



Overall	This Month	5 Yr Avg	
Total Incidents	1,434	1,183	
Fires	254	233	
Special Services *	457	337	
False Alarms	608	509	
RTC**	115	104	* Total number of Special Service incidents excluding RTC Incidents ** Total number of RTC incidents responded to by ECFRS

Overall: The number of **total incidents** are 19% greater than the same period last year, 21% above the five year average for this period and are 16% above last month. The number of **total fire incidents** are 18% greater than the same period last year, 9% above the five year average for this period and are 20% above last month. The number of **total special service incidents** are 30% greater than the same period last year, 30% above the five year average for this period and are 19% above last month. The number of **total false alarm incidents** are 11% greater than the same period last year, 19% above the five year average for this period and are 12% above last month. The number of **RTCs attended by ECFRS** are -6% less than the same period last year, 11% above the five year average for this period and are -1% below last month.

Fire incidents and associated injuries:

Secondary Fires: Over the past month, there has been a notable 55% increase in secondary fires compared to the previous month. Notably, 96% of these incidents have occurred outdoors, across a range of incidents without a discernible pattern. This trend is consistent with the broader 12-month analysis, where outdoor secondary fires maintain a steady 96% share.

Primary Fires: The number of these incidents remain in line with the previous month and track 3% ahead of the five year average. Primary fires accounted for 58% of all fire incidents in January, in line with a comparison to the 12 month rolling analysis, indicating that there is no major shift in the type of fire incident experienced during January.

Accidental Dwelling Fires: These are tracking with a 9% decrease from the previous month, falling within acceptable tolerance levels and aligning with the five-year average.

Deliberate Fires: These incidents also remain within acceptable levels and are tracking below the five-year average.

Injuries: The total number of individuals sustaining injuries as a result of fire incidents remains in line with the 5 year average. All but one of the individuals received injuries determined as 'slight' with one individual described as receiving serious injuries.

False Alarms:

In reviewing false alarm data, an increase in the overall number of incidents is observed. However, a closer analysis reveals that the composition of these incidents aligns closely with both the five-year average and the rolling 12-month analysis.

During January, 49% of false alarm incidents were classified as 'good intent', consistent with the 51% observed in the rolling 12-month period. Furthermore, 42% of false alarm incidents were attributed to apparatus, with 52% of these originating from human error and 20% from smoke alarms. These proportions mirror the averages observed over the past five years and in the rolling 12-month dataset.

This consistency in the makeup of false alarm incidents suggests that while there has been an increase in their frequency, there is no discernible deviation from historical patterns.

Special Services:

During January, Special Service incidents experienced a notable increase compared to both the previous month and the five-year average. This surge was largely anticipated, as highlighted in the December performance report, due to a predicted uptick in incidents associated with high winds and rain. Specifically, there was a remarkable 123% increase in incidents categorised as 'Making Safe', predominantly involving television aerials, chimneys, and other items dislodged from roofs due to high winds. These 'Make Safe' incidents accounted for 7% of all special service incidents in January, a notable increase from the 4% observed in the five-year average and 3% in the 12-month analysis.

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Special Service Incidents continued:

Furthermore, there was a significant rise in special service incidents classified as 'Rescue/Evacuation from Water'. 83% of these incidents involved rescues from vehicles, surpassing the 51% observed in vehicle related incidents in the five-year average and the 66% in the 12-month data. This increase correlates with heightened social media engagements led by the Communications department, aimed at raising community awareness about driving through water and flooded areas, in response to the observed increase in such incidents by operational staff.

Core Station Coverage: Coverage has maintained stability at 97%, showcasing a consistent level of service provision. Almost all core stations either maintained the percentage of the previous month, or showed an increase.

Protection: As outlined in the Risk-Based Inspection Plan (RBIP), the commitment is to ensure that all Highrisk premises are visited by 31/03/2028, and all Very High-risk premises are visited by 31/03/2026. To facilitate this, a scenario planning tool has been developed for the Protection team to strategically plan future visits, taking into account anticipated staffing levels and activity. According to projections from this tool, ECFRS is on track to exceed the RBIP targets. High-risk premises are projected to be visited ahead of schedule, with completion anticipated by **31/09/2026**, a significant 18 months ahead of the RBIP target. Similarly, visits to Very High-risk premises are projected to be completed by **31/09/2025**, surpassing the target by 6 months.

Furthermore, the operational efficiency is evident in the average number of visits to unique premises per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff member. Over the past three months, this figure stands at **6.9** visits per FTE, well above the targeted average of **6** visits. This targeted average was initially calculated as the number of visits required per FTE per month to fulfil the RBIP commitments.

Prevention: During January 2024, the Central Prevention team demonstrated exceptional performance by surpassing their target of 644 visits, achieving a total of 710 visits. This represents a remarkable increase of 10% over the target, marking a significant 59% rise from the previous month and an impressive 62% improvement compared to the same period last year.

Similarly, operational crew visits experienced a notable increase, completing 84% more visits than in December and exceeding the visits made at the same point last year by 12%.

Aligned with the strategic planning initiatives outlined for the Protection team, a similar planning tool is under development for the Prevention team. This tool will take into account Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) levels and rolling average completion rates, enabling the team to forecast and plan more effectively. Additionally, it will provide an overall indication of progress against yearly targets, facilitating greater analysis of team performance and promote efficient work practices from teams that consistently exceed expectations.

Information Governance: During January 2024, 19 FOI/EIR requests were received, surpassing the five year average of 13 requests. Information requests included requests ranging from private businesses seeking information on expenditure for translation services and firefighter availability software, to individuals inquiring about costs of EDI training, incident data for specific locations, and fire safety audits for care homes. National press and TV outlets sought data on Stonewall membership, e-bike/e-scooter fires, and electric/hybrid bus fires. Requests from solicitors, local authorities, and housing providers include meeting notes, incident data, and reports. Additional topics included lift entrapments, bariatric rescues, fleet information, and gas/electricity spend.

