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ANNUAL REPORT



LLR Resilience Forum
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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WHO WE ARE

The Local Resilience Forum (LRF) for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) is a multi-agency partnership that brings together emergency services, local government, health organisations, the voluntary sector and other key agencies.

At a time when our communities are facing new and increasing risks, our multi-agency approach has never been more vital.

This report highlights our achievements, partnerships and shared commitment to prepare, protect and empower the people, communities and businesses of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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WHAT WE DO

In 2025/26, the LRF responded to significant challenges, including flooding, transport, humanitarian and safeguarding issues.

Our priorities are to:

- Identify key risks
- Empower communities and businesses to prepare for key risks
- Coordinate multi-agency training and exercises
- Respond to emergencies
- Aid recovery

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



6

INCIDENT
RESPONSES

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A total of six incidents were managed by partners across LLR - see page 5 for more details.

MULTI- AGENCY EXERCISES

Our exercises tested partners' responses to events including major transport incidents and health emergencies.

14

MULTI-AGENCY
EXERCISES



27

TRAINING
COURSES/
WORKSHOPS

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Training focused on a wide range of topics from tactical command training to crisis communications.

Training and exercising sessions to sharpen emergency response were delivered to 1001 attendees.

TRAINING
DELIVERED TO

1001

PEOPLE

1111

ATTENDEE DAYS

More than 1100 attendee days were spent at training, workshops or exercises run by the LRF.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

LRF campaigns were launched to promote 'Stand Up To Flooding', 'Risk Ready Businesses' and 'Risk Ready Communities'.

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CAMPAIGNS
LAUNCHED



INCIDENT RESPONSE

Partner organisations managed a range of incidents in 2025/26 - from safeguarding and humanitarian activity to incidents involving local infrastructure and community safety. All of these helped to highlight the value and importance of strong partnership working.

In summer 2025, partners came together to respond to a significant safeguarding incident in Melton, where Strategic Coordinating Group meetings provided clear leadership and shared insight.

INCIDENT RESPONSE CONT'D

The LRF also coordinated local planning for the arrival of people from Gaza who were in need of medical assistance, bringing together health services, councils and emergency responders to ensure arrangements were safe, well organised and focused on individual welfare.

Other incidents included a gas leak in Loughborough, a major road traffic collision on the M1 which led to the declaration of a Major Incident, and severe weather triggered by Storm Claudia.



INCIDENTS AT A GLANCE

6

MULTI-AGENCY
INCIDENTS

A total of six significant incidents were managed by partners across LLR.

A traffic collision on the M1 triggered a Major Incident.

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MAJOR
INCIDENT

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STRATEGIC
COORDINATING
GROUPS

Strategic Coordinating Groups (SCGs) were convened for four incidents.

Tactical Coordinating Groups were used for all incidents, ensuring a coordinated response on the ground.

More than 20 multi-agency coordinating group meetings were held during the year.

The most common incident types were severe weather, transport, safeguarding and infrastructure risks.

20+

MULTI-AGENCY
COORDINATING
GROUP MEETINGS



EXERCISE MERCURY

Exercise Mercury was the biggest training exercise of the year.

Held at Kendrew Barracks in Rutland, the scenario involved a crash on a simulated stretch of the M1 and involved leaders from East Midlands Ambulance Service, Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue and National Highways.

The exercise tested how well the emergency services work together during a large incident and allowed partners to gauge the effectiveness of their emergency plans.

A later session explored partners' approach to recovery and drew inspirational learnings from the #BeeTheDifference project, set up following the Manchester Arena attack.

Exercise Mercury concluded with a live inquest led by HM Coroner at Leicester Town Hall.



CAMPAIGNS

Our multi-agency campaigns help to:

- Raise awareness of key risks
- **Prepare, protect and empower** communities, in the face of these key risks
- Encourage and support engagement to boost resilience
- Increase understanding of the multi-agency role of the LRF in an emergency
- Establish the LRF as a trusted source of information

‘Stand Up To Flooding’ is an ongoing campaign that combines messaging from key organisations involved in flood response, including local authorities, water companies, the Environment Agency and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue.



Businesses:

Don't wait for disruption,
Prepare for it.

For our Risk Ready Businesses campaign, we joined forces with local authorities, including economic development teams, and other partners, including the Red Cross, to raise awareness of key business risks.

We also worked with an external industry expert to create resources and a series of webinars to support local businesses and organisations with their business continuity and emergency planning.

The project was delivered with support from the national LRF Innovation Fund, awarded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).



Make sure your community is Risk Ready



Risk Ready Communities was launched in March 2026, bringing together partner organisations to help communities strengthen their resilience.

Working with Groundwork Five Counties and Communities Prepared, we're actively listening to local communities - and providing the tools and advice they need to practise all-year-round resilience.

The programme includes webinars, workshops and in-person events, including support for communities to develop or refresh their own bespoke Community Response Plans.

Scan the QR code to find out more.





COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT

We regularly liaise and share best practice with other LRFs and resilience experts from across the UK.

Our involvement in the joint ‘Inclusive Resilient Pathways’ project is just one example of this. Along with resilience teams from Greater Manchester, London and Merseyside, our goal is to provide improved, targeted support for marginalised communities.

By creating a toolkit for the voluntary sector and others who work with vulnerable groups, the project aims to ensure under-served communities are no longer disproportionately impacted by emergencies such as floods and terrorist attacks.



Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Resilience Forum

The LLR Resilience Forum partnership works with emergency services, government organisations and voluntary sectors.

[About the LLR Resilience Forum](#)

We help protect lives, properties and wellbeing during incidents. Our goal is to help residents, communities and businesses. We want to lessen the effects from emergencies.

A (BRAND) NEW LOOK...

The launch of our new website in 2025 has further increased the visibility of the LRF and made it easier for communities to engage with resilience resources and information.

The launch was part of a wider re-branding exercise to create a distinct and recognisable visual identity for the LRF. This branding is now also reflected across the LRF's newly-launched social media channels and in other visual assets.



COMMUNITY RISK REGISTER

The Community Risk Register has been given a makeover and is now more accessible and user friendly, as well as aligning with new LRF branding guidelines.

Developed by our partner organisations, the new-look register makes it easier for communities to identify and manage their risk, ensuring it remains a vital tool for building resilience.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAIR

I'm immensely proud of the collaborative spirit that continues to define the LRF.

Over the past year, our partnership has demonstrated exceptional professionalism, dedication and unity - qualities that were exemplified during the challenging operational incidents we faced.

These events tested not only our structures and systems, but also our collective resilience. As always, our partners responded with unwavering commitment, working side by side to protect our communities and support one another. This reinforces a truth we know well: that no single organisation can meet the demands of an increasingly complex world alone. (Cont'd over)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAIR

CONT'D

As we look ahead, the environment in which we operate will only become more challenging. Global uncertainty, climate pressures and emerging risks will continue to test us as an LRF and as a wider system. The need for a strong, well-coordinated, and forward-looking Local Resilience Forum has therefore never been greater.

I am deeply grateful for the support, expertise, and leadership shown across our partnership. Together, we share a collective responsibility for improving the safety, wellbeing and resilience of our communities - and for supporting each other across the many organisations that make up the LRF. Our achievements this year are a testament to the strength of that shared commitment.

I look forward to continuing this work as we strengthen our preparedness, enhance our capabilities, and build on the lessons learned to ensure Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland remain safe, resilient and ready for whatever challenges lie ahead.

Callum Faint,
LRF Chair



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you'd like to find out more about the work of the LRF or get in touch, you can:

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