

Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 86

Fire cover resilience

Query and response:

I am trying to set a sense of the contribution that the 8 DWFRS fire stations proposed for closure make to overall Service fire cover resilience. To this end, can you please provide the following information:

1. *Number of standby mobilisations within the DWFRS area for the following fire stations, annual figures for FY19 to FY25, and monthly data for FY26*
 - a. *Bradford on Avon*
 - b. *Wilton*
 - c. *Mere*
 - d. *Ramsbury*
 - e. *Maiden Newton*
 - f. *Hamworthy*
 - g. *Charmouth*
 - h. *Cranborne*

Please see the table below for both the number of and duration (in HH:MM:SS format) of standby mobilisations during the time period specified. This is based on standby incidents that have a mobile time for a pumping appliance for the specified stations within our Service area:

	Bradford on Avon	Wilton	Mere	Ramsbury	Maiden Newton	Hamworthy	Charmouth	Cranborne
2019/2020 Number	129	80	22	4	14	43	18	13
2019/2020 Duration	136:44:39	51:44:55	23:42:38	5:54:38	13:44:18	29:57:56	23:08:12	18:22:32
2020/2021 Number	78	46	11	6	6	36	17	16
2020/2021 Duration	97:27:22	39:15:04	19:13:52	9:29:46	5:52:45	37:42:08	28:38:36	12:12:36
2021/2022 Number	64	70	11	10	15	22	13	10



2021/2022 Duration	80:24:05	67:51:30	13:01:31	7:11:25	13:29:37	23:09:02	21:30:32	13:38:13
2022/2023 Number	60	91	30	2	16	18	14	13
2022/2023 Duration	77:20:02	87:09:39	48:09:59	2:20:51	23:56:17	16:00:42	19:32:52	17:34:58
2023/2024 Number	41	68	22	2	27	45	8	11
2023/2024 Duration	50:40:54	74:11:40	36:09:19	3:05:59	29:31:15	48:41:59	10:13:51	19:58:39
2024/2025 Number	17	47	16	4	6	50	5	5
2024/2025 Duration	26:36:41	49:59:49	36:06:27	3:20:51	12:26:17	61:00:50	4:43:59	5:53:53
2025/2026 Number	56	67	8	4	11	80	16	3
2025/2026 Duration	73:58:58	69:38:07	14:44:28	4:27:52	20:23:44	74:09:35	36:17:38	4:49:11
January 2026 Number	6	6	0	0	2	8	2	0
January 2026 Duration	3:30:04	3:42:16	0:00:00	0:00:00	2:00:05	10:47:01	3:38:45	0:00:00
February 2026 Number	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
February 2026 Duration	2:28:13	3:17:08	0:00:00	1:40:07	0:00:00	0:19:09	0:00:00	0:00:00
March 2026 Number	4	4	1	0	1	10	1	1
March 2026 Duration	5:36:00	5:07:04	2:40:18	0:00:00	0:00:13	7:44:02	0:49:39	0:04:22

2. Total duration (hours) of standby mobilisations within the DWFRS area for the following fire stations, annual figures for FY19 to FY25, and monthly data for FY26

- a. Bradford on Avon
- b. Wilton
- c. Mere
- d. Ramsbury
- e. Maiden Newton
- f. Hamworthy
- g. Charmouth
- h. Cranborne

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3. *Number of crewing shortfall person-hours contributed by firefighters from each of the following fire stations to other fire stations within DWFRS, annual figures for FY19 to FY25, and monthly data for FY26*

- a. *Bradford on Avon*
- b. *Wilton*
- c. *Mere*
- d. *Ramsbury*
- e. *Maiden Newton*
- f. *Hamworthy*
- g. *Charmouth*
- h. *Cranborne*

Please see the table below for crewing shortfall person hours (in HH:MM format) contributed by firefighters from each of the specified stations during the time period specified:

Station	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Charmouth	32:15	72:30	47:30	139	97:45	176	0	0	0	0
Maiden Newton	53	0	0	32:30	61	20	13:30	0	0	0
Hamworthy	73:30	0	0	0	159:30	41:15	9	0	0	0
Cranborne	32:15	20	0	77:15	56	0	41	0	0	0
Wilton	15	0	14	49:45	50	0	52	10	0	0
Mere	64	49	27:30	57:15	62	105:30	81:30	0	0	0
Bradford on Avon	59:30	7:30	240:30	99:30	38	141	144:15	0	0	0
Ramsbury	81	211:30	405:30	132:15	6	0	0	5:15	0	0

4. *Total duration (hours) of additional appliance availability at fire stations within DWFRS resulting from crewing shortfall hours contributed by firefighters from each of the following fire stations, annual figures for FY19 to FY25, and monthly data for FY26*



