



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 141

Incident data for 2025 for Swindon, Stratton and Westlea

Query:

Please could you give me a whole list of all incidents that the fire service have attended in 2025 - from January 1st-December 31st for the stations: Swindon, Stratton and Westlea

Please provide the following -

Date and Time of Call

Appliances Attended (With the name of the station)

Specialist Vehicles

Type of Incident

Location (Place / Town/County - not postcode as I know data protection but street and estate etc)

Premises Type

Outcome (Primary / Secondary)

Stop message

What equipment was used at the Incident

Response:

Please find attached the information that you have requested, where it is recorded. There is one row of data for each vehicle that attended each incident.

We have withheld the requested stop message information under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The stop message field consists of free text operational narrative recorded by attending crews and frequently contains personal data relating to members of the public involved in incidents. This includes information concerning individuals' circumstances, health, welfare, property and other details from which individuals may be identified, either directly or when combined with other information being disclosed in response to this request.

We have considered whether it would be possible to disclose the stop messages in a redacted form. However, given the free text nature of the field and the volume of records involved, there would be a significant risk of personal data being disclosed inadvertently through the redaction process. The information is not recorded in a structured format and personal data is often interwoven with operational information throughout the narrative, making it difficult to separate reliably.

In addition, the extent of redactions required to remove personal data would, in many cases, remove a substantial proportion of the content, rendering the remaining information of little or no value. We are already providing extensive



information relating to each incident. The disclosure of heavily redacted stop messages would therefore add limited value whilst creating a risk of unfair disclosure of personal information.

We consider that disclosure of the stop message field would be unfair and would contravene the data protection principles set out in Article 5(1)(a) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. In particular, individuals involved in incidents would have no reasonable expectation that information recorded for operational purposes would subsequently be disclosed into the public domain under the Freedom of Information Act.

Accordingly, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is therefore not subject to the Public Interest Test.

Information accurate on the date provided: 19 August 2026