



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our Ref: SL005/NFRS2020-252-294/SG
Your Ref: N/A
Date: 22 December 2020

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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2020-252-294)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 30 November 2020. Our response is provided below:

Q1 Since 2015, how many fires were responded to by your Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) in which investigators established or believe that an emollient product was either a primary or contributory factor in the fire? Please break this down year by year. An emollient is a moisturising treatment applied to the skin, typically used to manage eczema or psoriasis. Such products include - but are not limited to - Diprobase, Zerobase, Cetraben, and E45 creams.

There were no incidents, which involved emollient products recorded by Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS).

Q2 What is the total number of fatalities recorded by your FRS in the incidents referred to in Q1 since 2015? Please break this down year by year. I note in asking this question that statistics on the number of fatalities in emollient-related fires may not be held by your FRS in each or all of the years since 2015. However, please provide the fullest data you hold.

None.

Q3 Since 2015, how many controlled fire tests on emollient products, or the interaction of emollient products with other products has your FRS carried out? By "controlled fire test", I mean any exercise in which your FRS undertook to understand the flammability of emollient products or their interaction with other products.

There were no controlled tests, which involved emollient products carried out by NFRS.

Q4 For all of the controlled fire tests referred to in Q3, please provide a copy of the report that ensued from each of those tests.

Not applicable.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2020-252-294.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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