



**Hampshire
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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 17 April 2023. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please may you provide me with the following:

1. How many dogs were part of the fire service for each of the last ten calendar years (2012-2022), broken down by job type. (eg. Fire investigation search dog)
2. Please list the main breeds used in the totals in question 1. Please list the most commonly used breeds first.
3. How many full time members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) were working in the service's dog unit for each of the years in the same period?
4. What was the service's total budget for each of these years and how much was allocated to the dog unit?
5. Does the service have its own dog breeding unit?

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold most of the information requested, please find it on the attached spreadsheet. We do not hold (within the meaning of Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000) the answer to question four as we do not have a specific budget for our dog unit. For question five, we can confirm that Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service does not have, and had not had in the past ten years, a dog breeding unit.

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 Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service