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Please ask for:** Information Governance  
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**Our ref:** IG000368  
**Dyddiad/Date:** 14/07/2020

## RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG000368 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

1. As required by the Grenfell recommendations, how many owners/managers of a high-rise residential building have confirmed to you they have carried out regular inspections of any lifts that are designed to be used by firefighters in an emergency?  
b) And reported these monthly as required?

In responding to this question, it must be noted that though there is a legal requirement for owners/managers of high rise residential buildings to carry out periodic testing of their firefighting lifts, it is not currently a legal requirement to report the findings of the tests to their Local Fire Authority. Where firefighting lifts are installed they should be tested periodically by a competent person in accordance with BS EN 81-72.

2. Has your fire and rescue service developed any policies for handling a large number of Fire Survival Guidance calls simultaneously?

Yes. We are working with our partners in the Emergency Services to develop policies and training to handle a large amount of fire survival calls simultaneously.

3. How many owners/managers of high-rise buildings have provided your local fire and rescue service with up-to-date plans in both paper and electron form of every floor of the building identifying the location of key fire safety systems?

Plans including details of the fire safety provisions for new high rise buildings are provided to Fire Authorities as part of the statutory consultation process for Building Regulations

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4. How many owners/managers of high-rise buildings have provided your fire and rescue service confirmation that there is a premises information box which contains a copy of the up-to-date floor plans and information about personal evacuation plans for residents who may struggle to do so.

There is not currently a legal requirement for owners/manager of high rise buildings to provide confirmation to their Fire Authority that there is a premises information box on site. However, the Service obtains information such as this whilst carrying out Site Specific Risk Information visits at risk premises.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at [Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk) quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing [Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk)

#### **UPDATE COVID-19: Information Requests**

We are kindly asking that any data protection correspondence come to Information Governance & Compliance via email, as due to Government advice many of our support staff are working flexibly and we may not be in receipt of physical post as normal. SWFRS anticipates that it may take us longer than 20 working days to complete Freedom of Information Requests and Subject Access Requests. The Information Commissioner recognises that there might be delays as our services and resources may be being utilised in slightly different ways, under the current unprecedented circumstances. At current, we are no longer accepting physical postal cheques, however we can accept BACs payments for items that carry a fee (such as IRS Reports and Interviews, where appropriate following standard procedure and charges).

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,  
2nd Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 2HH.

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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

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