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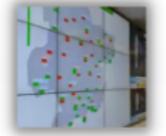
Road Traffic Collisions (RTC): Around 60% of Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) involvement in Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) focuses on ensuring scene or vehicle safety, with approximately 20% involving the release or extrication of individuals. This trend is consistent in both January's RTC activity and the 12-month rolling data. Most January RTC incidents attended by ECFRS were concentrated in the Southend and Loughton areas.



January 2024 in numbers

#WeAreEssexFire

Core 97% station coverage



1,434

Incidents attended

1,056

Home Fire Safety Checks 96

Very high / high risk Protection audits **77%**



Attendance within 15 minutes

Accidental Dwelling Fires



2,872

Calls to Control 32 Non domestic

fires

55

Deliberate fires

Fire**Stoppers**. 0800 169 5558

100% anonymous. Always.

17

Animal rescues







Outcomes Metric vs Tolerance	Metric	5 Yr Avg	Last Month	Tolerance			
Number of Deliberate Fires	55	58	41	136+	105-136	79-104	0-78
Number of ADF Fires	62	62	67	73+	65-72	58-64	0-57
Number of Non-Domestic Fires	32	26	24	38+	31-37	29-30	0-28
Number of Primary Fire Injuries	5	5	8	9+	6-8	3-5	0-2
Number of ADF Injuries	4	4	5	6+	4-5	1-3	0
Fire Fatalities	0	0	1	3+	2	1	0
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	0	0	3+	2	1	0
Number of Unwanted Fire Signals	107	96	98	94+	83-93	72-82	0-71
Audits (RBIP Very High)*	15	25	23	0-15	16-25	26-35	36+
Audits (RBIP High)*	81	56	72	0-62	63-73	74-83	84+

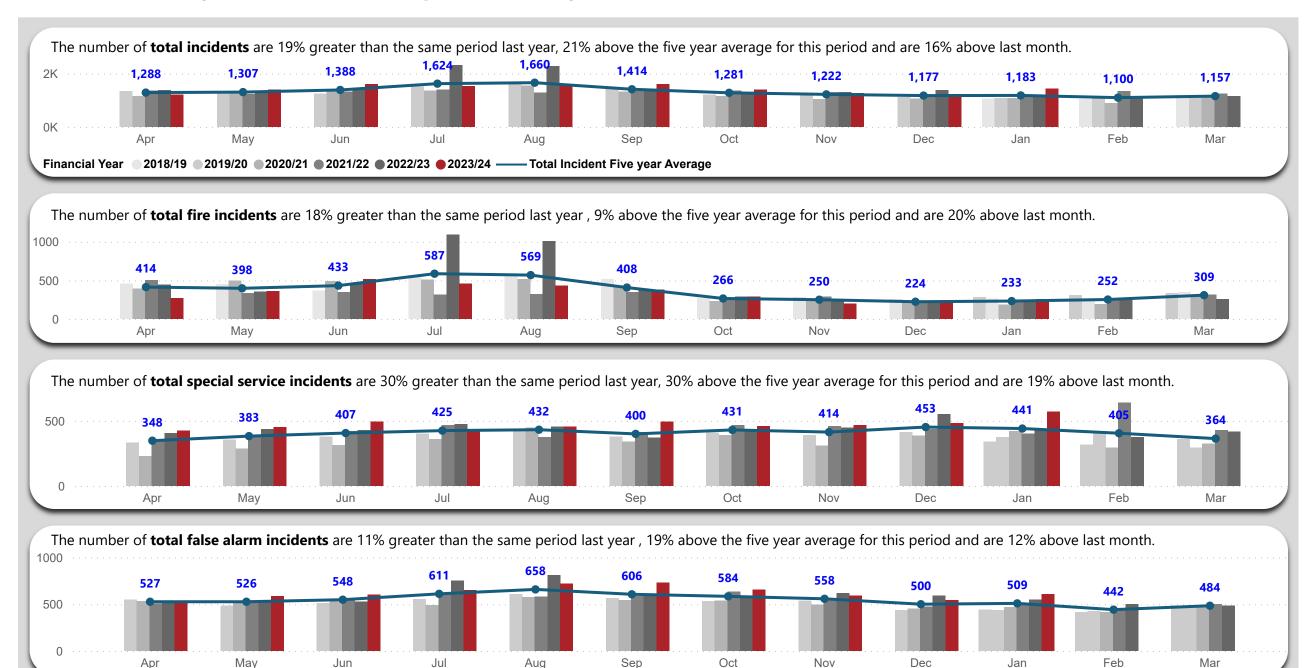
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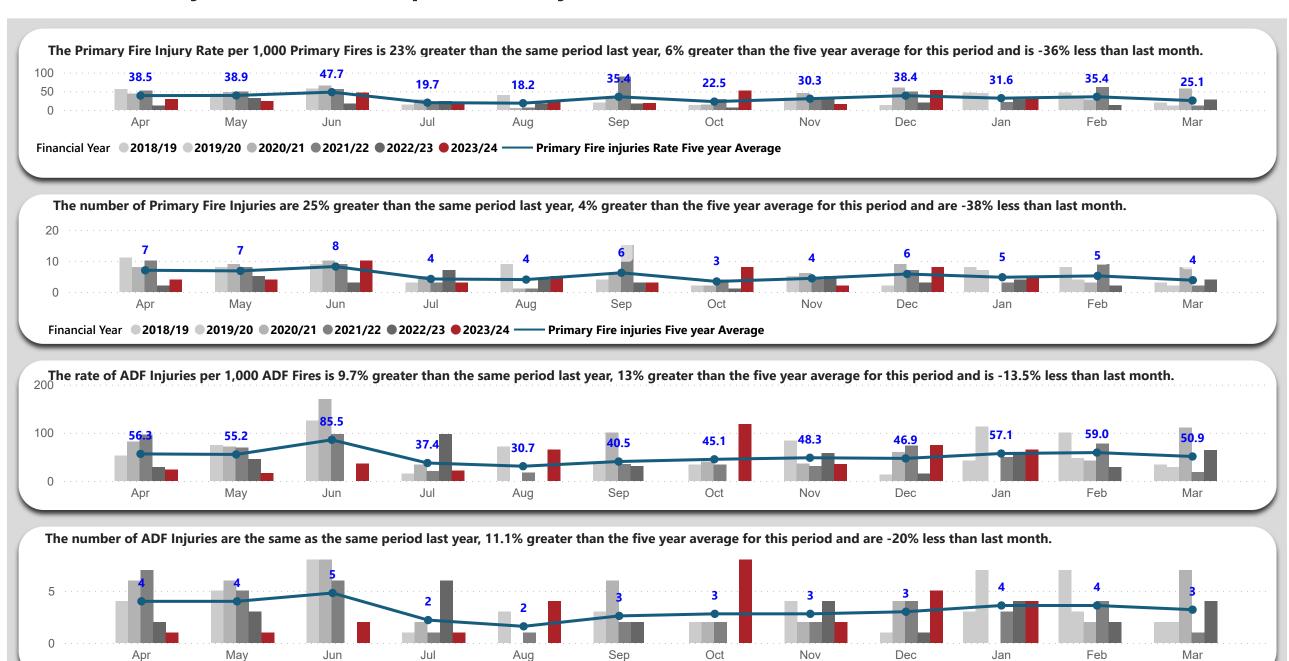
People Metric vs 5 Year Average	Metric	5 Yr Avg	Last Month	Comments
Sickness Rate	7.2% 👢	7.7%	6 7.3%	ECFRS Data calculated using the Cleveland method
Turnover	10.2%	9.8%	6 10.1%	Standard CIPD calculation (Number of leavers in period divided by average headcount in period.

