

Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 72

Sale of appliances

Query

Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

This request concerns firefighting funding

For each question I am seeking information for each of the following time periods:

- i) 2014/15
 - ii) 2015/16
 - iii) 2016/17
 - iv) 2017/18 to date (most recent data available)
1. How much is designated for firefighting?
 2. How many incidences of fires has your fire service been called out to?
 3. How many fire engines does your authority own?

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. Please see below a table containing details of our net expenditure on firefighting and rescue operations and our total net spend by calendar year:

Financial Year	Net Expenditure on Firefighting and Rescue Operations £'000	Total Net Spend £'000
2017/18	£41,416	£54,072
2016/17	£39,126	£55,000
2015/16	£43,332	£54,248
2014/15	£42,750	£54,719

Further information regarding the amount of funding received by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue is publicly available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/what-we-spend/statement-of-accounts/>

2. The incident data you have requested is publicly available. 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 exemptions to the information that you have requested:

“Information accessible by other means” in Section 21 of the Act. The information requested can be found via the following link:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fire-statistics-data-tables#incidents-attended>

3. Please see below a table containing details of the number of fire engines owned by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue as at 1st April of each calendar year:

Date	Number of fire engines
01/04/2015	89
01/04/2016	91
01/04/2017	96
01/04/2018	102

Note that these figures include all Super Rescue Pumping Appliances (over 15 Tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight).