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Request:

["3-7 and 14 Princess Road, NW6"](#)

Please let me know if LFB has all the paperwork and approval for the alarm system we have installed at this building.

We have no information about who regulated or if this system has been inspected and approved by LFB."

Response:

As the enforcing authority under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, 2005, (RRO) the Brigade does not provide approval for any alarm systems installed in buildings.

The Responsible Person (RP) for the building (in this case Brent Local Authority) is responsible for the approval of the system's design after a suitably competent person has determined the requirements for each block.

Our Fire Safety Team emailed Brent local authority in April 2021 to advise that the design of the alarm installation(s) at 3-7 and 14 Princess Road, NW6:

"must be 'bespoke' and match the requirements of the property in question, based upon the particular issues present in the individual building(s).

The design of the alarm installation must be done by a competent person/organisation (e.g. fire engineer) and reflect where/what risks exist, for example a common action is to place an interlinked heat detector in every window aperture from a flat – that opens adjacent to combustible, external cladding."

Details of the alarm system would then also have to be included in the fire risk assessment (FRA) for the building. Please note, the Brigade does not provide, or carry out fire risk assessments (FRA) as this is the responsibility of the responsible persons (RP) for the building.

If the LFB conduct a Fire Safety Audit at the premises, the suitability of the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) put in place by the RP will be considered by the LFB inspecting officer.

The LFB last audited 3-7 Princess Road in February 2022. The fire safety audit report from this visit records the following information for the FRA and alarm system in this building:

RRO Article	Observations
Article 9 - Risk assessment SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant	A S&S FRA has been carried out, advice also given re the need to review the document inline with present guidance following the WW removal - now replaced by a monitored common fire alarm.
Article 13 - Detection and warning SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant	A common fire alarm has been installed in line with current guidance and the waking watch removed, the present Sim Evac fire strategy will remain until all external wall structural issues are remediated.

The LFB last audited 14 Princess Road in February 2022. The fire safety audit report from this visit records the following information for the FRA and alarm system in this building:

RRO Article	Observations
Article 9 - Risk assessment SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant	A S&S FRA has been carried out - dated March 2020.
Article 13 - Detection and warning SAFETY CRITICAL Safety Evaluation Broadly Compliant	A common fire alarm has been installed in line with current guidance and the waking watch removed, the present Sim Evac fire strategy will remain until all external wall structural issues are remediated.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>