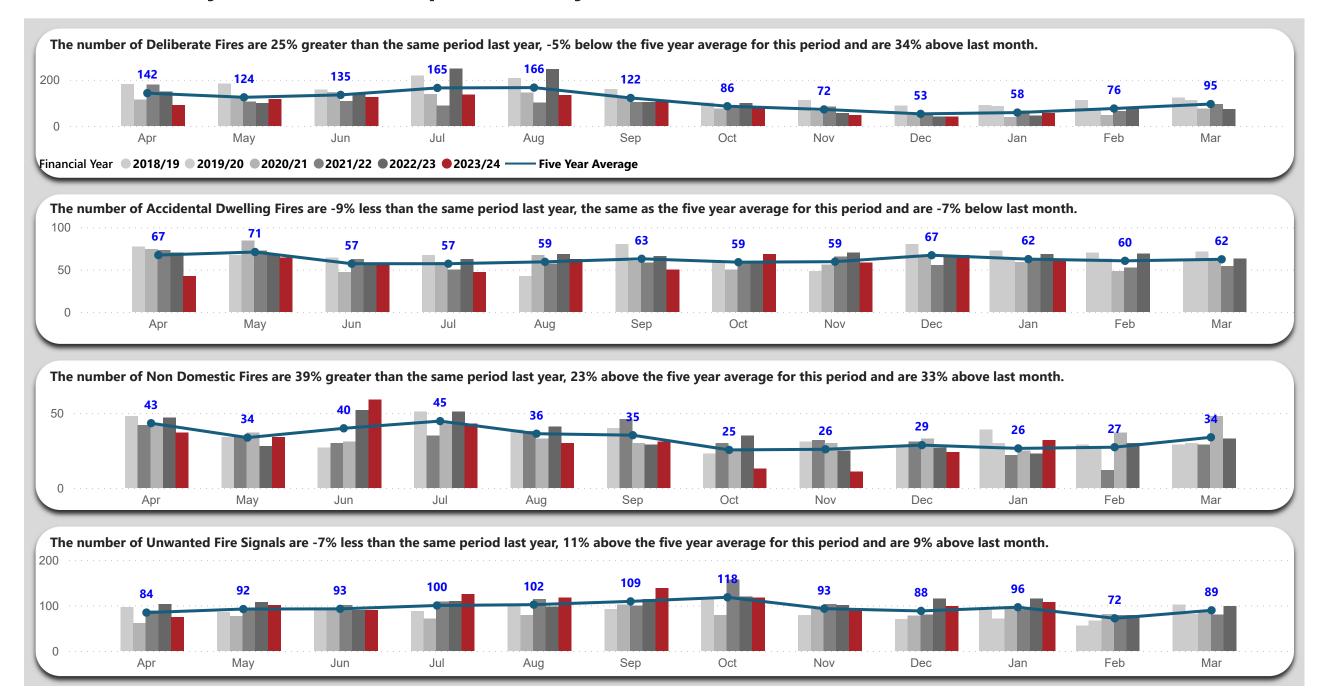
<u>Inputs</u>	5 Yr Last Metric Avg Month	arget
Metric vs Target	g	
Core Station Coverage	97% 98% 97%	98%
Potential Life-Threatening Incident First Attendance	12:16 10:46 11:02	10:00
Potential Life-Threatening Incident Call	02:25 01:55 02:00	-
Handling Potential Life-Threatening Incident Turnout	02:50 02:48 02:28	-
Incidents attended within 15 minutes	77% 84% 81%	90%
Safe and Well Visits conducted by Inspecting Officers	710 🕇 389 447	644
HFSC conducted by Operational	346 👃 197 188	436
Staff Global Availability	72% 📘 72% 64%	80%
Freedom of Information Response Rate	89% 87% 100%	90%

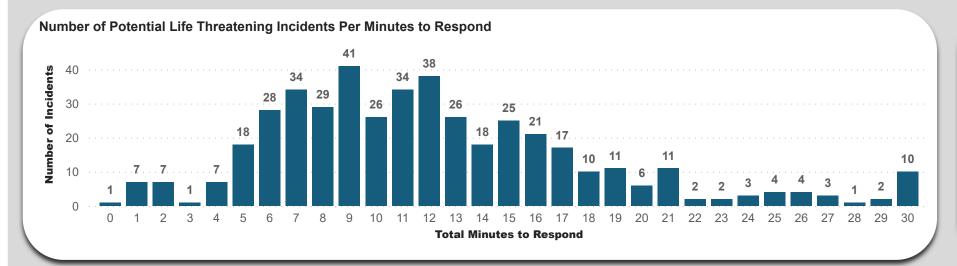
		ECFRS		SERP**		
RTC Metric vs 5 Year Average	Metric	5 Yr Avg	Last Month	Metric	4 Yr Avg*	Last Month
RTC Incidents Attended	115	104	116	51	↓ 60	77
RTC Serious injury	8 ,	12	11	51	↓ 63	85
RTC Fatalities	0	1	2	0	1 3	4

** The SERP (Safer Essex Road Partnership) data shows all Road Traffic Collisions attended by Essex Police where there was either a victim killed or seriously injured. A subsection of these incidents would have also been attended by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service when our assistance was required.









