



CFRS Weekly Update – 25/07/25

Weekly Update – At a Glance

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- Fire HQ main door to reception / Community Room no access
- Annie Mac's *Wealth of Health* column

**** Please note that the above information should be shared with all staff on parade.**

Detailed information for each of these headlines can be found below.



Risk Critical / Operational

MDT and Airwave defect reporting

Timely and accurate reporting of defects is essential to ensure the service is able to perform its functions at the level required of us.

When a defect is discovered with the MDT or Airwave radio systems, crews should report the issue using the ICT service desk (01228 226000) or ICT portal **as soon as is practicable**.

In many cases, the longer the time gap between the fault being discovered and the incident being reported, the harder it will be to diagnose the issue.

Where a significant delay occurs, it may even be impossible to fix the issue until a repeat occurrence of the issue is discovered and reported promptly.

You can read full details of how to ensure a quick and satisfactory resolution to the issue [here](#)

Simon Henderson

Infrastructure Engineer, ICT Service



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

2x places available at Menopause in Fire and Ambulance Conference 2025

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service has two places available at the **Menopause in Fire and Ambulance Conference 2025**, taking place **Tuesday, 9 September** at **The Rep, Birmingham**.

A draft agenda is available to view [here](#) – if you are interested in attending, please submit an expression of interest to Lauren Woodward by Thursday, 31 July.

Lauren Woodward

Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Kendal Unity Festival

Kendal Red Watch will be attending this event on Saturday – please pop along and support if you can!



Kelly Drury

Watch Manager, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Women's football opportunities

Over the past six months Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service has entered two over-35s women's five-a-side football tournaments organised by the Cumberland Football Association.



There are plans for future tournaments and a few teams have asked if we can pull together an all-age category team to play some friendly games.

If there are any women (any age) interested in playing (no experience required) please email kelly.drury@cumbriafire.gov.uk

Kelly Drury

Watch Manager, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion



Risk Management Technician (Expressions of interest)

Role grade: £33,366–£34,314 per annum, OS level 9

Hours: 37 hours per week

Work base location: Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Penrith.

[Click here for the Risk Management Tech post spec \(job description\)](#)

You can find out how to submit an expression of interest here: [Internal Expressions of Interest | Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service](#)

Closing date: Wednesday, 6 August 2025

Interviews: Friday, 8 August 2025

Orlanda Wright

Resourcing, Talent and Wellbeing Lead

Technical Services Coordinator

Salary: £37,035–£37,938

Hours: This role is 37 hours. We offer flexible work options, such as part-time working or a job share, which can be discussed at interview.

Contract: Permanent

Location: Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Penrith

Closing date: Wednesday, 20 August 2025

Interviews: Tuesday, 2 September 2025 and Wednesday, 3 September 2025

[Find out more](#)

Orlanda Wright

Resourcing, Talent and Wellbeing Lead

Accounting Technician (Career Grade Scheme)

Salaries:

Entry Level: Finance Administrator – £25,584–£25,992

Final Level: Accounting Technician – £33,366–£34,314

Hours: This role is 37 hours and undertaking the qualification levels will be included in your working time. We offer flexible work options, that can be discussed at interview.

Contract: Permanent

Location: The Finance department is based at Carlisle East Fire Station and Penrith HQ.

Closing date: Monday, 11 August 2025 at 11.59pm.

Interviews: Monday, 18 August 2025

[Find out more](#)

Orlanda Wright

Resourcing, Talent and Wellbeing Lead



Other

NJC Pay Award (Corporate staff only)

Agreement was reached on Wednesday regarding the 2025 pay award for those employed on green book terms and conditions.

For CFRS this affects our corporate staff only.

It is confirmed as an uplift of 3.2 per cent back dated to 1 April 2025 and will be paid in August salaries.

Jemma Taylor

HR Manager

Thank you for celebrating 30 years of Jubilee House

Earlier this month Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service was represented at a special celebration of 30 years of Jubilee House, the Fire Fighters Charity's centre in Cumbria which offers tailored residential care and support to firefighters, control staff, and everyone working in – or retired from – the UK's fire services, as well as their families and loved ones.

Following the success of that event, Sherine Wheeler, Chief Executive at the charity, has shared a Thank You message:

She said: "It was such a pleasure to welcome you to Jubilee House a little over a week ago – I hope you enjoyed the day with us.

"It was a wonderful chance to come together and share memorable moments – including the official opening of the Graham Gash Wing, the unveiling of the Longest Ride Garden and our new Butterfly Garden, and a celebration of three decades of tailored care and support in Cumbria.

"We were especially pleased to be joined by cadets from Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service, whose brilliant drill demonstration brought real energy and inspiration to the afternoon – a fitting reminder of the future of our fire services community. I know it takes a lot of organisation and coordination to make this happen but so worthwhile, it just would not have been the same event without our cadets. Thank you also for the cheque presentation, that was really lovely.





“We’re always proud to show the work we do and our love and commitment for our fire services community. But what made the day special was the chance to share our journey with you – to reflect on how far we’ve come, and to look ahead as we work to grow our impact and reach even more individuals across the fire services community.

“Your engagement, support and partnership mean so much to us and I remain a keen advocate and evangelist for UK Fire Cadets.”

Here is a short video from the day: [**JH 30th Anniversary event video on Vimeo**](#)

Sherine Wheeler

Chief Executive, Fire Fighters Charity

Annie Mac’s *Wealth of Health* column

[**Click here**](#) to read my latest health and well-being column, covering *Boosting your focus*.

Annie McInerney-Thompson

Recruitment, Fitness and Engagement Coordinator

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