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Lead fire authority members
Locally elected mayors
Other FRS interested parties

9 May 2022

Dear colleague,

Consultation on HMICFRS' proposed inspection programme and framework for fire and rescue services 2023/24

I am writing to seek your views on our proposed inspection programme and framework for fire and rescue services for 2023/24. This will be our third round of inspections of England's fire and rescue services. As ever, we welcome your experience, expertise and insight to help us shape this important work.

2. We made changes to our second round of inspection on the basis of feedback from services and the public. These changes included:
 - a. a greater focus on diversity, and in particular race and how services are trying to overcome inequalities;
 - b. considering the productivity of services;
 - c. assessing how services are identifying and planning against known risks to their communities; and
 - d. more case file reviews, particularly in relation to protection and the role carried out by services in fire safety regulations.
3. The attached consultation document contains 9 questions we would welcome your response to.
4. Please submit your answers to this consultation, together with any other comments, by email to HMICFRSinspectionsadmin@hmicfrs.gov.uk no later than 1700 on Monday 6 June. If you prefer you can post responses to the Chief Operating Officer, HMICFRS, Floor 8, 23 Stephenson Street, Birmingham B2 4BJ.
5. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact either me or Alex Hill, FRS portfolio director via Alex.Hill@hmicfrs.gov.uk.
6. Thank you for your continued support of our inspection programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RW', written in a cursive style.

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