

Cheshire East Scrutiny Committee

14th March 2024

**Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service (CFRS)
Response to Flood Related Incidents**

Prevention in Cheshire East

AM Steve Barnes & GM Matt Barlow



Cheshire
Fire & Rescue Service

CFRS response to widescale Flooding Events



A dedicated External Planning Manager



Works closely with CRF Partners



Attend incidents based on requests through Fire Control



Proactive with forecasts of extreme weather/heavy rainfall



Cheshire Local Resilience Forum Flood Advisory Service Teleconference



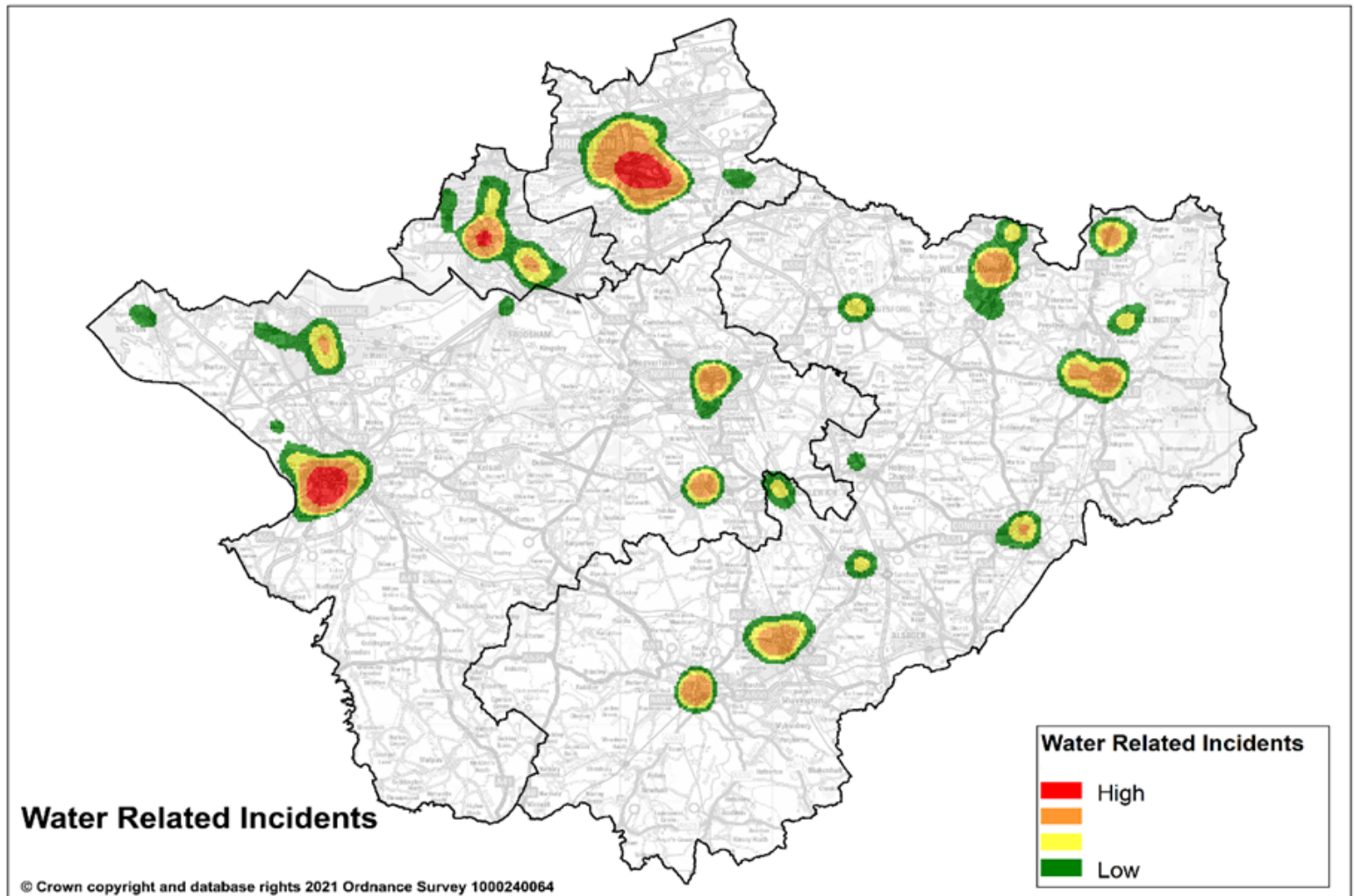
Information is shared internally to ensure all staff are aware



CFRS publish weather warning/alerts on our Social Media



Density map of Water/Flood incidents by location





Cheshire

Incident type/sub type	Fiscal Year			Grand Total
	21-22	22-23	23-24	
Flooding				
Advice only	29	13	22	64
Evacuation	1	5	5	11
Make safe	90	233	98	421
Other	3	6	6	15
Pumping out	14	12	20	46
Stand by - no action	6	8	6	20
Grand Total	143	277	157	577

Between the 1st April 2021 - 7th March 2024, 577 flooding incidents were attended within Cheshire. The most common sub type was make safe (421), with the majority occurring in the 22-23 financial year.



