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Request:

We are collecting information about what measures Fire and Rescue Services are taking to address the risk of serious compartmentation failure in high rise residential buildings (HRRBs) *since the Grenfell Tower Fire of 14 June 2017.*

Below is the information we would like to obtain from you under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Evacuation

- a. Any evacuation plans, policies or procedures for HRRBs;**
- b. Any actual or proposed amendments to existing evacuation plans, policies or procedures for HRRBs, since 14 June 2017.**
- c. Any national guidance (since 14 June 2017) on the obligations, under the FSO, of the responsible person of a HRRB to devise an evacuation plan for residents in the event of fire;**
- d. Any national guidance (since 14 June 2017), to assist your FRS to devise an evacuation plan for a HRRB involved in fire?**

Please provide electronic copies of relevant documentation (previous/new policies and/or evidence of proposed changes)

2. Pre-determined attendance (PDA)

- a. Your current PDA for fighting fires in HRRBs;**
- b. Any actual or proposed amendments to your PDA for HRRBs, since 14 June 2017.**

Please provide copies of relevant documentation (previous/new policies and/or evidence of proposed changes)



3. Multiple FSGs

- a. Any operational policies/training for dealing with multiple fire survival guidance calls (FSGs)**
- b. Any actual/proposed amendments to FSG policies/training, since 14 June 2017.**

Please provide copies of relevant documentation (previous/new policies and/or evidence of proposed changes)

Response:

In Cornwall, by definition, we have two residential high rise buildings. Park House flats, St Austell and Fountain Court, Penzance.

We have worked closely with both since the introduction of the new fire safety legislation in line with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (see link below) and it is this work which has raised the level of standards in fire safety protection measures in both. Since Grenfell the owners of Park House flats (Ocean Housing) have fitted a sprinkler system in the building.

Our current PDA for fighting fires in high rise buildings is three pumping appliances, an aerial ladder platform and one supervisory officer.

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service is withholding the remaining information in line with Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, fire and rescue services have the scope to provide a response that provides assurance of making appropriate amendments to policy and procedures whilst refraining from providing specific details that would not be in the public interest and/or may impede firefighting actions.

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 which can be viewed here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2005/1541/contents/made>

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