National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers

Newsletter

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Welcome to the NAHFO Newsletter ……!

Welcome to the late winter edition of the National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers newsletter. The last 12 months has without doubt been the most challenging period in all of our careers and probably our lives. Like all areas of the NHS, the delivery of fire safety services within healthcare has presented an unprecedented and unique set of challenges. These challenges have included;

- The occupation of the Nightingale Hospital and now the formation of the vaccination centres
- Continuing changes to social distancing / COVID safe workplaces - whilst maintaining means of escape
- Increased oxygen flows within clinical areas and enriched oxygen atmospheres
- High fire loading from separation panels
- Staff levels and evacuation of COVID+ patients
- Inability to enter areas to carry out FRA's, maintenance and training

Whilst the above list is not exhaustive it serves as a reminder of the challenges.

It really is difficult to talk about anything outside of COVID, but locally I know we will all have still had our day to day challenges.

We will, I am sure, debate changes with many views, some not all the same, but we will all work together to make the patients and people who use our services as safe as possible from fire and its effects. I hope you enjoy this edition and let's hope the rest of 2021 brings some normality and I hope you and your families stay staff.

Thank you to all our contributors, please send any articles for future additions to paldridge@nhs.net

In this newsletter are featured articles on;

- ***Roy Cox – a special tribute and history lesson on the early days of the Association***
- ***Round up of COVID news***
- ***Round up on NAHFO news***
- ***Contributions from NAHFO partners***

National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers (NAHFO)

What is NAHFO and what are our aims and objectives?

The aim of NAHFO is:

To protect all relevant persons in healthcare premises from fire.

The objectives of the NAHFO are:

1. To promote adoption of the highest standards of fire safety in healthcare premises.
2. To improve the understanding of the role of Healthcare Fire Officers*, by all persons working in healthcare, *(to include other titles such as Healthcare Fire Safety Advisor/Practitioner).
3. To support and develop opportunities for educating and training people in healthcare fire safety.
4. To establish liaison with other bodies on matters of common interest where this is consistent with the aim and objectives of NAHFO.

Networking is central to NAHFO; this provides members with access to subject experts on matters such as questions about evacuation procedures, fire response teams, HTM, technical questions and complexities of healthcare.

NAHFO works closely with other organisations to:

- Provide seminars and learning opportunities offering CPD,
- To influence the national agenda on healthcare fire safety,
- Partnership work with the DoH, NHSI, the National Fire Chief Council, the Fire Protection Association, the Institute of Health Estates and Engineering Management, the Institution of Fire Engineers, the Institute of Fire Prevention Officers and Fire Safety Managers and others.

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News in brief

NAHFO activities and business during COVID

Like many organisations NAHFO has had to address the way it works during the COVID pandemic.

With regards to the NEC, challenges that we have seen have been around how do we conduct NEC business whilst not being able to travel or indeed meet up face-to-face?

The NEC has continued to hold “virtual meetings” where we’ve been able to continue the best that we can around national initiatives. The NEC has had to deal with challenges of cancelling the conference in 2020, delaying the 2021 Conference and defer plans to 2022.

The NEC has met on at least three occasions using Microsoft Teams and whilst the value of face-to-face meetings will never be replaced, what has been clear is that Microsoft Teams is a vehicle for us to meet up productively and to also save the organisation money. What we have been able to do is save somewhere in the region of five thousand pounds in not having to pay travelling expenses, overnight accommodation and subsistence for NEC members travelling from all areas of the UK to attend meetings.

From a financial point of view this has to be something that we must assess and continue moving forward. Whilst it’s not our intention to replace face-to-face meetings, we have to consider future use of Microsoft Teams as a vehicle to meet up to support the financial sustainability of the Association

I know locally Branches have been meeting virtually to maintain contact locally.



***Thank you** to all those of you who deliver fire safety services to the NHS and healthcare facilities, care homes and other areas that keep our communities safe from COVID-19*

The efforts to meet the challenges of providing fire safe environments has been essential to the national battle against this pandemic

Well Done

From the Officers and NEC Reps of the National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers

NAHFO

Roy Cox RIP



It is with deep regret that that one of our founding members passed away on the 19th January 2020.

Roy was an active member of the NW Branch right up until he suffered a stroke following a knee operation at Chorley in December 2017. His family moved him into a nursing home in Braunton, Devon, which was close to where one of his daughters and his son live. Unfortunately Roy never fully recovered.

