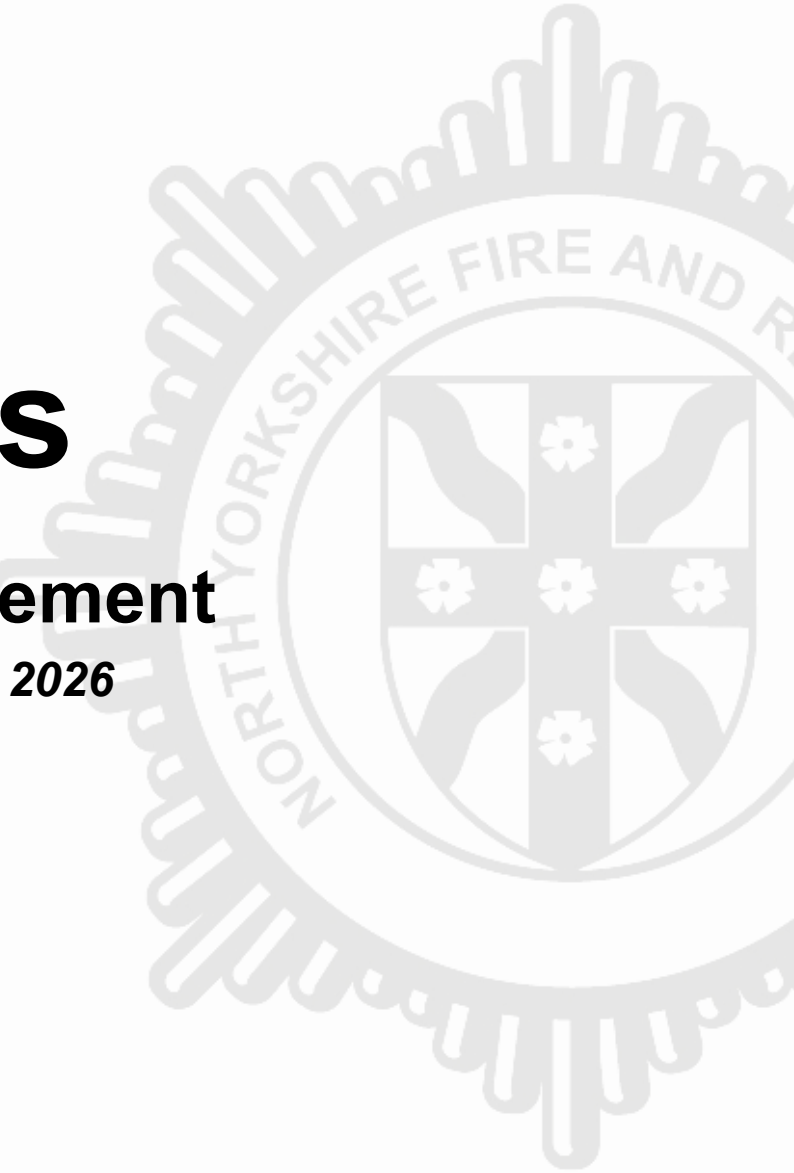


Water Incidents

Response, Training and Engagement

Reporting Period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2026



RESPONSE

- The service operates **six Swift Water Rescue (SWR) stations**, strategically located across North Yorkshire based on risk: **Selby, Whitby, Malton, Richmond, Skipton, and Ripon.**
- NYFRS also operates a **powered rescue boat** based at **Selby Fire Station.**
- The service maintains a cadre of Station Managers qualified to **DEFRA Module 5 – Water & Flood Incident Manager (WFIM)**. Module 5 equips officers to command, coordinate, and manage water and flood incidents at a tactical level, ensuring safe and effective incident management.
- NYFRS also has one nationally qualified **DEFRA Module 6 – Water & Flood Tactical Advisor (Tac-Ad)**. This specialist provides expert advice during wide-area flooding incidents and contributes nationally as the **Vice Chair of the NFCC Inland Water Rescue Group.**



Training

All water-rescue qualifications operate on a defined **revalidation cycle**, and personnel are required to complete ongoing **continuous professional development (CPD)** to maintain competence between revalidation points. For operational training delivery:

Module 2 (Water First Responder) training is delivered across a range of swiftwater sites within North Yorkshire.

