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KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE AND WELL

The Service is launching Safe and Well Visits - an exciting new initiative to help improve the health of potentially vulnerable people.

Safe and Well Visits, build on the Service's successful Home Safety Assessment programme that has helped protect thousands of people throughout Cheshire from the risk of fire in their home.

Cllr Bob Rudd, Chair of Cheshire Fire Authority, said: *We have a proud tradition of delivering successful safety prevention programmes. Therefore, we are well placed to extend what we currently offer in order to support our health colleagues and promote further potentially life saving advice to the people we visit. It is often the case that those people who are most at risk from fire are at the same time vulnerable to certain health concerns. This is an extremely exciting programme that I am sure will bring huge benefits to the wellbeing of Cheshire residents.*

The visits will be offered to residents who are aged over 65 or who are referred to the Service by partner agencies. The visits will still incorporate the traditional fire safety information but will also offer additional advice on slips, trips and fall prevention; bowel cancer screening as well as offering additional support to those who wish to stop smoking, taking drugs or reduce their alcohol consumption.

It is expected that over the next year the visits will be extended further to provide extra help to people who have just been discharged from hospital after a fall and to address hypertension and blood pressure concerns.

Clare Duggan, Director of Commissioning Operations for NHS England, said: "We are delighted to be working with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service on the delivery of these Safe and Well Visits, which will be an invaluable way of supporting vulnerable people to look after themselves and stay safe and well in their homes. We are one of the very few areas in the country offering this service and are proud to be part of this new, innovative way of working. The Safe and Well Visits are a fantastic opportunity and a wonderful example of the great ways in which health and emergency services can work together to help improve the health and wellbeing of the populations we serve."

Education, education, education



Over the past year we have engaged with thousands of people across Cheshire in a bid to keep people safe in their home and on the road. This engagement included school visits, community events and station open days.

Stay safe with Risk Rater

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service has launched its first ever app, called Risk Rater, which allows residents to check how fire safe their homes are.

Colourful and easy to use, the app asks a series of short safety questions before delivering a full risk assessment straight to your email.

The app is free to download on Google Play and App Store and is specifically designed to risk assess domestic properties.

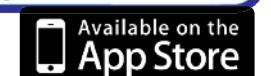
Head of Prevention Nick Evans said: "With our new app all residents can now assess their home for fire risk, digitally, free of charge. Users are simply asked to fill out a short questionnaire to assess fire safety in their home before being given their personalised fire safety plan which includes advice on how to prevent fires at home.

"The app is a quick and easy check that not only shows you how fire safe your home is now

but also gives you hints and tips on how to keep your home and loved ones even safer."

There are plans to further develop the new app to contain additional modules and safety assessments, with a view to eventually include a feature for business continuity risk assessment.

People can also complete an online Home Safety Check by visiting the Service's website. This produces a personal safety plan to help keep you and your family safe.



Don't play at it - be it!

Tired of playing video games? Want to be part of the action rather than watching it? Then come and join the Cheshire Fire Cadets, an exciting group that offers more than most.

Try your hand at a range of sporting, adventure and exciting activities in a fun and friendly environment. Experience first hand what it takes to be a firefighter.

If you are aged between 13 and 17 and think that this sounds like your kind of thing then get in touch. We have units based on most of our fire stations so there should be one near you.

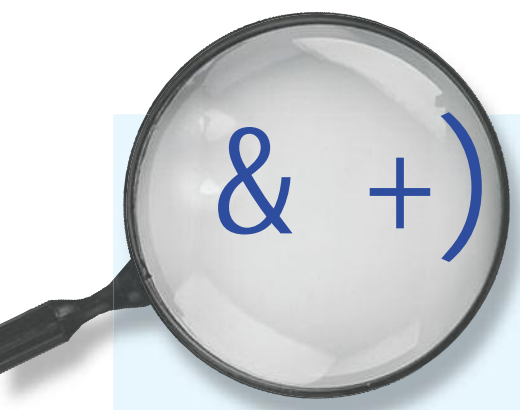
The Service is also looking for people aged 18 plus to become Adult Volunteers working with the Cadet Units. So if you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to get involved and make a difference to the lives of young people we would love to hear from you.

Call 01606 868700 or email feedback@cheshirefire.gov.uk today for more information.



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Key Service Trends

Community Outcomes

There have been 43% fewer accidental fires in the home over the last decade...



... although 60% of these still start in the kitchen

Injuries caused by fires in the home are down 63% compared to 10 years ago



Smoke alarm ownership is at an all time high - 93% according to the English Housing Survey

76% fewer deliberately ignited fires than 10 years ago



Over 5,200 fewer fires were attended last year compared to 10 years ago

Prevention and Protection

In the past 3 years, over 83,900 Home Safety Assessments have been completed



The Service continues to work with partners to share data and identify those who are most at risk.