Derek Bond, Chairman of the NW Branch attended Roy's funeral in Barnstaple on the 12th February 2020 and at the invitation of the family delivered some personal reflections at the crematorium. By kind permission of the family and Derek, this is reproduced below.

May I start with saying many thanks to Roy's family for inviting me to say a few words in tribute to my trusted friend and colleague Roy.

I have been the chairman of the North West Branch of the National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers for the past 15 years and I had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Roy for the past 20 years.

Roy was a founder member of the National Association of Hospital Fire Officers in 1973, and he was elected National Secretary of the Association at the first Annual General Meeting of that year.

In his capacity as National Secretary he was involved in negotiations at the highest level with the Department of Health, Chief Fire Officers and the British Fire Services Association in formulating a national policy for hospital fire prevention and pay rates for hospital fire officers.

In the North West Branch of NAHFO, as it is known, we held Roy in great esteem. He was a gentleman, comedian, philosopher and friend. He was the elder statesman and in fact we regarded him, with affection, as our Dad.

He would be one of the first in attendance at our meetings, such was his enthusiasm. Or, was it so he could be first in the queue for the bacon, sausage and egg barmcakes? There were times when we wondered how on earth the old car he drove made it, but that car was his pride and joy.

He would always sit at my right hand in our meetings offering advice and support. Although sometimes I don't think he appreciated the fact that I didn't have a direct line to the Prime Minister!

I think on occasion Roy had selective hearing. Some of the younger members would often think that he wasn't listening or that he couldn't hear them properly, and the look on their faces was priceless when he would interject and say that their 'new idea' would crash and burn as it had been tried and tested many times during his career.

I wish all of Roy's family and friends all the very best at this saddest of times and in conclusion would like to say that it was an honour and privilege to have known him.

All our members will never forget the impact and influence he made to our Association, to me and my colleagues in the North West Branch in particular.

May he Rest in Peace.

Also in attendance was a bugler who represented the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, Roy's former Regiment, who played the Last Post and Reveille at the appropriate time during the ceremony.

Derek was also very kindly invited to the wake which followed at the Kings Arms in Georgeham. Following an excellent lunch, which included some of Roy's favourite sweet toothed desserts, members of his family recalled their personal memories of their Dad and Granddad. The family were aware of Roy's 'Special Appreciation Award' which was presented to Roy at the 2016 Conference where Derek led the tribute to Roy, and the family asked Derek to repeat the oration. This is reproduced below by kind permission of Derek.

Many thanks for inviting my wife and I to join you this evening.

I have the honour of introducing - Roy Cox – Honorary Life Member and active member of the N.W. Branch, who you have generously invited to the Conference and tonight's dinner in particular.

Whilst I have the privilege to introduce Roy, I would also like it to be a tribute to the many others who founded our Association. Some of what I have to say is a history of the Association in its early days, but it reflects the hard work and dedication of Roy and his colleagues who laid the foundations of where we are today.
Roy is 85 years young, has 2 daughters and a son, who is a paediatric consultant.

He was a corporal in the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and served in Korea.
He had a love/hate relationship with his Sergeant. The Sergeant didn't love Roy and Roy hated the Sergeant.
In fact we're lucky to have Roy here tonight.

Whilst serving in Korea, Roy was engaged in laying telecommunication wires in the desert whilst various fire fights were going on in the surrounding areas. After a while, he noticed that the ground was being disturbed in his immediate vicinity which he thought were moles. Only later to find out that he and his colleagues were actually being fired at and the ground 'disturbance' were bullets hitting the ground!

Roy was President of the NW Branch of the Korean Veterans Association for 8 years, which has now unfortunately disbanded due to the age of the members.

Roy was in the Fire Service for 20 years but had to retire due to a 'bad knee', which still causes him some jip today.
Roy's membership number is number 1. How come he is the number 1 member? He was the first elected Secretary of our Association, so why not give yourself the number 1?

Roy's first job working for the Health Authority was in Reading & Berkshire. He moved up to the North West and got a job working for the Regional Health Authority that covered all the major hospitals, which included Blackpool. Roy thought training in the morning – beach in the afternoon, but it didn't quite work out that way.

Getting a job in the HA wasn't all that difficult in those days, all you had to do was convince them that you knew more about fire than they did. This wasn't difficult!

Roy remembers a washing powder salesman getting a job.

Another, who told the panel that he was a Wing Commander in the RAF, when actually he was a Corporal, this man used to have a CFOs uniform and have a fire engine parked outside his office.

