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Summary

This circular sets out the operational statistics collection arrangements for the period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025. Data for this period should be submitted by 13 June 2025.

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Fire and Rescue Services Operational Statistics Returns - 2024-2025 Collection

1. The Welsh Government collects operational data from FRAs on an annual basis covering the workforce (personnel in post, sickness absence, operation injuries and ill-health retirements), fire safety audits, home safety referrals and checks undertaken, and calls handled and number and type of fire stations. FRAs are advised that there are no changes to the data collection for 2024-25.

Deadline for submission of data

2. Data will be collected using <u>Objective Connect</u>. All users have been sent invites to workspaces for information on downloading the files. The deadline for submission of the returns for 2024-2025 is 13 June 2025.

Diversity Data

- 3. In circular W-FRSC(2023)05 issued on 21 April 2023 we referred to His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire and Rescue Services report of Values and Culture in Fire and Rescue Services. The report includes recommendations for the Home Office regarding the collection and publication of data on the protected characteristics of FRS staff, and we indicated that the Welsh Government were likely to implement a data collection for FRS staff in Wales.
- 4. This remains the Welsh Government's intention, however, collection of the data is currently on hold. Our intention is that the data will be collected on an annual basis in due course as part of the annual operational statistics returns covered by this circular. Further information will be provided under separate circular.

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