

CBRN (e) Capability Review

Introduction

A collaborative DCLG/CFOA review has been undertaken of the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) CBRN(e) capability to ensure the capability is proportionate when measured against the current National Risk Assessment (NRA) and associated National Resilience Planning Assumptions (NRPA). The review also considered the 'ask' of government identified in the CBRN (e) Response Framework and the outcomes of the Home Office CBR capability assessment.

A significant amount of modelling work has been undertaken by the DCLG Analytical Unit using inputs and parameters agreed with key stakeholders including emergency service partners and the Devolved Administrations and the outputs have been operationalised to identify the final outcome agreed by DCLG and the CFOA CBRN(e) Strategic Lead.

This identifies an English requirement for forty three (43) IRUs in order to meet the scale of event identified within the National Resilience Planning Assumptions, resulting in a reduction of twenty two (22) Incident Response Units.

The twenty two IRUs identified as surplus to requirements are detailed in Appendix B and will be considered 'off the run' by the FRS National Coordination Centre from 31 December 2015. It has been necessary to remove the vehicles from service almost immediately due to the imminent expiry dates of the PRPS carried on these vehicles. The remaining forty three IRUs will be issued with replacement PRPS over the next two weeks.

The CFOA Strategic Lead is currently in discussions with DCLG to identify a disposal strategy for the surplus assets, and Services are requested not to undertake any disposal activities prior to these discussions being concluded.

What this means for all Fire and Rescue Services

- If your IRU is in Appendix A – business as usual
- If you are in Appendix B – from 31st December 2015 your IRU will not be on the national register at FRSNCC
- The IRUs remaining in service will receive a delivery of 15 PRPS to replace the expiring PPE. These will need to be replaced PRIOR to 31st December to ensure all suits are operationally available. Further detail will be circulated via **Information Note36/2015 – Replacement of Powered Respirator Protective Suits (PRPS)**
- From April 1st 2016, FRSs will not receive the Section 31 Government grant for the IRUs no longer on the register
- In those FRSs where an IRU is identified as surplus to national requirements will need to consider their local risk assessments standard operating procedures and any site specific plans which incorporate their respective IRU and amend as necessary.

Appendices to this report

- Appendix A List of IRUs being retained
- Appendix B List of IRUs being removed

Confirmation:

Written confirmation to confirm that the instructions of this Information note have been actioned to the CBRN(e) Mass Decontamination Capability Advisor at:

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Appendix A List of IRUs being retained = 43

ACOMB	NORTH YORKSHIRE	IRU010
ALFRETON	DERBYSHIRE	IRU069
ASHFORD	KENT	IRU047
BARROW IN FURNESS	CUMBRIA	IRU005
BEXLEY	LONDON	IRU025
BILLINGHAM	CLEVELAND	IRU056
BODMIN	CORNWALL	IRU040
BURNLEY	LANCASHIRE	IRU011
CHELMSFORD	ESSEX	IRU009
CHESTER	CHESHIRE	IRU071
CIRENCESTER	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	IRU054
DARLINGTON	DURHAM	IRU066
DEWSBURY	WEST YORKSHIRE	IRU060
EASTBOURNE	EAST SUSSEX	IRU035
FARNWORTH	GREATER MANCHESTER	IRU007
HETHERSETT	NORFOLK	IRU006
HIGHTOWN	HAMPSHIRE	IRU068
HORLEY	WEST SUSSEX	IRU042
IMMINGHAM WEST	HUMBERSIDE	IRU031
IPSWICH EAST	SUFFOLK	IRU050
KIRKDALE	MERSEYSIDE	IRU002
LINCOLNSHIRE HQ	LINCOLNSHIRE	IRU037
NEWCASTLE	STAFFORDSHIRE	IRU065
NUNEATON	WARWICKSHIRE	IRU014
OKEHAMPTON	DEVON & SOMERSET	IRU072
PARK ROYAL	LONDON	IRU016
RUSHDEN	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	IRU070
STOPSLEY	BEDFORDSHIRE & LUTON	IRU020
STOURBRIDGE	WEST MIDLANDS	IRU033
TANKERSLEY	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	IRU074
TAUNTON	DEVON & SOMERSET	IRU028
TELFORD	SHROPSHIRE	IRU003
THANET	KENT	IRU024
TWICKENHAM	LONDON	IRU036
TYNEMOUTH	TYNE & WEAR	IRU057
WENNINGTON	LONDON	IRU015
WEST BRIDGEFORD	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	IRU051
WEST HARTFORD	NORTHUMBERLAND	IRU077
WESTLEA FIRE STATION	WILTSHIRE	IRU052
WESTON SUPER MARE	AVON	IRU026
WHITLEY WOOD	BERKSHIRE	IRU059
WOODFORD	LONDON	IRU038
CROYDON	LONDON	IRU044

Appendix B List of IRUs being removed = 22

Alfreton	Derbyshire	IRU078
Broughton	Buckinghamshire	IRU075
Blandford	Dorset	IRU049
Bovey Tracey	Devon and Somerset	IRU023
Burton	Staffordshire	IRU012
Canley	West Midlands	IRU045
Cheltenham	Gloucestershire	IRU058
East Greenwich	London	IRU027
Godstone	Surrey	IRU043
Hereford	Hereford and Worcester	IRU021
Morecambe	Lancashire	IRU039
Penzance	Cornwall	IRU073
Plaistow	London	IRU053
Slade Park	Oxfordshire	IRU008
Southern	Leicestershire	IRU018
St Albans	Hertfordshire	IRU067
St Neots	Cambridgeshire	IRU061
Stalybridge	Greater Manchester	IRU034
Stanmore	London	IRU029
Walsall	West Midlands	IRU062
Wimbledon	London	IRU022
Winsford	Cheshire	IRU079