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Summary
This circular sets out the operational statistics collection arrangements for the period 1 April 2018– 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019. Data for this period should be submitted by 14 June 2019.

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## **Fire and Rescue Services Operational Statistics Returns - 2018-2019 Collection**

1. Following a review of Operational Statistics in 2014, new returns were implemented for human resources (HRFW), fire safety (FSW), and operational (OPSW) data returns from 2014-15, and for community safety returns on home fire safety checks (HFSCs) and interventions for children and young people (CYP) from 2015-16 ([WFRSC\(2015\)29](#) and [WFRSC\(2016\)07](#) refer).
2. FRAs are advised that the returns for all of the above remain mostly unchanged for the 2018-19 data collection, however minor amendments have been made to the following definition.
  - HRFW7 – The definition has been amended to clarify that short term sickness absence refers to individual continuous periods of sickness of 27 calendar days or less. Long term absence means individual continuous periods of sickness of 28 calendar days or more.
3. Data collection forms and guidance have now been published on the Welsh Government website at the following link:-  
  
<https://gov.wales/search?global-keywords=Data+collection+fire+returns>
4. Whilst the Welsh Government no longer collects data relating to the “number of hours spent on community fire safety activities”, the data is used by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). FRAs should be aware that they may therefore receive a request for such data directly from ONS.

### **Deadline for submission of data**

5. Data will be collected using AFON. The deadline for submission of the returns for 2018-2019 is 14 June 2019.

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