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Corrections

The following corrections have been made:

Home Fire Safety Visits

- Statistics for the years 2013-14 to 2018-19 was revised as a one-off both to ensure totals are consistent with newly developed tables as well as to address an instance of double counting which is proportionally very small.
- The Home Fire Safety Visits to Distinct Properties experimental statistics table has been corrected to present the percentage of repeat visits based on the total number of visits rather than the number of distinct visits.

Non-domestic Fire Safety

- Quality assurance of the Enforcement Notices Register has resulted in a small number of recording changes between this year and last, which has led us to revise the figures for 2017-18 and 2018-19. Ongoing quality assurance minimises the chance of such errors in future and we do not anticipate that further revisions will be necessary.

Official Statistics

In 2019 the Scottish Government added the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to the register of 'Producers of Official Statistics', this permits SFRS to publish Official Statistics and requires that SFRS follow the Code of Practice for Statistics in producing them.

This statistical series was formerly designated as 'Official' when it was initiated by the Scottish Government and we have chosen to reapply the designation from this year.

We have voluntarily followed the Code of Practice for Statistics in previous years, so there has been no change in process to apply this designation.

Changes by Section

Geographical Structure

In 2019-20 SFRS merged the 'Stirling and Clackmannanshire' and 'Fife' LSO areas to form the new 'Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Fife' area, which does not currently have a formal geographical code.

For the time being we have chosen to capture this as an additional column in the Geographical Structure table.

The workforce section of these statistics uses the active administrative areas rather than formal geographies

Fire Stations and Capabilities

Methodology Change

We have revised the methodology used to count fire stations which means that the formerly excluded 'Gordonstoun Fire Station' is now included in the count of Volunteer Fire Stations.

We have backdated this change to ensure comparability between years. All tables in this section are impacted. This follows user consultation in 2019.

Changes

The following tables are no longer classed as experimental:

- Fire Stations by Crewing Model
- Fire Stations by Crewing Model and Local Authority

The following experimental tables have been introduced:

- Target Crewing Level by Type
- Fire Station Capabilities

Workforce

Changes

The following experimental tables have been introduced:

- Wholetime Operational Staff by Duty System
- Wholetime Operational Staff by Duty System and Local Authority
- Uniformed Staff by Role and Duty System - Headcount

Methodology Change

We have revised the methodology used to count volunteer staff which means that staff in the formerly excluded 'Gordonstoun Fire Station' are now included in the count of Volunteer Fire Stations.

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Category Changes

We have introduced a new Staff Type, Retained Full-time. This staff group work in areas with a cluster of Retained Duty System stations and supplement the local on-call cover, as well as conduct local community engagement.

We have backdated this category to 2018-19 when it was first introduced.

We have changed the category name for uniformed staff roles. Where 'Manager' was formerly used we have replaced it with 'Commander'.

This change mirrors the internal language used by SFRS, this ensures consistency of language in describing Uniformed Staff Roles in Scotland.

There has been no change to the definitions of the roles and they remain comparable with categories used elsewhere, e.g. Area Commander is synonymous with Area Manager.

Home Fire Safety Visits

Changes

The following tables are no longer classed as experimental:

- Home Fire Safety Visits to Distinct Properties
- Home Fire Safety Visits with Alarms Installed in Distinct Properties
- Percentage of Scottish Households visited in Home Fire Safety Visits
- Percentage of Scottish Households with Alarms Installed in Home Fire Safety Visits
- Residents of Households Visited in Home Fire Safety Visits by Age Range
- Residents of Households Visited in Home Fire Safety Visits by Age Range - Percentage of Population
- Home Fire Safety Visits by Deprivation of Area
- Home Fire Safety Visits by Deprivation of Area - Percentage of Occupied Dwellings

The following experimental tables have been introduced:

- Tenure of Households Visited in Home Fire Safety Visits
- Alarms Installed in Home Fire Safety Visits by Deprivation of Area
- Home Fire Safety Visits with Alarms Installed by Deprivation of Area - Percentage of Occupied Dwellings
- Percentage of Home Fire Safety Visits with Alarms Installed by Deprivation of Area
- Percentage of Home Fire Safety Visits with Alarms Installed in Owner Occupied Properties by Deprivation of Area
- Percentage of Home Fire Safety Visits with Alarms Installed by Deprivation of Area
- Percentage of Home Fire Safety Visits with Alarms Installed in Owner Occupied Properties by Deprivation of Area

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Non-Domestic Fire Safety Visits

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- Non-domestic Fire Safety Workflows

Due to quality concerns arising from a change in data collection software, hours recorded against enforcement activity cannot be reported for 2019-20.

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