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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing further to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which we received on 24 January 2023. We have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

Please provide total figures for the four year period 2019-2022 for:

1. How many firefighters and fire service staff have been reported to or investigated by the police for alleged sexual offences (including all categories, eg rape, indecent assault etc)?

2. Of those reported and investigated, please tell us:

- How many were convicted.*
- How many are still being investigated.*
- How many were cleared.*
- How many cases resulted in no further action by the police.*

3. Of those convicted, please tell us:

- How many remain in the fire service.*
- How many have left (please say whether they were dismissed, retired or resigned)?*

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested.

As the numbers of staff involved are very low, providing this information for questions (1), (2) and (3) would enable the identification of individuals. Given the nature of the allegations, this

identification would be unfair within the meaning of the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. Consequently, we are refusing to provide this information under 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 you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting the Data Protection Officer either via email at DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or writing to 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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