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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 7 February 2024. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

#### **You asked:**

- *Number of lithium battery fires attended over the last 5 years (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)*
  - a) Of these how many were the result of an e-bike? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)*
  - b) Of these how many were the result of an e-scooter? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)*

#### **Our answer:**

We can confirm that we hold the information requested, please find it below.

Year	Total	Of which e-bike	Of which e-scooter
2019	7	0	0
2020	2	0	0
2021	6	1	0
2022	12	0	0
2023	19	0	0
2024	3	0	0

Please be aware that we do not routinely record when a lithium battery is involved in an incident. As such these figures reflect where the involvement of lithium batteries has been mentioned within the messages sent regarding incidents.

As the type of battery is often not mentioned for e-bike/e-scooter fires, please find below a table noting the number of these incidents. We have excluded from the table below incidents where it was clear that the battery was not involved.

Year	Number of fires involving electric bikes	Number of fires involving electric/motor scooters (unless other type of fuel is mentioned)
2019	2	3
2020	0	4
2021	3	5
2022	4	5
2023	4	4
2024	0	0

**You asked:**

• Number of people who have died in a fire involving a lithium battery over the last 5 years? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

a) Of these how many were the result of an e-bike? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

b) Of these how many were the result of an e-scooter? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

**Our answer:**

There are no deaths recorded related to any of the fires identified in the tables above.

**You asked:**

• Number of people seriously injured in a fire involving a lithium battery over the last 5 years? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

a) Of these how many were the result of an e-bike? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

b) Of these how many were the result of an e-scooter? (Please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

**Our answer:**

There was one serious injury recorded relating to a fire involving a lithium batter in 2022.

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.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioners Office. This can be done online at [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer  
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