

# News Release

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## House Fire on Bedale Drive, Leicester

On Tuesday 10 September at 04:02, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) were called to reports of a house fire on Bedale Drive, Leicester. Leicestershire Police and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) partners also responded.

Around 25 Firefighters responded to the fire from Western, Birstall, Central and Eastern Stations, including use of the Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP). In addition to the five appliances, two additional welfare and support vehicles attended from Billesdon, Wigston, and Shepshed Stations. Four Firefighters with breathing apparatus, two hose reel jets, and the ALP were used to extinguish the fire.

A number of people were evacuated from the property before LFRS arrived and were taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary by ambulance. Sadly, a person was pronounced deceased at the property.

Simon Holden, Area Manager Response said, "This is a terribly sad incident and the thoughts of all of us at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are with the family, friends and all those affected at this difficult time."

"Our Community Safety team will be in the local community over the coming weeks to offer support and advice where needed."

The fire is under investigation by LFRS and Leicestershire Police.

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### Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

## **About the Service**

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2022/23, we attended a total of 9,440 emergency incidents, including 2,650 fires and 710 road traffic collisions. A total of 13,660 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 4,767 smoke alarms. 238 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 21,033 pupils.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents attended.

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