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## Freedom of Information Act Request – ID3111

Dear Ms Main,

Thank you for your email of 03/07/2018 where you requested information about the number of calls made to HM Coastguard in Wales in the last 3 years, the number and nature of those that were considered hoax calls, the number of hoax calls investigated by the emergency services and the number of fatal incidents at sea recorded by HM Coastguard in Wales in the last 3 years.

The information you requested is enclosed. Please note:

1. Coastguard records are based on defined coastal 'zones'. The provided report shows Zones 27-32 which means that this is not just Wales as Zone 27 and Zone 32 include some of the English coastline. The table shows all the incident categories by year sorted into zones. A chart of the UK coastline indicating the zone layout has also been provided for your information.
2. In the revised incident type column in the provided report there are two options for False Alert, one is good intent (someone genuinely thought there was an issue but there wasn't when it was investigated) and Malicious intent (HOAX calls). The table can be filtered to show FAMI (False Alert Malicious Intent). This will show you what the initial type was logged as before it was FAMI.
3. HM Coastguard do not investigate false alert calls nor do we hold any data on such investigations conducted by other emergency services. Any useful information about a FAMI call that we receive would be passed on to the police as it is their role to investigate possible criminal offences. You may be able to get more information about this from the police.
4. The MCA works with the National Water Safety Forum to produce one set of fatality statistics. The link <http://www.nationalwatersafety.org.uk/waid/reports.asp> should provide the available reports with Wales separated out within these reports.

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If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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