

# Specialist Estates Services Notification 22/04

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**For action by:**

Board Level Directors (Fire), NHS Health Boards and Trusts

**For information only:**

Chief Executives  
Estates/Facilities Directors and Managers, Fire Safety Managers,  
Fire Safety Advisors

Copy to: Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities, Department of Health and Social Care,  
Welsh Government

**Attached documents:**

NHS Estate in Wales - Fire statistics report: Fire incidents and unwanted fire signals 2021

Dear Colleague

## **NHS ESTATE IN WALES - FIRE STATISTICS REPORT**

### **FIRE INCIDENTS AND UNWANTED FIRE SIGNALS 2021**

The attached report reviews the fire incidents and unwanted fire signals (UwFS) reported by the NHS Health Boards and Trusts in Wales, through the online Fire and UwFS Incident Reporting System, as mandated in WHC (2006) 74 and WHTM 05-03 Part H: *Reducing false alarms in healthcare premises*.

During the twelve month period between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021, a total of 32 fire incidents and 1392 UwFS were reported to NWSSP – Specialist Estates Services. The number of reported fire incidents decreased by 20%, likewise the number of UwFS also decreased by a notable 7% compared with the previous year's figures.

With regard to the fire incidents, the most prominent cause is attributed to some form of electrical failure, followed by other causes such as deliberate, smoking and cooking.

In terms of UwFS, prominent causes include; environmental effects, manual call point activations, system integrity and issues related to contractor and cooking activities.

Accordingly, the report emphasises the necessity for Healthcare organisations to continue with their endeavours to mitigate these adverse incidents, recommendations and details of which can be found in the full report.

For those with access to the NHS Wales intranet, the full report is available from the Publications page of the NWSSP-SES intranet site and may be viewed **HERE**.

Any enquiries on the content of this letter or the Fire and UwFS Incident Reporting System should be addressed to Stuart Hanger, Fire Safety Advisor on 02920 904119 or e-mail [stuart.hanger@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:stuart.hanger@wales.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "NH Davies". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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