



Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 78

Secondary employment

Query:

I would like to know how many full-time firefighters (all operational crews) your Fire & Rescue Service currently employs and how many of those firefighters are registered as having second jobs outside of their main employment in your Fire & Rescue Service?

Would you please include a breakdown of what roles such firefighters are carrying out as second jobs, for example, taxi driver, door supervisor, carer, paramedic and so on?

Response:

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue currently employs 434 wholetime Firefighters (with an additional 35 members of Control staff), 25 of which have been recorded as holding secondary employment outside of the Service.

We are unable to provide a more detailed breakdown of the roles undertaken in the course of secondary employment. We are applying the exemption afforded by Section 40(2) Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which provides that a request for information is exempt if the information requested constitutes personal data about a third party. In particular we choose to rely upon section 40(3)(a)(i), which provides an absolute exemption if disclosure of the personal data would contravene any of the data protection principles as defined in the Data Protection Act 2018. Due to the low numbers involved, we are of the opinion that to disclose the requested information could identify someone and would be unfair and contrary to the first data protection principle.