

Specialist Estates Services Notification

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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.

Dear Colleague,

NHS ESTATE IN WALES - FIRE STATISTICS REPORT FIRE INCIDENTS AND UNWANTED FIRE SIGNALS 2025

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 2025 and 31st December 2025, a total of 59 fire incidents and 1429 UwFS were reported. The number of reported fire incidents increased by 16%, while the number of UwFS decreased by 7% compared with the previous year's figures.

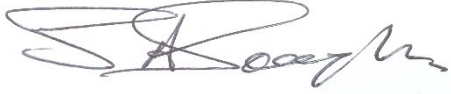
The most common causes of fire incidents, continue to be attributed to some form of electrical equipment failure across the estate, followed by deliberate fire-raising. Whereas the predominant causes of UwFS include system related issues, manual call point activations.

This report emphasises the necessity for NHS organisations to continue with their endeavours to mitigate these adverse incidents, following the recommendations made in the report.

The 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 Rohan Megahey, Assistant Fire Safety Advisor
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Douglas', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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