

51 - Newton-le-Willows Community Fire Station

Community Risk Management Plan 2024/25

Operational Preparedness

Newton-le-Willows Firefighters will;

Understand Local Risks and Site Specific Risk Information (SSRI) Process

Crews will manage local risks by completing Site Specific Risk Inspections (SSRIs) provided by Operational Intelligence, based on risk levels and re-inspection dates.

Before each SSRI, a PORIS (Provision of Operational Risk Information) assessment will confirm if the risk level remains valid. If new sites are identified, a PORIS assessment will determine if an SSRI is needed. Crews will also carry out water surveys during SSRIs to ensure adequate water supplies for firefighting.

Training & Operational Readiness

Crews will plan and deliver training with multi-agency partners, focusing on risks such as Sankey Valley Industrial Estate and rural locations. Key skills and competencies will be maintained through the annual training planner, E-Learning, Safe Person Assessments, and performance reviews using the OPS system.

National Resilience & Interoperability

Newton-le-Willows will ensure the High-Volume Pump (HVP) remains operationally ready for local and national deployments.

Crews will train regularly, work with GMFRS & CFRS on joint exercises, and complete two off-site training exercises in 2025-2026 to enhance operational effectiveness.

Newton-le-Willows will continue to maintain the operational readiness of the National Resilience High Volume Pump (HVP), working closely with other LLAR-HVP support stations to ensure capability for both local and national deployments.

Operational Response

Together we will;

Maintain Alert to Mobilisation standards at 1.9 minutes and ensure a 10-minute response time to all incidents, in line with the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP)

Keep operational appliances and equipment in top condition through rigorous testing, servicing, and maintenance to maximise availability and effectiveness.

Ensure the High-Volume Pump (HVP) is fully operational and ready for both local and national deployments.

Training & Development

Deliver On-Station Training in line with Service Themes, ensuring firefighters remain highly skilled and prepared.

Provide ongoing officer development, ensuring continuity in leadership and expertise.

Use Operational Assurance tools—including incident notes, case studies, and significant incident reports—to enhance learning and improve response safety and efficiency. Record all training, learning, and reporting accurately, securely, and in line with service requirements.

Health, Safety & Wellbeing

Foster an excellent Health & Safety culture, encouraging staff to recognise and act on Near Misses and Safety Observations to reduce accidents and injuries. Maintain and service PPE to the highest standards, always ensuring firefighter safety.

Prevention and Protection

Together we will;

We are committed to preventing fires by focusing on those most at risk. Using local data and intelligence, we ensure our efforts are targeted where they will have the greatest impact. Our teams will deliver Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSCs) in high-risk areas, providing tailored advice to vulnerable residents. Community Reassurance Campaigns will be carried out in at-risk neighbourhoods to improve awareness, and we will work closely with housing providers, schools, and community groups to deliver fire safety talks in high-rise buildings, sheltered accommodation, and rural areas. By collaborating with Prevention Officers and local partners, we will address anti-social behaviour (ASB) linked to fire risks. A key priority will be supporting residents aged 65+, ensuring they receive the necessary guidance to stay safe in their homes.

Protection – Strengthening Fire Safety Standards We are committed to raising fire safety standards in commercial and high-risk premises by ensuring compliance and developing knowledge. Our teams will conduct SOFSA (Simple Operational Fire Safety Assessments) visits to improve fire safety in businesses, while tackling unnecessary Automatic Fire Alarms (AFAs) to reduce false alarms and keep resources available for real emergencies. We will actively identify and report non-compliant buildings to support the Risk-Based Inspection Programme. To maintain expertise, staff will benefit from e-learning and CPD opportunities, ensuring they remain up to date with fire safety regulations. We will also support Protection teams with complex SSRI (Site-Specific Risk Information) visits, ensuring high-risk premises are effectively managed. All Protection work will be held to the highest standards through robust quality assurance processes for SOFSA.

People

At Newton-le-Willows we will;

Promote awareness of the importance of mental health & wellbeing. Promote occupational health support including signposting staff to services such as counselling and EAP, where appropriate.

Positively promote Critical Incident Stress Management process. These measures should contribute to maintaining low absence levels.

Develop our people via continued engagement to deliver a professional service, which has a positive impact on our communities and workplace.

Support the Firefighter Apprenticeship Programme through mentoring, training, development and observation on station.

Develop and support personnel at all rank levels to be the best they can be and identify and support potential managers for the future, including coaching and mentoring.

Review performance and identify future development needs through the appraisal system.

Promote a healthy lifestyle amongst personnel through good nutrition and a physical fitness environment.

Recognise and promote the value of EDI within the FRS and the wider communities we serve.

Contribute to Service Positive Action via signposting to “District Have a Go Days”

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Our Vision: To be the best Fire and Rescue Service in the UK – One team putting its communities first.

Our Purpose: Here to Serve. Here to Protect. Here to keep you safe.

Our Aims: To Protect, Prevent, Prepare and Respond

OUTCOMES are the impact our actions have on the community such as reducing incidents.

OUTPUTS are the quantifiable things we deliver to achieve better outcomes for the communities we serve.

	Estimated Performance 2024/25	Estimated Targets 2025/26*		Annual Target 2025/26
All Fires	95		Site Specific Risk Information (SSRIs)	27
All Primary Fires	44		Home Fire Safety Checks	2450
Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADFs)	25		HFSC's delivered to over 65's (60% of HFSC target)	1470
Deliberate Vehicle Fires	4		Waste & Fly Tipping	48
All Secondary Fires	51		Prevention talks	12
Anti-Social Behaviour Fires (ASBs)	44		Simple Operational Fire Safety Assessments	70
AFAs in Non Domestic Premises	3		Off Station Exercising	2
% ADF No Smoke Alarm	90.5%		Community Events	2
Alert to Mobile	89.6%	95%		

The targets are based on 5 years performance data.
*Targets for 25/26 will be added in March

We aim by the delivery of these outcomes to achieve reductions in death and injuries in our communities