



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

17 June 2021

Dear

ATISN 15234 – Information on former Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor and Inspector for Wales, Andy Fry

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 June 2021. You asked for:

Clarification on the legal powers under which Andy Fry was appointed as an Inspector for Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales.

Our response

Section 28(1) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 reads:

“Her Majesty may by Order in Council appoint inspectors, and the Secretary of State may appoint assistant inspectors and other officers, for the purpose of obtaining information as to—

- (a) the manner in which fire and rescue authorities in Wales are discharging their functions;*
- (b) technical matters relating to those functions.”*

This is the power under which Mr Fry was appointed as an inspector, although his job title was “Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor and Inspector”, as I informed you in my previous reply.

Next steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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