



3 July 2026

**Request:**

**1. The number of hoarding-related fires attended by the service each year from 2015-2025.**

Data is only available from 1 October 2018 onwards and has been provided until 31 December 2025. The recording category is 'Excessive and dangerous storage'.

| Year | Total |
|------|-------|
| 2018 | 1     |
| 2019 | 7     |
| 2020 | 7     |
| 2021 | 8     |
| 2022 | 10    |
| 2023 | 11    |
| 2024 | 8     |
| 2025 | 18    |

**2. How many social housing blocks or high-rises are currently flagged by the service as a high-risk hoarding zone? (i.e. a Level 4+ on the Clutter Image Rating scale). If available, please provide this number for every year from 2015-2025, as well as the current number.**

2. Searches were conducted within Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) to locate the information and we can confirm that NFRS does not hold the information relating to your request. NFRS's Incident Recording System does not differentiate types of dwellings and does not record clutter ratings.

**Caveats:**

The numerical data presented in this response is an unaudited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the production of statistical information for Freedom of Information responses.

The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when the data is used.

If you decide to write an article/use the enclosed data, we ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

## **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 with the Service to have the decision reviewed.

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

**Freedom of Information Manager**

**Information Unit**

**Darby House**

**Darby Close**

**Park Farm Industrial Estate**

**Wellingborough**

**NN8 6GS**

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](http://www.ico.org.uk) Alternatively, telephone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF Phone: 0303 123 1113