



**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 20 September 2022. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

I request to be supplied with the total number of fires (by cause) reported to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service, including but not limited to those started by disposable BBQs, cigarette litter, broken/discarded glass bottles and sky lanterns. I request that this data is broken down at least by month, for the last 24 months.

If available, I also request information on the duration and damage caused by those fires and the cost incurred by your service.

Our answer:

Please find the information requested in the attached spreadsheet. The category Barbeque covers both disposable and non-disposable barbeques.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) does not record cigarette litter, broken/discarded glass bottles or sky lanterns as causes of fire, as such this information is not held as per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please be aware that the total area of damage is only recorded in line with specific ranges in our system and not the exact meterage of damage. Also, this information is the recorded estimated area of damage not an explicitly measured area.

Additionally, regarding the duration of the fire, HIWFRS only holds information about our attendance at incidents. As such the time taken reflects the total time of all appliances at an incident from their individual arrival at the incident to the time they leave. The cost of each incident has been calculated by multiplying the time each appliance was at the incident by the costs for vehicle type. Please be aware that this is not a figure we routinely calculate and so is our best estimate of the costs incurred. Also, the vehicle cost per hour figures have not been updated since 2017 for that reason.

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

Information Compliance Officer
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