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Welsh Government

Our Ref: ATISN 11693

23 November 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11693 – Primary dwelling fires caused by domestic appliances in Wales

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 6 November. You asked for information about:

- How many domestic fires have been caused in Wales by faulty domestic appliances for (a) 2012 b) 2013 c) 2014 d) 2015 e) 2016 f) 2017 to June? For each year, please provide numbers by quarter and by appliance type.
- How many domestic fires have been caused in Wales by the misuse of domestic appliances for (a) 2012 b) 2013 c) 2014 d) 2015 e) 2016 f) 2017 to June? For each year, please provide numbers by quarter and by appliance type.
- For each fire identified in response to Q1 and 2 as being caused by a faulty domestic appliance or the misuse of a domestic appliance, please specify the following:
 - a. The make of the appliance (or if this is unknown)
 - b. The model name/number of the appliance (or if this is unknown)
 - c. The fire and rescue service that dealt with the dwelling fire
 - d. The type and occupancy status of the dwelling the fire occurred in
 - e. The number of fatalities and/or casualties occurring as a result of the fire. Where applicable, please indicate fatalities and/or casualties caused as a result of being overcome by gas, smoke or toxic fumes
 - f. The extent of fire damage in metres squared
 - g. Whether there was a smoke alarm present and whether it was operational. If it was present but not operational, please indicate why where known
 - h. The room in which the fire ignited
 - i. Whether there was rapid fire growth and if so, why there was rapid fire growth
 - j. The item that ignited
 - k. The item causing the spread of fire



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The information you requested is enclosed in the attached excel spreadsheets. On the creation of the dataset spreadsheets it was noted that the 'Household occupancy type' data (part d of your request) may potentially be disclosive. As a result the age element of this field has been removed. Please note data for April 2016 to March 2017 is provisional. We do not hold information for Quarter 2 2017. You may wish to contact the fire and rescue services for North Wales, Mid and West Wales and South Wales about this data.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,