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Summary
Following the introduction of the Fire and Rescue Authorities (Performance Indicators) (Wales) Order 2015, FRAs are under a legal duty to collect and report on three statutory indicators. This circular advises FRAs that the statutory Performance Indicators that apply for 2023-24 remain unchanged.

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Performance Indicators for Fire and Rescue Authorities 2023-24 onwards

Introduction

1. Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) continue to have a duty under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to collect information relating to performance and to use that information to compare their performance in previous years and with similar organisations. They are also required to use this information to assess how they can improve. FRAs should look to use a wide range of evidence to assess the performance of their services and the impact they are having on outcomes for citizens and communities.

Background

2. Following a review in 2014, the Fire and Rescue Authorities (Performance Indicators) (Wales) Order 2015 came in to force on 1 April 2015 and has effect from the year 2015-16 onwards.
3. FRAs are under a legal duty to collect and report data for the statutory indicators set out below.
 - **FRS/RRC/S/001** – The total number of fires, false alarms, road traffic collisions and other incidents attended per 10,000 population.
 - **FRS/RRC/S/002** –The total number of deaths and injuries from all fires / from accidental fires per 100,000 population.
 - **FRS/EFR/S/003**- The percentage of dwelling fires which were contained in the room in which they originated.
4. The indicators and their definitions remain unchanged for the 2023-24 collection.

Reporting on Performance Indicators

5. Section 168 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 repeals the 2009 Measure but has not yet been brought into force in respect of Fire and Rescue Authorities. This is because the new performance management arrangements will be based on the new National Framework for Fire and Rescue Services, which is not yet in force. Therefore, the requirement under the 2009 Measure for FRAs to report on statutory PIs in their Annual Improvement Plans continues to apply. In addition, you should also continue to publish wider performance information drawing upon sector PI sets, local PIs, and benchmarking information. FRAs also have a duty to produce an annual wellbeing report. The duties under the 2009 Measure and the Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015 can be discharged through the publication of a single report.

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