% Within 15 Minutes										
Month	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24						
Apr	90%	87%	83%	83%						
May	89%	86%	86%	86%						
Jun	89%	84%	84%	82%						
Jul	84%	83%	77%	81%						
Aug	85%	86%	75%	80%						
Sep	85%	83%	82%	82%						
Oct	87%	85%	84%	82%						
Nov	87%	86%	83%	81%						
Dec	82%	85%	83%	81%						
Jan	84%	87%	85%	77%						
Feb	87%	82%	84%							
Mar	86%	86%	86%							

Avg Call Handling Time								
Month	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				
Apr	01:41	01:38	01:51	01:53				
May	01:29	01:46	01:49	01:38				
Jun	01:41	01:42	01:54	01:52				
Jul	01:43	02:10	01:53	02:00				
Aug	01:39	01:43	02:25	02:05				
Sep	01:53	01:46	01:59	01:58				
Oct	01:42	01:54	02:00	01:56				
Nov	01:49	01:54	01:55	02:11				
Dec	01:50	01:55	01:55	02:00				
Jan	01:47	01:43	01:48	02:25				
Feb	01:43	02:15	01:41					
Mar	01:46	01:55	01:50					

Avg Turnout Time									
Month	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24					
Apr	02:37	02:27	02:29	02:20					
May	02:25	02:33	02:30	02:17					
Jun	02:44	02:20	02:17	02:23					
Jul	02:27	02:27	02:38	02:24					
Aug	02:39	02:34	02:37	02:18					
Sep	02:32	02:24	02:38	02:19					
Oct	02:45	02:42	02:20	02:23					
Nov	02:41	02:42	02:28	02:28					
Dec	02:34	02:32	02:35	02:28					
Jan	02:56	02:42	02:52	02:50					
Feb	02:31	02:36	02:21						
Mar	02:36	02:36	02:40						

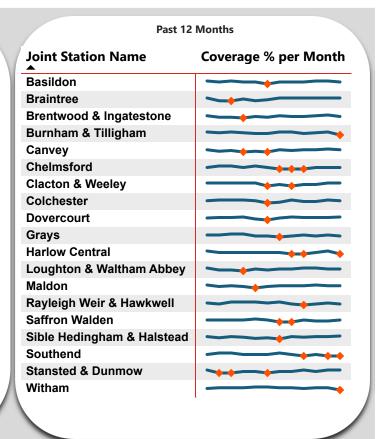
Avg Travel Time									
Month	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24					
Apr	04:59	05:42	05:56	06:30					
May	05:01	05:37	05:50	05:37					
Jun	05:28	06:10	06:24	06:20					
Jul	05:35	06:04	06:58	06:44					
Aug	05:37	06:00	06:42	06:26					
Sep	05:39	06:04	06:34	06:28					
Oct	05:48	05:33	06:05	06:28					
Nov	05:39	06:14	05:49	06:40					
Dec	06:32	06:28	06:28	06:29					
Jan	05:41	05:42	06:06	06:58					
Feb	05:15	05:48	06:09						
Mar	05:14	05:37	06:01						

Avg Response Time									
Month	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24					
Apr	09:21	09:53	10:21	10:47					
May	08:58	09:59	10:10	09:35					
Jun	09:57	10:14	10:41	10:39					
Jul	09:48	10:44	11:38	11:16					
Aug	09:55	10:22	11:49	10:50					
Sep	10:05	10:17	11:15	10:50					
Oct	10:16	10:17	10:27	10:51					
Nov	10:09	10:54	10:17	11:25					
Dec	11:00	10:58	11:00	11:02					
Jan	10:28	10:06	10:50	12:16					
Feb	09:30	10:48	10:13						
Mar	09:40	10:10	10:36						

The average response time this month is **12:16 minutes**. The median response time, representing the middle value is **11:01 minutes**, indicating that half the responses were less than this time and the other half were longer. The mode, or most frequently occuring response time was **12:10 minutes**. Note, in calculating the mode, response times have been rounded to the nearest 10 seconds to provide a more uniform set of data.

Of the incidents where it took 20 minutes or more to respond, there was a total of 4 individuals receiving injuries. Two injuries were deemed 'serious', one resulting from a fire, and the other from an RTC. The two other injuries were deemed 'slight' and both resulted from separate RTC incidents.

Joint Station Name	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
Basildon	95%	95%	96%	96%	95%	96%
Braintree	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Brentwood & Ingatestone	95%	95%	96%	97%	95%	96%
Burnham & Tilligham	99%	97%	98%	99%	95%	99%
Canvey	97%	98%	98%	99%	98%	98%
Chelmsford	95%	95%	96%	96%	96%	96%
Clacton & Weeley	97%	98%	98%	99%	99%	99%
Colchester	97%	95%	95%	97%	96%	96%
Dovercourt	99%	98%	98%	98%	99%	97%
Grays	96%	97%	96%	97%	96%	97%
Harlow Central	95%	95%	96%	97%	95%	97%
Loughton & Waltham Abbey	95%	96%	96%	95%	95%	96%
Maldon	98%	98%	99%	98%	98%	99%
Rayleigh Weir & Hawkwell	96%	95%	96%	97%	96%	97%
Saffron Walden	97%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%
Sible Hedingham & Halstead	98%	97%	98%	98%	99%	98%
Southend	97%	96%	97%	96%	96%	97%
Stansted & Dunmow	97%	98%	97%	98%	98%	98%
Witham	97%	96%	97%	97%	94%	96%
Total	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%



