



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 126

Fire Safety and Emergency provisions for Bibby Stockholm

Request and Reply:

You requested the following information (in bold) please see our response below each question:

1. Fire safety and emergency evacuation

What plans / systems are in place to prevent a fire breaking out on board the Vessel?

The Fire Risk Assessment can be requested from CTM as the Responsible Person and details the systems in place to prevent fires. This includes restrictions on certain items on board the vessel (including lighters and smoking materials), PAT testing of electrical items, limitations on combustible materials and maintenance regimes for extractor filters and laundry equipment. There is a no smoking policy on board. An induction pack with instruction for residents is provided. The location of the vessel affords protection against arson from external sources.

What plans / systems are in place in the event of a fire breaking out on board the Vessel?

The vessel is fitted with an automatic fire alarm system covering all parts of the vessel and cabins. This is monitored by staff who are trained to respond to an alarm and assist an evacuation if required. Crew are trained in the use of firefighting equipment (fire extinguishers and hose reels).

There are automatic suppression systems fitted in the machinery space within the hull and also within the kitchen/galley, coupled with maintenance systems for the extraction hoods and laundry facilities.

Fire resisting construction and compartmentation within the vessel are designed to limit fire and smoke travel during the evacuation.

The vessel operates a full simultaneous evacuation strategy upon actuation of the fire alarm system. All doors to occupied rooms should be easily openable without the use of a key.

Arrangements are in place for summoning the emergency services and DWFRS have produced a tactical plan to assist with firefighting and rescue operations on board the vessel if required. This is subject to



ongoing review and will be held on all responding fire appliances.

Have any evacuation drills taken place yet / are any planned?

Drills have taken place as part of the staff training. Further drills are planned to confirm that the evacuation strategy can be implemented once residents are accommodated on board. Details of the outcome of these drills should be requested from the Responsible Person as DWFS does not hold these.

Has any consideration been given to whether or not those on board are able to swim?

We do not hold this information.

(This report notes that microwaves, lighters and cigarettes were being used in rooms and that the doors on board the Vessel cannot be unlocked automatically in the event of a fire. This report notes that Asylum-seekers are less likely to be swimmers).

There are no cooking facilities provided within cabins. All occupied rooms are openable from the escape side without the use of a key. Master keys allow staff to access rooms in an emergency if required.

2. Individual emergency

What will happen in the event of a medical or other emergency that will require an individual resident to leave the Vessel urgently?

It is our understanding that residents are free to leave the vessel at any time subject to booking out through the reception. The booking system is part of the overall safety management system for confirming the occupancy of the vessel as part of the evacuation management process. Staff are available 24/7 to support this process.

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