HMICFRS Inspection Update

Reporting Period June 2025



Standards of Behaviour

The handling of misconduct in fire and rescue services

Immediate Effect	01/11/2024	01/02/2025	01/05/2025	01/08/2025	01/11/2025
Rec 12	Rec 5	Rec 1	Rec 3	Rec 9	Rec 14
	Rec 8	Rec 2	Rec 7		
	Rec 13 A	Rec 4	Rec 10		
		Rec 6	Rec 11		
		Rec 13B			
		Rec 15			

Standards of behaviour: The handling of misconduct in fire and rescue services - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services



Risk Assessment Process

NYFRS' risk rating of actions and/or recommendations status

Not started-no updates or evidence provided (two meetings past with no update)
In progress-outstanding past due date
Minor issues-approaching due date with minimal updates
In progress on track to complete in-line with due date
Completed status-quality assured and marked as complete by the HMICFRS governance group and uploaded to the HMICFRS monitoring portal

HMICFRS Monitoring Portal and Levels of Verification

Follow up activity levels



- > All open recommendations and AFIs have been assigned one of 4 levels.
- > Follow up levels are shown on the monitoring portal against the records, they will not be shown in published reports.
- > The status on the publication of "progress against recommendations" will show where recommendations have been self-certificated and awaiting verification.

Level 1

No recorded follow up required.

These are mostly AFIs from previous inspection rounds which have been reviewed in subsequent inspection(s).

Level 2

Services are asked to update the portal with progress at least once a quarter.

Services are able to close records when they assess the work has been completed.

They will upload a letter signed by a member of the Chief Officer team to confirm the completion of the action to a suitable standard.

HMICFRS does not expect to verify the information provided but it could be reviewed and used in further work.

Level 3

Services are asked to update the portal with progress at least once a quarter.

Services are able to selfcertify that the action is complete, including uploading a letter signed by member of the Chief Officer team.

HMICFRS will review the evidence i.e., follow-up at the next relevant planned inspection.

If satisfied, HMICFRS will verify the record as complete. If not satisfied, HMICFRS can request further information or action.

Level 4

Services are asked to update the portal with progress at least once a quarter.

Services cannot close the record or self-certify its completion.

HMICFRS conducts follow-up activity via further bespoke fieldwork, with additional resources when appropriate.

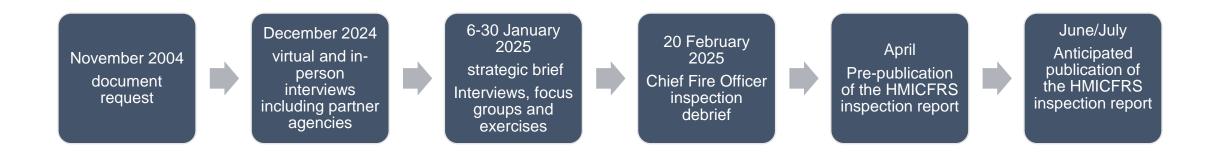
This level, in most cases, will be for services moved to Engage or noted as a service of Concern.

The HMICFRS monitoring portal went live 2025. All HMICFRS reports, including all areas for improvement and recommendations have been assigned, by the HMICFRS, one of the above four levels and they will be administered via the online portal.





2024-2025 NYFRS Inspection Timeline



HMICFRS planning and preparation, for 2025 and beyond, started in November 2024



Inspection Results

Outstanding	Good	Adequate	Requires improvement	Inadequate
	Understanding fire and risk	Public safety through fire regulation		
	Preventing fire and risk	Responding to major incidents		
	Responding to fires and emergencies	Future affordability		
	Best use of resources	Promoting values and culture		
	Right people, right skills	Promoting fairness and diversity		
	Managing performance and developing leaders			



Inspection Results

Comparison to Previous Inspection

Requires Outstanding Inadequate Good Adequate improvement Understanding fires and other risks 2025 2022 Preventing fires and other risks 2025 - 2022 Protecting the public through fire regulation 2025 2022 Responding to fires and other emergencies 2025 2022 Responding to major and multi-agency incidents 2022 → 2025 2025 < 2022 Making best use of resources Future affordability 2025 2022 Promoting the right values and culture 2025 2022 2025 < 2022 Getting the right people with the right skills 2022 2025 Ensuring fairness and promoting diversity Managing performance and developing leaders 2025 2022



Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) Inspection 2025-2027

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33	Cleveland	TBC	TBC
34	Royal Berkshire	TBC	TBC
35	Isles of Scilly	TBC	TBC
36	Derbyshire	TBC	TBC
37	North Yorkshire	TBC	TBC
38	Hampshire & Isle of Wight	TBC	TBC
39	Devon & Somerset	TBC	TBC
40	South Yorkshire	TBC	TBC
41	East Sussex	TBC	TBC

- The next round of Inspections have been launched for 2025-27
- NYFRS are scheduled to be inspected 37th of the 44 English Fire and Rescue services
- Only the first 14 inspections have been given preliminary dates for their inspections
- Given the timeframe allocated to those services we are likely to be inspected early to mid 2027



Any Questions?

