



## Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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**Your Ref:** N/A  
**Date:** 31 August 2021  
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### **Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-65-72)**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 03 August 2021. Our response is provided below:

#### *Q1 What is the annual Apprenticeship Levy?*

The Apprenticeship Levy is a UK tax on employers which can be used to fund apprenticeships training. In the current tax year it is payable by all employers with an annual pay bill of more than £3million at a rate of 0.5% of their total pay bill. The levy is paid to HMRC and held in a digital fund that employers can use towards apprenticeship training.

#### *Q2 How much Levy do you currently use?*

Since August 2020, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) have used £5,354.

#### *Q3 How many Apprentices do you currently have?*

NFRS currently have two Apprentices.

#### *Q4 What training providers do you use?*

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), Solihull College and University Centre.

#### *Q5 What Apprenticeship standards do you use?*

Operational/Department Manager L5 and Chartered Manager Degree L6 Apprenticeship.

#### *Q6 How many IT Apprentices do you have?*

NFRS do not have any IT Apprentices.

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Q7 *Who is the best contact for Apprentices?*

Robert Green, Firefighter Development Programme Manager.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-65-72.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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