



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader
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Our Ref:
Your Ref: N/A
Date: 23 March 2021
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enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk.

Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-26-28)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 11 March 2021. Our response is provided below:

Q1 Do you hold a register of any description which logs the addresses of homes where the resident is described in some way as being a hoarder of belongings or materials and so whose home might prove difficult to access in the case of a fire?

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) only keep this information if there is a significant risk to the safety of the occupier or to the safety of the fire crews when attempting to access the property in the event of an emergency.

Q2 If so could you please state how many addresses in your area are categorised in this way?

There are 140 properties in Northamptonshire that NFRS are currently aware of.

Q3 Could you also please state what materials or possessions are logged on this register which would be passed on to crews attending a fire call at any of these addresses to warn them of potential fire or safety concerns?

Possessions are not logged individually, they are just categorised as “high fire loading” and “cluttered escape routes”. The only time that a material/possession is logged individually is if it adds significant danger, so for example, it would mean that a fire would develop faster or spread even quicker if the occupier were hoarding items such as newspapers or petrol.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-26-28.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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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
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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