Core Station Coverage January 2024



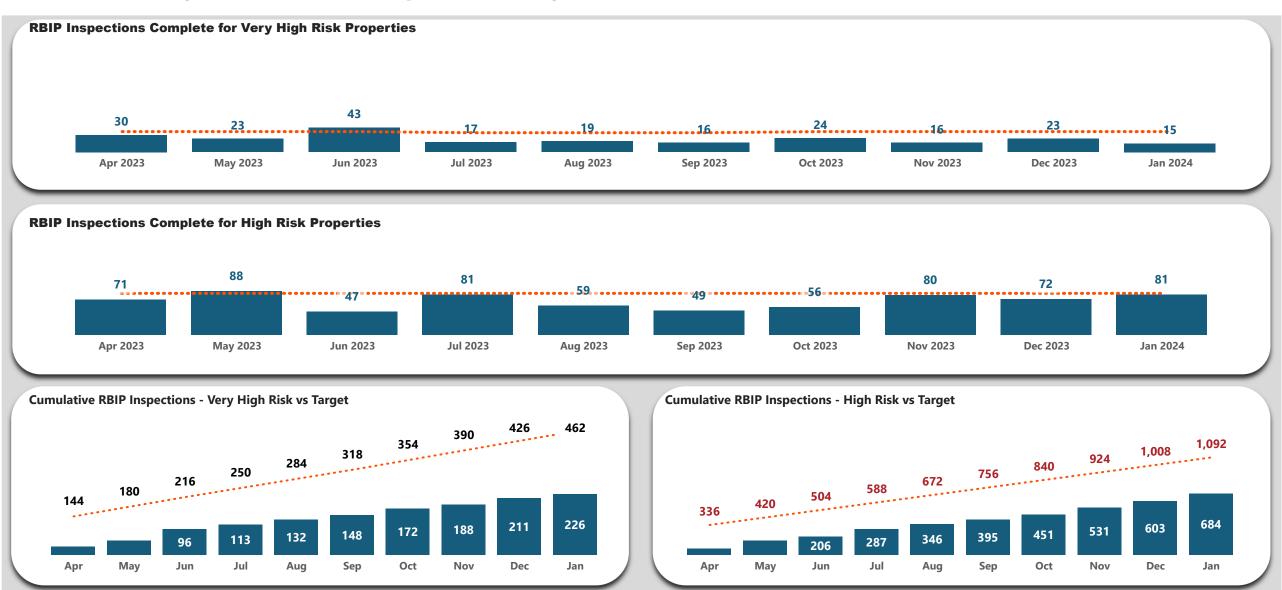
Monthly Average

97%

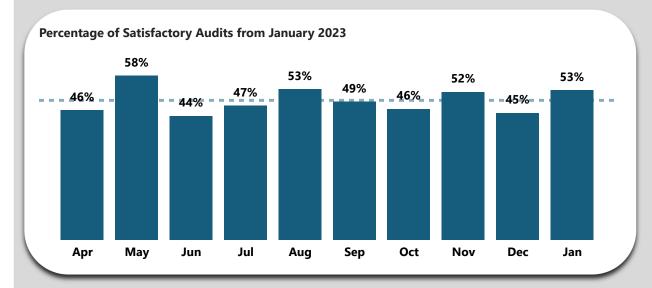
Target 98%

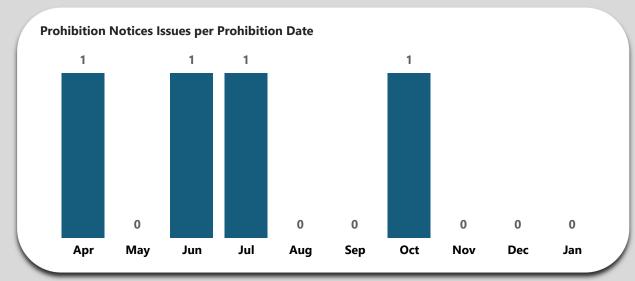
Statistical analysis was recently completed, investigating if there is a link between response times and station coverage. The analysis concluded that there is a correlation between coverage and response times and that the strategic stations are broadly in the right locations.

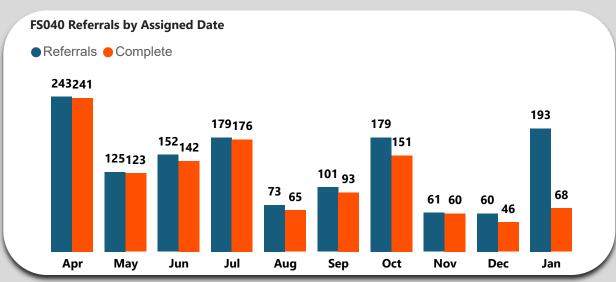
The control teams proactively move resources around to meet the risk and ensure our strategic stations have coverage. Work is on-going across all the on-call strategic stations to improve station availability and command teams are exploring different ways of working to ensure that the service moves people and not appliances.

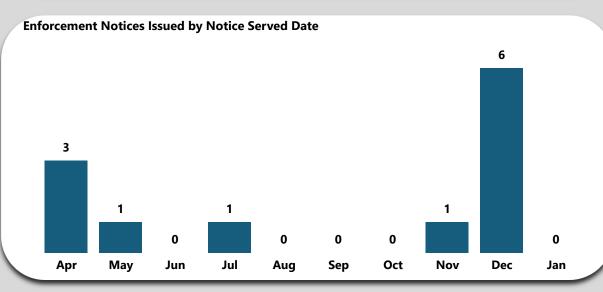


ECFRS obtains premises and risk data from Address Based Premium (ABP). ABP is updated on a 6 weekly basis, updating the number of premises and the premises risk categories. At the start of the RBIP process in January 2023, the total number of properties were divided by the number of months that ECFRS would commit to complete audits on the RBIP premises, 60 months for High Risk premises, and 36 months for Very High Risk Premises. An evaluation of the ABP data revealed discrepancies in property risk grading compared to the service's needs. For instance, ABP categorized individual rooms in care homes as Very High Risk, whereas the service only considered the entire building. Consequently, the property count exceeded what the service would audit. To address this, the team is reviewing all properties, removing extras to align with service parameters. This weekly process will lead to a reduction in the total RBIP property count and subsequently reduce the monthly targets split over the remaining months.