Module 3 (Water Rescue Technician) training is undertaken at **Bala Water Sports Centre** in Wales.

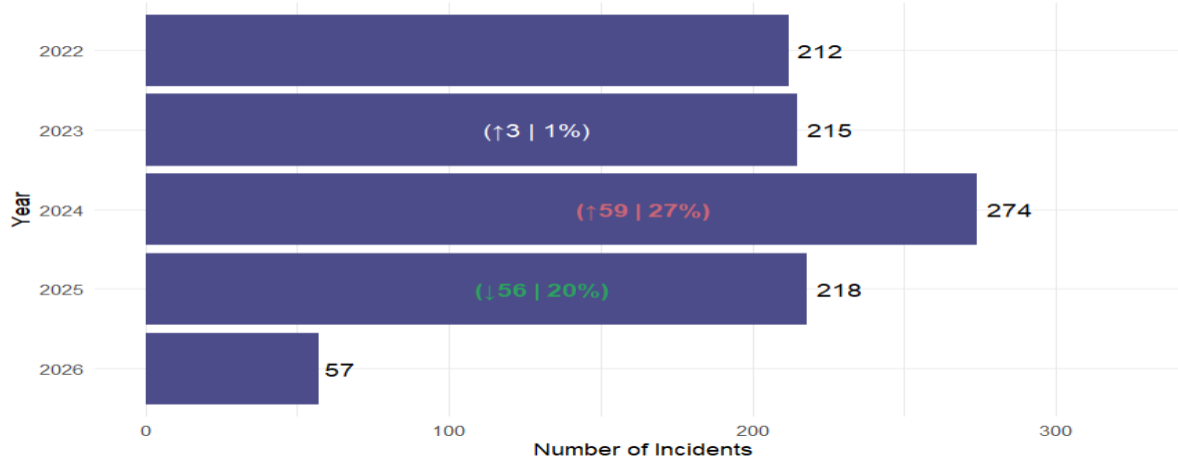
Module 4 (Advanced Water Rescue Technician) training and assessment is delivered exclusively through **Outreach Rescue** in Wales.