Although the management of fire safety in hospitals goes back for many years, there were a couple of significant events in the late 1960s and early 1970s that greatly influenced fire safety in hospitals. 28th February 1968 – 24 female patients die as a result of a fire in Shelton Mental hospital in Shropshire – Most likely cause – smoking materials. A report into the incident stated that night staff had received no fire evacuation training despite a report by the Shropshire Fire Brigade in 1963 stressing the need for such training.

This tragic incident resulted in a report from the DoH to Hospital Management Committees regarding the need for greater responsibility for fire safety.

The death of 30 patients at Coldharbour Mental Hospital on the 5th July 1972 was a major turning point. Following this incident, the DoH sent a letter to all hospital authorities to appoint a Senior Officer to carry out the fire precaution policies of the HMCs. Additionally, the Government announced that hospitals would be designated, as soon as practicable, under the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and so evolved the Specialist District Fire Prevention Officer.

Following an informal meeting, on the 7th April 1973 held in Derby - at which Roy was present, and as a result of enquiries made by officers throughout the country, it was obvious that an association should be formally formed to represent members.

And so the first formal meeting of the National Association was held at the Carlton Hayes Hospital in Marlborough on Saturday 21st July 1973. Present were some 20+ members from around the country.

There must have been some controversy at this meeting because a proposal from the floor that "all acting officers elected at Derby be elected en-bloc" was rejected!

The following officers were subsequently elected: -
Chairman – Albert E. Holt – Leicester, No 3 Hospital Management Committee
Vice Chairman – Les Storey – Chesterfield
Secretary – David W. Geary – Leicester, No 2 Hospital Management Committee

Treasurer – Gordon Pell – St Crispin's Hospital Management Committee
NEC: - 9 members including Roy
M. King – Dorset
C.P. Evans – Liverpool
B. Thewlis – Leeds
R.H. Barber – Birmingham
M. Eustace – London
J. Short – Scotland
H. Jenkins – Wales
R.C. Copland – Herts
R.L.F. Cox – Reading

At this meeting the Chairman and Secretary were instructed to "start negotiations with all relevant departments and organisations for recognition of Fire Officers at the highest level".

The first NEC meeting was held on the 22nd September 1973 at St Crispin's Hospital, where it was reported that 52 officers had joined the association and that there had been an income of £110 and an expenditure of £15.

By this meeting, a strong formal link with the British Fire Services Association had been forged, but the Associations were refused recognition by the DoH, most Regional Hospital Boards and even some Chief Fire Officers as they perceived them to be a threat.

At the second meeting of the NEC held on the 17th January 1974 at Shenley Hospital, it was reported that there were now 81 members, which was expected to rise to 100 over the coming weeks. Income at that date stood at £170 and expenditure had risen dramatically to £83.

At this meeting it was decided to hold the first AGM at St Georges Hospital Morpeth on Tuesday 14th May 1974.

It was at this first AGM that Roy got elected to the position of Secretary.

Roy was a very active and committed member and produced 'Secretary's Newsletter No 1' on the 14th July 1974.
With topics covering Salary negotiations, Hospital Evacuation and You, PPMs for Fire Extinguishers and Training courses and Training venues – where he reported that a 5 day residential course at Washington Hall cost £41 compared with Moreton in Marsh at £80.

Roy had moved to his job at Preston by this time and he concluded his Newsletter by stating that *"we are not dead up here, just dead busy so it may take a little time to get things organised"* and if anyone wanted to contact him they could phone the hospital and ask for *'our Edna'* who should have some idea of where he is?????????????

When you read Roy's Newsletters, it's as if he was in the room reading it to you.

At the second AGM in his Secretary's report, Roy stated that the past 12 months had been a challenge but one that he had certainly found interesting.

When he first took office there were 104 members and 4 Branches had been formed; now there were 210 members and 11 Branches within the 14 Regions of England.

Progress had been made in the formation of a Branch in Wales and that attention must be given to our Scottish members who cover such a wide area and are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DoH.

Roy also states that communication with members can be a problem which stretches resources. He fondly remembers Charlie Evans children licking stamps to put on all the envelopes to be sent out to members.

During Roy's time as Secretary he was a member of the National Fire Policy Advisory Group. He was also a member of the HTM 82 – Fire Alarms and HTM 86 – Fire Risk Assessment sub groups.

The first national conference was held over 2 days at Preston in 1985. There were others before this but not National.
Roy put some of his own money into this ground breaking venture. Delegates were charged £25 and had to find their own accommodation. 60 delegates were required in order to break even, in the event 98 attended and it was a huge success.

