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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

### **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 10 January 2024. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

#### ***You asked:***

*1. How many fires have your Service attended which involved electric or Hybrid vehicles powered by lithium-ion batteries between the following dates 1/1/21 – 1/11/23?*

#### **Our answer:**

We can confirm that we hold the information requested. There were 15 fires between 1 January 2021 and 1 November 2023.

#### ***You asked:***

*2. Of these fires attended in how many of these was the cause recorded as a fault on the lithium-ion battery?*

#### **Our answer:**

2

#### ***You asked:***

*3. Of the fires attended how many involved the lithium battery cells?*

**Our answer:**

7

**You asked:**

*4. Have your Service developed specific operational procedures for dealing with fires involving lithium-ion batteries?*

**Our answer:**

Yes

**You asked:**

*5. Have your service purchased any specific equipment/extinguishing/PPE agents to deal with fires involving lithium-ion batteries?*

**Our answer:**

Yes

**You asked:**

*6. Does your Service provide specific training to operational crews who may be called to fires involving lithium-ion batteries?*

**Our answer:**

Yes

**You asked:**

*7. Where lithium-ion batteries are involved in RTA's persons trapped, do you adopt any specific measures to isolate the potential battery ignition risk?*

**Our answer:**

Yes

**You asked:**

*8. Have your Service initiated any specific information gathering exercise on fires attended involving lithium ion batteries?*

**Our answer:**

We are in the process of setting up a multi-department working group to look at ways to improve how these are recorded using the current systems.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

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](mailto:DP@hantsfire.gov.uk) or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

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Yours sincerely

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