues to work alongside WYP and the Road Safety Partnership Board. The district is in the process of aligning communication approaches with ‘Vision Zero’ and discussing funding to support the Youth Interventions ‘Fast and Furious’ programme through the regional roads group.

Dwelling Fires

Bradford District has experienced a decrease in dwelling fires weighted against last years data by 14 incidents. The district is exceeding targets by 14.3% based on the 3 yearly average. This achievement is attributed to the focused prevention work carried out by Operational crews and Prevention staff throughout the district.

1599 Safe and Well visits have been completed so far 2022/23. This work contributes to further driving down the number and severity of dwelling fires across Bradford. Stations are actively targeting areas where data demonstrates levels of vulnerability and deprivation.

The district actively encourages community and partnership referrals to identify those most at risk of fire. At the start of 2023 Bradford district will host two partnership days, one re-educating those partners working within the homes of vulnerable people (referrals in to WYFRS) and one re-educating Bradford district staff (green and grey) on recognising vulnerability.

Bradford District has experienced 4 fatalities related to dwelling fires. As result of investigation 3 of these have been linked to suicide. As a District we are working closely with Bradford District

Care Trust and Mental Health Services to understand how we can identify people in this position and referral pathways.

Non-Domestic Buildings Fires

Bradford District has experienced a decrease in non-domestic building fires weighted against last years data by 19 incidents. The district is exceeding targets by 27.9% based on the three yearly average. This is in part due to the continued work completed by the Protection team supporting District in evaluating the suitability of building safety.

Protection has issued in Bradford 20 enforcement notices, 17 restriction notices and 17 prohibition notices within 2022. Based on feedback from the Protection team common themes are associated with three areas, means of warning, means of escape and the ability to secure the means of escape with regards to sleeping risk.

Watch and Crew Managers continue to work within the community against our risk-based inspection plan evaluating and educating responsible persons re their legislative requirements. Greater training has resulted in crews identifying and referring premises not deemed compliant earlier and as a result of incidents.

Fire Related Injuries

Bradford District has experienced an increase in fire related injuries weighted against last years data by 5 incidents. The district is exceeding targets by 26.3% based on the three yearly average.

Station based staff alongside the Prevention Officers continue to work within the community providing fire safety educations and have referral links with partner agencies to support with other living concerns.

A rolling schools programme alongside the Safer Communities Policing Officers results in fire safety education to year 5 and high school children. This work aims to give greater awareness of fire safety and the actions to take to safely exit properties in the events of a fire.

To date we have experience 4 fire fatal deaths as highlighted in Dwelling fires.

Throughout the period of September – November 22 Bradford District alongside the Local Authority Youth Intervention and Safer School Police Officers have conducted targeted education specific to fire and firework safety within known risk areas. Specifically, targeting secondary schools and PRU's.

Road Traffic Collisions

Bradford District has experienced a decrease in RTC's weighted against last years data by 2 incidents. The district is exceeding targets by 2.4% based on the three yearly average.

The district continues to be an influential member of the Roads Safety Partnership Board supporting days of action. Bradford has seen several fatal RTC's in 2022 each with vehicles operated inappropriately and, in each case, young males. Bradford District will continue to work within the community and schools highlighting the dangers of inappropriate driving.

Work is ongoing within the regional roads group to secure funding to support targeted intervention delivered by the WYFRS Youth Intervention team specific to consequence.

Research identifies shock tactics and hard hitting testimonies don't work effectively (<https://www.racfoundation.org/collaborations/pre-driver-theatre-workshop-education-research->

[pdtwer](#)) and Bradford district is working with the Bradford Local Authorities Safer Roads team to change approach.

The performance in the following areas is outside of targets:

Prevalence of False Alarms / Malicious False Alarms

Bradford District has experienced a decrease in malicious FA's weighted against last years data by 29 incidents. Based on yearly data Bradford has seen a decrease in the prevalence of FA's by 7 incidents. The district is outside of targets by 16.9% for malicious and 9.3% for prevalence.

Bradford District with newly secured data is proactively targeting the top offending premises. Station based initiatives with evaluate actions to date and new opportunities to support the reduction in false alarms.

Arson/Secondary Fires

Bradford District has experienced an increase in overall arson weighted against last years data by 132 incidents. The district is outside of targets by 14.6% for arson and 19.3% for secondary fires.

Vegetation and refuse continue to be the highest percentage of arson related incidents

Crews and District staff are working collectively with partners to identify those area where incidents occur most frequent, ensuring derelict building are boarded, waste is cleared, and fly tipping where possible is prevented.

Over the bonfire period the Bradford Prevention and Risk Reduction Group (PRRG) worked collectively to support the identification and removal of waste. Local Authority tips remained open longer, Councillor and public requests to review waste were actioned and Bradford district teams complete environmental visual audits.

Total Activity

Bradford District has experienced an increase in total activity weighted against last years data by 155 incidents. The district is outside of targets by 12.2% based on the 3 yearly average.

This is as a result on increases across arson, false alarms and RTC's.

Summary

The work of the partnership PRRG leading up to and over the bonfire resulted in a decrease of deliberate fires due to targeted intervention and lack of waste/refuse to light. A trend has been identified in an increase in deliberate vehicle fires and the district will now target this utilising data from fire investigation, IRS and partners.

The district continues to form relationships with community groups such as the Bradford Moor Pass, Holme Valley Group and those focusing to support impacts of the cost of living. These formed relationships provide greater access to individuals most likely to be involved with ASB and at risk of fire.

FA's remain a consistent issue within Bradford District. Station staff will use the comprehensive data set to target those premises of highest reoccurrence looking to work alongside the responsible persons.

The re education around partnership referral pathways both in and out of Bradford district is a key priority. The District Prevention Manager (DPM) will reinvigorate these pathways ensuring those most vulnerable in community are identified and referred to the necessary services.

Kirklees District – Performance 2022 / 23 (1st Apr – 9th Dec)

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Arson - Primary Fires	209	98	133	-8.2%	192
Arson - Secondary Fires	701	452	623	28.2%	899
Actual Rescues	273	134	117	-38.2%	169
Total Activity	4072	2893	3310	17.3%	4775
Dwelling Fires	187	117	129	-0.5%	186
Non-Domestic Building Fires	63	40	24	-45.0%	35
Prevalence of False Alarms	1861	1370	1431	10.9%	2064
Fire Related Injuries	35	15	15	-38.2%	22
Road Traffic Collisions	130	87	74	-17.9%	107
Malicious False Alarms	56	24	35	-9.8%	50
COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					

Kirklees District Performance 2022 / 23 (1st Apr – 9th Dec)

The district performance in the following areas is on track to meet or exceed the required target set:

Arson Primary Fires

Kirklees District is currently surpassing its target for primary arson by 8.2 %, These targets are influenced by 81 vehicle fires over the 133 incidents recorded as deliberate. These types of incidents are being monitored and Operational and Prevention staff have increased their presence within the community over the last few months. This work contributes to further driving down the number and severity of fires across Kirklees.

