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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 30 June 2022. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

We would be very grateful if you could please provide us with copies of any documents which contain information that HIWFRS holds about HIWFRS's involvement in Trinity's decision to install the waking watch at the Block and / or the Other Buildings. In particular, please provide copies of:

- 1) Any correspondence with Trinity (including any person acting Trinity's on behalf) which relates to the fire precautions at the Block and at the Other Buildings, including correspondence about any meetings or discussions HIWFRS has had, or was going to have, with Trinity about that matter.
- 2) Any internal notes or correspondence which relate to the fire safety of the Block or of the Other Buildings, including any evidence or analysis of fire safety risks at the Block or Other Buildings which was used to support the conclusion that a waking watch would be a reasonably required fire precaution.
- 3) Any general guidance or operating procedure which was applied, or should have been applied, in HIWFRS's decision-making process in determining what fire precautions are reasonably required at buildings such as the Block or the Other Buildings (such as how the

NFCC Simultaneous Evacuation Guidance is to be applied in relation to such buildings).

4) Anything else which will help us understand why Trinity insists that it has no choice but to comply with HIWFRS's "instruction" to install a waking watch.

This request covers the period starting at the time when the HIWFRS first contacted Trinity about concerns regarding the fire precautions at the Block or the Other Buildings in light of the failing of fire precautions at other buildings around the country (notably, Grenfell), and ending at the date of this request (i.e., 30 June 2022).

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested, please find it on the USB drive sent separately, the password for the USB drive is Bnp4vjUJ.

In summary Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service did not 'instruct' Trinity to put a Waking Watch in place. We identified issues with the fire safety of the building and advised that Trinity put measures in place to address them. They subsequently decided to implement a waking watch while they implemented other changes to improve the fire safety of the premises.


Please note that these documents have had the personal data redacted from them. This is because it would be unfair, within the meaning of the UK GDPR, to provide this information in response to your request, as per Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 Information Compliance Team 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


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