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Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 09 July 2024. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

How many balcony fires have you been called to on the Isle of Wight. Please provide number of incidents and dates...many thanks.

I would like as many dates as possible purely to see if changes to regulations have reduced incidents or not...

Our answer:

We can confirm we hold the information requested. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service have attended three balcony fires in the Isle of Wight since April 2017 (the furthest Isle of Wight data goes back on our system). The three incidents occurred on 16 June 2017, 10 November 2018 and 21 May 2021.

For your awareness, we do not have an incident type specifically relating to fires on balconies. Consequently, we have conducted a search on our system for the search term "balcony" and have located the three incidents above. As such, this data may not be an accurate representation of the number of incidents that have occurred.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioners Office. This can be done online at www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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