Actual Rescues

The number of actual rescues compared with the same period last year is down from 134 to 117. The projections and current figures suggest that we will exceed our target by 38.2%. There is still a significant amount of work ongoing with partners to reduce the number of rescues in RTC's. water and dwelling fires.

Non-Domestic Building Fires

Kirklees is on target to meet the three-year average by 45 %, This is partly due to identifying incident trends and ensuring that property owners take responsibility for securing their buildings as seen with the partnership work involved at the Old Kirklees College site. Kirklees crews are undertaking Operational risk visits. The crews give advice and guidance to building owners /occupiers to reduce the risk of fire, crews also collect operational information about the premise so they are prepared, should an incident occur.

Fire Related Injuries

Kirklees District has seen a reduction in fire related injuries we are on track to meet our target against this indicator by 38.2%. During this reporting period there have only been 15 fire related injuries. Kirklees District continues to work with local community groups and partners to provide fire safety education. We promote the importance of having working smoke detectors and a fire escape plan. Strong partnership links with Adult Social Care, TSL Kirklees, Care Providers and NHS Kirklees have seen an increase in communication & training which has led to improvement in the quality of referral which enables us to deliver a more joined up service to the community.

Road Traffic Collisions

There have been 74 road traffic collisions within the district with 23 requiring extrication by fire crews in this reporting period. However, we are currently on track to meet our three-year average target by 17.9%.

WYFRS crews across the District have been proactive in highlighting the dangers and continue to work with the Kirklees Road Safety Partnership in aiming to make Kirklees roads safer and have been involved in a variety of activities across the District as highlighted within the January Spotlight.

Malicious False Alarms

Kirklees District is exceeding the target for malicious false alarms by 9.8%. This is due to the excellent work that has been carried out by Fire Protection, Partners and the District team. The

performance figures are positive, but could be better and we will 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.

Dwelling Fires

Kirklees District is currently 0.5% below the three-year average target. Analysis of the incidents has revealed that most of these incidents are small fires limited to item first ignited, cooking incidents or contained within the room of origin. Our S&W program continues to support safety in the home and our teams are delivering quality advice and support to household throughout the district. We are continuing to deliver Cold Home advice and utilising a cost-of-living tool kit to signpost residents of Kirklees to services provided by our partners

The District performance in the following areas is not on track to meet the target set:

Arson

Kirklees District is currently not meeting its target on overall arson by 19.7%. The continued effort by crews, Prevention team and locally targeted initiatives to remove excess waste and maintain productive relationships within the district to try and reverse this trend. Is continuing. Kirklees District continue to highlight the issue of arson with partners and the community. Primary fires that are attributed to arson account for 10 dwellings fires, 17 nondomestic properties and 81 vehicle fires

Arson Secondary fires

Arson secondary fires attributed to refuse fires 623 and we are above the recommended target by 28.2% We are mindful of the challenges due to the link with anti-social behaviour has with arson, we are committed to continually engaging with local communities through several different forums to further drive down arson. Although there are still challenges ahead, with the commitment and hard work of all partners, and correct reporting procedures embedded, we aim to reduce these types of incidents.

A number of targeted initiatives have been implemented in areas where we have seen repeat secondary fire incidents. Watch commanders are responsible for wards in their station areas and are monitoring incidents, involving partners and prevention teams where required to help bring down these types of incidents.

Prevalence of False Alarms

Kirklees District are forecast to be 10.9% over the three-year average target set, it is travelling in the right direction and is down from our last report. We will continue to work with local businesses where we identify repeat occurrences and will utilise support from the Fire Protection Team. Where incidents occur in residential homes the District Team will deliver collaborative initiatives with partners and engage with residents. The majority of false alarms are attributed to human behaviours such as smoking or cooking practices and are being addressed through education and advice in the most prevalent premises. Operational crews continue to work with both Fire Protection, Prevention teams and partners to identify premises where issues arise.

Total Activity

We have seen an increase of incidents compared to the same period last year and our projection for total activity for the end of the year is 17.3% above our target. However as predicted in our last report we have seen a reduction due to the ongoing work by crews. Through our risk reduction activities and engagement with key partners we will continue to work hard on targeted campaigns in all areas to make the community of Kirklees safer. The District Team continue to monitor trends and target resources based on intelligence and the variety of data sets/mapping systems to further reduce overall activity over the coming months.

Summary

Community engagement is the key to reducing incidents across all our PMI targets. I have been impressed by the determination demonstrated by all Kirklees personnel in delivering a variety of messages across the district. We continue to adapt our ways of working ensuring we can provide a high level of service whilst working to reduce incidents. Kirklees District are committed to the challenges around arson, secondary fires and false alarms. We will be proactive in these approaches and the sharing of intelligence with key partners to address this through risk reduction activity and community engagement.

Calderdale District – Performance 2022 / 23 (1st Apr – 9th Dec)

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			TOTAL SO FAR (2022/23)	AGAINST 3 YEAR AVG (2022/23)	END OF YEAR PROJECTION (2022/23)
Arson	367	277	307	20.7%	443
Arson - Primary Fires	79	64	60	9.6%	87
Arson - Secondary Fires	288	213	247	23.7%	356
Actual Rescues	167	110	90	-22.3%	130
Total Activity	2152	1680	1830	22.7%	2640
Dwelling Fires	105	63	81	11.3%	117
Non-Domestic Building Fires	38	25	22	-16.5%	32
Prevalence of False Alarms	917	729	807	27.0%	1164
Fire Related Injuries	21	6	15	3.0%	22
Road Traffic Collisions	65	45	34	-24.5%	49
Malicious False Alarms	29	27	31	54.2%	45
COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					

Calderdale District Performance 2022 / 23 (1st Apr – 09th Sept)

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

Actual Rescues

Calderdale District has achieved the target for actual rescues by -22.3 % for this period. 24 of these rescues result from road traffic collisions and 12 from lift rescues, a number are also related to effecting entry into properties. Reducing road traffic collisions continues to be an area of focus for engagement activities with the Calderdale Road Safety Delivery group as well as working with businesses where we receive repeat calls for lift rescues.. We continue to work with partner agencies including CVSRT, Calderdale council and other blue light agencies to ensure prevention activities are occurring and where rescues are necessary they are completed in the most effective manner.

Road Traffic Collisions

Calderdale District is achieving the target set by 24.5% with 34 incidents recorded this year. Calderdale District continues to support the Calderdale Road Safety Delivery Group with operation Hawmill which tackles anti - social use of vehicles and offences on the road networks of Calderdale. The Road Safety Roadshow took place in March this year and crews and district teams have continued to deliver education around road safety through different education pathways. The Road Safety Roadshow was held in November and attracted an attendance from over 750 young adults aged 15+. Work is continuing to develop around the roadshow with a plan to roll it out to other districts next year as well as exploring possibilities for delivers in the valley. Calderdale District are continuing to work with School located in our highest risk areas for RTC to engage with new drivers. We are developing visits with WYP traffic officers into schools to deliver road safety advice.

