



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader
Tel: 01604 797000
Our Ref:
Your Ref: N/A
Date: 02 February 2021
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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-01-02)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 04 January 2021. Our response is provided below:

Q1 *Please could you break down the below information per month (from 01 to 30/31) for each month from April to December in 2020.*

How many full-time firefighters employed within your Service were forced to self-isolate after: testing positive for COVID-19, living with someone who had contracted the virus or had symptoms of it, having symptoms of coronavirus, being in close contact with someone in their support bubble that had symptoms or had tested positive for COVID-19, told by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app to self-isolate, or arriving in the UK after visiting a country with a high coronavirus risk over this period?

Please refer to the table below for the number of full-time firefighters who were required to self-isolate in Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) due to one of the reasons listed above:

Month	Number of Firefighters
April	15
May	11
June	6
July	Less than 5*
August	6
September	17
October	9
November	11
December	13

**Exact numbers less than 5 are being exempted under Section 40(2) [Personal Information] of the Act as it could potentially identify individuals in NFRS.*

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Q2 Overall, for how long (in hours) over the month period did fire stations under the authority of your fire service lose full time cover as a result of such isolation due to COVID-19?

No hours of full time cover were lost during April to December 2020 due to COVID-19 isolation requirements.

Q3 How many retained firefighters had to be used over this period in replacement?

N/A, please refer to answer provided for Q2; no retained firefighters were required to replace full-time firefighters.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-01-02.

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
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