



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 49

Recommendations of the Grenfell Phase 1 Inquiry

Query:

With reference to the recommendations of the Grenfell Phase 1 Inquiry, specifically Chapter 33 Section 12 Evacuation (33.22) parts B and G, please can you advise what D&WFRS have implemented with regards to:

33.22 B - policies and training for the partial or full evacuation of a high-rise residential building.

33.22 G - That all FRS are equipped with smoke hoods (also what other frontline equipment has been introduced).

Response:

A comprehensive action plan has been put together by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) as a result of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry outcomes and feedback on the completion of actions is regularly provided to the National Fire Chiefs Council.

With regard to the issue of policies and training relating to the full or partial evacuation of a High Rise Residential Building, policies have been reviewed, in line with National Operational Guidance (NOG), and training has been rolled out to operational personnel. This has also been tested at a number of High Rise exercises across the organisation, and more of these will be completed as time progresses. Our training includes online packages detailing tactical options for incident commanders and supporting information on Immediate Building Evacuation procedures and the role of Evacuation Officer and Stairway Protection teams within the command structure at a high rise incident.

With regard to the provision of smoke hoods, these have been issued to appliances across the Service and training on their use has been completed. This has also been tested at a number of High Rise exercises across the organisation, and more of these will be completed as time progresses.

Furthermore, we have assisted with the implementation and awareness of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 which directly influence the preparedness of the building manager to ensure that wayfinding signage, floor plans and external wall construction are made available to responding crews. We also signpost to the fitting of BS 8629 Emergency Evacuation Alert Systems in relevant buildings, either as a requirement of Building Regulations or as a retrofit option where risk assessment identifies that they may be beneficial.



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We await further guidance following the government consultation on
Emergency Evacuation Information Sharing
(EEIS+) [https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/emergency-evacuation-
information-sharing](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/emergency-evacuation-information-sharing) as this will inform any future actions or policy decisions.

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