



<b>DATE:</b>	<b>21 November 2018</b>	<b>FOI REQUEST NO:</b>	<b>208_1819</b>
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**FOI REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

- 1) Please can you tell me how many fire safety inspections were carried out by your fire authority on hotels in the financial years:

	Inspections carried out	Non-compliant
a. 2014-15	<b>149</b>	<b>118</b>
b. 2015-16	<b>66</b>	<b>51</b>
c. 2016-17	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>
d. 2017-18	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>

- 2) For the answers to Q1a-d please can you indicate how many inspections per year found the hotel in question to be non-compliant? **Please see the answer in question 1.**

The link below provides a breakdown of inspection carried out by the service.

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Community-Safety-and-Social-Inclusion/Community-Safety/Fire-Service-Operational-Statistics/Operational-Activities>

- 3) Please can you tell me how many prohibition notices were given out by your fire authority on hotels in the financial years: **NONE**

- e. 2014-15
- f. 2015-16
- g. 2016-17
- h. 2017-18

- 4) If possible within the cost limit can you give the names and addresses of all hotels that were found to be non-complaint during a fire safety check in the financial years:

- a. 2014-15
- b. 2015-16
- c. 2016-17
- d. 2017-18

**To provide this information it would require going through each individual record – It is estimated that the time it would take to complete this exercise would exceed the limit as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (appropriate limit and fees) regulations 2004 and as such we are unable to provide the information requested.**

**Even if the request was reduced, it is likely that some information relating to this question would be exempt under the following:**

**S40 – personal data**

**S43 (2) - Commercial Interest (for example where any establishment is actively working with us to resolve issues)**

**S30 – Investigations and Proceeding (for example where there is an ongoing investigation by our Fire Safety Officers)**

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service (SWFRS) devotes a significant level of resource to the audit of buildings covered by the Fire Safety Order 2005 (FSO) and associated enforcement work. In order to focus our resources on buildings that represent the greatest risk to life in the event of fire, here in South Wales, we implement a Risk Based Inspection Programme (RBIP) which is developed from analysis of fire data and provides us with intelligence led information on which to base our inspection policy. Our policy is based on the principles of 'Better Regulation' contained in the Regulators' Code 2014 and any regulatory action taken is proportionate to the potential loss or risk to the community the building would pose.

As with all SWFRS activities it is important to be able to demonstrate that resources are being used effectively, are targeted at areas of higher risk and the level of resource is in proportion to the risk. Outside of our RBIP we have a more reactive response which involves post fire evaluations and alleged fire risk where concerns are raised relating to a building. This gives SWFRS a dual approach to targeting and reducing risk, having a clear understanding of resource requirements according to need and data analysis developed with the support from our statistics team.