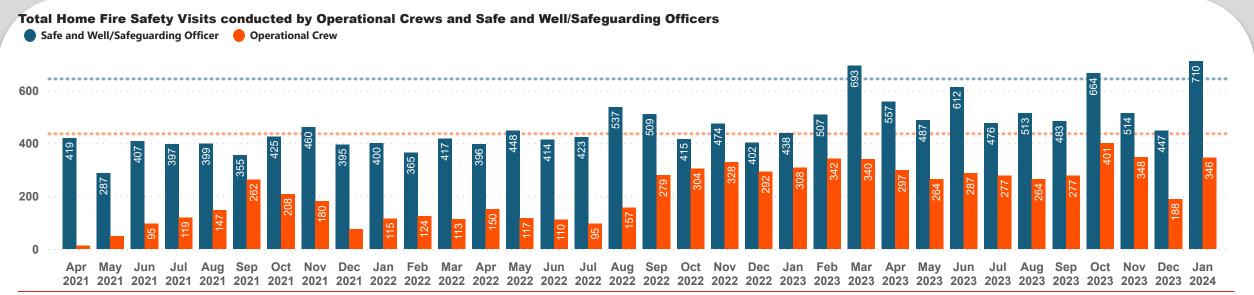








There have been 52 Notice Of Deficiencies issued this month vs 57 last month



January 2024 saw a total number of 1,056 visits which were 66% greater than the previous month's total of 635 visits and 42% greater than the total number of 746 visits at the same point last year.

Operational Crew visits were 84% greater than the previous month's visits, 12% greater than the total number of visits at the same point last year, and were below the target number of visits for the month.

Safe and Well/Safeguarding Officer visits were 59% greater than the previous month's visits, 62% greater than the total number of visits at the same point last year, and were above the target number of visits for the month.



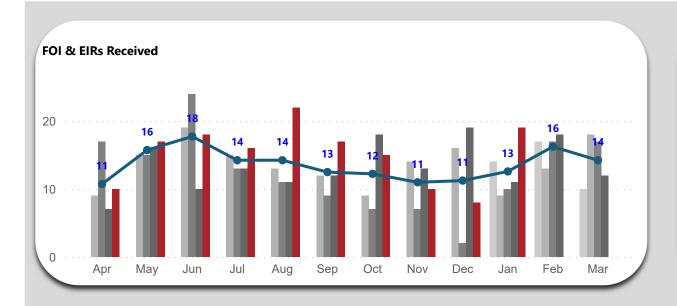
To ensure our communities within the home are as safe as possible we offer free home visits to any Essex resident, this includes the installing of Smoke Detectors. Knowing how to reduce the risk of fire in your home is an important part of living safe and well.

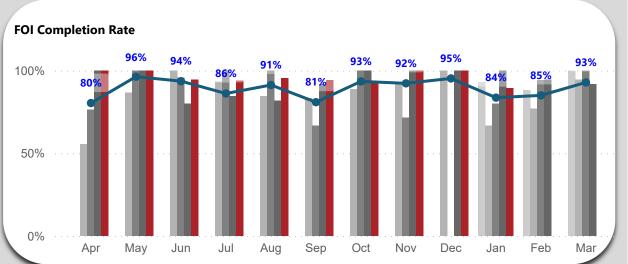
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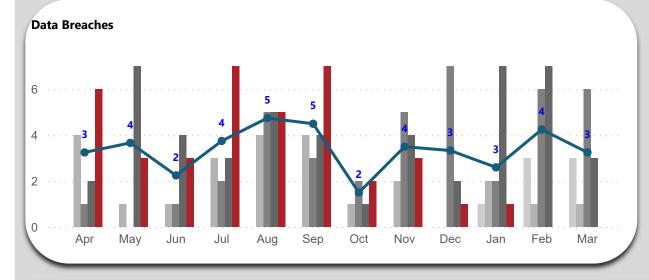
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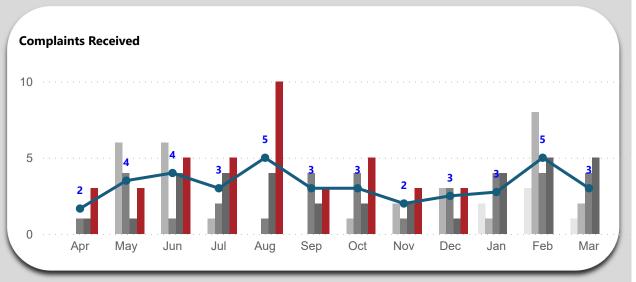
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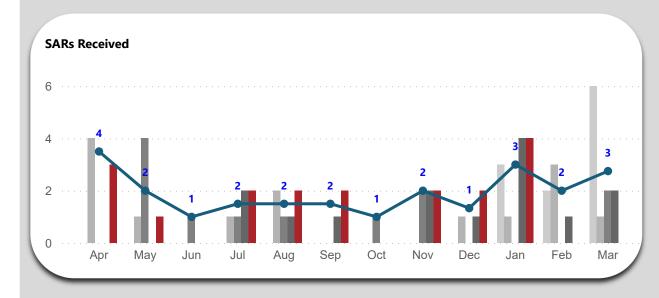
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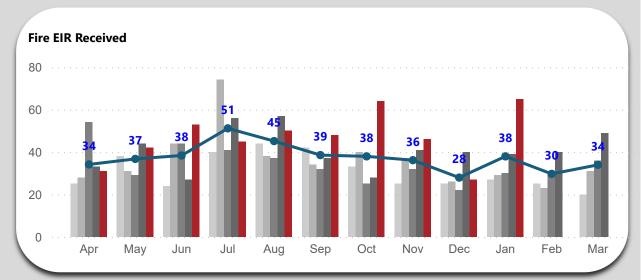


