

News Release

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Firefighters to Run over 180 Miles For Oliver

A team of Firefighters from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are raising money for a child who has a rare and aggressive form of Cancer.

7-year-old Oliver, who is from Sunderland, has Stage 4 Neuroblastoma. He is currently undergoing treatment, however Neuroblastoma has a high relapse rate. A vaccine is available which is designed to reduce the chances of Oliver's cancer returning, however this will cost in the region of £260,000.

To raise money towards this goal, on Friday 28 October a team of firefighters from Leicestershire Southern, Eastern and Central Stations will be running as part of a relay team, covering a total of 186 miles from Leicester to Newcastle. Setting off from Southern Fire Station in Leicester, they will run to the Crown Plaza Hotel in Newcastle. Running during daylight hours in fire kit (to make the challenge more difficult!), it will take them approximately 30 hours to complete.

Oliver's Uncle, who is a Crew Manager at Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, will be joining the run with some of his colleagues when the team reaches Leeds.

Initially hoping to raise £5,000 to go towards Oliver's treatment, they have already managed to raise over £6,000, which is just a small amount towards the total needed. The team are kindly asking for further support by donations or by sharing their JustGiving page.



Please take the time to read Oliver's story on the Just Giving page: [Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Services Run For Oliver, Leicester to Newcastle fundraising for The Bradley Lowery Foundation on JustGiving](#).

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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 2019/20, we attended a total of 8,541 emergency incidents, including 2,079 fires and 748 road traffic collisions. A total of 7,274 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 4,720 smoke alarms. 305 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 26,218 pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,218 community safety activities, totalling over 11,000 hours of time engaging with members of the public.

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 over 30 percent.

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