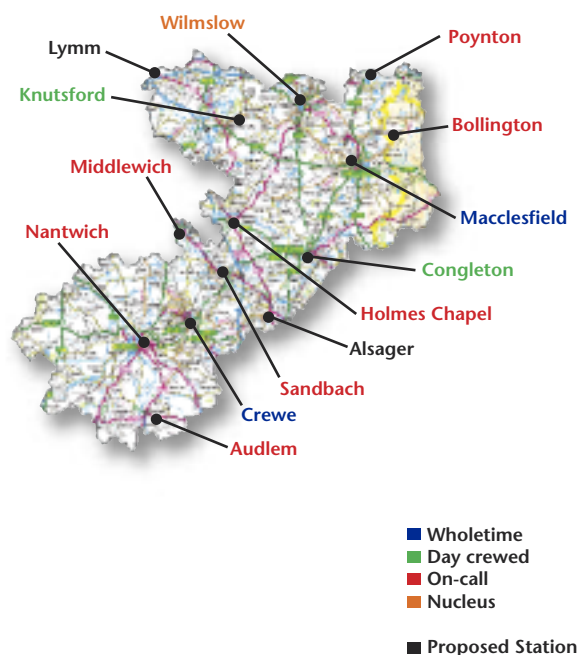


Cheshire East

The area has a total of 12 fire stations, which are currently crewed as follows:

- **Crewe** is Wholetime, with two fire engines and other specialist vehicles providing 24/7 cover.
- **Macclesfield** is Wholetime, with one fire engine, one On-call fire engine and an aerial appliance
- **Knutsford** has one fire engine and a specialist vehicle, with staff working the Day Crewing system
- **Congleton** has two fire engines one operated by the Day Crewing system and the second by On-call staff
- **Wilmslow** - has one fire engine operated by a Nucleus Crewing arrangement
- **Audlem, Bollington, Holmes Chapel, Nantwich, Middlewich, Poynton and Sandbach** are staffed through the On-call system.



Proposals

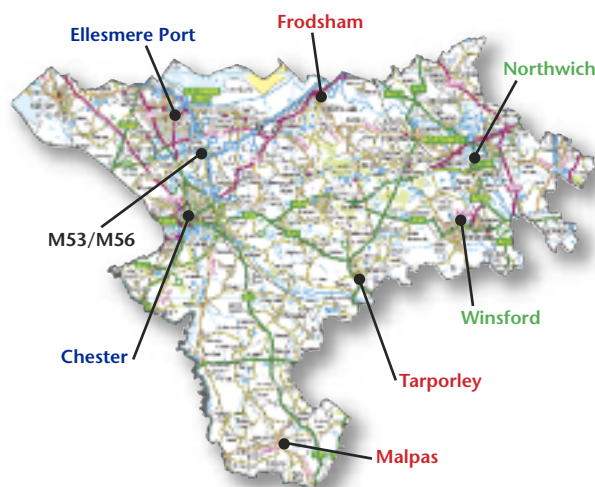
1. **Alsager** - build a new On-call fire station and transfer the second fire engine from Congleton.
2. **Congleton** - change the current Day Crewing duty system to a Nucleus Crewing system (Monday to Friday - 8 hour day shifts) with evening and weekend cover being provided by the existing On-call staff
3. **Crewe** - change how the second fire engine is crewed from Wholetime to On-call (24/7)
4. **Macclesfield** - change the current Wholetime duty system to a Nucleus Crewing system to maintain two fire engines and crew the aerial appliance with On-call staff at all times.
5. **Knutsford** - change the current Day Crewing duty system to On-call with support from the new Wholetime station at Lymm.
6. No changes are proposed at **Wilmslow, Audlem, Bollington, Holmes Chapel, Nantwich, Middlewich, Poynton or Sandbach**.



Cheshire West and Chester

The area has seven fire stations, which are currently crewed as follows:

- **Chester** is Wholetime, with two fire engines and other specialist vehicles providing 24/7 cover
- **Ellesmere Port** is Wholetime with two fire engines and other specialist vehicles providing 24/7 cover
- **Northwich** and **Winsford** both have two fire engines, one operated by Day Crewing staff and the second through On-call staff
- **Frodsham**, **Malpas** and **Tarporley** are staffed by the On-call system.



- Wholetime
- Day crewed
- On-call
- Nucleus
- Proposed Station

Proposals

1. **Chester** - transfer the second fire engine from Chester to a new Wholetime station near the M56/M53 motorway interchange. Use the new station as an "operational response hub" to store specialist operational vehicles
2. **Chester** - Maintain the existing fire engine and operate the aerial appliance using existing staff
3. **Ellesmere Port** - change how the second fire engine is crewed from Wholetime to On-call (24/7)
4. **Neston** - freeze proposals for a new on-call station provided there are no changes in support from Merseyside FRS
5. **Winsford and Northwich** - change the duty system for the main fire engine from Day Crewing to a Nucleus Crewing arrangement (Monday to Friday - 8 hour day shifts) with evening and weekend cover provided by existing On-call staff
6. **Frodsham, Malpas and Tarporley** – no change.



Timetable

The Fire Authority has set out the indicative timetable below for implementation of the emergency response review proposals. Given the scale and complexity of the projects, the programme will be reviewed and updated annually to reflect local consultation and land development issues.

2013–2014

1. Implementing recommendations from the review of specialist vehicles, their location and crewing
2. Introduce the new Community Risk Management model and the 10 minute operational response time for life risk incidents
3. Start riding with four firefighters on each fire engine at Wholetime stations with two fire engines and pay staff extra to provide additional support when needed
4. Extend the current Flexible Crewing Arrangements across all On-call stations
5. Allow the On-call recruitment catchment area on specified stations to be increased by up to 6 minutes or 7 minutes where the alternative would be a significant reduction in emergency response cover for the local community
6. Start recruiting for On-call staff at Alsager, Macclesfield, Penketh and Runcorn
7. Consider introducing a salary scheme for On-call firefighters

2014–2015

1. New fire station at Penketh (12 hour shifts) – “go live”
2. Remove the second fire engine from Widnes
3. Introduce new crewing arrangements for the second fire engine at Runcorn
4. Introduce new shift system at Macclesfield
5. Start riding four firefighters across all stations
6. Start recruiting for On-call staff at Congleton, Knutsford, Northwich, Stockton Heath and Winsford

2015–2016

1. New fire station at Lymm (12 hour shifts) – “go live”
2. Transfer staff from Stockton Heath and Knutsford to Lymm
3. Transfer Technical Rescue Unit from Knutsford to Lymm and Incident Response Unit from Winsford to Lymm
4. Introduce On-call model for Stockton Heath and Knutsford
5. Implement new crewing arrangements at Congleton
6. New On-call fire station at Alsager – “go live”
7. Introduce new crewing model for Winsford and Northwich
8. Start recruiting for On-call staff at Crewe and Ellesmere Port

2016–2017

1. New fire station at M53/M56 interchange (12 hour shifts) – “go live”
2. Introduce new crewing arrangement for second pump at Ellesmere Port
3. Introduce new crewing arrangement for second pump at Crewe
4. Transfer Foam Unit from Ellesmere Port and Incident Response Unit from Chester to M53/M56 station
5. Transfer High Volume Pump from Congleton to Ellesmere Port