Tom Finney – famous footballer and then Chairman of the Preston Health Authority, Chaired the event.
The Chair's badge of office and a training fund was set up with the proceeds.

So ladies and gentlemen, I hope you will charge your glasses and join with me as I propose a toast to Roy and all his colleagues for their dedication and hard work in setting up our Association.

NAHFO training news……

Health Education England

NAHFO has been asked to engage with Health Education England with a view to reviewing the national eLearning package for fire safety. The consistent comment from fire safety advisors with regard to the current e-learning package is that it is far too generic to be deemed suitable and sufficient as the only method of delivering fire training within NHS organisations.

Early discussions with Health Education England suggest that they are willing to look at different eLearning packages that deal with the acute sector, the mental health sector and other areas such as doctor's surgeries and less complex healthcare buildings.

One of the things that has been discussed so far; is to use more realistic scenario based training and to take away the ability for an individual to simply move through the eLearning package without having to do some form of assessment that is meaningful, before moving on to the rest of the package.

NAHFO will continue to be involved with Health Education England to review the proposed changes to eLearning acting as an expert reference. Once completed the packages would sit on a national platform and NHS organisations will be able to use the eLearning packages as they assess appropriate after a local training needs analysis and training risk assessment.

This is an evolving discussion and as and when there is further information it will be shared with members of the Association.

It is likely we will be look for volunteers to help with each package and to act as expert references.

The Madness of the Membership Secretary!

Well, it's coming up to that time of year again when the emails, invoices, queries and nagging starts. Whilst with fingers crossed, I'm hoping for the new website to save my sanity and streamline the membership renewal process, I haven't yet seen the completed website, and with time running out, I need to prepare for the prospect of another year of madness and manual processing of membership renewals.

Last year, the implementation of the NEC decision to only receive membership fees via PayPal was largely successful, with the majority of members making payment against the PayPal invoice emailed to them and as a result we had the largest percentage of renewals on time that we've ever had since my time as Membership Secretary. Those that failed to renew, either ignored the emails, had changed email address, but not informed me, or had tried to pay by other means and their payments could not be traced. Shout out to Conference Solutions that forwarded one member's payment that they had received into their bank account!

The PayPal invoice process of membership renewal is reliant upon my having an up-to-date email address for each member, so I'll shortly be sending out membership lists to each of the branches for them to confirm email addresses, and if the website isn't ready, this will be followed by individual PayPal invoices to each member. As stated previously, you do not require a PayPal account to make payment against the invoice, just a valid payment card. You could even get your Trust/Employer to make payment using their payment card.
Please make sure that you cancel any standing order that you have for the payment of your membership fees to NAHFO, and please do not pay by any means other than via the PayPal invoice. Other forms of payment make the admin far more difficult, and can result in you losing your membership if we cannot identify the payee.

At the time of writing there were a total of 294 paid members for the membership year 2020/21, and a total of 10 active Life Members. I currently have 6 applications for membership awaiting branch agreement for me to grant their applications (5 for London Branch & 1 for Anglia Branch). In the 12 months prior to this report a total of 35 applications for membership have been processed and granted. Not all applicants granted membership made payment of their application and subscription fees and as a result their applications were cancelled.
The current membership has decreased from 310, this time last year, to 304.

Prepared by Colin Newman
NAHFO Membership Secretary

Watch out in next edition - Summer 2021 - a featured article of a fire / security incident at Leeds General Infirmary



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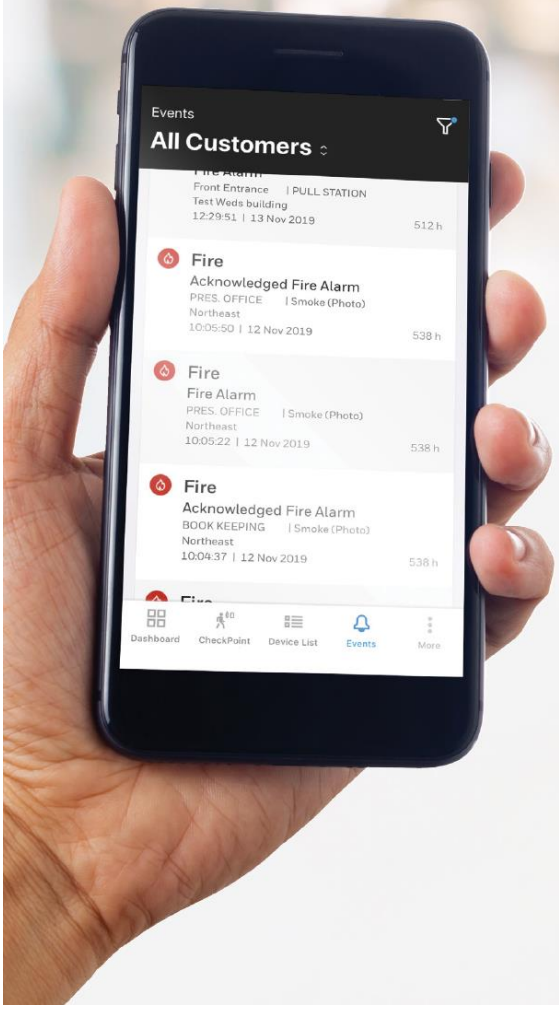

