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Changes by Section

Official Statistics in Development

There are no tables classed as 'Official Statistics in Development' in 2025-26.

Fire Stations and Capabilities

Corrections

- The table for Fire Station Capabilities (Table Code: FS_CAP1) previously showed the figure for 2019-20 for Flooding capabilities for all years from 2019-20 to 2024-25. This has now been corrected to show the correct figure for each year. This also affected the 'Total National Fire Resilience Capabilities' figure. This will not affect future publications.
- The table for Crewing Level (Table Code: FS_TCL1) previously did not account for the temporary appliance withdrawal, which was in effect on 31st March 2025. This has been edited to show the correct figure.

Fire and Rescue Vehicles

Corrections

- It was found that a vehicle in 2024-25 was incorrectly categorised as a 'Pumping Appliance'. This has now been changed to a 'Small Firefighting Vehicle'. This affects the 'Pumping Appliance' figure for 2024-25 and the 'Small Firefighting Vehicle' figure for 2024-25 in the table Fire and Rescue Vehicles by Type (Table Code: FL_TY1). This will not affect future publications.

Workforce

Corrections

- 'Headcount' is now defined as 'number of employees'. This was previously 'number of roles filled'. The previously named 'SFRS Headcount by Staff Type' has now been renamed to 'SFRS Number of Roles Filled', with an additional column added detailing 'Headcount' under the new definition (Table code: WF_STH1).
- The new definition of 'Headcount' has influenced a change in the number of crew members scheduled to crew appliances. This number was previously calculated using the FTE for Wholetime Operational Duty System staff, and the Retained Duty System figure. However, this may include instances of Wholetime staff who also hold a Retained Duty role. Therefore, this year, we calculated staff headcount as the distinct staff members across all roles apart from volunteers.

Attacks on Fire and Rescue Personnel

There were no corrections or changes for this section.

Home Fire Safety Visits

To ensure prevention resources are focused where they can have the greatest impact, SFRS has adopted a more targeted approach to Home Fire Safety Visits, prioritising individuals and households identified as being at greater risk of fire and fire-related harm. This has been reflected in the reduced number of in-person visits, however, community engagement remains high.

Due to data access issues, the Residents data has been removed.

The table for Residents (HV_RESARS1) will not contain the expected data for 2025-26.

See the [**Home Fire Safety Visits**](#) section of the Guidance Notes for more details.

Non-Domestic Fire Safety Visits

There were no corrections or changes for this section.

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