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Fire Alarm Strategy

The Fire Alarm strategy for Imperial College London is an analogue addressable system in all buildings. The category of alarm fitted will be in accordance with Policy Statement 5.

Alarm panels will be Morley with Apollo protocol devices, this combination being accepted as the equipment adaptable and sustainable enough to meet College requirements for a considerable period. There is also the advantage of one set of spares for all alarms.

The strategy is that as installation progresses, a network will be set up whereby all alarms will be viewable, and to some extent controllable, from a central monitoring unit in the Fire Office. The monitoring unit will give immediate access to device conditions and fault finding. Additionally, there should be the ability to isolate devices from the Fire Office. In each building there should be one fire alarm panel serving one system. The use of minor systems to serve small areas must be avoided.

The principle applies to all campuses except Hammersmith where the accommodation is embedded in Trust property. This campus will remain using a Honeywell system, as the controls are already in place.

Should a building on this campus be deemed to be stand alone, the alarm system must be agreed by the Fire Office if there is a variation from the Honeywell system.

There may be a variation on remote campuses/building according to advantage but in all cases any variation will be with the approval of the Fire Office.

Chief Fire Officer