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COVID related fires in healthcare ……..

Romania hospital blaze kills at least 10 infected patients

At least 10 people have been killed and several others seriously injured in a fire at a hospital treating coronavirus patients in Romania.

The blaze broke out in the intensive care unit of the public hospital in the north-eastern city of Piatra Neamt. One doctor who tried to rescue patients is said to be in a critical condition after suffering serious burns. Romania's Health Minister Nelu Tataru told local media the fire was "most likely triggered by a short circuit". The injured doctor, who is said to have suffered severe burning to most of his body, was being transferred to the capital, Bucharest, by a military plane, local media report. Eight of the victims were reportedly killed in the room where the fire broke out on the second floor, and two others in a room next to it. All were said have been receiving treatment for coronavirus. Many in the ward were on ventilators. The fire was believed to have spread quickly after it was fed oxygen by the supplies used to intubate patients, the health ministry said.



Covid-19: Explosion kills nine coronavirus patients in Turkey

9 people have been killed after an oxygen ventilator exploded at a hospital treating coronavirus patients in southern Turkey, officials say.

The blast caused a fire in the intensive care unit of the private Sanko University Hospital in Gaziantep, the local governor's office said.

At least one of the patients died while being transferred to another hospital.

The victims were aged between 56 and 85, the hospital said in a statement.
An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the explosion.

Several other patients being treated at the same ward were transferred to receive treatment at nearby hospitals.

Fire in vaccination centre in Surrey

A fire broke out at a vaccine hub as people were waiting for their jab, citizens were forced to evacuate

Surrey Firefighters have tackled a blaze which has broken out at a Vaccination Centre in Surrey. People waiting for their Covid jabs were evacuated safely after the fire started at around 3.30pm

on Saturday 13th February 2021. Six fire engines and an aerial ladder platform are in attended at the Thames Ditton Emberbrook Community Health Centre.

Emergency services arrived in less than five minutes images from the scene showed a fire in the roof of the health centre and huge plumes of smoke surrounding the building. Questions are being raised over how the fire will affect vaccine distribution. The fire service said it is working with the Surrey Local Resilience forum to assess the impact of the fire.



Indian Hospital fire involving a ventilator……

Follow the link below
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/city/ahmedabad/watch-cctv-footage-shows-ventilator-blast-in-gujarat-hospital-icu/videoshow/78034685.cms

Emergency evacuations guidance

NAHFO has been involved in a national discussion in an emergency evacuations and fire safety workshop, a joint venture between the Intensive Care Society and the Association of Anaesthetists. The current situation is the guidelines (version 35) has been submitted to the boards of our the two organisations, and they will now need to be reviewed by those boards, go through a member consultation exercise and eventually be submitted to Anaesthesia for consideration for publication, possibly with an accompanying editorial in JICS. So this is likely to take a few months! There is the possibility of a short educational film to accompany them too. The group were especially keen to hear from all our fire safety expert colleagues and are very grateful to Ahmed Hussain for liaising with them.

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Fire incidents Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

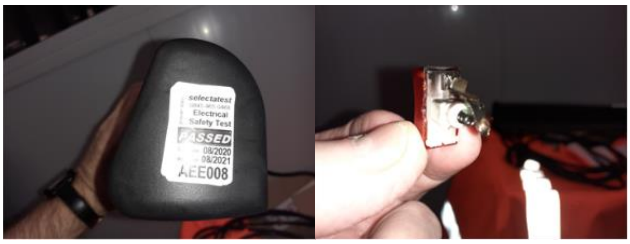
The first incident occurred in Daisy Bank, an administration building on the 7 August 2020, a member of staff received an electric shock and when they dropped the extension lead it went into a 1000 pieces, it was like a plastic jig saw. The equipment was not in date with regards its PAT test that year.



