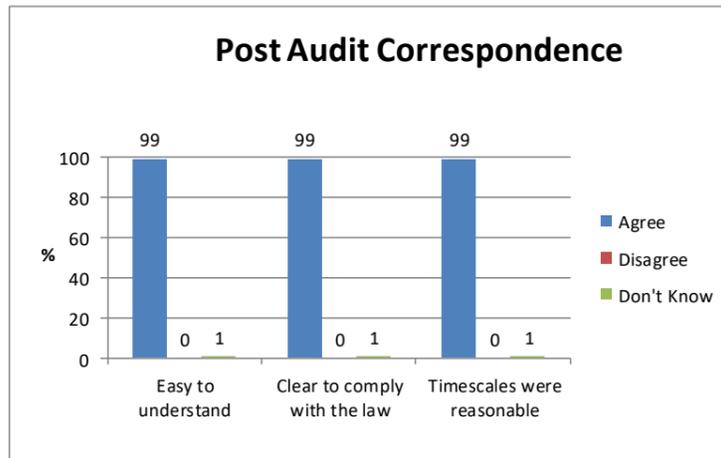
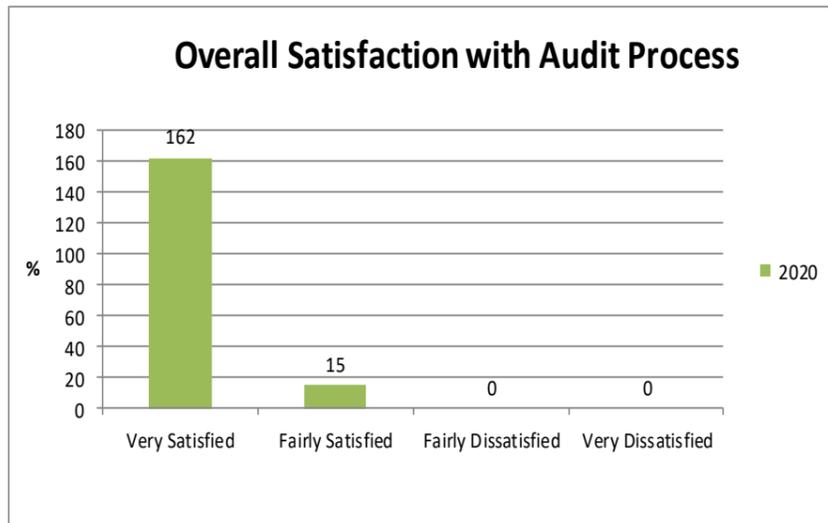


# OVERALL

Respondents were asked their opinion of the correspondence they received following the fire safety audit and the response was excellent, as shown by this chart.



Each respondent was asked 'Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the fire safety audit process?'  
**99%** stated they were satisfied with the service provided.



When asked about three specific stages of the audit process, respondents answered the following:

Initial Contact	99%	exceeded/met expectations
During the Visit	100%	exceeded/met expectations
After the Visit	99%	exceeded/met expectations



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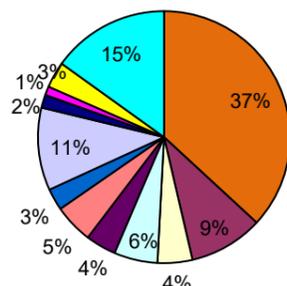
# INTRODUCTION

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) conducted its Fire Safety Audit Survey during the months of January and February 2020. A questionnaire was issued to a sample of 500 businesses and organisations across Northern Ireland which recently had a fire safety audit carried out on their premises. The Prevention & Protection Department carried out this survey to allow our fire safety audit process to be assessed and, on this occasion, received a 36% response rate.

