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**BRAVE LITTLE FIGHTER:** Tiana Mackay, whose battle with two heart conditions has inspired and gripped the attention of Facebook members.

**DEREHAM**

## Smile, Tiana – your mum’s won

A mother has won £1,000 in a web poll after she described how her daughter underwent three life-saving heart operations. Hordes of people signed up to social networking website Facebook to read about 13-month-old Tiana Mackay’s condition as she was treated at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Her mum, Lisa King, from Dereham, set up the page to highlight the hospital’s work. More than 1,200 Facebook members signed up, helping to raise £2,000. And Ms King’s partner, course adviser Kevin Mackay, did a sponsored parachute jump for the hospital. Since then the page has drawn 3,000 members all rooting for Tiana. And today, it was

announced Ms King (pictured) had won the Facebook for Good contest ahead of 100 other entrants after receiving more than 3,000 votes. She said: “It is a lovely surprise: we are over the moon. After the past year we have had we all could do with a good break.” Ms King said the family was touched how much support they and little Tiana had been given. Tiana was born with two heart defects and had her most recent operation at Great Ormond Street in September. ■ Website: [www.bravetiana.co.uk](http://www.bravetiana.co.uk)



**NORFOLK**

# Six-figure call for a better fire service

An extra £330,000 could be pumped into the fire service in Norfolk’s market towns and country areas after a review uncovered a need for improvements to help it give an “enhanced service”.

In one of two options put forward, extra funding would pay for nine retained support officers and their vehicles to help areas with staffing problems, a lack of support and not enough time to devote to paperwork and training.

The review, by Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service group manager Robert Moyney, looked at operational response and community fire protection and safety in rural areas and concluded it was provided by relatively small teams with limited access to retained firefighters.

Availability remains a challenge in certain areas and at certain times of the day and week. And there is said to be frustration among staff that they do not have enough time to meet training and managerial demands.

Mr Moyney’s report to members of a county council panel, meeting

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tomorrow, offers these two options: ■ Working within available resources, reallocating the total staff budget and redeploying staff over a period of three years. This would see the local risk manager role abolished and 10 non-operational posts created to provide extra hours for admin and training exercises. Nine new watch managers would be reassigned and dedicated to local posts to help train personnel and offer “operational assurance”.

■ An alternative, involving an extra £330,000, to help make “significant improvements”. As well as funding additional retained staff it would pay for five cadet schemes that are already set-up around the county and fund special appliance training.

The report states: “The result of this review has shown that the current standard of service delivered in rural areas is generally good. However, there are pockets of poorer availability which would benefit from improvement.”

**NORWICH**

## Post us a prizewinning poster

Prizes worth hundreds of pounds are up for grabs in a competition to encourage more people out of their cars and on to public transport.

A month’s First Bus network travel pass, worth £83, and a goody bag and a National Express first-class family day out rail ticket from Norwich to London Liverpool Street, valued at more than £200, will be shared by two lucky winners, along with the chance to see around the EDP’s print works.

To enter, just come up with a design for a poster promoting public transport to be displayed on trains and buses in Norwich.

Rachael Trezise, Norwich Carbon Reduction Trust development officer, said: “We hope one new year resolution is to use the car less and public transport more and reduce your carbon emissions, so we have teamed up with First Bus, National Express and the EDP to encour-

age people to do just that.”

The poster needs to be A4 portrait size with a margin of about 2.5cm or an inch at the top or bottom. It can feature both buses and trains, and there will be two winners.

Put your name and contact details on the back of your poster. All entries may be featured in promotional material issued by the trust, First, the EDP and National Express.

Trust chairman Brenda Arthur said: “We hope people of all ages will take the chance to promote lowering carbon emissions by using public transport.”

Deadline for your entries is Saturday, February 14. They should be sent to: Norwich Carbon Reduction Trust, c/o Tara Greaves, Eastern Daily Press, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich, NR1 1RE.

■ More details from Rachael Trezise on 07531 887465; [www.ncrt.org.uk](http://www.ncrt.org.uk)

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