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Statistical News

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Corrections

The following corrections have been made:

Fire False Alarms by Intent and Location (IFA_ILAL1)

- Under the 'Malicious' subtitle, the presented figures were incorrect for all years due to a pivot table error where the order of columns was incorrect. As a result, the figures under the 'Dwellings' column displayed the 'Total' figures, 'Other Buildings' displayed the 'Dwellings' figures, 'Road Vehicles' displayed the 'Other Buildings' figure, 'Others' displayed the 'Road Vehicles figures' and 'Location not found' displayed the 'Others' figure. This issue has now been resolved and will not be a problem for future publications.

Casualties Timeseries (IH_CT1)

- The total figure for Fatal Non-fire Casualties for 2018-19 previously displayed the total for 2017-18. This was due to human error and has now been resolved. Due to the calculations on the Tables and Charts workbook, this has also meant that the figure for 'Others' in Fatal Non-fire Casualties was incorrect. This has now also been corrected and will not be an issue for future publications.

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

Notable Revisions

There were no revisions in the headline incidents timeseries of more than 0.5%.

Experimental Statistics

Due to personnel changes in 2020-21, all tables that were classed as experimental last year have remained experimental this year. These tables will be reviewed next year.

The following experimental tables have been introduced:

- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (IFA_UFAS1)
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by Local Authority (IFA_UFASLA1)

Building Fires and Casualties

The table 'Building Fires by Spread' (IFR_BSP1) previously included the category 'Fire beyond building'. This has now been changed to read 'Whole building'. The previous category title was misleading as it suggested that the fire had spread further than the original building. This category describes when a fire has spread to the entire building but remained only within the original building where the fire started.

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