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Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Consultation Mandate

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The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) seeks the views of:

- Staff representative bodies
- SFRS staff Inc. RDS, Wholetime, OC and support staff
- NHS Fire Safety Advisory Group
- Duty Holders of relevant premises, with responsibilities for complying with the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
- Elected representatives
- Scottish and Local Government including CoSLA, local authorities and Community Planning Partners
- Health Agencies such as NHS Boards, Health and Social Care Partnerships, Public Health Scotland, Hospitals and medical care practices, hospices, private hospitals
- Appropriate scrutiny bodies such as Audit Scotland, HM Fire Service Inspectorate, Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate
- Local business representative organisations
- Local businesses sector
- Higher and further education sector including school accommodation providers
- Blue light partners
- Third sector representative bodies
- Community Councils and Community Safety Groups
- Fire Safety industry and Insurance companies
- Alarm Receiving Centres
- Wider public

Concerning the potential viable options and impacts of the development and introduction of new policies and practices with regards to the SFRS's response to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) to effectively manage the significant demands placed upon the SFRS and its communities when responding to false alarm calls that originate from automatic fire alarm systems (AFA).

This Consultation will enable the SFRS Board to consider and be influenced by the responses to the consultation from a range of stakeholders and interested parties, and with other relevant information and research data, agree a strategic and operational approach which will be safe, effective and sustainable whilst maximising the use of the service's resources to continue to minimise the risk to Scotland's public and firefighter safety.

The Public Consultation phase will take place between July to October 2021 through a range of accessible methodologies to ensure those with an interest have an opportunity to contribute.

The agreed model for responding to AFA's at non-domestic premises will ensure the SFRS continues to provide appropriate and proportionate levels of response, whilst maximising efficiency savings through reduced mobilisations to expand its capacity to invest in prevention activities because of a reduced operational response to false alarm call outs.