



Thames Valley Emergency Services Collaboration Programme Register

This is a supporting document to the Thames Valley Collaboration Report. This collaboration register is intended to demonstrate the projects being considered and worked on within the Thames Valley Emergency Services Collaboration Programme through the involvement of:

Southern Central Ambulance Service (SCAS)

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS)

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (OFRS)

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS)

Thames Valley Police (TVP).

DEMAND MANAGEMENT & RATIONALISATION				
What do we want to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
Using firefighters rather than Police Officers to gain entry to patients who have collapsed behind closed doors	BFRS	Fire Engines are better equipped to gain entry to a property than Police cars and can often provide a faster response.	Across the Thames Valley, fire engines are now mobilised in preference to Police to assist ambulance crews at this type of incident.	Partially Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	TVP			
SHARED ESTATES & ASSETS				
What do we want to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
Best use of Emergency Services buildings to provide the most effective and efficient services to communities	BFRS	Create environments to promote collaborative working. Improve public value via effective utilisation and getting the best possible value for money. To engage better with local communities and raise public profile by bringing a community space to areas within some stations	Regular meetings taking place to identify opportunities for improvements which remain under constant review. Purpose built hubs suitable for all 3 Blue Light Services as well as acting as areas for use by the community. Refurbishments to current stations also incorporating community Spaces	Established – constant Tri Service consideration
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	TVP			
	SCAS			
Joint emergency services contracts wherever practical	BFRS	To achieve greater savings and obtain the best possible value for money for the residents of Thames Valley through a greater combined buying power.	All the Emergency Services Procurement teams collaborate and have a joint work plan to bring together all suitable contracts. Review of current processes is underway and a contract register has been established to identify further collaboration opportunities and reduce duplication.	Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	TVP			
	SCAS			

Collaborative purchasing of operational vehicles.	BFRS	To achieve greater savings and get the best possible value for money for the residents of Thames Valley	Joint procurement of fire engines across the Thames Valley. Joint procurement of high reach vehicles. This was also done in collaboration with Staffordshire FRS	Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	Staffs FRS			
STRATEGIC ALLIANCES & PARTNERSHIPS				
What do we want to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
Shared specialist posts	BFRS	This is the most effective use of specialist officers in providing the relevant skills to services.	Shared procurement officer across Thames Valley Police and Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue. Shared Monitoring Officer across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and Royal Berkshire Fire Authority. Inc NILO/TVP	Partially Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	TVP			
Aligning the way we provide our emergency response	BFRS	To ensure effectiveness and efficiency in dealing with emergencies by working together seamlessly.	We have been doing this work regionally for years but we are now looking to formalise all the different remaining elements under one programme. One key area being prioritised is the aligning of BA sets and procedures.	Partially Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	TVFCS			
Developing a single approach for the Thames Valley, supporting apprenticeships across the emergency services.	BFRS	A consistent approach between services will mean the most efficient use of resources, a refreshed and more diverse workforce throughout	Apprenticeship schemes are already in place across the emergency services. The collaboration project is in the final	Initial Work Only
	OFRS			

	RBFRS	the Thames Valley whilst demonstrating value for money.	stages of planning. The next stage after this is to consider options to a single approach for recruiting Operational Firefighter Apprentices and further collaboration opportunities across all emergency services for managerial and other non-sector specific apprenticeships.	
	TVP			
	SCAS			
	TVFCS			
Deliver a consistent approach to Fire and Rescue recruitment, to maintain resilience and flexibility for each service to recruit to fit its need and increase the diversity of the workforce.	BFRS	Ensure Fire and Rescue Services are best placed to attract and retain the right quality of people to deliver our service. A consistent approach between services will mean the most efficient use of resources. Will also achieve greater economies of scales to allow financial savings and pooling of resources.	A common process to operational recruitment from attraction and engagement through to acquisition training has been agreed. The next stage is to focus on collaborative candidate attraction and engagement and On-Call Firefighter recruitment and selection. Scoping of a Thames Valley procurement process is underway.	Initial Work Only
	OFRS			
	RBFRS	A Thames Valley approach to a wider pool of individuals means greater access to a more diverse range of individuals and greater opportunities.		
JOINT CONTROL ROOM				
What do we want to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
Single call handling and resource mobilising service for Fire and Rescue calls	BFRS	This provides an excellent service across the Thames Valley at a reduced cost in comparison to running three services. It all provides	New mobilising systems fitted in the call handling centre and Fire Appliances across the Thames Valley fitted with the latest mobile data terminals both allowing the	Established / Delivered