Cheshire East

Incident type/sub type	Fiscal Year			Grand Total
	21-22	22-23	23-24	
Flooding				
Advice only	12	3	13	28
Evacuation	1	3	1	5
Make safe	27	90	24	141
Other	2	3	4	9
Pumping out	5	9	13	27
Stand by - no action	3	1	4	8
Grand Total	50	109	59	218

Between the 1st April 2021 - 7th March 2024, 218 flooding incidents were attended within the Cheshire East unitary area. The most common sub type was make safe (141), with the majority occurring in the 22-23 financial year.

Cheshire East proportion vs Cheshire

Incident type/sub type	Fiscal Year			Grand Total
	21-22	22-23	23-24	
Flooding				
Advice only	41%	23%	59%	44%
Evacuation	100%	60%	20%	45%
Make safe	30%	39%	24%	33%
Other	67%	50%	67%	60%
Pumping out	36%	75%	65%	59%
Stand by - no action	50%	13%	67%	40%
Grand Total	35%	39%	38%	38%

Between the 1st April 2021 - 7th March 2024, Cheshire East unitary area accounted for 38% of flooding incidents attended within Cheshire.

Review of specialist water Safety/Rescue Provision

- All front line firefighters issued with Wading suits circa 550 staff
- Redeployment of Specialist Water Rescue Teams
- Relocation of Rescue Boats influenced by Risk and Demand



IRMP 2020-24

'Extreme weather events linked to climate change can pose a risk to people and properties.

We will review our flood/water response provision across Cheshire to ensure that it meets emerging needs.'

CFRS Flood/Water Response

Review, Options &
Recommendations

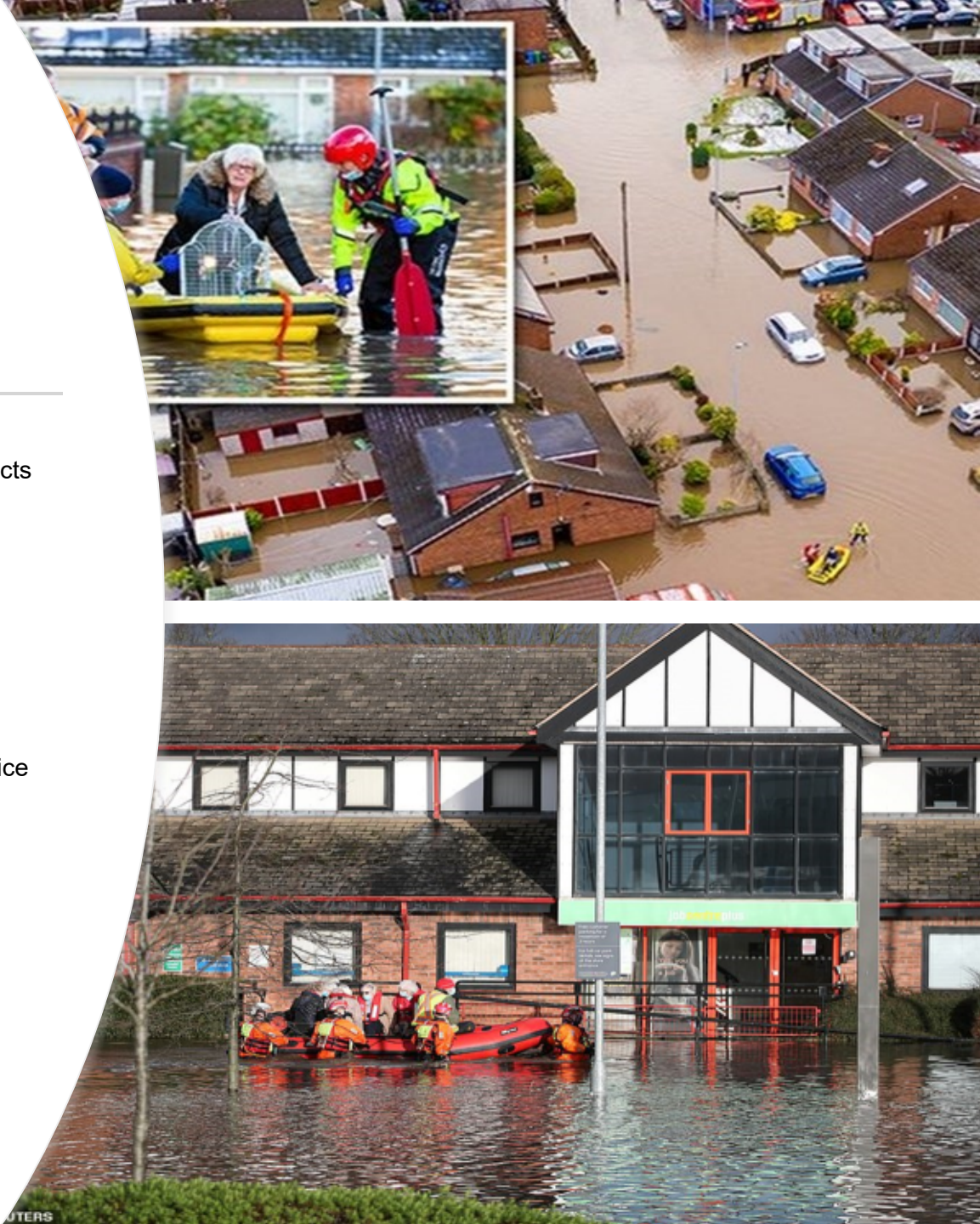
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Multiagency response to widescale Flooding Events

