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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

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Dear 

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 4 August 2022. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

If your incident recording system does not include "balcony" as a recorded location, could you please perform a search on free text fields in your database for the term, as I have found in the past that this often returns useable data.

Please supply me with data relating to fires on balconies on residential buildings in your area, as follows;

· How many fires involving balconies occurred in total between 1st August 2021 and 31st July 2022?

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested. There were 5 fires involving balconies in that time frame. Please be aware that this data has been sought, as requested, via a free text search as we do not record "balcony" as a location within our systems.

You asked:

· In the same period, how many fires occurred where balconies were found to have contributed to the spread of the fire across the external walls?

Our answer:

No balconies were found to have contributed to the spread of fire across external walls in this period.

You asked:

· Please provide data on the causes of any fires that started on balconies in the period (i.e., barbecue, discarded cigarette, electrical appliance fault, etc) and please provide the number of occurrences for each cause.

Our answer:

Please find this in the table below.


Cause of Fire	Number
Smoking materials	4
Cigarette lighter	1

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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