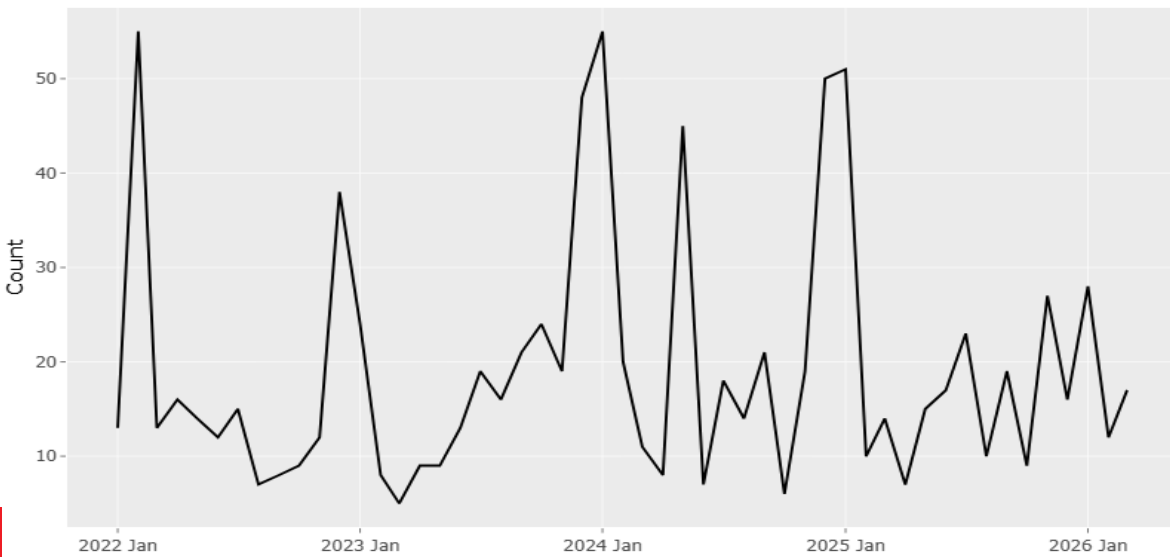
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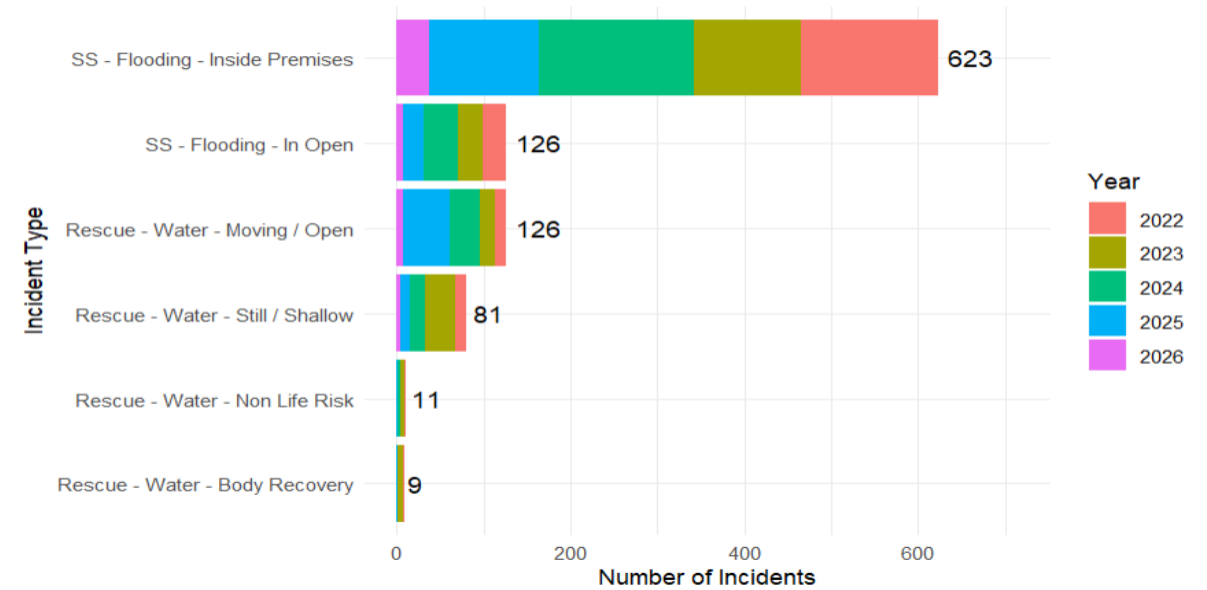
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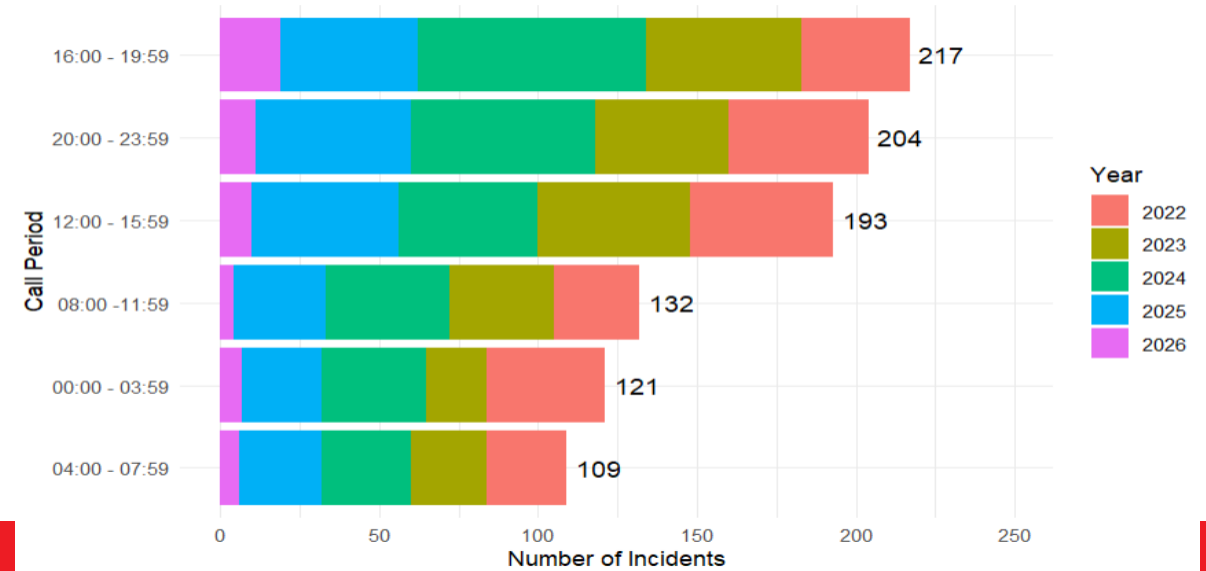
Water Incidents Over Time