The second incident occurred on the 21st August 2020 in the Blood Room in Gastroenterology Outpatients. A member of the clinical team received an electrical shock when they plugged in a weighting machine where the extension switch was faulty.



Third incident occurred on the 16th December 2020 in the Discharge Team's area when a member of staff received an electrical shock due to faulty equipment. It was a desk top power pack unit (desk4/2S) and had been PAT tested in Pat's August 2020.



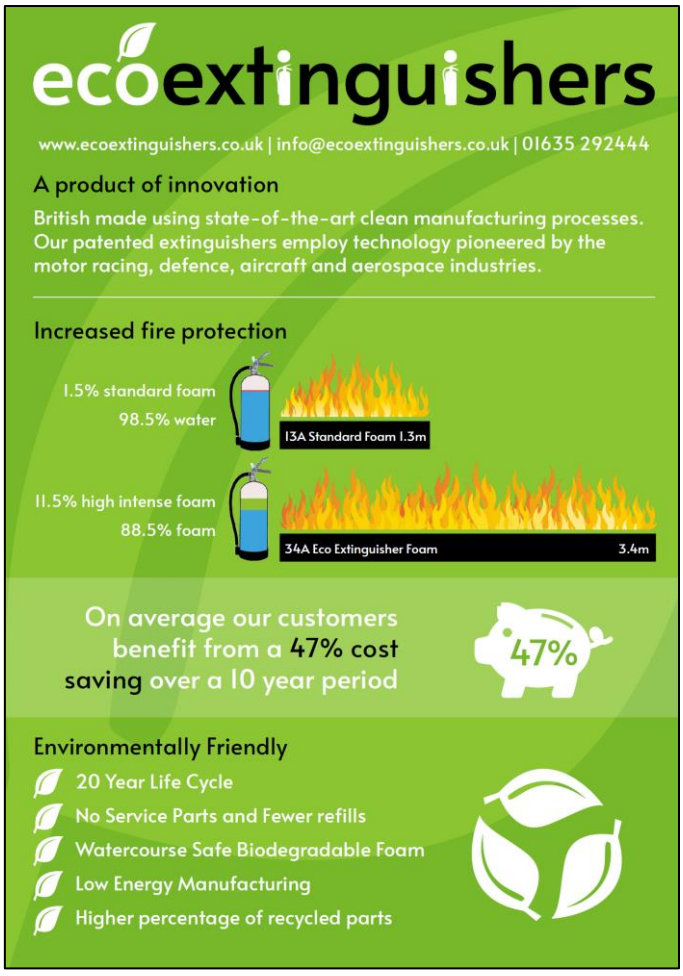
What is coming in 2021- NAHFO News

As we start to think about coming out of Covid and leaving behind what has been a very challenging 12 month period, NAHFO like many other organisations is starting to look at a roadmap of recovery. Very soon we are starting to look at renewing our efforts with regards to;

- Clarity on fire risk assessment accreditation for fire safety professionals within healthcare
- Considering of the learning points in the aftermath of Grenfell
- Engaging in discussion with NHSE/I with regards to updating of Firecode.



Fire extinguishers innovations and ideas



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			6ltr	34A - 183B	8.5	570	40	4
			9ltr	43A - 233B	11.7	640	49	7
Powder	ABC	ABC& Electrical	2kg	13A - 55B	2.8	410	22	3
			6kg	43A - 233B	8.5	570	20	5
			9kg	55A - 233B	11.7	640	22	7
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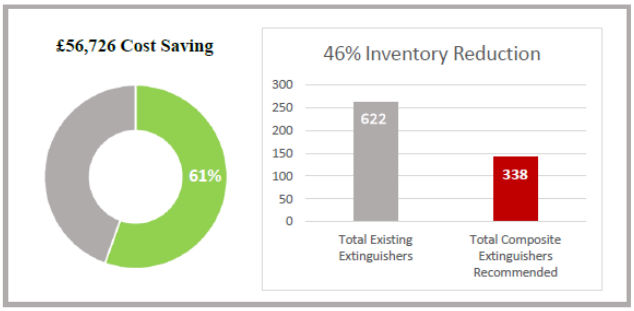

