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Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 22 May 2025. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

Please could you let me know how many times Romsey fire crews have attended an incident over the past 18 months. 1st November 2023- 30th April 2025. Also could you state how many were fire and how many were other e.g. road traffic accidents.

Could I also know if Eastleigh station is a full time staffed station, the nearest station to Romsey.

This is because they are considering closing Romsey station and there seems to be no fire stations beyond Romsey in Hampshire for our rural community. Also as Romsey is expanding by thousands of houses how is this even considered?

Our answer:

We can confirm we hold the information requested, please find the data related to incidents attended by Romsey attached. Please be aware that this data includes both incidents within Romsey's station ground and where Romsey Station personnel have attended fires in other parts of Hampshire.

Eastleigh Fire Station is a Dual station, meaning that both Wholetime and On-Call crews work there. Consequently, it is both staffed full time and has the ability to call in extra firefighters as needed.

For your awareness, there is no proposal to close Romsey Fire Station. We are going to pilot the removal of some of the less frequently used fire engines at four of our on-call stations, where we currently have two fire engines. These stations will remain operational with one fire engine while we test removing the second fire engine.

The stations will be:

- Romsey
- Waterlooville
- Petersfield
- Lymington

These stations have been chosen after carefully analysing various factors, including our response times, protection and prevention risks in the local area, premises information, and more. This analysis has formed the basis for our 2025-30 Safety Plan. By piloting this approach, we hope to see if the real-world results match up with our data insights.

In addition, there are some FAQs on our website in relation to this proposal [Making best use of resources service wide - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service, Official website of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service](#)

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

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