Please ask for:	Service Information Team Leader
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Our Ref:	
Your Ref:	
Date:	07 October 2021

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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-82-91)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 13 September 2021. Our response is provided below:

Q1   How many fires involving balconies occurred between 01 August 2020 and 31 July 2021?

There is no reporting category for 'balconies' on our Incident Recording System (IRS) so we have conducted a manual search of all IRS narrative fields for entries that contained the word balcony/ies. No fires were recorded during the period requested.

Q2   In the same period, how many building fires occurred where balconies where found to have contributed to the external spread of the fire?

N/A, please refer to the answer provided for Q1.

Q3   Please provide data on the causes of any fires that started on balconies (i.e.; barbecue, discarded cigarette, electrical appliance fault, etc.) and please provide the number of occurrences for each cause.

N/A, please refer to the answer provided for Q1.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-82-91.

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:

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Information Commissioner
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