Non-Domestic Fires

The number of non-domestic building fires is -16.5% above the target set for Calderdale so far this year. There has been a total of 22 reportable non-domestic building fires. Crews continue to work with our partner agencies during SSRI visits and when dealing with fly tipping and waste around nondomestic buildings. Calderdale district only saw a handful of incidents occurring around the bonfire period, which is usually a much busier time for non domestic buildings.

Fire Related Injuries and Deaths

Calderdale District is above the set target by 13.1% Calderdale District continues to work with local community groups and partners to provide fire safety education. We promote the importance of having working smoke detectors and a fire escape plan. Strong partnership links with Adult Social Care, Together Housing, Care Providers and NHS have seen a development through communication & training and have led to improvement in quality and quantity of the right kind of referral and so enabled us to deliver a better more joined up service to the community. Recently district teams have forged new partnerships with local colleges and taken part in their freshers events to highlight the risks in the home.

Calderdale district monitor any trends which may be occurring around fire related injuries and ensure that we take a proactive approach to identifying any new risks. For example during late summer we identified a couple of incidents which had resulted from misuse of accelerants for lighting BBQs or bonfires. We issued fire safety advice around the mis use of accelerants to

Calderdale Council Housing as well as utilising our social media outlets to pass fire safety messages.

Performance in the following areas which fall below the target set:

Dwelling Fires

Calderdale District are just above the target for house fires by 11.3% with a total of 80 dwelling fires recorded since April 2022. We continue to monitor trends and proactively target the most vulnerable within the community.

We are continuing to deliver safe and well visits to our most vulnerable members of our communities and have recently held partnership events to reinvigorate partnerships formed before the pandemic. We are also looking at our referral pathways for our most prevalent referring agencies to ensure that they are easy to use and access.

We are monitoring incidents which could be attributed to the cost of living and ensuring appropriate prevention and response work is carried out in those areas.

Arson

Calderdale District is not achieving the target set for primary arson by 9.6% with a total of 60 primary arson incidents recorded. Where these incidents have occurred we have ensured interventions have been put into place to prevent further incidents. We have also worked with neighbourhood policing teams to identify ASB.

Secondary arson is missing the target by 23.7% with 247 incidents recorded. The majority of secondary fires are attributed to refuse and vegetation fires during the heatwave periods of July and August. The District has highlighted this as a priority and are working on projects within Park and Ovenden wards to tackle this issue. We have partnered with police to deliver ASB intervention days in Park Ward, Lower Valley and North East. We are working with the highways section of Calderdale Council to ensure that areas identified through EVAs are dealt with quickly and that areas that are prone to these types of incidents are visited by ourselves and partners on a regular basis. Over the bonfire period there was a significant reduction in the number of secondary arson fires as compared to previous years. During this period we were working with Calderdale Council and WYP to record all EVAs carried out by all frontline workers firefighters, council wardens, council street teams, police officers, PCSOs etc. This was a very successful project which allowed us to act quickly when areas of flytipping or waste were highlighted.

Malicious False Alarms

The number of false alarms is 54.2% which is above the target set, with a total of 31 incidents recorded since April. We have seen an increase in some sheltered housing complexes which was due to deliberate actuation of break glass points within three Together Housing properties, we are working with partners to look at methods of deterring anti social behaviour in these premises. These figures were mainly attributed to a few addresses where we have worked with Calderdale Council housing providers to take action and where necessary evict problem tenants. Since these interventions we have seen a definitive drop off in numbers.

Prevalence of False Alarms

The number of false alarms is 27% above the target set, with a total of 807 incidents recorded since April. False alarms which are attributed to human behaviours such as smoking or cooking

practices are being addressed through education and advice in the most prevalent premises. Operational crews continue to work with both Fire Protection and prevention teams and partners to identify premises where issues arise. We have a number of interventions and days of action planned for our purpose built flats in districts. We are also working with Calderdale Council Drug and Alcohol teams to target our most vulnerable residents and premises.

Total Activity

The total number of incidents attended across Calderdale is 22.7% above the target figure set. We have attended 1830 incidents since April, it has been significantly busier due to the unusual weather conditions we have experienced over the last few months. The District team ensure that areas of high activity are brought to the attention of partners and solutions sought on these parts of the District. The District Team will continue to monitor trends and target resources based on intelligence and the variety of data sets/mapping systems to further reduce the activity over the coming year.

Summary

In Calderdale, we work with local partner agencies to educate people on how to prevent fire and where necessary, safely react to an emergency.

We have worked with partner agencies across the district to educate our communities about the danger of moor fires and water dangers. We have delivered education to a large number of children across the district about the dangers of open water swimming throughout the hot weather period.

We continue to work closely with our partners to identify vulnerable members of our community and high risk areas. We look to add innovation to our ways of working and ensure that we can deliver initiatives to tackle arson, dwelling fires and malicious false alarms. We are still seeing reductions in some areas and these can be attributed to the on-going partnership work carried out by operational crews and prevention staff. We currently have a plan in place to tackle the secondary fires within the District, this will involve education, community engagement and further partner involvement

We will be focussing on areas of vulnerability highlighted by the cost of living crisis and the expected cold weather over the winter period.

Leeds District – Performance 2022 / 23 (1st Apr – 9th Dec)

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Anson	1988	1268	1919	39.3%	2769
Anson - Primary Fires	445	242	298	-3.4%	430
Anson - Secondary Fires	1544	1026	1621	51.5%	2339
Actual Rescues	630	281	295	-32.4%	426
Total Activity	8579	6450	7281	22.4%	10504
Dwelling Fires	405	265	250	-10.9%	361
Non-Domestic Building Fires	162	88	94	-16.3%	136
Prevalence of False Alarms	4130	3217	3231	12.9%	4661
Fire Related Injuries	57	44	28	-29.1%	40
Road Traffic Collisions	225	145	141	-9.6%	203
Malicious False Alarms	113	81	65	-17.0%	94
COMMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					

The District performance in the following areas that exceed the required target:

Arson – Primary

Leeds District has observed a reduction of 3.4% in the number of primary arson related incidents compared to the 3 yearly average. Arson has been a challenge within Leeds but we remain focused on working in partnership with Police and Safer Leeds along with community groups to reduce this target even further in the future.

Actual Rescues

Leeds District has continued to see a decrease in the number of actual rescues performed by crews with a 32.7% reduction in rescues carried out compared to the three-year average.

We continue to drive this agenda through Leeds District within the established Leeds Water Safety Group which contributes to the development and delivery of a safer water network, with the aim being to reduce the number of water related deaths, injuries, and incidents within the city and surrounding areas.

The water rescue group are currently exploring the introduction of additional throwline locations along the river Aire which runs through the city centre along with aid/crisis signage at known hotspots for attempted suicides to further this reduction in actual rescues.

Dwelling Fires

Leeds District has seen a 11.3% reduction against the annual target for this reporting period in dwelling fires. We have consciously made a real focus on physical home Safe and Well visits in key high-risk areas. We continue to offer fire safety education and advice at every opportunity. We have driven an intelligence targeted driven approach ensuring the most vulnerable members of our community are identified and supported in reducing risk from fire or harm.

