



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader
Tel: 01604 797000
Our ref:
Your ref: N/A
Date: 11 October 2019
If you have any difficulty in obtaining the above telephone number please email enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk.

Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2019-87-95)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 12 September 2019. Our response is provided below:

Q1 *This is a freedom of information request to assess the number of suicides among serving and former firefighters. Firefighter refers to anyone who was, or had previously been an operational frontline firefighter.*

Please can you provide the number of your firefighters who have committed suicide each year since 1988, or as far back as the Service has records. If the Service has merged, please provide data for its constituent services prior to the merger.

For each year, please also state the total headcount of firefighters for that year. The date of the headcount is up to you.

In Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS), during the period requested, we have no suicides recorded for firefighters during their employment with NFRS. Personal Record Files (PRFs) are maintained for current employees and archived for ex-employees; these are not updated with information for an individual once they have left employment with NFRS therefore we can only provide the information on whether a suicide occurred whilst an individual was employed with NFRS.

The number of staff employed within NFRS between 2002 and 2018 is publicly available in the [Fire Statistics data tables under Workforce and workforce diversity section](#) in the Excel spreadsheet titled FIRE1101: Staff in post employed by fire and rescue authorities by headcount and full time equivalent by role and fire and rescue authority (once opened, enable editing and select 'Northamptonshire' from the first drop down menu)

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If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2019-87-95.

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
Moulton Logistics Centre
Moulton Way
Northampton
NN3 6XJ

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF