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Request:

Please provide the following recorded information:

1. Any current policy, procedure, guidance, operational note, risk assessment template, or standard process used when crews or officers identify that a road, street, estate, industrial site, or similar location may be difficult or impossible to access because of parked/stored vehicles or vehicle-related obstruction.

1. 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. Access issues primarily fall to local authority highways department, to whom we would direct persons reporting concerns.

2. Any process for reporting such access concerns to another body, including the police, highways authority, local authority enforcement, parking enforcement, environmental health, planning, licensing, or landowner.

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. Officers will direct the person raising the concerns to the relevant agencies.

3. Whether your service has, in the last three calendar years, referred any such access obstruction concern to the police or a highways/local authority team. If held, please provide the number of referrals by calendar year. I do not require personal data or exact addresses; broad categories or anonymised examples are sufficient.

3. 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.

4. Whether your service uses or refers to the Highway Code, including Rule 243, when considering or explaining emergency access obstruction by parked vehicles. If held, please provide any recorded guidance, email template, briefing note, or standard wording that mentions this.

4. 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.

5. Any recorded examples, with personal data and precise addresses redacted if necessary, of how your service has advised residents, businesses, councils, police, or highways teams about maintaining access for fire appliances or BRVs where vehicle parking/storage was the concern.

5. No specific campaigns have been run but there has been online activity to raise awareness.

Please find a sample of links of information in the public domain:

[Inconsiderate parking delays crew in response to kitchen fire – Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

[Drivers urged to avoid parking over hydrants and delaying Fire Service response – Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

[Fire safety event shows local businesses the importance of easy access for emergency crews – Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

[Fire Service show impacts of poor building access during exercise – Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/Northantsfire/posts/pfbid02E9ej6w5tqnondPT1vErY1bsi6rhiQRxQpURzamGMiqgLwC6BYUVEKcK5FNcMvsvsI>

<https://www.facebook.com/Northantsfire/posts/pfbid026NHZQYQTjHPGcvmPj9m41MyhXhe8mKzyB94w7ZWeCYuigGJptbEN6CEkGBJb4AbxI>

<https://www.facebook.com/Northantsfire/posts/pfbid0cWJacRxCogRd7VPpUZSVZA998X8RfhFDQdpxLtGeBZaQfftSdgukiZqbj5iCmWfni>

<https://www.facebook.com/Northantsfire/posts/pfbid02S3XoiRPKByDUTHEzZGcaYZMcBpHg5PyVscEuKnJbknc65UUkPo1gMXzvGxUuymJmI>

Caveats:

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 information provided is our best interpretation of relevance of information to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of information for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when the information 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 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 Alternatively, telephone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF Phone: 0303 123 1113