Please find below the total duration of additional appliance availability for each station (in HH:MM format):

a. Bradford on Avon

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Gillingham	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salisbury	0	0	0	0	0	27:30	0	0	0	0
Mere	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury	0	7:30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pewsey	0	0	0	0	0	16	12	0	0	0
Trowbridge	0	0	38	10	0	5	0	0	0	0
Melksham	0	0	55:30	29:30	5	17	42	0	0	0
Westbury	0	0	34:30	18:30	13:30	0	10:15	0	0	0
Warminster	0	0	6	0	0	17:30	0	0	0	0
Devizes	15	0	10	21	0	26	0	0	0	0
Swindon	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Marlborough	26:30	0	18:30	0	0	13	9	0	0	0
Wootton Bassett	18	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malmesbury	0	0	15	15	6	7	43:30	0	0	0
Chippenham	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Corsham	0	0	0	5:30	7	0	0	0	0	0
Calne	0	0	25:30	0	6:30	0	17:30	0	0	0

b. Wilton

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Blandford	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0



Swanage	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Poole	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Redhill	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
Westbourne	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
Springbourne	0	0	10	20:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Christchurch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salisbury	10	0	6	9:15	0	0	14	0	0	0
Mere	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	10	0	0
Amesbury	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Ludgershall	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Marlborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0

c. Mere

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Sturminster Newton	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillingham	0	0	16:30	17:45	0	0	8	0	0	0
Shaftesbury	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Blandford	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cranborne	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salisbury	0	17	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilton	0	8	0	2:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tisbury	0	9	0	5:30	16:30	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury	28:30	0	0	0	37:30	0	20:30	0	0	0
Ludgershall	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Pewsey	7:30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradford on Avon	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
Melksham	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westbury	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warminster	15	7	6	0	0	52:30	35	0	0	0
Devizes	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Chippenham	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Corsham	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Calne	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0

d. Ramsbury

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Salisbury	0	1:30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ludgershall	5	4	96:30	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pewsey	0	0	40:30	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradford on Avon	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melksham	0	0	7	20:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westbury	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warminster	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devizes	0	0	7	13:15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swindon	24	46	66	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cricklade	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stratton	8	102:30	14	8:30	0	0	0	5:15	0	0
Marlborough	32	15:30	61:30	16	6	0	0	0	0	0
Wootton Bassett	0	0	14	10:30	0	0	0	0	0	0



Westlea	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malmesbury	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chippenham	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corsham	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calne	0	0	7	10:30	0	0	0	0	0	0

e. Maiden Newton

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Lyme Regis	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maiden Newton	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
Weymouth	0	0	0	7:30	10	0	4	0	0	0
Sturminster Newton	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bere Regis	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wareham	29	0	0	0	7	0	5:30	0	0	0
Poole	0	0	0	10	14	0	0	0	0	0
Springbourne	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christchurch	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0

f. Hamworthy

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Bere Regis	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wareham	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamworthy	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0



Poole	20:30	0	0	0	28	0	9	0	0	0
Ferndown	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redhill	0	0	0	0	4:15	14	0	0	0	0
Westbourne	0	0	0	0	24	16	0	0	0	0
Springbourne	0	0	0	0	24:45	11:15	0	0	0	0
Salisbury	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury	0	0	0	0	10:30	0	0	0	0	0

g. Charmouth

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Lyme Regis	0	0	0	24:15	3:45	0	0	0	0	0
Bridport	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaminster	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weymouth	0	0	14	12:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sherborne	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Sturminster Newton	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Gillingham	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Blandford	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Bere Regis	8	8:30	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wareham	0	12	7	16:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poole	0	0	5.5	45:45	22:30	41	0	0	0	0
Redhill	0	0	0	10	20	68	0	0	0	0
Westbourne	0	14	0	0	9:30	34	0	0	0	0
Springbourne	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verwood	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0



Christchurch	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
Mere	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradford on Avon	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

h. Cranborne

Station covered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan	2026 Feb	2026 Mar
Sturminster Newton	9:30	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Gillingham	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Bere Regis	0	0	0	6:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wareham	0	0	0	12:30	19	0	0	0	0	0
Swanage	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Cranborne	2:45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ferndown	0	0	0	18	0	0	6	0	0	0
Redhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Salisbury	19	0	0	28:30	4	0	14	0	0	0
Tisbury	0	0	0	12:30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mere	1	0	0	4:15	8	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ludgershall	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0

5. Any internal metrics used by DWFRS relating to fire cover resilience, which illustrate the contribution made by the following fire stations, annual figures for FY19 to FY25, and monthly data for FY26 (clarification received: By “fire cover resilience”, I mean the ability of DWFRS to i) provide more than one appliance to a single incident where required, and ii) provide an appliance to an incident in any given station ground when the first away appliance in that station ground is unavailable. I’m not sure what (if any) metrics DWFRS uses to measure this ability, I was hoping you could tell me!)



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We do not use specific internal metrics to measure fire cover resilience in the way described in your clarification. Over the last three years, the highest number of appliances simultaneously committed to incidents across our Service was 41, which occurred on a single occasion for a short period. During this time, additional appliances remained available within the Service to respond to further incidents. This operational capacity is further supported through established mutual aid arrangements with neighbouring fire and rescue services including use of our Networked Fire Service Partners.

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