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Cleveland Fire Brigade

Performance

April - September

2024/25



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Cleveland Fire Authority provides a fire and rescue service to an area covering approximately 597km² and consists of four unitary authorities (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton). The current population of this area is 579,287 living in 267,396 dwellings.

Cleveland is the 7th most densely populated fire authority area in England and suffers from typical inner city type problems.

Our 83 wards include the 2nd most deprived ward nationally (North Ormesby) with 28 falling within the 10% most deprived wards nationally.

Indicator	2024/25	Direction of Travel 2023/24 - 2024/25	% Change
Total Fires	2601	Increased	8%
Total Deliberate Fires	2183	Increased	9%
Deliberate Primary Fires	278	Increased	7%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	1905	Increased	9%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	82	Decreased	-13%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Static	%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Decreased	-83%

SAFER HOMES

- 64% coverage across the Brigade area
- 4,586 smoke alarms fitted
- Over 11,200 visits completed between April and September 2024
- 1857 referrals to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mental Health

Cleveland Fire Brigade were proud to support Samaritans Awareness Day (24th July), a campaign designed to highlight emotional support the charity's volunteers provide around the clock, every day of the year, to anyone struggling to cope. The Brigade branded several of its community hub vehicles across the fleet with Samaritans' signage in order to reach as many people as possible.

Water Safety

To show support and promote crucial water safety messages, Cleveland Fire Brigade turned on fire engines' blue lights for two minutes at **9:30am on Thursday 25th July**.

The Brigade also reminded the public the importance of knowing what to do in an emergency as statistics show that many people don't expect their time near water to turn into an emergency, so knowing what to do could save a life.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Cost of Living

As many households continue to struggle with the cost of living the National Fire Chiefs Council and Cleveland Fire Brigade urged people to take fire safety precaution in the home to stay safe. Robin Turnbull, Area Manager - Prevention, Protection and Engagement said; "The most common causes of fires in the house which we attend involve smoking materials, cooking, and electricals. Smoking being the number one cause of accidental fire deaths in the UK. As people look at ways to save money they may be tempted to buy cheaper fake and illegal cigarettes, however these significantly increase the risk of having a fire."

Violence to Staff Incidents

The Brigade appealed to the public of support after severe damage to a fire engine in Grangetown in May in the hope of eradicating the possibility of similar acts in the future. There have since been an additional influx of incidents in September with, "...crews responding to incidents across Hardwick, Eston and Dormanstown subjected to attacks. Shockingly our firefighters have been targeted with dangerous missiles such as fireworks and rocks which were thrown at both the firefighters and fire engines which could have resulted in serious life changing injuries."

HOTSPOT DATA

- 5 wards were the highest for all fire incidents and accumulatively accounted for 20% of fires across the Brigade area
- 3 of the 5 wards are in Redcar and Cleveland and 2 in Middlesbrough district.

Ward	Number of Fires
Grangetown	137
Central	108
South Bank	108
Longlands and Beechwood	98
Eston	82

SERVICE INFORMATION

Safer Homes

We offer Safer Homes Visits face to face, over the phone or virtual via TEAMS/ZOOM. For more details contact 01429 874063.

Advocates

We have a team of advocates and Home Safety Officers with special training to support vulnerable adults in our community. To find out more email advocates@clevelandfire.gov.uk

Fire Education

Our fire education team work with youngsters who are at risk of starting fires to educate them about the dangers and consequences of fires. To find out more email fsi@clevelandfire.gov.uk

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