

Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 61

Fire safety inspections and enforcement notices

Query:

Please provide a breakdown of the following for each of the last 10 calendar years, including the year to date:

- 1. The number of inspections of school premises carried out by fire service personnel.
- 2. The number of "Enforcement Notices" or "Prohibition Notices" served by the fire authority on any school premises if possible, please provide brief details of the issue which was flagged up.
- 3. The number of inspections of flats or tower blocks carried out by fire service personnel.
- 4. The number of "Enforcement Notices" or "Prohibition Notices" served by the fire authority on any flat or tower block if possible, please provide brief details of the issue which was flagged up.

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.

Please see the Microsoft Excel file named 'FOI 18 61 Fire safety inspections and enforcement notices'. All information is taken from Home Office annual returns of which, historical Wiltshire Fire and Rescue data only goes back as far as 2010-11. Information supplied to the Home Office is recorded by financial year and to split the data by calendar year would involve making assumptions, which would result in misleading and inaccurate data.

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemption to the information that you have requested:

"Information accessible by other means" in Section 21 of the Act. Details of issues raised by enforcement and prohibition notices are publicly available on the National Enforcement Register, which you can access via the following link: <u>http://www.cfoa.org.uk/11823</u>.