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Our Reference: FOI 112 24-25

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

### **You asked:**

*I am submitting a Freedom of Information request for the following data, specific to residential households (including apartments, houses, and other residential properties):*

1. **Number of House Fires in December:** The total number of house fires that fire services attended in December for each of the past five years (i.e., December 2023, December 2022, December 2021, December 2020, December 2019).
2. **Number of House Fires on Christmas Day:** The number of house fires that fire services attended on Christmas Day specifically for each of the past five years.
3. **Causes of Fires:** The primary causes cited for each of these fires, if available (e.g., electrical fires, cooking-related incidents, etc.).

### **Our answer:**

We can confirm that we hold the information requested, please find it attached. Please be aware that we have redacted the "Fire Cause Description" of some types of incidents as, due to the low number of incidents, releasing this information would enable the identification of individuals. This would be unfair to do, within the meaning of the UK GDPR, in response to your request. Consequently, we are refusing to provide this data per Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 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  
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service