

# Firefighters tackle blaze at former Royal Victoria Hospital

Over 60 firefighters tackled a blaze at the former Royal Victoria Hospital yesterday evening.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) responded to a call at 4.17pm and the incident was upgraded to a level three with nine crews and pumping appliances now in attendance.

The hospital was closed in 2012 when a new unit opened at the nearby Western General Hospital.

A SFRS spokeswoman said: "We are currently in attendance at the former Royal Victoria Hospital.

"Six appliances are dealing with the incident in the roof area of the building."

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The smoke was visible for many hours from a distance away :

*Fire at Old Royal Victoria hospital seen from Carrick Knowe.... [pic.twitter.com/baEw03YwBd](https://pic.twitter.com/baEw03YwBd)*

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