



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our ref:
Your ref: N/A
Date: 15 January 2020
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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2019-132-145)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 16 December 2019. Our response is provided below:

The relevant data to answer the questions has been gathered by searching free text fields within our incident datasets and a subsequent manual filter to identify applicable incidents. It is very likely that additional incidents will have been attended by ourselves at premises which have cladding but due to the nature of the fire there was no reason for it to be raised or recorded. Historically information has not been gathered or recorded to answer all the questions, specifically 4 and 5.

Q1 Please state the total number of times your fire service has attended a fire in a building that has exterior cladding since 01 January 2015*

**If your fire service does not record 'exterior cladding' (or other such relevant term) as a searchable category, please run a free text search in your narrative log (and state this is how you have proceeded in your response).*

Since 01 January 2015 there have been 23 fire incidents at premises which had cladding present on the building.

Q2 Please break down question 1 in the following time periods: a) 2015, b) 2016, c) 01 January to 13 June 2017, d) 14 June to 31 December 2017, e) 2018 and f) 2019 so far.

- a) 2015 = 7
- b) 2016 = 4
- c) 01 January to 13 June 2017 = 1
- d) 14 June to 31 December 2017 = 5
- e) 2018 = 2
- f) 2019 = 4

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Q3 *Please break down the total in question 1 by type of building (i.e. residential tower block, hospital, care home, office building etc.)*

Type of incidents and buildings can be broken down as below:

- 20 x Buildings
- 3 x Outdoors

- 14 x Non-residential
- 6 x Dwellings
- 2 x Outdoor structures
- 1 x Other outdoor

- 4 x House - single occupancy
- 4 x Industrial manufacturing/processing
- 3 x Permanent agricultural
- 3 x Vehicle repair
- 1 x Converted flat/maisonette - single occupancy
- 1 x Education
- 1 x Food and drink
- 1 x Large refuse/rubbish container (e.g. skip)
- 1 x Loose refuse (including in garden)
- 1 x Other dwelling
- 1 x Other outdoor structures
- 1 x Private summer house
- 1 x Transport buildings

Q4 *Of the total number in question 1, in how many incidents was the cladding found to have been a contributing factor to the spread of the fire?*

Whilst incidents have been identified using free text there is insufficient detail, specific to the fire and its development to comprehensively answer this question. Whilst cladding has been present, and in some cases involved, its impact is not quantifiable from the data held.

Q5 *Please break down question 4 by type of cladding (i.e. ACM, HPL etc.)*

The references to cladding are purely descriptive and do not detail the exact type or composition for definitive identification.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2019-132-145.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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Service Information Manager
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service
Moulton Logistics Centre
Moulton Way
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