New data analysis utilised within Leeds District indicates that cooking related fires are still most prevalent and require a continued campaign and education message to the elderly and their carers/relatives. Social media and partnership working has been utilised to promote positive fire safe practices.

Leeds District held a 'Cost of Living' conference over 5 months ago leading the way driving topical agenda's and community challenges through the partnership of Leeds.

Non-Domestic Building Fires

Leeds has continued to achieve a significant reduction in this performance area by achieving 17.2% under the target set.

This is in part attributed to the refreshed relationship within the Prison Service and the sites within Leeds. We are observing the lowest number of incidents within Prisons over the last 5 years.

We will not rest on our laurels though and will keep looking at innovative ways of driving down this target further.

Fire Related Injury

During this reporting period we have seen a significant decrease in fire related injuries at 29.1% below the target. This is testament to the dedicated hard work and targeted driven approach in reducing risk of injury from fire and other critically within higher risk areas of Leeds.

Road Traffic Collisions

We have observed a consistent reduction in this target area of 10.2%.

We also acknowledge though that we still observed serious RTC within outlying areas of Leeds, so we will maintain focus on the need to reduce road deaths and injuries further.

The Leeds risk reduction team are aiming to work closely with a division of Leeds University to share educational material for use with young drivers to educate the next generation of road users in the future.

Malicious False Alarms

I'm pleased to observe that malicious false alarm target for this reporting period is 17.0% below target (65 incidents year to date). We have conducted some real focus within this area as at one point we observed a rise against the target average. We have focused on supporting repeat offending locations and facilities in reducing incidents of this nature significantly.

Performance in the following areas which fall below the target set:

Arson

We have seen an increase in the target average for arson of 39.5%. This is in the main attributed to the rise in secondary arson within Leeds. As reported previously, arson primary PMI is within the target average.

Arson – Secondary Fires

Leeds has seen a significant rise in secondary fires, with an 51.7% increase when compared against the three-year average of 1544 (current YTD 1624), some areas with a higher increase are Killingbeck, Leeds and Hunslet where we are witnessing an association with a rise in anti-social behaviour (ASB) also.

Leeds District continue to pioneer a new format of intelligence sharing with key partners around overlaying arson with ASB and lower-level criminality, there are consistencies in areas with hot-spots of heightened levels of community impactful behaviours being observed by mainly youths.

Leeds risk reduction team are working closely with Police and Leeds City Council to share intelligence and aim to drive down secondary fires through the school education system. We have also been working with communities around place-based initiatives and local youth charities in the Killingbeck area to develop youth engagement and will continue this valuable work.

Total Activity

Leeds District has seen an overall increase in activity during this period by 22.5%, this increase in activity reflects the overall increase in activity across the service and for Leeds is mainly attributed to a regretful rise in secondary fires within areas.

Prevalence of False Alarms

Leeds District have observed an increase against this performance objective of 12.9%. This rise is partially attributed to an increase in business activity levels and changes since the Covid pandemic, along with a rise in false alarms from assisted living facilities.

Whilst mindful of the heightened level of commercial and domestic properties in Leeds compared to other Districts, Leeds district team remain focused on driving false alarms down further through partnership work and focused targeted approach with repeat offending sites.

Summary

I continue to be immensely proud of the hard work, dedication and professionalism within the staff at Leeds in reducing risk within our communities,

We have observed various challenges within Leeds this year, such as a heightened level of ASB in areas. We are mindful of the negative community impacts associated with such behaviours such as secondary arson. I am pleased in the robust partnerships and intelligence sharing approach that has been forged already to reduce such issues, I am confident that in-time we will observe a greater reduction in incident of secondary arson and in-turn positive targets within these areas.

Leeds continue to seek progressive ways of developing partnership work through current local and national topics. We have been the first District to facilitate a cost of living crisis work-shop with further collaborative events being held through key partnerships such as Leeds City Council planned in the future.



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West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum Update

Community Safety Committee

Date: 13 January 2023

Agenda Item:

08

Submitted By: Deputy Chief Fire Officer/Director of Service Delivery

Purpose To update members on the activities undertaken by the West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum in the last 12 months.

Recommendations That members note the content of the report

Summary This report provides Members with an overview of the role of the West Yorkshire Resilience Forum. It also provides detail of some key issues which the Forum has been involved in.

The most significant workload of the last 12 months has resulted from the impetus created around the role of LRFs in the post Pandemic world. Central Government have a renewed appreciation for the role which LRFs play in local community resilience and have set out plans to develop their work.

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 The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 requires that in every Police force area a Local resilience Forum must operate. In West Yorkshire this forum is referred to as the West Yorkshire Resilience Forum (WYRF) and is branded as 'West Yorkshire Prepared'.
- 1.2 West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service are deemed a Category One responder under the provisions of the act, and as such the service has specific duties relating to contingency planning. These duties are met utilising personnel from across the Service and strategic representation at WYRF meetings is maintained via the Director of Service Delivery, who also acts as co-chair of the Forum.
- 1.3 Other members of the Forum include other Emergency Services, Local Authorities, the NHS and other public bodies. Other organisations such as utility and transport agencies/companies are also represented on the Forum.
- 1.4 The purpose of the LRF is :
- To provide a local forum for local resilience issues
 - To help co-ordinate risk assessment through the production of the Community Risk Register
 - To facilitate Category 1 and 2 responders in the delivery of their CCA duties
 - To help deliver government policy by co-ordinating responses to government initiatives
 - To help determine a procedure for the formation of a Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) by the relevant local responders at the time of an emergency.
- 1.5 The fundamental role, and first purpose of the LRF in England and Wales, is as a co-ordinating group for local responders engaged in preparedness for emergencies at the Police force area level. Such emergencies may include severe weather, widespread flooding or a major terrorist attack. The LRF will also co-ordinate the planning and preparedness for major pre-planned events

2 Information

- 2.1 The WYRF meets at least 4 times per year as a strategic group. It will also meet as a Strategic Coordinating Group when an 'event' occurs be that as a consequence of a rising tide situation or a no notice emergency.
- 2.2 The work of the WYRF is supported by a number of sub-groups, namely:
- Management Sub Group
 - Risk and Capabilities Sub Group
 - Training and Exercising Sub Group
 - Interoperability Sub Group
 - Business Continuity Sub Group
 - Resources, Evacuation and Recovery Sub Group
 - Mass Fatalities Sub Group
 - Severe Weather Sub Group
 - Warning and Informing Sub Group
 - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Organisations Sub Group

The WYRF is co-chaired by WYFRS (Deputy Chief Fire Officer), West Yorkshire Police (Assistant Chief Constable Operational Support – currently T/ACC Chesters) and a Local Authority Chief Executive (currently Kersten England, Bradford MBC).

