

Lancashire Fire And Rescue Service Primary Authority Scheme Partners

The Primary Authority scheme began in 2009. It was devised to provide greater regulatory consistency and certainty for businesses that operated across a number of local authority areas. The scheme has proven to be very popular with businesses and delivered a number of benefits for business. This includes assured, consistent advice, and a single point of contact with the local regulatory system. The scheme has been extended to cover new areas of regulation and to businesses that share a common approach to compliance. A recent review of the scheme has shown the numerous benefits of the scheme. These included:

- Over three-quarters (76 per cent) of businesses had developed better regulatory relationship with local authorities compared to 37 per cent of non-Primary Authority businesses;
- Three-quarters agreed that instances of non-compliance were more easily solved compared to just 26 per cent on non- Primary Authority businesses;
- 76 per cent of partnerships valued their partnership at least what they paid for it, with 45 per cent willing to pay at least double for their partnership.

The Government enabled a package of measures within the Enterprise Act 2016, which will come into force on the 1st October 2017. This will change how the Primary Authority (PA) scheme runs; simplifying the scheme to make it easier operate and allow small businesses to form primary authority partnerships, including businesses not trading over local authority boundaries. The scheme continues to grow, as do the PA resources (usually self-funded) required to successfully manage and support partnerships.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service currently have 4 Primary Authority Partnerships:-

1. **Barchester Healthcare Homes Ltd** - London Head Office, Barchester Healthcare Homes Ltd, Suite 304, Third Floor, Design Centre East, Chelsea Harbour, London, SW10 0XF, (Partnership Created on 5th September 2014);
 - Over 200 care facilities across the UK, providing quality care to over 10,000 residents, including specialist care for children and young people, acquired brain injuries, autism, as well as elderly frail residents and those with mental health needs.
2. **Four Seasons Healthcare Limited** - Norcliffe House, Station Road, Wilmslow, SK9 1BU, (Partnership Created on 10th October 2016);
 - Over 300 care homes across the UK, specialising in nursing, residential, & intermediate, specialist dementia care.
3. **Amber Taverns Ltd** - The Victory Offices, 112 Victory Road, Blackpool, FY1 3NW , (Partnership Created on 1st February 2017);
 - 120 Public Houses across the North west, North East, Midlands and Wales
4. **E.H.Booth & Co Ltd** - Booths Central Office Longridge Road, Ribbleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 5BX, (Partnership Created on 9th February 2017);
 - 28 store across the North West

UK Fire and Rescue Services (Number of PA Partnerships)

Out of the 52 UK Fire Services, only 26 are in a registered Primary Authority Partnership as of 23/2/17.

South Western Region

Avon - (3)
Cornwall - (3)
Devon & Somerset - (1)
Dorset & Wiltshire - (13)
Gloucestershire - (0)
Guernsey - (0)
Jersey - (0)

North Eastern Region

Cleveland - (0)
Durham - (0)
Northumberland - (0)
Tyne and Wear - (26)

North Western Region

Cheshire - (2)
Cumbria - (0)
Isle of Man - (0)
Lancashire - (4)
Greater Manchester - (62)
Merseyside - (4)
Northern Ireland - (0)

East Midlands

Derbyshire - (5)
Leicestershire - (12)
Lincolnshire - (0)
Nottinghamshire - (6)
Northamptonshire - (0)

Wales

Mid and West Wales - (0)
North Wales - (0)
South Wales - (2)

Scotland

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - (0)

South Eastern Region

Buckinghamshire - (10)
East Sussex - (0)
Hampshire - (52)
Isle of Wight - (0)
Kent - (3)
Oxfordshire - (0)
Royal Berkshire - (6)
Surrey - (0)
West Sussex - (0)

Yorkshire & Humberside Region

Humberside - (0)
North Yorkshire - (0)
South Yorkshire - (1)
West Yorkshire - (50)

Eastern Region

Bedfordshire - (1)
Cambridgeshire - (14)
Essex - (3)
Hertfordshire - (0)
Norfolk - (0)
Suffolk - (0)

West Midlands

Hereford and Worcester - (4)
Shropshire - (0)
Staffordshire - (13)
Warwickshire - (0)
West Midlands - (7)

London

London Fire Brigade - (110)

Out of these 26, the ranking Nationally is:-

1. London Fire Brigade - (110)
2. Greater Manchester - (62)
3. Hampshire - (52)
4. West Yorkshire - (50)
5. Tyne and Wear - (26)
6. Cambridgeshire - (14)

7. Dorset & Wiltshire - (13)
8. Staffordshire - (13)
9. Leicestershire - (12)
10. Buckinghamshire - (10)
11. West Midlands - (7)
12. Royal Berkshire - (6)
13. Nottinghamshire - (6)
14. Derbyshire - (5)
15. Lancashire - (4)
16. Merseyside - (4)
17. Hereford and Worcester - (4)
18. Avon - (3)
19. Cornwall - (3)
20. Kent - (3)
21. Essex - (3)
22. Cheshire - (2)
23. South Wales - (2)
24. Bedfordshire - (1)
25. Devon & Somerset - (1)
26. South Yorkshire - (1)

North Western Region:-

1. Greater Manchester - (62)
2. Lancashire - (4)
3. Merseyside - (4)
4. Cheshire - (2)
5. Cumbria - (0)
6. Isle of Man - (0)
7. Northern Ireland - (0)

Below gives an example of resources provided for PAS:-

London Fire Service Primary Authority

Dedicated PAS team:

- Head of Business Support Group - Area Manager (Group Manager 0.5 post)
- Business Support Group Team Leader – Team Leader (Stn Manager 1.0 post)
- Dep. Team Leader – Non ops (Watch Manager B 1.0 post)
- Case Officers – Watch Managers B (Can be non ops 4.0 posts)
- Support/Admin – 1.5 posts.

Cheshire Fire And Rescue Service

- None Dedicated PAS Officer, 1 x SMB Administrator.

LFRS

- Dedicated: Primary Authority Partnership Officer - (Watch Manager B 1.0 post)
- None Dedicated – Protection Support Officers – (Stn Manager 1.0 post & Watch Manager B 3.0 post).