

Protection



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Introduction

- **Overview of our service's current Protection activities including how these align to our Risk and Resource Model and contribute to delivering the Fire and Rescue Plan**
- **Explain what is working well in Protection**
- **Explain the challenges for Protection**
- **Explain our plans to deliver improvements and understand our impact**



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Legislative Changes



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2021

Fire Safety Act



2022

Fire Safety (England)
Regulations



2023

Building Safety Act



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Section 156 of the Building Safety Act

The infographic features a central calendar icon showing the date **1 October 2023**. To the right, a collection of blue circular icons illustrates various building types and safety requirements: a building with a fire, a factory, a building with a height of $\geq 30m$, a building with a height of $\geq 11m$, a restaurant, a hotel, a building with a gear icon, a person in a wheelchair, and a person with a tray. A cartoon character of a man in a blue shirt is pointing towards the building with the gear icon.



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Implementation Strategy

- Staff training as regulators
- Regular updates to website
- Social media campaigns
- Landlord / business forums attendance
- Partnership working



Unwanted Fire signals



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FRS Plan:

- Increased work with businesses and infrastructure owners to mitigate risk and reduce automatic fire alarms.



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**Fire and Rescue Plan
2022-25**



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Unwanted fire Signals Risk and Resource Model



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Implemented on 1st April 2023

- Extended the Service's Automatic Fire Alarm non-attendance policy.
- Changed the policy on response to automatic fire alarms at low-risk premises.
- Introducing the ability to charge for attendance to automatic fire alarms.

**You've had an
unwanted fire signal!**

This is a cost to you:

- Loss of production
- Staff complacency
- Enforcement action which could lead to prosecution

**This is the cost to the Fire Service and
the public:**

- It costs £350 per hour to attend a false alarm
- This diverts us from real emergencies and vital community work
- Unnecessary risk to fire crews and the public whilst responding



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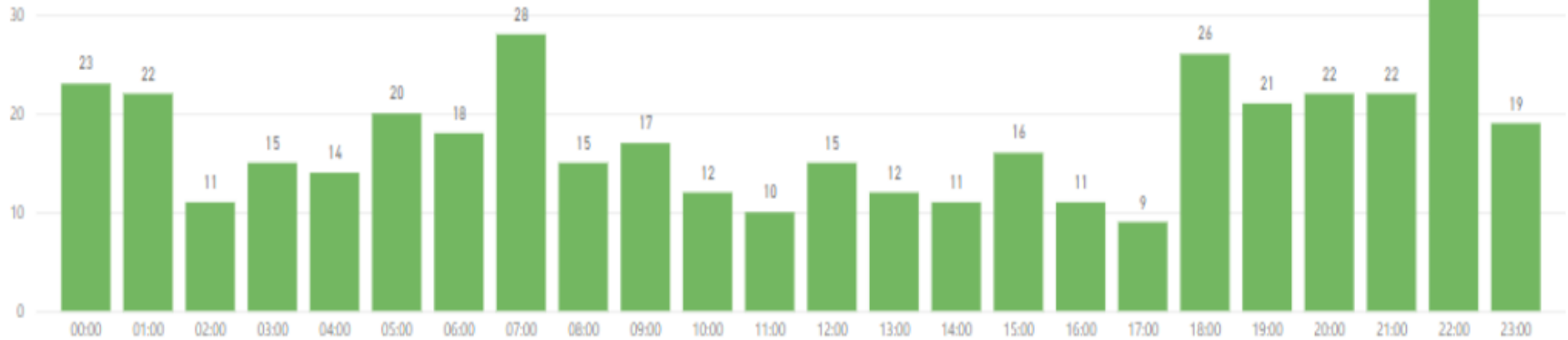
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UwFS attended