	OFRS	a great platform for further collaboration.	provision of key, real time and risk critical information. Officers are now able to monitor incident progression remotely using mobile phones and laptops. Looking to implement more resilient and efficient technological solutions for sharing incident information between all emergency services across the Thames Valley.	
	RBFRS			
Develop a procedure to identify services which will attend and support sudden deaths in the community and remove the need for multiple services to attend certain types of sudden deaths in specified circumstances	TVP	This will allow SCAS to deal with the majority of natural deaths from initial attendance to reporting the death to the deceased medical practitioner or provider. This will allow Thames Valley Police to focus on unnatural deaths that may be suspicious or have a criminal nature.	Definitions of varying circumstances have been identified along with a specified response procedure for each.	Established
	SCAS			
	Coroners			
INFORMATION SHARING				
What do we want to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
To implement a single way of mapping risk and modelling our response options across Fire and Rescue Services	BFRS	This will give us a more effective and efficient way of understanding the most vulnerable areas of our communities, and how we can reduce risks across the region through a balance of our prevention, protection and emergency response arrangements	A joint group has been established across the three Fire and Rescue services and a formal project is in the final stages of planning. A Risk Model has been agreed and further work is to continue on phase 2.	Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
Phase 2 Risk mapping and modelling	BFRS	To explore additional methods, using the agreed model, to increase collaborative opportunities in	Currently in the process of establishing parameters and what each service would require/find	Initial Work Only

	OFRS	prevention, protection and emergency response arrangements.	advantages from a secondary phase of the Risk mapping and modelling project.	
	RBFRS			
Joint investigation of relevant incidents between the FRS's and TVP	BFRS	This is the most effective use of specialist investigators and produces the most accurate and complete investigations.	Fire Investigation Teams and the Thames Valley Police Forensic Investigation Unit regularly work together to investigate serious incidents.	Partially Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			
	TVP			
PROTECTION				
What do we want to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
Creating a single fire protection function across the Thames Valley	BFRS	To provide a more resilient service that is better for business in the Thames Valley by pursuing a single Fire Protection function	Stage one consists of working practice alignment across the three TV FRSs. The initial focus will be on enabling Fire Safety Inspectors to work in a frictionless way across Thames Valley and then look to align all other areas of technical guidance. Stage 2 will revisit the recommendation for a single FP function across TV.	Partially Established
	OFRS			
	RBFRS			

PROJECTS NOT BEING TAKEN FORWARDS				
What we wanted to achieve?	Partners	Why are we doing it?	What is being done?	Status
To adopt the Neighbourhood alerts system currently use by TVP into the Thames Valley FRS's as a Thames Valley asset.	BFRS	The alerts system would need to be aligned to individual services' communications strategies, meaning each service would need to manage the system alongside its other external channels, therefore limiting collaboration opportunities. There is also very little cost saving to be achieved.	Services are to continue to work on this on an individual basis, with each FRS having adopted their own form of the system. This is to be monitored for opportunities for a more collaborative approach, should clear benefits over and above existing arrangements emerge.	Project Stopped
	TVP			
	RBFRS			
	TVP			
A joint scheme between RBFRS and TVP Whitley Wood	RBFRS	It became very that a combined scheme did not provide the best value and the decision was taken not to proceed.	The amount of work carried out between the two property teams will not be lost as this kind of joint project learning will enhance future projects.	No longer progressing as a collaborative project
	TVP			