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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 13 January 2025. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

Please can I request the following information under a freedom of information request-

1. *Please can you confirm how many incidents Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Fire Brigade have attended since January 2023, that involves the accidental mixing of chemicals in peoples homes? Please can you confirm the range of chemicals and which were the main ones that were identified?*

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested, except as noted below. There have been 8 incidents we have attended involving the accidental mixing of chemicals in peoples' homes since January 2023. The chemicals we have recorded as being involved were; limescale remover, bleach, toilet cleaner and "the Pink Stuff". The most common chemicals involved were bleach and limescale remover.

You asked:

2. *Please can you confirm how many of these dangerous fumes incidents were caused by the mixing of domestic chemicals in the local sewage system? Again which chemicals were identified?*

Our answer:

There were no incidents caused by the mixing of domestic chemicals in the local sewerage system. Consequently, we do not hold, per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a list of which chemicals were involved.

You asked:

3. *Can you confirm has there been an increase in the last five years for these types of dangerous fumes incidents?*

Our answer:

There has been no increase in these types of incidents in the last five years. The number of incidents we have attended have remained consistent over the last five years (between 3 and 5 usually 4).

You asked:

4. *During these incidents was the water companies made aware of these incidents and what was there response and action?*

Our answer:

This information has not been recorded and so is not held per Section 1 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 or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer
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