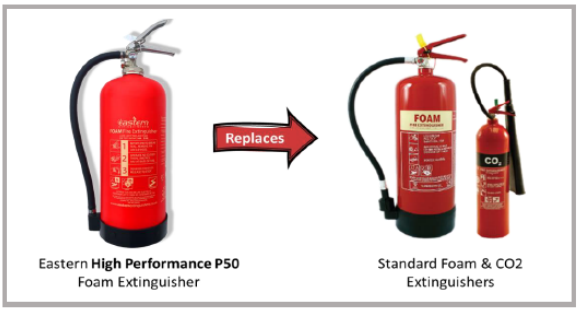

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CPD Webinars

Fire Safety Matters magazine is running two upcoming CPD webinars, which are free to attend. On 3 March 2021 at 10:30am FSM will be hosting a webinar on Protecting High-rise residential buildings from fire. You can register to watch the webinar live or view it On Demand at https://events.streamgo.live/Protecting-High-rise-residential-buildings/

On 13 April 2021 at 10:30am, FSM will run another webinar on The safe storage and handling of lithium batteries and avoiding risks from fire. You can register to watch the webinar live or view it On Demand at https://events.streamgo.live/Safe-Storage-Lithium-Batteries

You will get a CPD certificate by attending either webinar.

All NAHFO members are also eligible to receive a free print subscription to receive Fire Safety Matters. If you aren't already receiving a copy of the magazine you can sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUuOeUAqAoUEwsBFVdN5ZrFLW79IPLoPjzmn12NcBwhOxgCw/viewform

All readers of FSM can claim informal CPD points for reading the magazine.

National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers

'Are You Safe'

23rd to 25th May 2022 - Save the Date

Leonardo Royal Hotel Southampton
Grand Harbour

The Wessex Branch of NAHFO are arranging this Conference with Conference Solutions.
The event is aimed at all those who have dealings with Healthcare Fire Safety.

Fire Safety Advisers, Nominated Officers, Fire Safety Managers, Estate Managers,
Local Authority Fire Safety Officers, Private Healthcare Fire Safety Professionals and Residential Care Staff with responsibility toward fire safety.

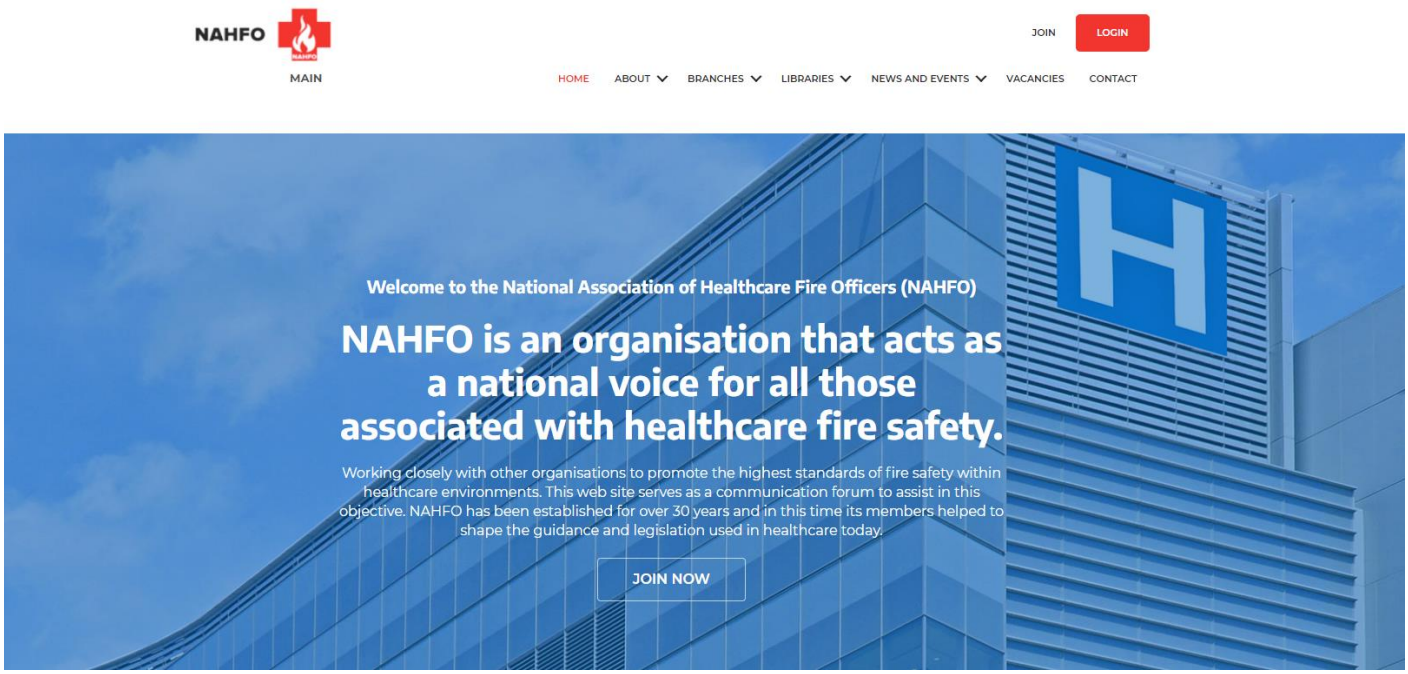
To register your interest or to exhibit at the conference
Please contact Louise at Nahfo@conferencesolutions.uk.com

