



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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LFRS IN MULBERRY AVENUE, LEICESTER OFFERING ADVICE AFTER SERIOUS FIRE

On Sunday 27 August, we attended a serious flat fire on Mulberry Avenue, Leicester. Crews from Western, Central and Southern Fire and Rescue Stations attended the incident, along with Critical Care doctors, East Midlands Ambulance Service and the police.

As part of our post-incident response procedures, we will be setting up a drop-in centre, in Oakmeadow Surgery, to provide reassurance and advice on home fire safety in order to prevent any future similar incidents occurring.

It's essential that everyone stays safe from fire in their properties. We would like to encourage all residents in the neighbourhood to take advantage of this opportunity to familiarise themselves with what to do in the event of a fire, but more importantly, how they can prevent fires happening in the first place.

Our drop-in centre will be set up Oakmeadow Surgery on:

Friday 1 September between 09:00hrs and 13:00hrs.

Oakmeadow Surgery is located on 87 Tatlow Rd, Glenfield, LE3 8NF.

In the meantime, a wide range of tips on how to keep you and your home safe from fire are available on Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's website which can be found by visiting <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/>.

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Notes to editors: Interviews can be arranged with prior arrangement via Corporate Communications.

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.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire related incidents have reduced by 46 percent.

During 2015/16, the Service attended 666 road traffic collisions, of which 174 were extrications freeing 208 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 5086 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4481 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1431 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 332 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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