Nearly 5,000 young people have completed Prince's Trust and RESPECT courses since they began



False alarms caused by automatic systems in businesses and commercial premises reduced by 46% over 5 years



Over 4,100 business inspections and audits were completed last year

Conviction rates for deliberate fire activity still exceed the national average



Staff and Services



Sickness is at the lowest level ever recorded with an average of 3.5 days per person

All essential firefighting training has been completed



Value for money reviews continue to generate savings

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Joint water safety

Warrington firefighters have worked in partnership with the healthy lifestyle organisation LiveWire to encourage over 1,500 school children to stay safe around water.

The crews joined forces with LiveWire staff to give safety advice to primary school children from across the town, at pools at Orford Jubilee and Woolston Neighbourhood Hubs and Great Sankey and Broomfields Leisure Centres, as part of late June's National Drowning Prevention Week.

Warrington Watch Manager Jason Davis co-ordinated the events. He said: "This is the second year that we have run this initiative with Livewire in Warrington, and once again the week has proved to be a great success. With so much water around the town it's important that we get the message across to young children to not play near water, but if they do get into difficulty, then they need know what to do."

Firefighters demonstrated to groups how they need act when faced with a situation and what they should do to save themselves or friends when in trouble. They met with an incredible 1525 children over the six days at a number of poolside events across the town.



Testing scenario

Birchwood and Stockton Heath on-call crews took part in a joint training exercise at a four bedroom property in Padgate.

The scenario facing the crews was that a fire had broken out and there were people trapped inside.

The property, which was owned by Your Housing Group, had a complex layout. This gave the teams who were wearing breathing apparatus an extra challenge when working their way through in smoke and darkness to check the building.

Exercises such as this form part of the Service's comprehensive training plan that ensures that its firefighters are ready to respond to all types of incidents.

Clean for the Queen

A campaign to get a million people out and about cleaning up their communities saw Stockton Heath firefighters joining in and picking litter in the village.

The Watch picked litter around the Bellhouse Community Centre with other community groups and they managed between them to fill a number of bags with rubbish, giving the area a much needed clean up.



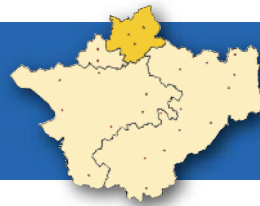
Watch Manager David Rutter said: "We were only too happy to support this initiative and help pick litter in the village. This area was chosen because of the high volumes of rubbish, and we worked with other community groups to pick litter. When we left we could certainly tell the difference this worthwhile campaign had made to the area."

Clean for The Queen aimed to give the country a tidy-up ahead of The Queen's 90th birthday.

The campaign was backed by organisations including the Women's Institute, the National Trust and the RSPB, as well as businesses including McDonald's, Costa, Greggs, KFC and Wrigley and anti-litter charities such as Keep Britain Tidy and the Campaign to Protect Rural England, and was said to be the biggest community-led clean-up the country had ever seen and it certainly lived up to that in Cheshire.



Warrington Unitary performance area profile



Primary fires in Warrington have recorded long term downward trends. These are fires that involve property such as buildings and vehicles and include both accidental and deliberate incidents. The numbers of fire related fatalities and injuries remain low, with the majority of hospital admissions as a result of slight injuries.

Also included in the primary fires category are accidental dwelling fires, with number of these remaining low relative to the population. Delivery of Home Safety Assessments continues to be focused on those households most at risk and this is backed up with publicity campaigns highlighting key safety messages, particularly around safety in the kitchen where around 60% of house fires start.

There have been slight increases in deliberate fire activity recorded over the past three years in Warrington. Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's intelligence-led approach to identifying 'hotspot' areas of high activity has become more sophisticated and these problem areas are tackled with a range of arson and youth engagement initiatives.

Fire Authority Members



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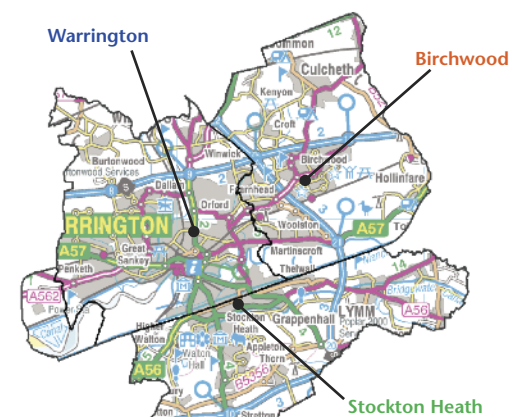
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Key statistics	2013-14	14-15	15-16
Primary fires per 100,000 population	108.8	105.8	117.7
Fatalities from primary fires per 100,000 population	0.0	1.0	0.0
Injuries from primary fires per 100,000 population	2.0	5.4	4.5
Deliberate primary fires per 10,000 population	3.0	2.3	3.2
Deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population	12.9	7.6	13.8

Key contacts



Lynsey McVay Service Delivery Manager
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Liz Thompson Hub Administration Manager
Mark Burrage Station Manager - Protection



- Wholetime station
- Day crewed station
- Day crewed 12hr shift

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