- Dictated by the intelligence and anticipated impacts
- Major Incident or Major Incident Stand-by
- Mult-agency teleconference
- Joint Tactical Co-ordination Centre(JTCC) at Police HQ
- Cascade message sent to all Category 1 and 2 responders
- Contribute to the Recovery phase of the incident



Notifications

- [Alerts \(cheshirefire.gov.uk\)](http://cheshirefire.gov.uk)

CHESHIRE FIRE ALERT

A community messaging system brought to you by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service for the whole of Cheshire



 **Register**

 **Sign in**

Residents and businesses across Cheshire can subscribe to a message warning system, which has been launched by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

People who subscribe to the free online system can choose to receive text messages about:

- Incidents and emergencies near their home or workplace
- News from Cheshire Fire
- Firefighter recruitment
- Safety at work
- Information for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Register now with Cheshire Fire Alert, you will receive news for your area of Cheshire - direct to you as an e-mail, mobile text or voice message.
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Prevention In Cheshire East



Safe and Well Delivery



5,637

Safe and wells completed between
Prevention and Service Delivery.

19 active VP cases

- 1 x dementia
- 6 x high risk smokers
- 1 x history of fires
- 4 x hoarders
- 1 x immobile
- 1 x living alone
- 1 x mental health
- 4 x self-neglect.

452

VP cases within
Cheshire East



Road Safety Activity Update

Cheshire East road safety education – Academic year 23/24

- KS2 (7-11year old) Delivery (128) - 92 Completed KS4 Delivery (14-16year old) (21) - 13 Completed

Biker Down Courses Lymm Safety central 2023

- 11 courses delivered Pan Cheshire – reaching 400 plus riders with attendees recruited from across Cheshire East

THINK. DRIVE. SURVIVE Courses delivered 2023

- 12 courses delivered to 17–24-year-olds including Macclesfield & Crewe Prince's Trust cohorts and various colleges and sixth forms – Macclesfield College, Wilmslow & Poynton 6th forms, Reaseheath College as examples etc

Service Delivery Community Action Plans – Road Safety

- 7 physical events delivered throughout 2023, working to the identified themes within the Road Safety Delivery Plan.

Operational Close Pass

- 6 events delivered – locations included - Holmes chapel, Congleton, Macclesfield, Crewe focusing on cyclists and horse riders on rural roads



Prince's Trust Cheshire East



Annually in CE we deliver a total of **6 Prince's Trust Team programmes** within Crewe and Macclesfield. In 2023-24 we delivered 5 out of 6 programmes in CE and we are on target to deliver 6 out of 6 this year in CE next year.



In the last year in CE, we **enrolled 49 young people** (aged 16-25 years) onto the programmes from April 2023 and current teams complete in April 2024.

47 out of 49 of these young people have either completed or are on track for successful completion of the programme and gain nationally recognised qualifications; Prince's Trust Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills. First Aid qualification, Food Safety and Hygiene Award and Money Management Skills Award.