Water Incidents by Type (Stacked by Year)



Water Incidents by Call Period (Stacked by Year)



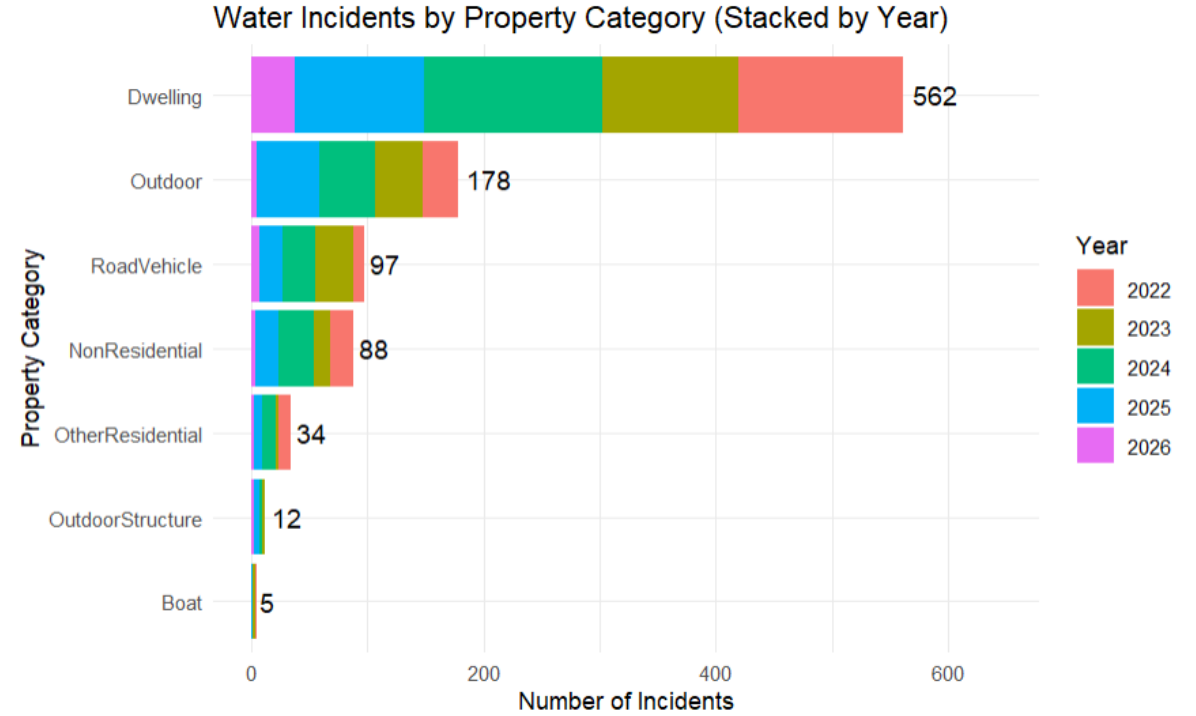
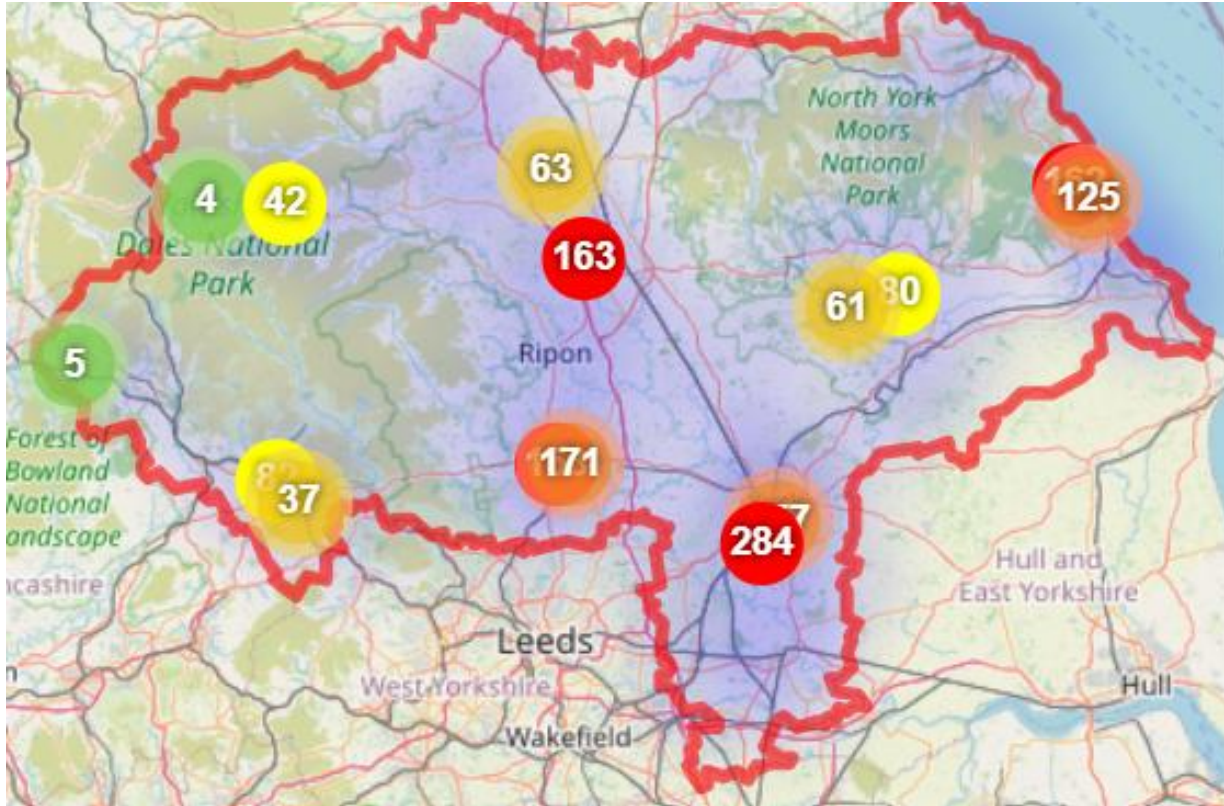
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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

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ENGAGEMENT

Risk-Informed Approach

Activity targeted using incident data, seasonal trends and known risk locations

Focus on highest-risk groups

What We Deliver

Education programmes in schools, colleges and community settings:

Open water risks, cold water shock, self-rescue

Seasonal campaigns:

Summer water safety and winter ice safety

Targeted initiatives:

Operation Spotlight – Richmond Falls

Student Safety Week (Water Flume engagement)



Campaigns

Campaigns aligned to NFCC and national activity

Use of social media, partner networks and community events to maximise reach

Clear, consistent messaging:

“Float to Live”

Safe driving around standing water



Coordinated Multi-Agency Approach Working with:

Environment Agency & Local Authorities

RNLI and local water safety groups

Police and Community Safety Partnerships

Shared Risk and Intelligence

Information sharing enables:

Identification of high-risk locations and vulnerable individuals

Targeted prevention and early intervention

Access to tools such as the Priority Services Register to support vulnerable people during emergencies

