

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Biography

Ian Thomson, Assistant Director for Community Safety, and Richard Stanford-Beale, Research and Development Manager – Community Safety, Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Ian joined Surrey Fire and Rescue Service in 1988, before transferring to Kent in 2016, and has undertaken a wide range of operational and leadership roles during that time. In his current role Ian is responsible for all aspects of community safety, including within the home, on the roads and around water. Ian is also responsible for business safety, which includes regulatory fire safety enforcement, as well as emergency medical response collaboration and safeguarding arrangements.

Richard joined Kent Fire and Rescue Service in 2007, previously having worked in local government. In 2015, Richard transferred from Corporate Policy and Performance into Community Safety to lead a review, and has subsequently led on implementing a number of initiatives including the development of Safe & Well visits. He now leads research and development for Community Safety to ensure KFRS continue to improve and meet their customers' needs.