- 2.3 A LRF Manager is appointed on behalf of all partners, the role currently being occupied by a WYP Inspector. Administrative and secretarial support is also appointed to support the work of the WYRF and its sub groups.
- 2.4 The sub groups are chaired, and populated, by officers of the organisations who make up the WYRF.
- 2.5 The work of the WYRF and its sub groups is driven by the National Security Risk Assessment and the local interpretation of the likelihood of those risks being realised within West Yorkshire, and the possible severity should they occur. In turns this will inform single agency plans such as the Community Risk Management Plan in the case of WYFRS.
- 2.6 When a significant incident does occur, or a major pre-planned event takes place, the WYRF will convene as a Strategic Coordinating Group. Whilst ideally, and in the fullness of time, this will be an in person meeting it has proven beneficial in recent exercises for the initial meeting of a no notice event to be conducted virtually to share situational awareness quickly prior to individuals travelling to a fixed site to continue the work of the SCG. A mechanism exists to instigate this process upon declaration of a Major Incident by any agency or combination of agencies.

The aim of an SCG is to take overall responsibility for the multi-agency management of an incident and establish a framework within which lower levels of command and co-ordinating groups will work. Its guiding, high level, objectives are to:

- Protect and preserve life
- Contain the incident, mitigate and minimise its impacts, and to maintain critical infrastructure and essential services
- Create the conditions for recovery, promote restoration and improvement activity in the aftermath of an incident to return to the new normality

- 2.7 The year 22/23 is the first year recently that has not been overshadowed and driven by workload arising from either the EU Exit or the pandemic. The WYRF has consciously adjusted back to normal business in as far as much as that is possible.

As a consequence of the EU Exit and the pandemic Government reacted to requests for support for LRFs who were experiencing massively increased workloads by providing some grant funding to develop capacity and capability. With the exception of the previously referred to LRF Manager role and secretariat support, the standing 'workforce' of any LRF are the officers of the partner agencies who have LRF responsibilities as part of, and on top of, their day to day roles.

WYRF have used the grant funding to provide enhanced staffing in the core team to develop capacity and to improve the communications (public and internal) of the LRF. It has also been used to fund an extensive training and exercising programme and finally to develop, promote and enact a West Yorkshire based Community Grant Initiative (CGI). The CGI has been used to support small, community based, groups to provide local resilience initiatives that will increase preparedness in the event of a major incident occurring. Examples of the grants awarded include the provision of a number of defibrillator units, equipment for Mountain Rescue teams, first aid training for community groups and also some funding to develop natural flood defences.

The WYRF has delivered a number of exercises during the year for local responders and public agencies. Themes exercised include, but are not limited to, a national power outage, a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear) incident, severe weather (heat), a Marauding Terrorist Attack and cyber related events.

The forum has also supported 'live' responses to the Severe Weather (Heat) and Operation London Bridge following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

2.8 The work plan for the remainder of this, and subsequent, years is a dynamic document that has oversight from the Strategic Group. Highlights of the work currently underway include:

- Consideration of the recommendations made within the Manchester Arena Inquiry (MAI) (Volume 2) where relevant to the LRF and single agencies
- Continued facilitation of the delivery of Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP) training across all responders. JESIP failures were at the heart of many of the recommendations of the MAI.
- A focus upon preparedness for a national power outage, or cyclical local short term disconnections
- A focus on preparedness for, and recovery from, cyber related events whether malicious or otherwise
- An increase in training and exercising activity around those risk types that received less focus during the response to the pandemic when capacity was at a premium.
- Delivery of a second round of the Community Grant Initiative

2.9 Looking further forward, the Government has signalled an intent to provide ongoing funding for LRFs which will allow for longer term planning and work programmes. A set of National Resilience Standards which were on the cusp of launch prior to the pandemic will also be revisited.

The National Preparedness Commission has conducted an Independent Review of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and its Supporting Arrangements. This, in parallel with the ambition set out by Government in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy, will likely drive future changes to LRFs as a consequence of debriefs of the pandemic and EU exit. These changes are likely to put arrangements on a significantly more formal footing with enhanced duties and responsibilities accompanied by funding to deliver. These changes will be reported to members once they are defined.

3 Financial Implications

3.1 In common with other Category 1 Responders WYFRS contribute to the funding of the WY LRF Secretariat, this contribution is £8,080 per annum.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 The Monitoring Officer has considered this report and is satisfied it is presented in compliance with the Authority's Constitution

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

5.1 There are no Human Resource and Diversity implications arising directly from this report.

6 Equality Impact Assessment

Are the recommendations within this report subject to Equality Impact Assessment as outlined in the EIA guidance? (EIA guidance and form 2020 form.docx (westyorksfire.gov.uk))	Yes / No
Date EIA Completed	DD/MM/YY
Date EIA Approved	DD/MM/YY

The EIA is available on request from the report author or from diversity.inclusion@westyorksfire.gov.uk

7 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

7.1 There are no health and safety implications arising directly from this report.

8 Environmental Implications

8.1 A significant workstream of the LRF is to mitigate the effects of climate change as they manifest in severe weather events.

9 Your Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

9.1 This report directly links to the following strategic priorities:

- Improve the safety and effectiveness of our Firefighters
- Focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability
- Collaborate with partners to improve all of our services
- Plan and deploy our resources based on risk

10 Conclusions

- 10.1 The WYRF is an effective group that plans and prepares across a range of local risks as required by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
- 10.2 In common with all other LRFs the WYRF is changing to match new expectations that have arisen in the post pandemic world.
- 10.3 In the future LRFs will assume a further enhanced role in local resilience and response arrangements. It remains to be seen exactly what that role will be and how/if it will be supported by funding



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Bonfire Report 2022

Community Safety Committee

Date: 13 January 2023

Agenda Item:

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Submitted By: Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Purpose	To inform Members of the events leading up to and throughout the bonfire period.
Recommendations	That Members note the content of this report.
Summary	The bonfire period is historically a time of increased activity for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS). It is also a period that we know has the potential to see an increase in attacks on firefighters. This report provides a summary of the events leading up to and throughout the bonfire period.

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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 bonfire period, WYFRS operational response is dynamic and resilient reflecting the changes in demand and the increased risk to both firefighters and the community. To achieve this, operational response, Fire Prevention and Protection have worked collaboratively with partner agencies to provide a safe and effective emergency response, prevent firefighter attacks and to lower the number of fire related incidents attended.
- 1.2 The main prevention strategy cohesively implemented at all levels was joint working and multi-agency community engagement. Influential community members, faith leaders/groups and youth services were used prior to the bonfire period to educate the community and help reduce tensions in high-risk areas, using varied diversionary tactics.
- 1.3 The WYFRS bonfire operational response plan 2022 covered Friday 4th and Saturday 5th November, and additionally Sunday 6th November for Bradford District only. This year there were fewer organised bonfire events and only one Local Authority (Bradford) held a planned bonfire event.
- 1.4 Specific planning for the bonfire period started in May 2022. Much of the work builds on educational themes, initiatives and prevention work completed throughout the course of the year. Our success relies heavily on strong links and collaborative working that has developed over many years with schools, community/faith groups, local authorities, and the other blue light partners.

