



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 57

Information relating to Station closures

Query and response:

1. *Looking at the consultation document on the closer of fire stations I see you have employed Premier Advisory Group, how much are they costing for this consultation.*

We consider that the information you have requested is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The cost of the consultation can be found by using the below link and typing 'Premier Advisory Group':

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/contracts>

2. *Can you please supply me with the risk assessment on the impact of station closures.*

We consider that the information you have requested is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The individual station reports published on our website contain the risk assessments for the impacts of closures:

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service | Proposed station closures](#)

3. *I am especially interested in the risk assessment on firefighters safety, which should include:*

- Dealing with fires that have had longer to establish, thus making them of greater intensity. For instance, will you be increasing the PDA for a property fire due to the increased risk.*
- The increase in risk to firefighters at an incident, when there is a delay in their support appliances.*
- What are the proposals to help reduce the risk, like increase the size of the crew on the appliance attending.*

The individual station reports published on our website include mitigations for reducing risks resulting from a potential station closures.

4. *Can you please supply me with the projected increase in fire costs, if all these stations are closed and for the increase for each individual station.*

The published reports and supporting appendices include a range of costs for each respective station under review.



5. *Can you supply me the number of times that the stations that are to cover the stations that are proposed to close, were not available in the last five years, and give me the reason why?*

The availability of the nearest ten fire engines to each station proposed for closure are detailed for 2024-25 as part of the published papers. Availability of individual fire engines are impacted by a number of factors including, but not limited to, the availability of staff to provide a crew for the station, sickness, vehicle repairs, essential training sessions and annual leave.

6. *As you would have records of this, can you supply the increase in attendance times to incidents, from stations further away, due to this non availability?*

Detailed modelled average increases in response times for the next two nearest fire engines to respond to property fires with sleeping risk, property fire without sleeping risk and the nearest fire engine for road traffic collisions are detailed within the published papers.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 27, March, 2026