

Part 3: Our reports

Our reports

In July 2017, our remit was extended to include inspections of England's fire and rescue authorities. This is our second annual report on the fire and rescue inspections we have carried out.

The pandemic meant that we suspended all inspections for several months. This affected the number of reports we published this year. The reports we publish help us to fulfil our statutory duty to inspect the effectiveness and efficiency of fire and rescue authorities in England.

Every report has been published in full on our website and given to the fire and rescue service it relates to.

Reports published

January 2020 to February 2021

Inspections

Inspection of the London Fire Brigade's response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's Phase 1 recommendations

Published: 12 February 2021

Report summarising our findings from our inspection of the London Fire Brigade's progress against the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's Phase 1 recommendations. This fulfils a

commission from the Home Secretary under section 28A(3) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Lead HMI: Matt Parr

Fire and Rescue Service response to COVID-19

Published: 22 January 2021

Forty-four individual reports on how each fire and rescue service in England responded to the pandemic. This fulfils a commission from the Home Secretary under section 28A(3) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

All HMIs

Responding to the pandemic: the fire and rescue service's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

Published: 22 January 2021

Report summarising our findings from our COVID-19 inspections

Lead HMI: Zoë Billingham

Revisit letters

When we identify a cause of concern, we require the service to produce an action plan to resolve the concern. We monitor progress against this plan. In relation to causes of concern relating to effectiveness, we usually carry out a revisit – and further revisits if necessary to assess progress against each plan. Following each revisit, the regional HMI

provides written feedback to the chief fire officer. Each letter is published in full on our website. In the period covered by this report, we sent and published revisit letters in respect of:

- The London Fire Brigade
- Northamptonshire FRS
- West Sussex FRS

Non-inspection publications

Memorandum of understanding between HMICFRS and Fire Standards Board

Published: 14 October 2020

An agreement to ways of working between us and Fire Standards Board

Lead HMI: Sir Thomas Winsor

Terms of reference: inspection of the London Fire Brigade's response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's Phase 1 recommendations

Published: 13 October 2020

The Home Secretary commissioned us to inspect what progress the London Fire Brigade is making to respond to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's Phase 1 recommendations. These are our terms of reference for that inspection

Lead HMI: Matt Parr

HMICFRS fire and rescue service inspection programme 2020/21

Published: 12 February 2020

This document sets out our fire and rescue inspection programme covering the period beginning from 2020/21

Lead HMI: Sir Thomas Winsor