

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Background

1. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) have 20 fire stations, 28 fire engines plus other specialist operational vehicles. We attend and resolve over 8,000 emergency incidents each year: fires in buildings, complex rescue incidents involving road traffic collisions, hazardous materials, buildings collapsing and rescuing people trapped in water. We also have teams dedicated to prevention through education and protection through safer buildings. We visit approximately 6,000 homes per year and deliver home safety checks. We also inspect over 3,000 businesses to audit, provide advice and education and enforce fire safety legislation.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

2. LFRS has attended a number of significant incidents over the past 12 months. Of these two required significant working with the Local Authority and other partner agencies;
11th December 2017 Allington Drive, Birstall.
26th February 2018, Hinckley Road, Leicester.
3. Following the fire in Grenfell Tower on the 14th June 2017 LFRS has and continues to work closely with Local Authority partners to identify all high rise buildings and other buildings that may contain Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding. LFRS completed 260 inspections specific to this risk. Local Authorities Building Control were key to assisting LFRS with these visits.

Coming Year

4. LFRS is committed to creating safer people and safer places for those that live in, visit or travel through Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. To assist with this commitment, LFRS will take the learning gained through the Braunstone Blues project and utilise this knowledge to support the implementation of "People Zones".
5. LFRS will develop the current Home Fire Safety Check we deliver to people in their homes, to include additional safety information as part of a joined up approach to making outcomes better for people and families. Our aim is to identify those people who are most vulnerable to fire and through education reduce the risk. We know that if people are healthy, have appropriately heated

homes and are not socially isolated their risk from fire is significantly reduced. Identifying those people known to partner agencies and known to be vulnerable is key to making people safer. Partner agencies sharing of vulnerable person data is key.

6. We will continue to deliver our nationally recognised road safety campaign to schools and colleges across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. This is delivered in partnership with the Leicestershire Road Safety Partnership.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

7. LFRS will endeavour to achieve zero fire deaths across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Identifying persons that may be vulnerable to fire is key to achieving this. Learning from the Braunstone Blues project shows us that sharing of data can enable agencies to deliver more targeted safety messages and provide better outcomes. LFRS can provide training to partner agencies to assist them in recognising fire vulnerability and identifying preventative measures.

Issues in local areas

8. Those persons that are most vulnerable to fire include; persons over 65 years of age, those that live alone, smokers, disabled (especially bedridden), misuse drugs and/or alcohol. Many of those that suffer a fire in their home are known to at least one agency. Data sharing between agencies is key to delivering better outcomes to individuals and families.

Recommendations for the Board

9. This report is for information only and the board are asked to note its content.

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