

# APCC Fire Scan

Four-Month Forward Look

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**Four Month Forward Look** – key dates, events, awareness days, campaign or announcements.

## February:

- 1-29<sup>TH</sup> LGBT+ History Month
- 10<sup>TH</sup> Questions Home Office
- 13<sup>TH</sup> Home Office Data: Fire & Rescue incident statistics: England, year ending September 2019
- 17<sup>TH</sup> Questions Housing, Communities & Local Government
- 19<sup>TH</sup> APCC PFCC Fire Board
- 25<sup>TH</sup> North Yorkshire Public Accountability Meeting - *Ambitious Collaboration*
- 27<sup>TH</sup> Staffordshire PFCC Public Performance Meeting

## March:

- 2-8<sup>TH</sup> NFCC On-Call recruitment campaign
- 8<sup>TH</sup> International Women's Day
- 9<sup>TH</sup> LGA Fire Services Management Committee
- 10-11<sup>TH</sup> LGA Annual Fire Conference
- 31<sup>ST</sup> North Yorkshire Public Accountability Meeting - *Reinforcing the front line*

## April:

- 20-26<sup>TH</sup> NFCC Be Water Aware Week
- 21-22<sup>ND</sup> NFCC Spring Conference
- 28<sup>TH</sup> North Yorkshire Public Accountability Meeting - *Enhancing customer service*

## May:

- 7<sup>TH</sup> PCC/PFCC Elections
- 11-17<sup>TH</sup> Dementia Action Week
- 15<sup>TH</sup> LGA Fire Commission
- 18-24<sup>TH</sup> National Sprinkler Week



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## Policy & Practice – *Guidance, strategies or policy and practice.*

- [Government Launches Fire Kills Campaign](#) - Advert launched to highlight everyday fire hazards with support from NFCC, B&Q and Dementia UK.
- [Wales' fire & rescue services could perform NHS roles](#) - Firefighters in Wales could be given a wider role in keeping people safe as part of the Welsh Government's future vision for the service.
- [Emergency Services Encourage 'Don't Cross the Line'](#) – Humberside's emergency services have launched a campaign, Don't Cross the Line, which aims to reduce the number of attacks on emergency services workers. Over the period of 2018-19 ambulance, fire and police workers in the area recorded 450 attacks. The campaign aims to gather support from members of local communities to prevent further attacks from happening.
- [Matt Wrack re-elected as FBU general secretary](#) – Matt Wrack received the highest proportion of votes (67%) in any FBU general secretary election.
- [North Yorkshire PFCC Public Accountability meeting](#) – The latest public accountability meeting held by North Yorkshire PFCC was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January. The session included a deep dive into the topic of caring for the vulnerable and how fire and police respond to this issue (see link for papers).
- [Making the Difference](#) – On 5<sup>TH</sup> March, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, supported by National Fire Chiefs Council, are hosting a conference celebrating and exploring women leading the way in making a difference. Further details [here](#).

## Research & Statistics – *Fire and rescue related data, think-tank or academic reports.*

- [Home Office Data: Response times to fires attended by fire & rescue services: England, April 2018 - March 2019](#) – Home Office data covering: Overall trends in non-fire incidents shows false alarms remain the main source of fire incidents. Non-Fire Incident data shows Road Traffic Collisions as the main source if incidents and suicides (including attempts) as the incident type with the largest increase since 2017/18.



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- [NFCC Community Risk Programme Update](#) – A quarterly update has been published by the NFCC highlighting the programme’s work in relation to IRMP guidance and a definition of risk. The Community Risk Board is seeking expressions of interest to join their [membership](#).

## Inspection – *HMICFRS publications and announcements.*

- [HMICFRS State of Fire Report](#) – Sir Tom Winsor published his first State of Fire report on 15/01/20. The report is a statutory requirement and featured Sir Tom’s reflections on the 45 individual fire inspection reports in England. Although not required, the report makes recommendations for the sector and Home Office around expectations to create modern fire service; potential reform of employment arrangements; operational independence for chief fire officers; and a code of ethics for fire and rescue services (Northamptonshire PFCC’s response is available [here](#)).

## Consultations, Inquiries & Reviews – *e.g. Select Committees, Grenfell and Hackitt Reviews.*

- [New measures to improve building safety standards](#) - Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick has announced new measures which go faster and further to improve building safety.
- [Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report: government response](#) – The Government’s response to phase 1 of the Inquiry provides a commitment to address the presence of dangerous cladding on buildings; points to the Fire Safety Bill as a mechanism for to confirm building owners / managers of multi-occupied residential buildings of any height are required to consider fully and mitigate the fire safety risks of any external wall systems and front doors to individual flats; and provides an update on the Government’s involvement in a steering group to consider ‘stay put’ advice. Additionally, as phase 2 commences, the Prime Minister has announced the resignation of Benita Mehra from her role as a panel member on the Inquiry.



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- [NFCC expresses shock at evidence presented during second phase of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry](#) - The NFCC believes evidence presented during the first 3 days of Phase 2 of the inquiry, shows a clear lack of concern for fire safety and a blatant disregard for people's safety.

## Legislation – *Fire and Rescue related Bills, Acts, SIs and debates.*

- [Fire Safety Bill](#) & [Building Safety Bill](#) – No updates.

## Finance – *Fire and Rescue related financial announcements, funding opportunities.*

- **PFCCs have been consulting on fire precept amounts and seeking PFCP support** – [Essex](#); [Northamptonshire](#); [North Yorkshire](#).

## Key Meetings – *Summary of recent and forthcoming key meetings.*

- [21<sup>ST</sup> January Fire Safety & Rescue APPG](#) – Chaired by Sir David Amess MP the group's agenda included from Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service on their Community Sprinkler Project and on waste fires. The group also discussed the Grenfell Inquiry.
- [24<sup>TH</sup> January Fire Commission](#) – Agenda items included Grenfell Inquiry Phase 1 Report and Building Safety Update.
- [24<sup>TH</sup> January Fire Services Management Committee](#) – Agenda items included HMICFRS State of Fire report, Comprehensive Spending Review and an update on NFCC and National Employers (England) partnership working.