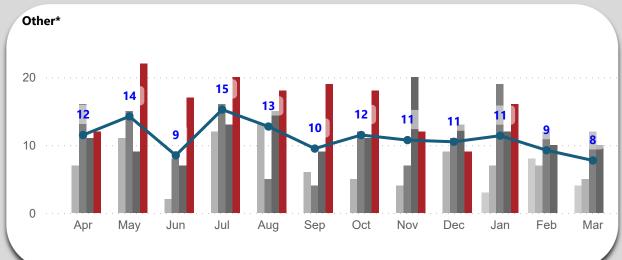










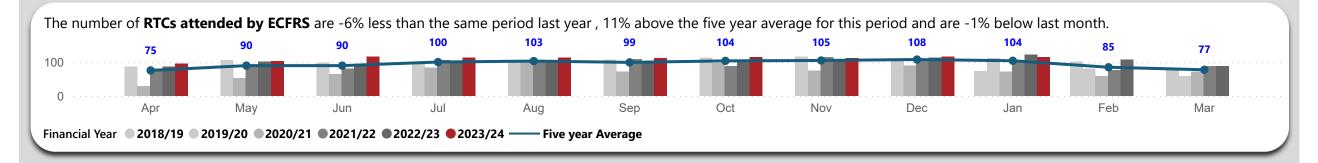


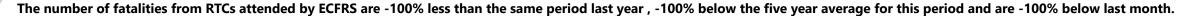
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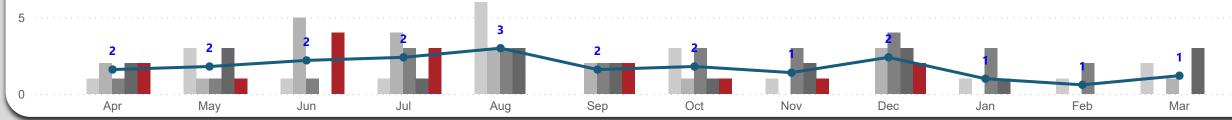
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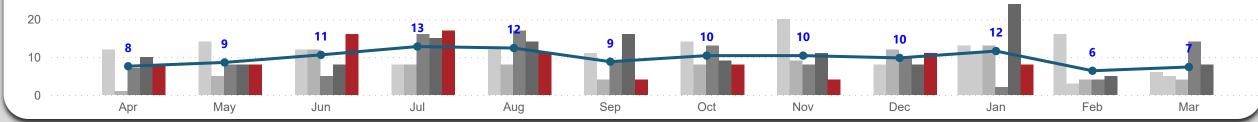
*The 'Other' Section refers to: **S212, CCTV, Correspondence, Complements, Data Rights, DPIA, ISP**



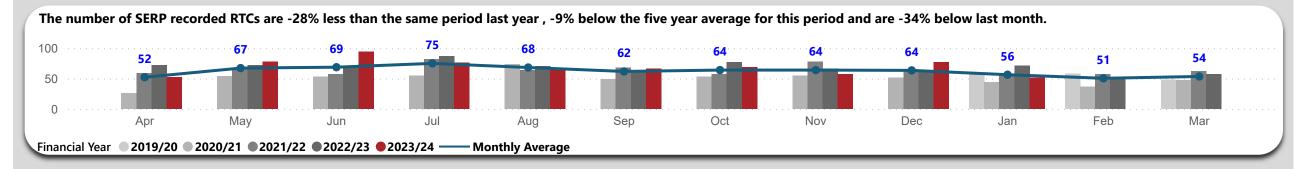




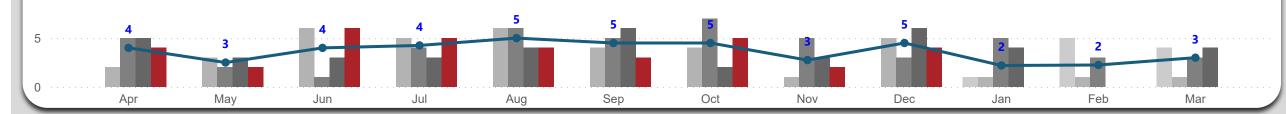
The number of serious injuries from RTCs attended by ECFRS are -67% less than the same period last year, -33% below the five year average for this period and are -27% below last month.

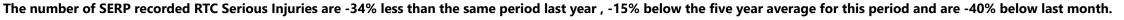


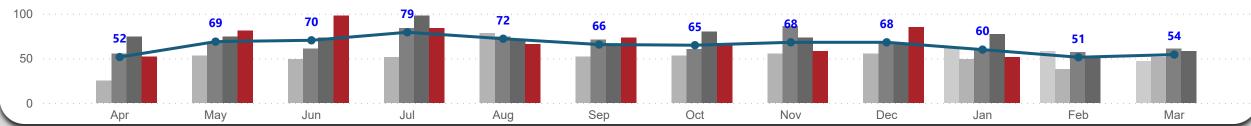
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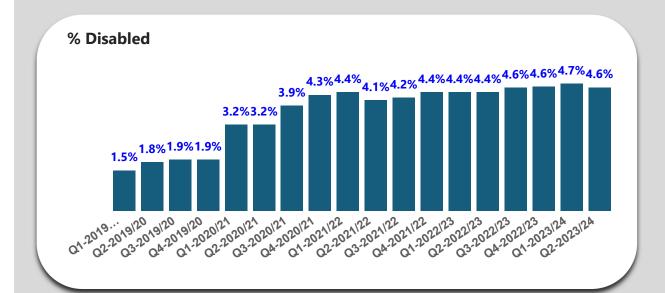