In addition, the young people receive awareness sessions such as **Fire Safety, Home Safety, Think Drive Survive, Sexual Health Awareness, Knife Crime and County Lines Awareness, Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse Awareness, Stress Mgt and Building Resilience** and participate in structured fire ops sessions on station with Crews.



On average **85% of the young people that have completed the programme go on to full-time, part-time and voluntary employment opportunities or re-engage in education** by enrolling in an apprenticeship or a college course as they then feel ready to access a college environment.



Employability skills – The PT Teams visit local companies to enhance the young people's employability skills through workshops on CV writing, mock interview opportunities and job searching skills. **Fujitsu Technology Company, Chess IT, Bentley Motors and Gusto** have supported our PT Teams in CE for these workshops, each company dedicating a number of their staff to work with the young people during the PT Team visit.



Work placements – Many of the young people gain further employment through their work placements and gain positive references which enhance their CV. Maintaining and developing strong links with placement providers is key, such as **Mercedes Dealership, Bentley Motors, Leighton Hospital, Brio Leisure, Specsavers, building companies, local garages, hair salons and Charity shops.**



Community Projects - **Over 400 hours of work on indoor and outdoor community projects have been completed** by the young people on these teams throughout the year in CE. Projects completed at Wishing Well Crewe, Camms St Community Centre Crewe, Change Grow Live (CGL) in Macclesfield, Broken Cross Primary School Macclesfield. Mayfield Centre Macclesfield.





Cheshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Our Performance Within Cheshire East



In December 2023 Safety Central was successful in securing £12k funding bid through the Cheshire East UPG. This will pay for coach hire for Cheshire East KS2 classes, through Safety Centals Cash 4 Coaches

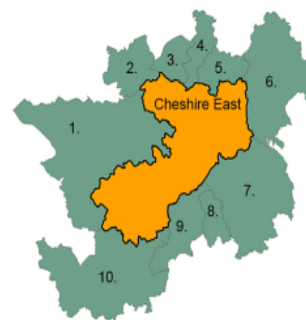
There are 44 primary schools in CE that have never visited the centre and with this funding, we hope to pay for 18 schools to visit, including all MDI schools that have never been before.

Focus groups will be held in April 2024 and Cheshire East schools will be invited to help review and develop all our programmes, as well as looking at barriers that proven more Cheshire East schools attending, including length of visits to allow travel time, without compromising maximum experience and education, as well as applying for further funding for remaining KS2 schools that have never visited.

We are launching our new Uniformed Group programme in March 2024 and hope that many groups across Cheshire East will attend these evening and weekend sessions.

6 Cheshire
East Princes
Trust Teams
visits

23 Cheshire
East school
visits



5 Adult
community
groups
received
SaferTogether
Programme

Volunteer information

- 24 volunteers active
- 9 in recruitment process
- 2534 volunteer hours completed
- 10 volunteers live within Cheshire East



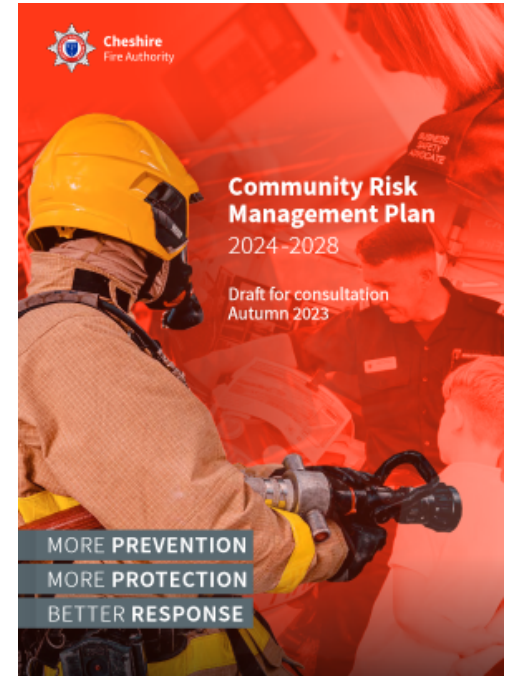
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Summary of Proposals



Community Risk Management Plan

- Required under Fire and Rescue National Framework
- Identify and address key fire and rescue risks
- Cheshire's corporate plan and key objectives:
 - **More** Prevention
 - **More** Protection
 - **Better** Response
 - People
 - Finances



Some of our changes

Proposal 1: Change the way we measure response times

Proposal 2: Convert four fire engines to full-time crewing during weekdays

Proposal 3: Convert Knutsford's fire engine from On-Call to Day Crewing

Proposal 5: strengthen the on-call duty system



Thank you for listening

Any
Questions?

