

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader

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Our Ref:

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 04 May 2021

If you have any difficulty in obtaining the above telephone number please email

enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk.

Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-33-36)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 01 April 2021. Our response is provided below:

Q1 How many wholetime firefighters, retained firefighters, Fire Control room, support staff and total staff there were employed in your Fire and Rescue Service, measured by headcount on 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021?

Also what is the number of wholetime firefighters employed by your fire and rescue service as of 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021 (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 recorded on 31 March 2020 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. On the tab titled 'FIRE1101', enable editing on the spreadsheet itself and then you can change the drop down from 'England' to 'Northamptonshire' to view the data requested.

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

We are exempting the headcount of staff recorded on 31 March 2021 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 above.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-33-36.

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
Service Headquarters
Darby House
Darby Close
Park Farm Industrial Estate
Wellingborough
NN8 6GS

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