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Summary

This continues the series of monthly 'highlights' notes to inform Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) and senior staff in the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) of progress with the Programme.

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1.0 FiReControl

- 1.1 The Data and Capture Migration Toolkit 1 (DCMT1) rollout and training have been completed in all those FRAs that have so far elected to receive it.
- 1.2 Two principal officers' seminars were held on 28 January and 5 February to update senior FRS officers. Presentations were made by CLG and regional teams on the critical next steps which FRAs will need to undertake as part of their preparations for moving control room operations to their regional control centres (RCCs).
- 1.3 A five day event commenced on February 23 in Northampton. The objective was to define the reference data for the new national mobilisation system – e.g. national incident types. FRA, EADS, CLG and RCC staff will be attending. The event will contribute to the system design and associated ways of working.

2.0 Firelink

- 2.1 Closedown of Phase A control room installation and network build is well on track in most regions. Work is under way to resolve the issue of planning permission for new radio sites in some areas, such as the Lake District.
- 2.2 We are now well into Phase B rollout and installation of radio terminals in operational vehicle fleets is making good progress. A technical hitch relating to the Crossband Repeaters for Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Cleveland is being addressed; rollout in all other areas is going well. Eighteen FRAs currently have been or are being installed with Firelink radio equipment – amounting to a total of over 1,287 vehicles fitted and using Firelink.

3.0 LGA Fire Conference

- 3.1 The LGA Fire Conference in Bristol on 10 and 11 March will include workshops on “Implementing the new RCCs - practical issues”. Facilitators from FiReControl and Firelink will be present. Fire Minister, Sadiq Khan MP, will address the Conference on 11 March, and Shona Dunn, CLG's Director of Fire and Resilience, will take part in the opening panel session. Further details can be found at: <http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=589991>

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