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Summary
This circular sets out the operational statistics collection arrangements for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023. Data for this period should be submitted by 9 June 2023.

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Fire and Rescue Services Operational Statistics Returns - 2022-2023 Collection

1. Following a review of Operational Statistics in 2014, new returns were implemented for human resources (HRFW), fire safety (FSW), and operational (OPSW) data returns from 2014-15, and for community safety returns (FSRW) on home fire safety checks and interventions for children and young people from 2015-16 ([WFRSC\(2015\)29](#) and [WFRSC\(2016\)07](#) refer).
2. In April 2022 we amended the community safety returns (FSRW) from 2021-22 onwards to remove Children and Young People Interventions, and to identify the number of Home Fire Safety Checks conducted virtually/by telephone or physical visits.
3. The following further amendments have been made to the community safety returns for the 2022-23 data collection:-
 - **Referrals Tab** – A new Table 2 has been added to the return under the heading “HFSCs referrals to the FRS”. FRAs are now asked to provide figures on how many referrals they have received to conduct home fire safety checks (HFSCs) from the following public sector organisations: Police; NHS; Local Authorities; and Third Sector Providers.
 - **Guidance Tab** – The guidance has been updated to reflect the addition of the new Table 2.
4. FRAs are advised that the remaining returns are unchanged for the 2022-23 data collection.
5. Data collection forms and guidance have now been published on the Welsh Government website and can be accessed [here](#).
6. His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire and Rescue Services published a report of [Values and Culture in Fire and Rescue Services](#) on 30 March. The report includes recommendations for the Home Office regarding the collection and publication of data on the protected characteristics of FRS staff. Please note that the Welsh Government are likely to implement at least as robust an approach regarding data collection for FRSs in Wales. Further details will be provided in due course.

Deadline for submission of data

7. Data will be collected using [AFON](#). The deadline for submission of the returns for 2022-2023 is 09 June 2023.

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