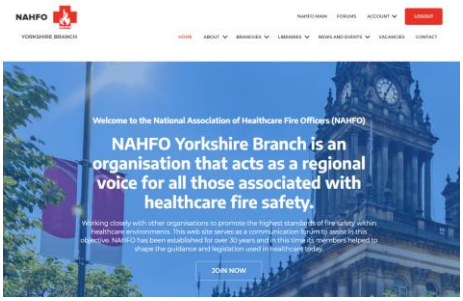
CPD Hours will be applied for

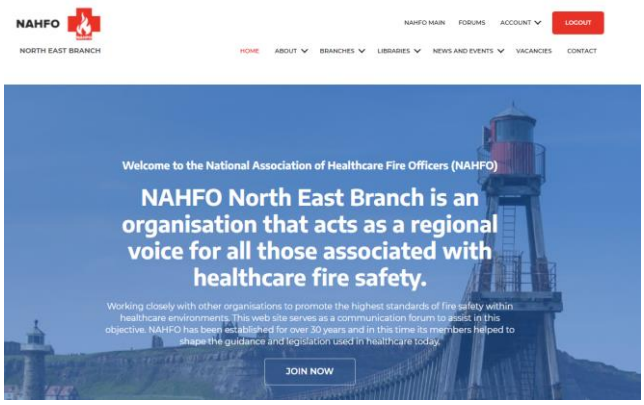


Helping NAHFO better serve their members……..

NAHFO is building a new system that will offer more to members, whilst making it simpler for officers of the Branches to manage members and share news and events.







The new system has now had the core part of it built and we are now into the final phases where members can move over and where each Branch can populate their own sites with content. The development team and the National Exec are finalising the plans for this final phase and more will be shared over the coming days and weeks.

To remind you of what is coming, the new system will offer:

The new website and system will offer the Association:

- A modern looking presence
- A simpler route for members to join
- A more efficient route to renewals
- Better ways to communicate
- A site for every Branch where:

- News and events can be shared, and if desired, paid for
- A directory of members where everyone can find each other
- A forum will be in place to help seek and share information

We are planning to move over the different members for each Branch to the new system and it will allow each member to select how they renew so that membership can be managed smoothly.

To support this, there will be training and support delivered by the development team and this will cover:

- Web based sessions with each NEC to showcase it all and help cover any questions
- Web based sessions with each Branch and their membership to showcase the site and cover any questions
- Regular newsletter updates to members showcasing the site and system
- Providing stats and analytics information about the use of the site and system and readership of emails
- Providing ongoing email support for any questions

Please look out for notices about the training and support as we will be approaching you all soon to make the moves.

If you have any questions about the system, please ask any member of the Exec for an update.

Corporate membership

A discussion is taking place amongst the NEC and Branches with a view of introducing a Corporate Membership for the Association, current discussions are detailed below feedback would be welcome from members and branches.

Current discussion is around

- Propose a membership titled “Corporate Membership”
- A “Corporate Member” from that company could be a member of Branch and any additional members are £75 - £100 per member (Branches agree which Branch they attend)
- Ability to visit Branches to present CPD - each Corporate Member - up to CPD’s per year across all branches
- Distribute marketing information to members
- Link from Website
- Inclusion of items in the newsletter
- Suggested membership cost is somewhere between £750 - £1000
- Put their logo on Website saying something like “Our Partnership Colleagues at …….”
- Have company articles included in the Newsletter.
- Offer an opportunity at Conference for a speaker slot
- Obligation to exhibit at Conference
- A % discount on a stand at Conference.

Coming soon in 2021 a virtual AGM and Seminar

Date and time to be announced

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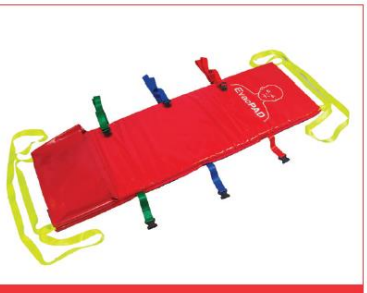

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