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Summary
This circular sets out the operational statistics collection arrangements for the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024. Data for this period should be submitted by 7 June 2024.

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Fire and Rescue Services Operational Statistics Returns - 2023-2024 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 2023-24. Data collection forms and guidance have now been published on the Welsh Government website and can be accessed [here](#).

Deadline for submission of data

2. Data will be collected using [Objective Connect](#). All users have been sent invites to workspaces for information on downloading the files. The deadline for submission of the returns for 2023-2024 is 7 June 2024.

Diversity Data

1. 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.
2. This remains the Welsh Government's intention, and FRAs are advised that we will be undertaking an exercise in the coming months to collect such data for the 2023-24 period. Our intention is that this data will be collected on an annual basis in due course as part of the annual operational statistics returns covered by this circular. However, for 2023-24 the exercise will be separate, and the information collected will not be classified and published as national statistics.

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