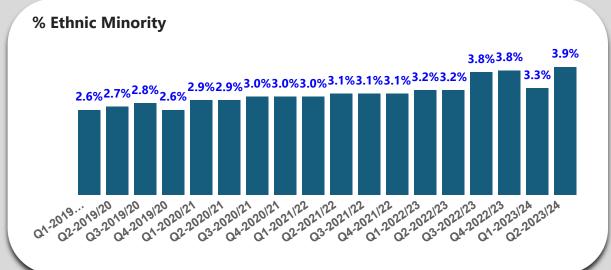


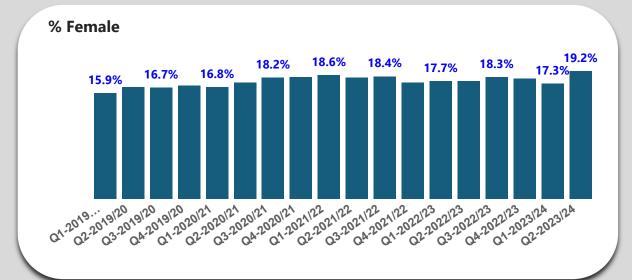
Road traffic safety is the responsibility of the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) which includes a number of organisations including Essex Police: Essex County Fire & Rescue Service; Essex County Council; Southend on Sea Borough Council; Thurrock Council; National Highways; East of England Ambulance Service Trust; Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service Trust; and The Safer Roads Foundation (Registered Charity)

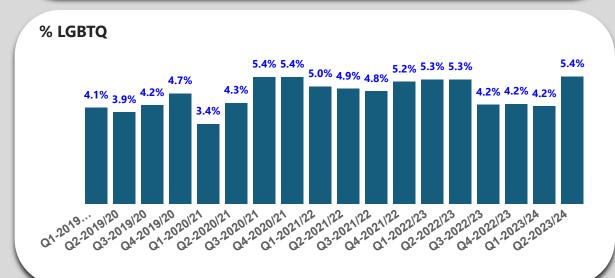
Vision Zero is the ambition of SERP to have ZERO road deaths and serious injuries on roads in the Essex, Southend and Thurrock council areas by 2040.

The SERP data shows all Road Traffic Collisions attended by Essex Police where there was either a victim killed or seriously injured. A subsection of these incidents would have also been attended by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service when our assistance was required.

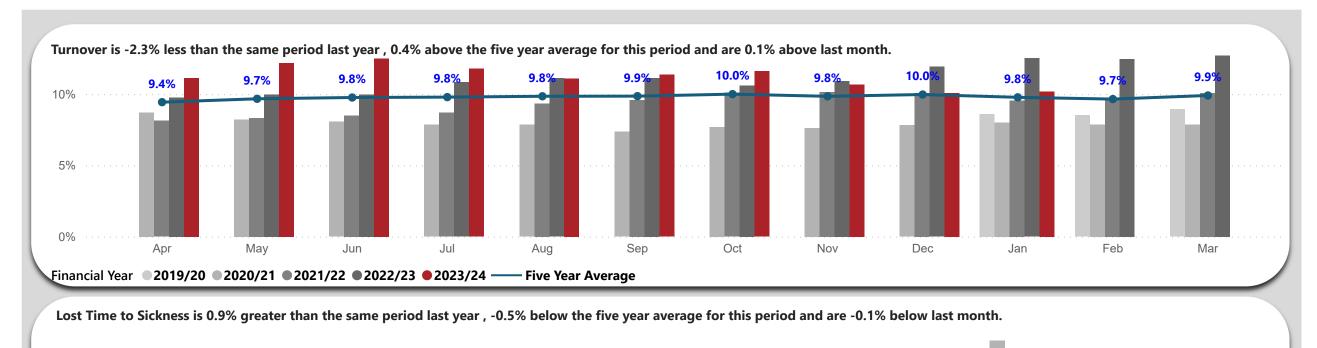


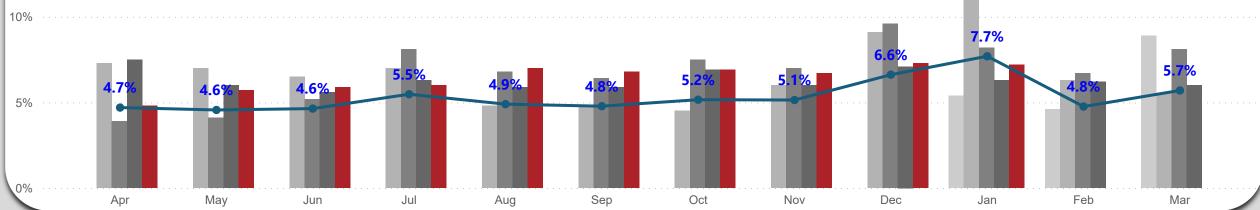






In each case (apart from disability), the figures reflect the number of people that have explicitly stated/recorded an identity in Civica. If a person has not responded to the question, they are excluded from the measures.





Turnover data is calculated using the Standard CIPD calculation for workforce turnover.

The 'Lost Time To Sickness' percentage is calculated from data obtained via Civica and applying the **Cleveland method** for calculation.

Incidents

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Incidents	15,271	14,543	14,835	17,781	16,575
Fires	4,636	4,286	3,654	5,241	3,893
Special Services	4,530	4,181	4,791	5,503	5,519
False Alarms	6,105	6,076	6,390	7,037	7,163
ADF Fires	776	757	723	757	708
Deliberate Fires	1,724	1,200	1,082	1,382	1,082
Non Domestic Fires	409	399	371	443	377
Unwanted Fire Signals	1,049	972	1,200	1,227	1,234
RTC ECFRS	1,231	871	1,104	1,189	1,301
RTC SERP	59	620	734	832	792

Casualties

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Primary Fire Injuries	71	62	75	48	58
ADF Injuries	47	41	42	27	34
Fire Fatalities	3	4	11	4	8
ADF Fatalities	2	4	9	3	5
RTC ECFRS Fatalities	19	22	25	20	19
RTC ECFRS Serious Injury	144	88	103	141	108
RTC SERP Fatalities *	1	46	45	45	39
RTC SERP Serious Injury *	62	625	774	868	824

Prevention and Protection

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Home Fire Safety Visits	2,274	5,932	7,615	10,294
Home Fire Safety Visits - Operational Crew	102	1,283	2,377	3,631
Home Fire Safety Visits - Inspection Officers	2,172	4,649	5,238	6,663
RBIP Very High Audits	22	327	731	305
RBIP High Audits	21	415	895	849

The above tables summarise the 12 Month rolling totals for each measure, up to and including the reporting month. For example, if the reporting month is October 2022, then the figure under 2022 will be the total of November 2021-October 2022.

^{*} SERP data is only provided for the past 3 years