



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our Ref:
Your Ref: N/A
Date: 09 May 2022
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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2022-47-47)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 14 April 2022. Our response is provided below:

Q1 How much was your communications budget in the financial year 2021/22?

The Communications Team is a Joint Team between the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC) and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS), the OPFCC incurs the team costs and charges NFRS for these costs.

The budget includes all joint staff (all of whom are employed by the OPFCC) and associated communications costs. The 2021/22 budget for the charge to NFRS by the OPFCC was £129K. The service budget is £3,600 for the website licence and hosting.

Q2 How much was the actual spend in that year?

The 2021/22 charge to NFRS by the OPFCC for Communications was £129K
The website charge was £3,600.

Q3 What is your communications budget for the financial year 2022/23?

The 2022/23 budget for NFRS Communications from the OPFCC is £170K
The website budget is £3,600.

Q4 How many communications professionals do you employ and what is the total annual combined cost of those salaries?

NFRS do not employ any Communication staff; the staff are employed by the OPFCC and a charge is made to NFRS for the Communications Service.

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Q5 How many media professionals do you employ that specifically handle external communications and what is the annual cost of those salaries?

NFRS do not employ any Communication staff; the staff are employed by the OPFCC and a charge is made to NFRS for the Communications Service.

Q6 Have you used any external communications professionals within your organisation? What was the cost of this?

Communications staff are employed by the OPFCC and a charge is made to NFRS for the Communications Service. NFRS do contract for the website and this is set out above.

Q7 Which job role is responsible for the communications department and what is the salary currently provided to the person carrying out this role? (Please clarify whether this salary is included in the answers given for Q4 and Q5).

The Head of Joint OPFCC/NFRS Communications is responsible for all Communications Services delivered to the OPFCC and NFRS. The cost is included within the overall charge to NFRS. A structure chart and costs for the OPFCC are published on the [OPFCC website](#).

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2022-47-47.

Yours sincerely
Service Information Team

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