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Subject: FW: Smoke ventilation systems and maintenance of lifts -AC FSR's letter to social housing landlords 17 February 2014

Nick,

Further to last email, Dan may find the email below useful as instruction for his IO's. It may be worth disseminating again considering the number of new IOs / Team Leaders?

Regards,

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Subject: Smoke ventilation systems and maintenance of lifts -AC FSR's letter to social housing landlords 17 February 2014

As previously advised by email dated 18/2/2014, the Assistant Commissioner recently issued the attached letter to the London Borough Housing Departments, social housing landlords, and related associations in regards to lifts for fire service use and smoke ventilation provisions in residential blocks of flats.

Within it you will note the following paragraph relating to lifts for fire service use:

"Where it has been identified that a "fireman's" lift (as opposed to a fire fighting lift) is installed within a building then we would request that the responsible person liaises with the relevant London Fire Brigade local Fire Safety Regulation Team to advise them of the premises address and style of lift present (in accordance with sharing of information detailed in Article 13(3)(c) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005). This allows any necessary pre-planning to be undertaken and consideration of a familiarisation visit to the premises by our crews."

Fire Engineering Group advise that where information relating to "fireman's" lifts at a specific premises is received by Area Fire Safety Teams, there is an expectation that this information is recorded and shared for both Fire Safety Regulation and Operational purposes. Therefore in order to clarify how to handle and process this information when received, they advise that the following course of action is taken.

- A formal Fire Safety Station Notification form (SFS_A020_a2a) should be fully completed and issued to the local Fire Station in accordance with FSIGN 113, with all relevant details concerning the premises and the "fireman's" lift being included. The "fireman's" lift should be highlighted as being a fixed fire fighting installation that does not meet modern standards, which may have implications for operational personnel attending incidents.
- Once the completed Fire Safety Station Notification form has been issued, a copy should be uploaded to the eFSF/ Fire Safety Portal system, as per FSIGN 113.

If the information received by the Area Fire Safety Team relates to an 'unknown' premises, consideration should be given to programming an FS01 audit of the premises.

- For existing and future FS01 audits issued for blocks of flats, Inspecting Officers should ensure that they

research the electronic premises file (as per FSIGN 201), to check whether any correspondences have been received or Fire Safety Notification forms issued in relation to the standard of lifts for fire service use or other relevant features at the premises. Such information should be used to help inform the fire safety audit process.

Fire service access arrangements, and the standard and maintenance of all facilities for fire service use (including lifts) should be accounted for as part of the premises fire risk assessment.

Could you please forward this email to all Inspecting Officers in your team. Should Inspecting Officers require any further technical assistance in relation to lifts for fire service use, please contact Fire Engineering Group.

Regards,

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