2 Prevention Activity

- 2.1 Each district carried out a range of prevention activities with the aim to reduce bonfire related activity and anti-social behaviour (ASB), prior to and during the bonfire period, some of which were supported through partnerships and others WYFRS led. The activities varied slightly in each district due to the different levels of risk and demographic makeup. The following provides an overview of the activities that took place:
- 2.2 **Community Awareness Initiatives** - Engagement with the local community was a key factor and different activities were directed towards the higher risk areas. Areas which experienced higher levels of attacks and ASB in previous years were further resourced this year.
- 2.2.1 **Bradford District.** WYFRS, WYP and Bradford Council co-chaired a weekly meeting between key partners, ward officers, youth services and volunteers throughout the district. As a result, Bradford cleansing team had direct contact with the community to remove dangerous fires and accumulated waste in the run up to bonfire night. Sharing information for potential attacks on crews from previous data, we were able to plan CCTV locations in the run up to the Bonfire Period. Previous youths involved in ASB were issued Consequence cards as a warning. In addition, a new Bonfire Awareness package 'Mischief' was co-created with The Riot Act. This package was launched and delivered by WYFRS throughout secondary schools with the support of local Police officers. Working collaboratively with trading standards, we identified and monitored

the sale of fireworks throughout the district to ensure that all met the legal requirements.

2.2.2 **Calderdale District.** Partners worked closely together to support the community around the bonfire period. This has been jointly delivered through high-risk area patrols where waste build up was reported, it was removed swiftly to combat anti-social fire-setting. Neighbourhood Policing Teams and trading standards visited licensed firework distributors to ensure fireworks were being sold responsibly. WYFRS crews performed environmental audits of high-risk areas. Each Station delivered and advertised our campaign messages around firework safety to businesses and places with a high footfall. Fire Prevention offered targeted sessions at Halifax Academy and Trinity Academy Grammar, to deliver messages around ASB and attacks on Firefighters. Education packs were made available for schools and resources for years four to eleven were made available to be downloaded and delivered by teachers.

2.2.3 **Kirklees District.** The educational package produced by “The Riot Act” to address peer pressure, ASB and other issues was used by WYFRS. This package incorporates three sessions with videos, teacher information sheets, discussion points and presentations aimed at children in year nine and above.

A new “Focused Deterrent Car” was provided by West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and the Kirklees Detached Youth Work Team (DYW) to engage with young people regularly and this was supported by WYFRS.

WYFRS delivered bonfire safety presentations at Kirklees College’s sites in Dewsbury and Huddersfield whilst WYFRS Youth Intervention Team focussed on other educational establishments.

WYFRS teams visited mosques in Dewsbury, Batley and Huddersfield to present bonfire and firework safety talks.

2.2.4 **Leeds District.** Engagement with local communities was a key factor as part of the district’s strategy in preparation for this year’s bonfire period. Activities focused on wider communication across the district, and specific focus within key locations and identified risk areas. Leeds District risk reduction activity was data driven and intelligence led through partnership engagement and attendance at key bonfire tasking meetings. In support of Police colleagues, the Fire Protection Team visited licensed firework retailers. Bonfire specific safety material and messaging was produced and shared with partners.

2.2.5 **Wakefield District.** Had a collaborative multi-agency approach with joint bonfire planning strategies and data led decision making. To combat the potential of an escalation in domestic bonfires, Wakefield District sent a clear and emphatic message across all partnership media platforms and front-line teams. All residents within the community of Wakefield were to refrain from holding garden bonfires and firework displays and to respect the Emergency Services and neighbours. Wakefield District Housing and WYP cascaded information via their media platforms and front-line staff/teams. Strategic Planning meetings were held with all the key partners of WYP; Wakefield Council; ASB Council Teams; Council Neighbourhood Communities and Management Teams and Youth Outreach Teams. This led to effective multi-agency ASB reduction operations. Effective drive round and inspections of bonfires were

carried out daily throughout the Bonfire Period and removal of fly tipping was carried out.

- 2.3 **Youth Education Provision** – All districts worked closely with the central training team to ensure online material was shared with all Primary and Secondary schools. The focus was on pupils in years five through to eleven, and highlighting the hazards and risks involved in bonfires and the inappropriate use of fireworks. In addition to internally developed material, a theatrical group “The Riot Act” was utilised to produce age specific, social media content to further support education. This has been shared with all secondary schools across West Yorkshire.
- 2.4 **Youth Intervention Team** – In October the team worked with Bradford Youth Services to deliver sessions at three of their open access Youth Groups. The team engaged with young people aged 7 – 16. The sessions covered: Dangers of fire setting, Impact of ASB, Impact of attacks on firefighters. Additionally, sessions were delivered at in Wakefield regarding bonfire and firework safety and the impact of ASB.
- 2.5 **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)** - All districts had multi-agency, intelligence led partnership meetings, which identified areas of fly tipping concern and potential nuisance fires. Crews undertook EVAs as part of a daily routine in the lead up to the bonfire period in known areas where fly tipping occurred. Council Waste Management Teams removed waste and minimised the opportunity for unwanted fires ahead of the Bonfire period. Staff proactively monitored vulnerable empty properties and where necessary, arranged the securing of the property.
- 2.6 **Intelligence sharing** - The planning process considered previous years activities, current Police intelligence and anticipated activity for West Yorkshire. WYP and WYFRS gathered and shared information/intelligence leading up to and throughout the bonfire period. This was shared with Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) and other partner agencies. WYFRS staff were informed via the Safety Critical Information Point (SCIP) and a full update given at a daily briefing to those involved in the response plan. Resilience Direct mapping was used to highlight prior fire-fighter attack and high-risk areas and was updated in live time. This was shared internally with all WYFRS operational staff, WYP and YAS prior to and during the response period.
- 2.7 **District Community Engagement** - There were a limited number of diversionary activities planned by multi-agency partners to engage with and to remove youths from the streets in higher risk areas. Talks were given to local youth groups and safety messages given out to local religious/community leaders.
- 2.7.1 **Bradford District.** Community Engagement was one element that was key to the success of a safe Bonfire period. Large banners were attached to all Fire Stations and posters along with campaign material was distributed across the district prior to the bonfire period by operational crews. Educational material / posters were displayed in communal spaces, shopping centres, firework shops and Doctors surgeries. Crews liaised with Bradford council representatives and the public in identifying and risk assessing planned Bonfires within the district. Crews worked collaboratively with agencies allowing for unsafe Bonfires to be removed and for public reassurance to be provided. Staff worked within the communities checking in on planned events, at risk sites and carrying out EVAs around the district. Education was delivered to all secondary schools and some faith establishments using the Mischief package, this

was delivered by teachers and supported by uniformed personnel. Social media Bonfire Safety messages were circulated daily throughout partnership accounts.

