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FOI REQUEST

Which/ requests the following details regarding the number of fires caused by tumble dryers:

1. For Hotpoint, Indesit, Proline, Swan and Creda tumble dryers (all brands manufactured by Whirlpool) manufactured between April 2004 and October 2015 and subject to the safety notice issued on 23 November 2015, please provide the details below. Please provide this as a breakdown by month for 2004 to 2017:
 - a) the number of fire in the jurisdiction of each Fire Service identified or suspected to be caused by above dryers.
 - b) the resources utilised by each Fire Service in extinguishing these fore (e.g fire fighters, support vehicles, breathing apparatus, fire pump equipment, etc)
 - c) a cost estimate for each Fire Service for the resources utilised.
 - d) how many incidences of loss of life or injury have been caused by, or suspected to be caused by, these dryers identified above.

2. For all tumble dryers (all brands), please provide details below. Please provide this as a breakdown by month for 2004 to 2017:
 - a) the number of fire in the jurisdiction of each Fire Service identified or suspected to be caused by dryers.
 - b) the resources utilised by each Fire Service in extinguishing these fore (e.g fire fighters, support vehicles, breathing apparatus, fire pump equipment, etc)
 - c) a cost estimate for each Fire Service for the resources utilised.
 - d) how many incidences of loss of life or injury have been caused by, or suspected to be caused by, these dryers identified above.

FOI RESPONSE

Please see the attached data provided which goes back to April 2009. Prior to this our records did not identify tumble dryers specifically as a cause of fire (they were amalgamated with other appliances / equipment)

Also the make model is not a compulsory field and not always populated, consequently there may be more fires involving these brands but we are unable to identify them.

SWFRS do not calculate the cost of individual incidents. Some services have policies in place to charge for attendances at special service calls, therefore have calculated costs in order to charge that attendance fee. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service do not charge for special service calls and therefore no work has been prepared to calculate any attendance fees.