



Prevention Policy Statement

The Authority will aim to ensure that the Service:

1. Undertakes a risk targeted programme of proactive community safety activity to provide members of the public with an understanding of risk and provide suitable prevention advice, providing, where appropriate, equipment such as smoke alarms to mitigate risk.
2. Engages with partners and local communities to reduce the number of fires and other risks by working together and sharing relevant data intelligence.
3. Delivers a programme of road safety education with its partners to reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured.
4. Engages with young people to deliver a variety of targeted education programmes to help them make safer and healthier choices.
5. Engages with communities to seek to reduce fire-setting behaviours.
6. Complies with its statutory duties and moral obligations to help safeguard vulnerable adults and children from harm.

Compliance and assurance:

The Authority delegates these policy objectives to the Chief Fire Officer who will ensure that adequate procedures are in place and are appropriately resourced. The Director of Community Safety will monitor and assure this policy through reviewing performance against a robust performance framework.

They will also conduct a review of the effectiveness of this policy as part of the Service's annual Statement of Assurance, required under the for Fire and Rescue National Framework for England, which will be approved by the Authority. The Service will also assure through reports received and judgements made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

Performance and risk reduction will also be monitored at a local level through four Local Performance and Scrutiny (LPS) Committees, which are quarterly public meetings.

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