- 2.7.2 **Calderdale District.** Community engagement consisted of displaying educational posters/material in schools, supermarkets, communal spaces and doctors' surgeries. Crews carried out EVA drive-arounds to support community awareness, pre-planning visits to organised bonfires and liaison work with Calderdale safety wardens. Operational crews carried out numerous EVAs and worked closely with Calderdale Council to ensure safe removal of large amounts of rubbish/waste.
- 2.7.3 **Kirklees District.** Engaged with the public in areas where we had previously experienced heightened activity. Operational crews delivered vital safety messages and reminded the public about the impact of ASB on the community. This was done in conjunction with environmental audits with waste reported to the local authority for removal across district.
- 2.7.4 **Leeds District.** This year, crews were able to engage face to face with communities, attend events and working groups leading up to and throughout the bonfire period. Attendance at community engagement events were part of our community cohesion and engagement initiatives. We attended several community facing events with WYP and Leeds City Council (LCC) to drive bonfire safety messages with the public and raise awareness of diversionary events taking place across the district. Areas of high tension were identified through data review, incident debriefing and shared with station personnel, supporting operational response and Fire Fighter safety.
- 2.7.5 **Wakefield District.** The crews from the Wakefield District stations undertook community engagement in historical 'Hotspots' areas. Whilst undertaking environmental visual audits, any noticeable fuel sources for ASB fire setting were reported directly to Wakefield Council for removal.
- 2.8 **Selling of Fireworks** - WYFRS are responsible, as a Local Licensing Authority, for the safe storage of fireworks. We assessed, by a site visit from a competent inspector, every new licence application to store fireworks. This was to ensure that storage arrangements were satisfactory and in accordance with national legislation and guidance. In addition to this, we engaged with licence holders in a variety of ways, from telephone contact to physical visits. Engagement was based on the risk posed through identification of intelligence received regarding the safe storage of fireworks. Leading up to and during the bonfire period we liaised and shared information on firework related issues with other regulatory authorities. Information regarding illegal sales of fireworks was shared with partner organisations including WY Trading Standards and WYP.
- 2.9 **Organised Events** – Due to the impact of recent global events, most Local Authorities made the decision not to hold organised bonfire events, however, Bradford Local Authority held one large, organised event.
- 2.10 **Corporate Communications campaign**

The 2022 Bonfire campaign's aim was to:

- Promote bonfire and firework safety messages.
- Raise public awareness of the dangers of fireworks and bonfires.

- Reduce the number of home bonfires by encouraging attendance at organised displays.
- Reduce callouts and nuisance calls.

The campaign was also linked to the National Burns Awareness campaign on 12th October and supported WYP's Halloween public safety campaign. The key campaign messages were around fake fireworks, prank calls and personal safety as well as 'Respect' graphics.



- 2.10.1 **Social Media.** A social media campaign was delivered across our social media platforms including @WYFRS Twitter, Facebook & Instagram. The campaign used the key messages, graphics and campaign gifs. A mix of organic and targeted paid for promotion was used. The campaign was supported from partner and community accounts via the local resilience forum including local authorities, blue light and community groups.
- 2.10.2 We partnered with WYP and Bradford CCG to participate in Facebook and Instagram live sessions in the weeks before Bonfire Night to talk about the key messages and encouraging members of the public to ask questions.
- 2.11 **Website.** A dedicated Bonfire Safety page is hosted on the WYFRS website, this includes our Bonfire toolkit, which provides partners and members of the public a range of creative media and digital campaign assets ready for use with key messages and suggested social media posts. Information was also added in the newsroom section of the website along with a web banner on the home page.
- 2.12 **Print.** A range of print items were created for use by the prevention teams. These included posters, leaflets, vinyl and pull up banners.
- 2.13 As part of the campaign the Corporate Communications Team worked with Districts and the Prevention Team around promoting the bonfire safe messages with local communities. The Bonfire toolkit was shared with partners and stakeholder organisations including the WYRF, blue light services, local authorities and community groups.
- 2.14 **Media engagement.** The campaign also featured public relations and media updates. Press releases were circulated prior to Bonfire night and added to the newsroom of the WYFRS website. The Corporate Communications Team also worked with partner agencies to produce joint PR during the Bonfire period and arranged for pre bonfire interviews. These press releases were picked up in a variety of local and regional publications.

3 Operational Response

- 3.1 Early multi-agency planning at both strategic and tactical levels focused on information sharing and resource requirements, which aided a robust, safe and efficient bonfire response. Pre-planning starts at a district level, utilising the local knowledge and understanding of the district teams and operational crews. In conjunction with local police partners, the Ops Resilience Team determined the level of response required for the bonfire period.
- 3.2 Based on the previous years data and WYP intelligence and the outcome of ASB reduction initiatives through multi-agency working across West Yorkshire, WYFRS did not plan for any additional resources over the Halloween period.
- 3.3 The key elements of the response plan included additional resources in the form of fire cars over two nights. Additional Flexi Duty System (FDS) officers were utilised to fulfil the command-and-control roles working closely with our Control room.
- 3.4 In all districts, there were Special Operations Rooms (SORs) in operation over the bonfire period to enhance the multi-agency response efforts.
- 3.5 Our multi-agency response included the use of 6 WYP vehicles as 'fire cars' that were driven by a WYP Officer with a WYFRS Watch Commander in the vehicle. Both officers were selected due to the extensive knowledge of the local area and community they worked within. Fire Car provision was:
- Three in Bradford – Fairweather Green, Bradford and Keighley.
 - Two in Leeds – Killingbeck and Leeds.
 - One in Calderdale – Halifax.
- 3.6 Their principal role was to carry out on scene risk assessment in terms of whether a fire appliance was required or not. Following a thorough risk assessment, a fire with no risk of spreading to any property or risk to the public was allowed to burn out or be left with a responsible person. This ensured that WYFRS and WYP had minimal personnel within a potential risk area with the clear intention of reducing attacks to firefighters, officers and appliances. The Police Sergeant provided the authority to direct individuals who may be causing a public nuisance. The fire cars allowed lifesaving operational fire engines to remain available more often for other emergency response calls (see incident analysis Section 4).
- 3.7 Following a thorough analysis of previous incidents over a three-year period from 2019 to 2021, along with local intelligence gathered from partner agencies, this year WYFRS did not plan for or use resilience appliances as we have done in the past.
- 3.8 WYP provided Police Supports Units (PSUs) to assist WYFRS in reducing the potential for firefighter attacks. The WYP serials were coordinated from WYP Central Operations Room. They were mobilised on request from a fire car Police Sergeant or at the request of a WYFRS Officer in Charge of an appliance attending an incident and experiencing aggression/assaults on firefighters or an appliance.
- 3.9 One Retained station, Mytholmroyd was stood up on the 4th and 5th November between 17:00 and 23:59 to provide operational resilience within their respective

district. A wholetime appliance was strategically placed at Ilkley station to provide cover in the Wharfe Valley.

- 3.10 WYFRS' Tactical Fire Commander coordinated and managed operations centrally from the Tactical Command room working closely with Fire Control in liaison with a Group Manager within WYP's central operations room. A robust communication structure was established to ensure that data from all command locations was shared effectively and efficiently.
- 3.11 There were 280 bonfire related calls from 15:00 to 01:00, over the three-night period of the 4th, 5th, and 6th November. These included secondary fires and false alarm good intent where secondary fires were involved. Through risk assessed call handling and challenging, information and intelligence sharing with fire tactical command, fire cars were mobilised to 48 incidents.
- 3.12 During the operational response plan period joint briefings were held between WYP and WYFRS across all levels of command to provide an up-to-date intelligence picture, share safety critical information and deliver any final safety messages.

