



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader

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Our Ref:

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 13 June 2019

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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2019-09-09)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 29 April 2019. Our response is provided below:

Q1 *What are the causes for forest fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015?*

Please refer to the table below for recorded ignition sources:

Ignition source	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*	Total
Candles	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cigarette lighter	0	0	2	0	0	2
Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame	1	6	4	3	1	15
Liquids; petrol/oil related	0	1	0	0	0	1
Matches	2	5	4	1	2	14
Not known	10	12	9	14	7	52
Other	1	0	0	1	0	2
Smoking materials	1	0	0	0	0	1
Solids; coal, coke, wood, card	0	0	2	1	0	3
Spread from secondary fire	1	0	2	1	0	4
Total	17	24	23	21	10	95

*Data provided up to 30 April 2019

Q2 *What is the number of forest fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 caused by disposable BBQs?*

The level of details for secondary fires is not sufficient to answer this question to the level required to identify disposable BBQs. A search of the additional information for each incident suggests that none of these were caused by disposable BBQs.

Q3 *How many logged forest fires were there in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015?*

Please refer to table provided for Q1. The following table provides an overview of the category searched to provide the breakdown for Q1:

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Ignition source	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*	Total
Woodland/forest - broadleaf/hardwood	7	12	15	13	7	54
Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood	10	12	8	8	3	41
Total	17	24	23	21	10	95

Q4 How much spent tackling forest fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015?

We do not record this information. It is not possible to provide a figure as there are too many variable factors to take into account. Costs are dependent on the resources mobilised to each incident, the number of personnel who attend the incident, role of personnel, location of the incident, the appliances required etc.

Our special service charges are published on our website: www.northantsfire.gov.uk > About us > Publication of information > Charges for special services > [Special service charges April 2019](#). This will give an indication of standard fire appliance hire/use costs.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2019-09-09.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk or alternatively write to the address below:

Service Information Manager
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service
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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner
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