1st April 2022 - 31st August 2022



1st April 2023 - 31st August 2023



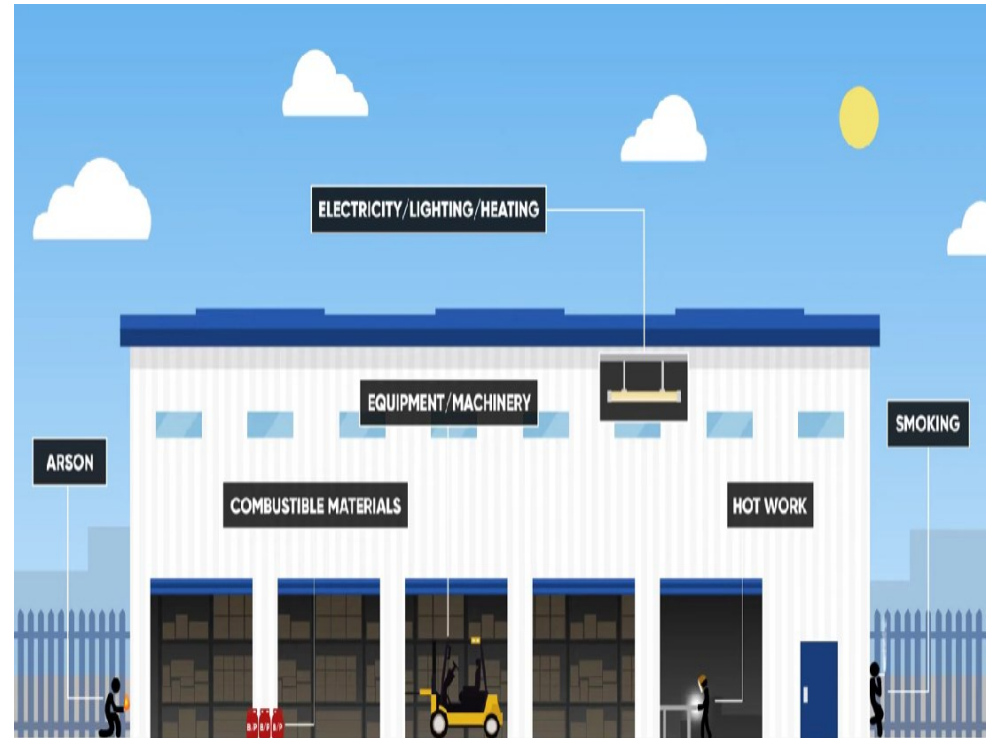
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Risk Based Approach.



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- The service should assure itself that its risk-based inspection programme prioritises the highest risks and includes proportionate action to reduce risk.
- Ensuring highest risk buildings are audited within the timescales set.





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Prioritising Highest Risk within Inspection Frequencies



Contributing factors to risk level:

- Building size
- Occupancy
- Adequacy of fire warning system
- Fire safety management
- Sprinkler coverage

Prioritising Highest Risk within Inspection Frequencies



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Position April 2023:

- Management information system had 1357 very high and high risk premises.
- 793 were high-risk and 564 were very high risk.
- 987 premises would be overdue by the end of 2023.
- The remaining 370 were found to be inside the scheduled inspection frequency, due 2024 onwards.

Data cleansing project initiated April 1st 2023. Enable Support

Prioritising Highest Risk within Inspection Frequencies



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Post cleansing July 2023:

- Management information system now has had 304 very high and high risk premises. Reduction of 77.6% (1053 premises).
- 124 High risk and 4 very high risk buildings were allocated for completing in 2023.
- 180 High risk and no very high risk are within inspection frequency, due 2024 onwards.

Partnership Working



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- We are actively seeking Primary Authority Scheme partners with organisations operating highest life risk occupancies.
- Currently the primary authority for 2 business with 2 further businesses currently in the onboarding process.
- Working with Landlord Forums across the service to ensure effective fire safety arrangements.
- Safety Advisory Group attendance, ensuring safety at large public events.