The type of business/organisation to return the survey is broken down in the following chart:

Property Inspected

- Hospital/Care Home
- Licensed Premises
- Public Building
- Offices
- Shop
- Factory
- Education
- Hotel/BH/Hostel
- HMO
- Flats
- Other Sleeping
- Other

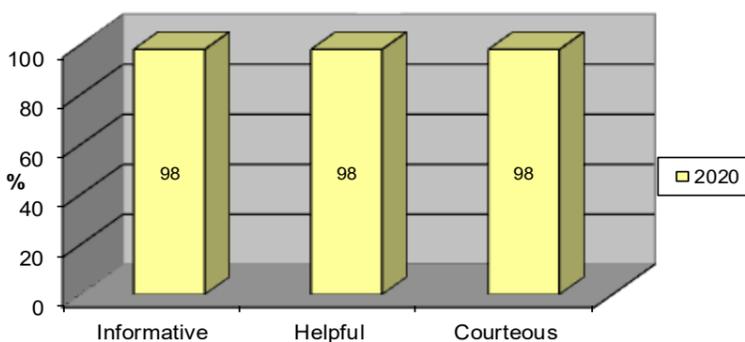


# CONTACT

When asked about the length of time it took NIFRS to carry out the audit following our request, respondents answered:

- 40% within 1 working day
- 9% within 2-5 working days
- 34% within 1-2 weeks
- 14% within 3-4 weeks
- 3% more than 4 weeks

Initial Contact



'The process greatly increased my awareness about safety and responsibility issues.'

'The complete process from point of contact to report following the audit was excellent. Inspector was courteous and helpful.'

'Very impressed with your staff member, helpful and very knowledgeable.'

'Visit was informative and positive.'

As illustrated in the graph, a high percentage of respondents agree or strongly agree that initial contact with NIFRS was informative, helpful and courteous.

Respondents stated that 98% of appointments made were kept by NIFRS Fire Safety Inspectors.

## JOINT INSPECTIONS?

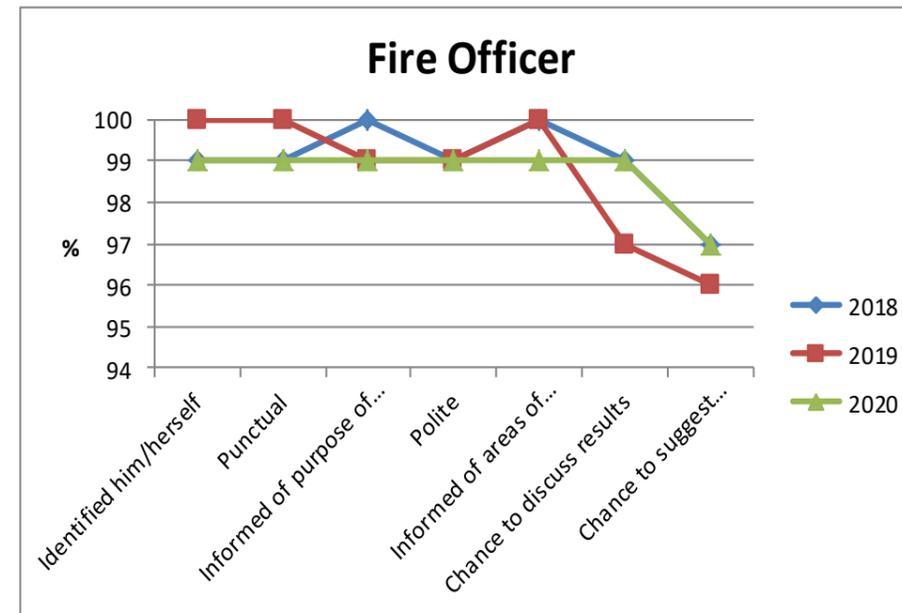
'No, present protocol is entirely satisfactory.'

'Yes, to ensure the premises is kept to the highest standard.'

98% of respondents stated the inspection caused minimal disruption to their business.

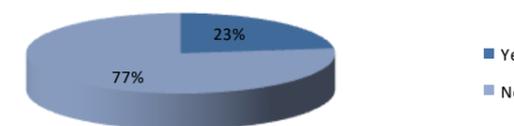
# THE INSPECTION

Respondents were asked questions about the Fire Safety Inspectors in attendance at their premises and how they felt the Inspectors dealt with the appointment. The overall consensus continues to be very positive as indicated in the following chart:



98% of respondents stated that the same Fire Safety Inspector dealt with them throughout the inspection process.

Would it be beneficial to have a joint inspection involving all enforcing authorities?



Survey respondents were given four options to choose in relation to their most recent audit. They were asked was the visit:

- 1 Requested by NIFRS to comply with legislation? 80%
- 2 As a result of a fire incident at the premises? 8%
- 3 Following a complaint regarding the premises? 6%
- 4 Other? 6%