

## Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 60

### Fire Safety Officers, audits and enforcement notices

#### Query:

1. How many fire safety officers have you employed for each of the last five years?
2. How much has this cost the authority in each of the last five years?
3. How many fire safety audits have you completed over each of the last five years?
4. Of these, how many resulted in improvement and enforcement notices?
5. Can you narrow those numbers down to properties over four stories or 18m or more? (if possible within cost limits, else please ignore)
6. How many buildings have been identified with ACM cladding similar to that used on the Grenfell Tower?
7. Of these, how many were audited in the last year and how many received improvement or enforcement notices?

#### Response:

**Please note, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2016.**

1. How many fire safety officers have you employed for each of the last five years?

Time Period	Headcount
April 2017-March 2018	28
April 2016-March 2017	24
April 2015-March 2016	25
April 2014-March 2017	28
April 2013-March 2014	26

**Please note that these headcount figures represent a snapshot taken on 31 March in each financial year and include all Fire Safety Advisors, Fire Safety Investigators, Fire Safety Enforcement Officers and their Managers/Team Leaders.**

2. How much has this cost the authority in each of the last five years?

Time Period	Total Costs
April 2017-March 2018	£ 927,389.75
April 2016-March 2017	£ 976,276.02
April 2015-March 2016	£ 1,000,013.71
April 2014-March 2015	£ 1,061,790.59
April 2013-March 2014	£ 1,040,468.48

**These costs include basic pay, employers National Insurance contributions, pension contributions and flexible duty allowance (where applicable).**



3. How many fire safety audits have you completed over each of the last five years?

**Please see the spreadsheet called 'FOI 18 60 Fire Safety Officers, audits and enforcement notices'.**

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**This question has been ignored, as per your instructions, as ascertaining this information would exceed the 18 hour time limit.**

6. How many buildings have been identified with ACM cladding similar to that used on the Grenfell Tower?

**Two buildings**

7. Of these, how many were audited in the last year and how many received improvement or enforcement notices?

**Both of these buildings were audited. Fire Safety Officers worked with the Responsible Person to ensure the building and associated risks were being managed effectively, following NFCC interim guidance. No enforcement notices were issued.**