4 Incident Analysis

4.1 The incident numbers in the below table (Figure 2) allow for comparison to previous years, the figures are over four days from 15:00hrs on 4th November through to 02:00hrs on the 8th November 2022.

Dates – bonfire period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Secondary Fires	215	224	274	136	137	178	118
Bonfires	21	19	43	89	95	53	44
False Alarm/Controlled Burning	85	134	165	45	167	22	68
Total	321	377	482	270	399	253	230

Figure 1. Table showing last seven years' mobilisation figures

4.2 Secondary fires decreased by 60 (around 32%) this year compared to 2021.

4.3 The Bonfire category is bonfires 'not under control and required extinguishment'. Since 2020, this figure has continued to decrease.

4.4 Attendances to false alarms / controlled burning increased by 46 in 2022. Overall, there was a decrease of 23 (around 8%) in the total mobilisations.

4.5 Fire car analysis

Fire Car Location	4th Nov	5th Nov	Total
40 - Bradford	4	10	14
42 - FWG	0	13	13
46 - Keighley	0	3	3
32 - Killingbeck	2	5	7
20 - Leeds	1	6	7
64 - Halifax	1	3	4
Total	8	40	48

Figure 2. Table showing incidents attended by the fire cars.

4.6 The risk controls in place throughout the bonfire period were to reduce incident attendance and therefore the potential for firefighter attack and was done by:

- Risk assessed call handling and challenging in Control.
- Mobilisation of a fire car.

- Normal fire appliance mobilisation with police resources if required.

4.7 The fire cars were an extremely vital resource, allowing front line appliances to stay available for other emergencies such as life risk, RTCs, property fires and other priority mobilisations.

4.8 The fire cars attended 48 incidents which was the same as 2021. Of the 48 mobilisations, they resulted in only 2 appliance mobilisations. Therefore, they prevented an appliance mobilising to 46 smaller incidents that having being risk assessed, didn't need extinguishing, allowing them to be available for priority calls.

5 Firefighter/Emergency Service attacks

Year	Bradford	Calderdale	Kirklees	Leeds	Wakefield	Grand Total
2019	11	3	2	3		19
Fire Appliance	2					2
Fire Car	4					4
Other	5	3	2	3		13
2020	11	2	1	3	2	19
Fire Appliance	2					2
Fire Car	3		1	1		5
Other	6	2		2	2	12
2021	10		3	1		14
Fire Appliance	3					3
Fire Car	2					2
Other	5		3	1		9
2022	4		1	1		6
Fire Appliance						0
Fire Car	3					3
Other	1		1	1		3
Grand Total	36	5	7	8	2	58

Figure 3. Table showing firefighter attacks throughout the Halloween and Bonfire periods.

5.1 In total 3 attacks affected the 'fire cars', there were no attacks on Fire Appliances in this period within 2022, this was a significant reduction over previous years.

6 Financial Implications

6.1 The planning and debriefing of this operation are undertaken as business as usual by the WYFRS Operational Support Team(s). The following is a summary of the additional resources deployed in conjunction with the WY Police District and Force plans.

- Friday 5th November - 6 x Fire cars and on-call resources.
- Saturday 6th November - 6 x Fire cars and on-call resources.
- Additional WYFRS Command Officers in Fire Control, 3 district SORs and WYP HQ.

6.2 The total cost for the additional WYFRS staff across the bonfire response is projected to be £8,500. In 2021 the total cost was £12,000. This is a significant decrease of around 40%.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 The Monitoring Officer has considered this report and is satisfied it is presented in compliance with the Authority's Constitution

8 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was conducted in October 2018 which highlighted the potential implications on community relations and partner organisations. This EIA has undergone a review prior to 5th November 2022. The Community Engagement Strategy is finalised and in place with initiatives and projects happening across the organisation. These have been affected by the pandemic; however, crews and prevention staff continued to support their communities and partner organisations appropriately and safely.

9 Equality Impact Assessment

9.1 The EIA is available on request from the report author or from diversity.inclusion@westyorksfire.gov.uk

Are the recommendations within this report subject to Equality Impact Assessment as outlined in the EIA guidance? (EIA guidance and form 2020 form.docx (westyorksfire.gov.uk))	Yes
Date EIA Completed	23/7/2022
Date EIA Approved	4/11/2022

10 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Implications

10.1 The main aim of the response plan is to ensure firefighter and public safety. As in previous years, we continually look to learn from events and work with our partners to reduce further still the risk of injury to firefighters or the public.

11 Environmental Implications

11.1 This year fewer WYFRS vehicles were used within the plan and for the response. The impact from this is fuel efficiency savings and CO₂ reductions.

12 Your Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

12.1 The bonfire response plan underpins the CRMP Strategic Priorities 2022-2025

- Plan and deploy our resources based on risk to provide an efficient and effective operational response
- Constantly review and when necessary, develop new ways of working to improve the safety and effectiveness of our firefighters
- Promote the health, safety and wellbeing of all our staff in the workplace
- Engage with our communities to focus our prevention and protection activities on reducing risk and vulnerability

- Provide ethical governance and value for money
- Collaborate with partners to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our services

12.2 Areas of Focus

- use data and performance management processes to understand how and where we can improve

13 Conclusions

- 13.1 The bonfire period is always a challenging time. With a combination of effective prevention work, close working with partner agencies, resilient, briefed and prepared operational staff, we continue to strive to make our staff and the communities of West Yorkshire safer.
- 13.2 A lasting impact of COVID-19 and other world events saw the reduction of diversionary activities hosted by third sector partners, such as organised bonfires. Only one Local Authority, Bradford, held an organised event. In previous years this provided avenues for community engagement during response. Looking forward to next year, these types of activities should be supported and encouraged to assist in the reduction of ASB.
- 13.3 The attacks towards WYFRS resources and personnel were reduced from 2021, however, any attacks on a firefighter is one too many. There were no firefighter injuries. Collaborative working with WYP, particularly in Bradford, prevented a repeat of the numbers of firefighter attacks that occurred previously. Feedback from our police partners is that the plan was well prepared and executed.
- 13.4 Overall, there was a decrease of mobilisations from previous years. We attended 230 incidents compared to 253 last year. 999 call challenge in fire control, the use of fire cars and the fire tactical command structure allowed a risk assessed approach to attending secondary fires/bonfire incidents: therefore, reducing the risk to firefighters and the number of mobilisations.
- 13.5 Moving forward, WYFRS will be working with WYP and the Criminal Justice System where prosecutions can be made on attacks against firefighters. This supports the Assaults on Emergency Workers (offences) Act 2018. WYFRS and WYP are following up on all logged incidents of attacks on firefighters using the Criminal Justice System.