



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader
Tel: 01604 797000
Our ref:
Your ref: N/A
Date: 07 May 2020
If you have any difficulty in obtaining the above telephone number please email enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk.

Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2020-03-198)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 09 April 2020. Our response is provided below:

Q1 How many (a) wholetime firefighters, (b) retained firefighters, (c) fire control room, (d) support staff and (e) total staff there were employed in your Fire and Rescue Service, measured by headcount on 31 March 2019? We also request the (f) number of wholetime firefighters employed by your fire and rescue service as of 31 March 2019 (headcount) that also work a retained contract, and therefore could be described as “wholetime-retained”. To clarify, we only request the number of wholetime firefighters with an additional retained contract – we are not asking whether it is with your own or another fire and rescue service.

We are exempting the headcount of staff for the period requested under Section 21 of the Act as this information is publicly available via the [Home Office's Fire statistics data tables](#) > Workforce and workforce diversity > FIRE1101: Staff in post employed by fire and rescue authorities by headcount and full time equivalent by role and fire and rescue authority. Enable editing on the spreadsheet and then you can change the drop down from 'England' to 'Northamptonshire' to view the data requested.

As of 31 March 2019 Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) recorded 52 wholetime firefighters who also held a retained contract.

Q2 How many (a) wholetime firefighters, (b) retained firefighters, (c) fire control room, (d) support staff and (e) total staff there were employed in your Fire and Rescue Service, measured by headcount on 31 March 2020? We also request the (f) number of wholetime firefighters employed by your fire and rescue service as of 31 March 2020 (headcount) that also work a retained contract, and therefore could be described as “wholetime-retained”. To clarify, we only request the number of wholetime firefighters with an additional retained contract – we are not asking whether it is with your own or another fire and rescue service.

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We are exempting the headcount of staff for the period requested under Section 22 of the Act as this information is due for future publication by the Home Office and will be available to access via the link provided in Q1.

As of 31 March 2020 NFRS recorded 54 wholetime firefighters who also held a retained contract.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2020-03-198.

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