

Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee

Fire Safety Briefing

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Objectives

To update FRSC on,

- Protection department structure
- Current National Fire Safety Legislation
- Update on High Rise Residential Buildings (HRRB) within Gloucestershire
- Brief Introduction to Risk Based Intervention
- Risk Based Inspection Programme (RBIP) 2023-26



Protection Department

- Ensure compliance with fire safety laws
- Enforce, educate & Inform
- 3 x managers
- 8 x Inspectors
- 1 x Data Analyst
- 1 x Administrator (shared)
- Operational Risk team



Current National Legislation

- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- Fire Safety Act 2021
- Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022
- Building Safety Act 2022 (Building Safety Regulator)
- The Higher Risk Buildings (Key Information etc) (England) Regulations 2023
- Grenfell Tower Inquiry future phases.



The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

- Main fire safety legislation for England & Wales
- Based on Responsible Person concept
- Defines premises in scope
- Provide a Fire Risk Assessment
- Inspector powers
- Fire Safety Matters
- Alterations Notice
- Enforcement Notice
- Prohibition Notice
- Prosecutions
- Audit activity



The Fire Safety Act 2021

- Clarification legislation
- Article 6 – application to premises
- Confirms extent of buildings that contain dwellings



Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022

- Applies to all buildings that contain 'dwellings'
- Regardless of height
- Additional obligations depending on height



Scope



Residential buildings with 2 or more domestic premises with common areas



Residential buildings between 11m and 17.9m in height



Residential buildings 18m (or 7 storeys) and above in height

Provisions that Apply

- 1 Fire Risk Assessment Prioritisation Tool
- 2 Information to residents – fire safety instructions
- 3 Information to residents – fire doors*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- +

- 4 Fire door checks

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- +

- 5 Secure information box
- 6 Design and materials of external walls
- 7 Floor plans and building plan
- 8 Lifts and firefighting equipment
- 9 Wayfinding signage

* Please note: fire door requirements differ for buildings above and below 11m in height.

The Building Safety Act 2022

- Complex & wide-ranging
- Defines scope
- Building Safety
- Leaseholder protections
- Remediation Orders
- Building Safety Regulator
- Amendments to Fire Safety Order (section 156)



Gloucestershire High Rise Residential Buildings (HRRB)

- Definition 2 or more domestic dwellings & communal space, 7 storeys or 18 metres in height.
- 10 HRRBs
 - 2 Stroud
 - 3 Cheltenham (1 EWS non compliance)
 - 5 Gloucester
- All have Level 4 Risk Information



Risk Based Intervention

- Current live consultation to introduce model
- Absorbs Technical Guidance of High Risk Premises.
- Support Strategic & Community Risk Management Plan Objectives
- Tender of system to support



Risk Based Intervention contd.

- Individual Risk – Prevention work including Home Safe & Well, prevention campaigns and work with partners.
- Societal Risk- Protection work including RBIP audits, business engagement, Business Fire Safety Checks, Primary Authority Scheme work and collaboration with regulatory partners.
- Firefighter Risk- Response work including risk information gathering and visits, tactical plans, operational risk databases and collaboration with blue light partners and other agencies.
- Heritage Risk- Integrated Intervention including cross department bespoke intervention work, collaboration with relevant partners.
- Environmental Risk- Integrated Intervention including cross department bespoke intervention work, collaboration with relevant partners.
- Community Risk - Integrated Intervention including cross department bespoke intervention work, collaboration with relevant partners.



Risk Based Inspection Programme 2023-26

- Previous RBIPs limited in scope
- Aligns closer with enhanced model & Guidance note 4
- Based on increased number of factors,
 - Existing premises risk data held on CFRMIS (approx. 25000)
 - Incident data from IRS
 - Previous levels of compliance
 - Previous inspection outcomes
 - Recent enforcement activity
 - Levels of building management
 - Type and use of building
 - Risk profiling aligned to BS999 (familiar or unfamiliar V sleeping or waking activities).
 - Distance from fire stations



Risk Based Inspection Programme 2023-26 Contd.

- Produced a list of approx. 7500 premises
- Approx. 2500 subject to physical Inspection over next 3 years (670 audits in 2022/23)
- Remaining premises subject to education & information campaigns (Business safety Checks)
- Establishment 8 Inspectors (Currently 5)
- Year 1- care facilities, hospitals, commercial & educational sleeping.
- Year 2 – licensed premises, other sleeping, larger commercial
- Year 3 – HRRB, schools, remaining other sleeping and large commercial



Premises_Type	Property_Count	Sleeping	Sleeping Detail (Risk_Score)	Incident_rate (Risk_Score)	Management_status (Risk_Score)	Total_Enforcement_Action (Risk_Score)
Licensed Premises	869	0	40	60	60	60
School	297	0	20	60	20	40
Further Education	62	0	20	60	NULL	0
Factory or Warehouse	1033	0	0	60	20	40
Shop	1531	0	20	60	NULL	40
Care Home	371	20	80	60	60	60
Other Sleeping Accomodation	1298	20	60	40	60	60
Hotel	475	20	60	60	60	60
Hostel	21	20	60	60	NULL	60
Office	677	0	0	60	40	40
Other Workplace	145	0	0	60	NULL	20
Other Premises Open to the Public	648	0	20	60	20	40
Hospitals	44	20	80	60	40	60
Public Building	25	0	20	60	NULL	0
Total	7496					

Thank you

Questions.

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