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Section 25 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 – Report by the Secretary of State on Fire and Rescue Authorities’ progress with the Fire and Rescue National Framework

The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (“the Framework”), made under section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, is published on the Department’s website¹.

Section 25 of the *Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004* requires the Secretary of State to report to Parliament every two years on:

- a) the extent to which fire and rescue authorities are acting in accordance with the Framework; and
- b) any steps taken by him for the purpose of securing that fire and rescue authorities act in accordance with the Framework.

The last section 25 report to Parliament by the Secretary of State was on 5 July 2012.

While fire and rescue authorities are expected to make progress in all areas set out in the Framework, references to what authorities “must” or “should” do indicate those areas that Ministers consider to be most important, with “must” being stronger and more specific.

In accordance with the above requirement, the Secretary of State is satisfied that fire and rescue authorities have been acting in accordance with the Framework, and has not taken any formal steps to secure compliance.

Each fire and rescue authority have:

- **Complied with the publication of their annual statement of assurance element;**
- **Complied with the publication of their updated Integrated Risk Management Plan element;**
- **Complied with the national resilience assurance elements.**

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-and-rescue-national-framework-for-england>