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Emerging Issues



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NFCC
National Fire
Chiefs Council

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Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning – Guidance for FRS

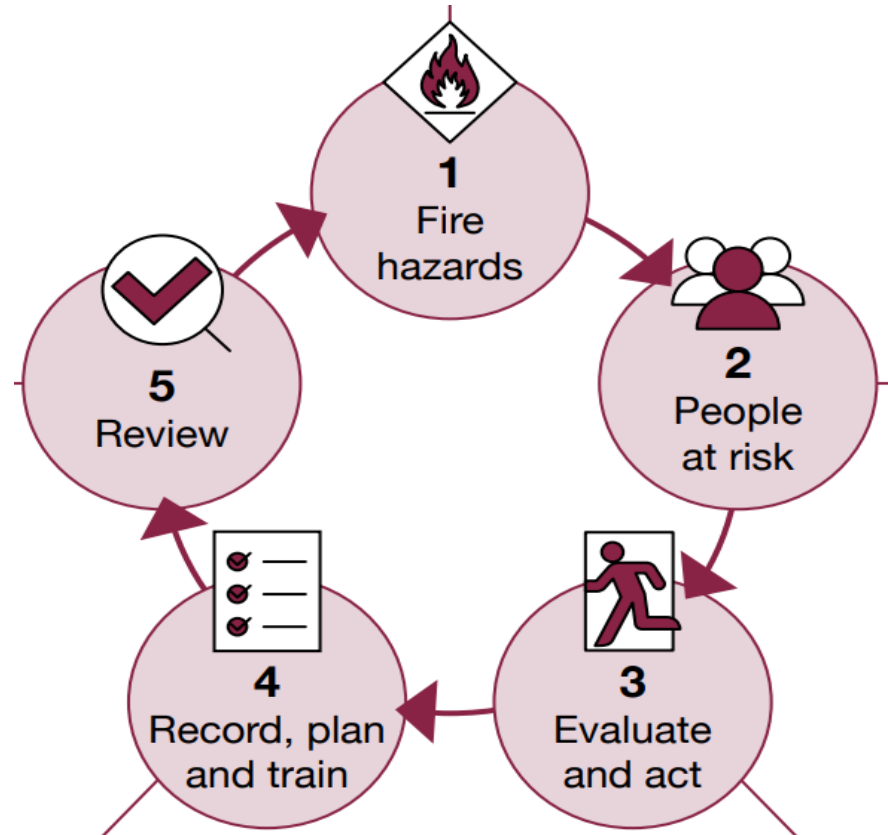
- Increase in applications for Battery Energy Storage Systems across the County.
- People are concerned about the potential fire risk.
- NYFRS pro-active approach to enhance public safety.

Existing and future Challenges



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- We require effective arrangements for giving specialist protection advice out of hours.
- Ensuring right people with the right qualifications available to carry out enforcement activities



Existing and future challenges



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- Introduction of a new quality assurance programme to ensure staff carry out audits to an appropriate standard.
- Introduction of a new audit feedback form for business to comment on our performance.
- Identification of trends to direct future training requirements.

Existing and future challenges



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Introduction of a new risk management system, this will:

- Help us to better understand the work that we undertake and the time it takes us to do this.
- Streamline the end-user experience so data is more concise, appropriate and accurate.
- Be able to import data and referrals from partner agencies to give us a clearer picture of our community.
- Create a transparent environment to allow seamless sharing of data between Protection, Prevention, Operational Risk and Control.
- Improve our ability to calculate the buildings which pose the highest risk in our county, allowing us to efficiently allocate resources.

Impact



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Our impact / performance framework is being refined to ensure we can evidence the requirements contained within:

- **The Protection Fire Standard:**
 - Improved safety, health and wellbeing of communities leading to a reduction in incidents, injuries, serious injuries and fatalities.
 - Improved competency in the protection workforce.
 - Improved evaluation to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of protection activities.
- **Risk and Resource Model**
- **Fire and Rescue Plan Priorities and Objectives**
- **HMICFRS Criteria**



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