



Health, Safety and Wellbeing - Statement of Intent 2023/24

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) and Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) are committed to providing the highest level of Health, Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) for all employees and anyone who may be affected by our work activities, HSW is at the heart of everything we do.

We recognise that operational incidents present the highest risk encountered by our staff. Whilst there is a degree of risk foreseeability, each incident will have its own specific hazards and associated risk due to the different and unforeseeable environmental factors of them. To manage this risk to firefighters, the Service endorses and promotes the HSW Framework for the Operational Environment and the Safe Person principles contained within.

Our HSW Statement and Intentions

We have agreed key HSW Statements that explain the way in which we intend to approach HSW:

We will demonstrate the strategic importance of HSW by the provision of visible leadership and the empowerment of all staff across HIWFRS.

We recognise our moral and legal requirements and will always strive to achieve the best possible HSW standards.

We will define responsibilities at each organisational level, providing direction on how to manage HSW in our workplaces.

We will employ competent staff and provide training and support as necessary, including high-quality HSW advice, to enable them to work safely.

We will report and investigate all HSW events to identify and implement improvements and share this learning.

We understand that prevention of injury and illness is an indispensable part of our organisational culture.

Our staff are reminded that there is a legal requirement for them to co-operate and take care of their own HSW and that of others affected by their activities.

We will empower our staff to carry out their work in a competent and diligent manner, and to report - and where possible rectify - any unsafe act or condition

We will provide and maintain safe equipment, ensuring that we have competent staff to operate and maintain it.

We will set strategic HSW direction, providing systems to measure performance through review, inspection and audit.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority has overall responsibility for the HSW of all Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service staff and others who may be affected by our activities.

Signed:

Chair of HIWFRA
Rhydian Vaughan
Date: March 2023
For and on behalf of HIWFRA



Signed:

Chief Fire Officer
Neil Odin
Date: March 2023
For and on behalf of HIWFRS

