Hampshire & Isle of Wight FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Prevention

Policy number (AP002)

Next Review Due 31/03/2029

1. Purpose

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) is committed to ensuring that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have an efficient and effective fire and rescue service which makes life safer for everyone.

All Policies within the Authority's Policy Framework are to be considered as a collective and not read in isolation.

Should it be needed, the fire and rescue service will provide a highly skilled operational response, but wherever possible, we will look to reduce the risk of fire in the first instance, supporting the vulnerable and ensuring our built environment complies with fire safety regulations.

This policy sets HIWFRA's commitment to meet its statutory responsibilities to educate and engage our communities to adopt safer behaviours, improve their safety, health and wellbeing.

2. Principles

2.1 We will adopt a person-centred approach to identify the most vulnerable people in our communities and target prevention activities to those most at risk.

2.2 We will work collaboratively with partners and others and where possible share information to identify those vulnerable and support risk reduction services.

2.3 We will adopt robust arrangements to identify safeguarding concerns and appropriately action any concerns where children, young people and adults are at risk.

2.4 We will collaborate and adopt multi-agency arrangements in compliance with the serious violence duty.

2.5 We will engage with our communities and partners to educate young people, reduce fire-setting behaviours, and support early intervention where appropriate.

2.6 We will engage with partners to support the prevent duty where appropriate.

2.7 We will engage with partners to support education for improved road safety where appropriate.

2.8 We will engage with partners to support education for improved water safety where appropriate.

2.9 We will continually support learning and innovation through post incident review practices and multi-agency learning from fire and other risks.

2.10 We will promote prevention advice through communications and media campaigns as appropriate.

3. Compliance

Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, Police and Crime Act 2019, Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

All other relevant legislation, regulations, and approved guidance, including the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England.

Professional guidance, including the National Operational Guidance, Fire Standards and National Fire Chief's Council's (NFCC) guidance for prevention activities, including NFCC's Safeguarding Guidance for Children, Young People and Adults.

4. Core Code of Ethics

HIWFRA is committed to meeting the principles within the Core Code of Ethics and will ensure that the principles in the Prevention Policy reflect the requirements of the Code.

5. Governance

HIWFRA has responsibility for the functions of the fire and rescue service as specified in legislation.

HIWFRA delegates the operation of the principles contained within the Prevention Policy to HIWFRS Chief Fire Officer, in accordance with its Constitution and the Safety Plan.

6. Appendix