



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 163

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Query:

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1. Call out number
2. Date of call out e.g. 16 June 2023 or 16/06/23
3. Category/cause of emergency e.g. fire caused by portable heater, electrical shock *etc. Or equivalent breakdown*
4. Related to electrics (Yes/No) - *please specify if the incident was related to electricity/electrical issues.*
5. Category of location e.g. Domestic / Business
6. Type of call out (e.g category 1, 2,3 etc)
7. Result of call out (e.g fatal/non fatal, sustained injuries *etc Or equivalent breakdown*)

Response:

Please see the attached spreadsheet which answers questions 2,3,4,5 & 7.

Please see below concerning questions 1 & 6.

Questions 1.

DWFRS can confirm that we hold the call out number information which you have requested; however this information is exempt under section 24 (National Security) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 and is therefore being withheld. It is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test.

We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but we consider that there is also a strong public interest in us protecting national security. As an emergency service, we must ensure that operationally sensitive intelligence is appropriately protected. Releasing detailed information such as callout numbers may prejudice our ability to maintain both our own and national security. By releasing this information this could cause not only DWFRS to be compromised along with other authorities, which could put the whole of the mobilising network for the fire service in significant danger.

For this reason, we consider that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Question 6.

We do not hold this information and therefore cannot provide you with this.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 08, January 2024