



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our ref:

Your ref: request-767031-d1edad2b

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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2021-58-65)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 21 June 2021. Our response is provided below:

Q1 What is the number of low, medium and high-rise residential buildings in your area (or your current/best estimate of them) covered by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005?

Following clarification sought regarding types of residential buildings, the table below is for all residential accommodation for the following groups:

	Residential Care, Nursing etc	Flats	Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)
1 - 3 storeys	460	44	2746*
4 - 5 storeys	3	1854	0
6 -9 storeys	0	18	0
>=10 storeys	0	4	0

*All HMOs have been categories under 1-3 storeys as we do not have the specific detail to subdivide by height.

Q2 What is the total number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings relating to means of escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), since 30 October 2019 to the date of this FOI?

- Four prohibition notices were issued that included means of escape (article 14).
- Ten enforcement notices were issued with specific reference to article 14.2.b.
- Thirty-three deficiency notices were issued with specific reference to article 14.2.b.

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Q3 *What is the number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings specifically relating to the identification of vulnerable and disabled residents, and planning for their escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), since 30 October 2019 to the date of this FOI?*

None of these notices specifically related to the identification of vulnerable and disabled residents.

Q4 *Please provide copies of the notices referred to in (3)*

N/A, please refer to answer provided for Q3.

Q5 *What is the fire authority's current policy covering the evacuation of disabled people from multi-occupancy buildings during a fire?*

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) do not have any guidance specifically relating to the evacuation of disabled people.

We have a number of guidance documents that outline the various evacuation strategies that can be deployed the Operational Information Notes (OINs) are:

- Types of evacuation strategies
- Fires in Tall Buildings
- Evacuation of buildings

These OINs mentioned above provide guidance to the Incident Commander to consider disabilities and persons on medication in consideration of prioritising these people.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2021-58-65.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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