

# Specialist Estates Services Notification 23/02

**28 February 2023**

**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,  
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**Attached documents:**

NHS Estate in Wales - Fire statistics report: Fire incidents and unwanted fire signals 2022

Dear Colleague

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

### **FIRE INCIDENTS AND UNWANTED FIRE SIGNALS 2022**

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 2022 and 31st December 2022, a total of 37 fire incidents and 1535 UwFS were reported to NWSSP – Specialist Estates Services. The number of reported fire incidents increased by 16%, likewise the number of UwFS also increased by 10% compared with the previous year's figures.

The data indicates that the three most common causes of fire incident in order of frequency, continue to be some form of electrical failure, deliberate activities mainly within the mental health sector and malicious fire setting elsewhere, and cooking related activities.

In terms of UwFS, prominent causes include; system related issues, manual call point activations 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,

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