



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service FOI 5534/23 - Fleet

Request:

Would you be able to provide me with the following information for your fire fleet please.

1. A list of registration, make, model, VIN number, Bodybuilder job number, Bodybuilder manufacturer, role, location and vehicle type such as WrL or TL of every vehicle in your fire fleet.
2. A list of recently disposed of vehicles.
3. A list of vehicles awaiting disposal.
4. A list of vehicle awaiting to enter service, currently in build/on order and vehicles out to tender.

Response:

Your request for information has now been considered. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service cannot supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Under Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, when refusing to provide information to an applicant, are required to issue a notice which states this fact.

In relation to your particular request, Section 12(1) - Where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit, applies.

Please take this letter as a Refusal Notice to your request.

The information you are requesting in relation to the VIN number, Bodybuilder job number, Bodybuilder manufacturer, and vehicle type such as WrL or TL of every vehicle in Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS)'s fleet is not held by NFRS in any reasonably retrievable form. The only means of establishing information of the nature you are requesting would be by way of manual examination of all vehicle records.





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It is my assessment that the cost of providing you with the information requested would exceed the 'appropriate level' as set out in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 which is currently £450 for 'prescribed costs'. It would cost 163 (number of records) x 10 minutes each (minimum) = over 27 hours at £25 per hour to respond to your request.

By way of explanation, every effort is made to ensure that responses to Freedom of Information requests provide accurate and complete data. Unfortunately, in relation to this request, NFRS data is not organised in such a way as to allow us to provide this information as the systems used are developed for specific purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request.

It would necessitate each vehicle record being examined to obtain all of the requested information. A dip sample was carried out and it took between 10-15 minutes to retrieve all of the requested information.

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the costs shown above and is then within the 'appropriate limit' shown above. This may be, for example, by specifying a certain class of vehicle; if you would like some further information about how to proceed with your request then please contact FreedomofInformation@northants.pnn.police.uk

Although excess cost removes NFRS's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of the request.

Please note that if Section 12 had not been applicable to this request, other exemptions would have been considered and applied where relevant and this may also be the case if a resubmission is made.

1. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service have published a full fleet list on the NFRS website, this can be seen here: <https://www.northantsfire.gov.uk/our-fleet/> and includes the following details:
 - Fleet No.





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- Vehicle registration number
 - Class
 - Fuel Type
 - Area
 - Department
 - Reg Date
 - In Service date
2. Vehicles recently disposed:
Aerial Rescue Pump
Scania Pumping Appliance x 3
Audi Q5
 3. Vehicles awaiting disposal:
Scania Pumping Appliance
 4. Vehicles waiting to enter service:
Kia Sportage x 10

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision.

Prior to lodging a formal appeal you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that the Service have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge an appeal to have the decision reviewed.





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Appeals should be made in writing within 20 days of receipt of your reply and either emailed to freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk or addressed to:

**Freedom of Information Manager
Information Unit
Northamptonshire Police Headquarters
Wootton Hall
Northampton
NN4 0JQ**

Where possible the Service will aim to respond to your appeal within 20 working days. However meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging an appeal with the Service, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk Alternatively, telephone or write to:

**Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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