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Stockton District Performance April - December 2023/24



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Stockton lies to the west of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 27 local wards. These wards range from areas of high social deprivation to areas of executive housing. The current population of this area is 197,030 living in 89,848 dwellings.

Specific risks within the district include: A19, A66, A174, Teesside Park, University Hospital of North Tees. Stockton District also supports Durham & Darlington Fire Service at Teesside International Airport.

Indicator	2023/24	Direction of Travel 2022/23 - 2023/24	% Change
Total Fires	789	Decreased	-13%
Total Deliberate Fires	640	Decreased	-10%
Deliberate Primary Fires	117	Increased	7%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	523	Decreased	-13%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	48	Decreased	-17%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Static	%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	5	Increased	66%

SAFER HOMES

- 60% coverage across the district area
- Over 5,700 smoke alarms fitted
- 5,167 visits completed between April and December 2023
- 605 referrals for assistance from other agencies

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- There was a 'Day of Action' at Hardwick Community Centre in October aimed at clearing up the environment and discouraging fly-tipping to prevent rubbish being used as fuel for fire setting. This was a multi-agency event involving Cleveland Police and Thirteen Housing.
- There was a pop up shop hosted by Corner House Youth Project between 28th October and 2nd November which the Fire Brigade attended to distribute fire safety leaflets and interact with residents to talk about the risks of fire.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Primary Fires

Between April and December 2023 there were 117 deliberate primary fires in Stockton district. During the same time period in 2022 there were 109 recorded. Therefore, year on year there has been an increase of 7%. In 2023 69 of the 117 were deliberate vehicles and 13 occurred at the prison (an increase of 225% from 4 in 2022).

Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries

The number of accidental dwelling fire injuries in Stockton District increased from 3 in 2022 to 5 in 2023. The injuries in 2023 consisted of 4 overcome by gas/smoke and 1 burns incident. The safety of all residents is the Brigades top priority and measures are in place to tackle this issue including targeted Safer Homes Visits and tailored education.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The 5 highest wards for all fire incidents between April and December 2023 accumulatively accounted for 42% of fires in the district.
- Stockton Town Centre was the highest ward with 93 incidents of which 72 (77%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Stockton Town Centre	93
Hardwick and Salters Lane	72
Newtown	60
Roseworth	58
Billingham Central	52

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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