



Freedom of Information Request FOI 21 26

Hoarders

Query:

Do you hold a register of any description which logs the addresses of homes where the resident is described in some way as being a hoarder of belongings or materials and so whose home might prove difficult to access in the case of a fire?

If so could you please state how many addresses in your area are categorised in this way?

Could you also please state what materials or possessions are logged on this register which would be passed on to crews attending a fire call at any of these addresses to warn them of potential fire or safety concerns?

Response:

We have identified 1089 properties which have a form of hoarding risk identified through our safe and well visit work.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) use a clutter rating scale (scale 1 – 9) which is a widely used resource across partner agencies.

To help inform our response at incidents involving hoarded properties, DWFRS has an area within our database that indicates the property is hoarded but we do not specifically record what the rating scale is.

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