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Information requests 2023 to 2024

Responses to requests made between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024

We receive a wide range of requests for information from the public and from businesses. Listed below are the requests we have responded to under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024

BRFS Ref:

387 23/24

Information Request:

I am looking for information on the number of fires in listed buildings in 2019 in Buckinghamshire, including addresses and dates.

Response:

There were 22 fires in listed buildings in 2019. We cannot provide the addresses as this is personal information as the list includes private houses. However here are the dates of the incidents: 12/01/2019, 21/01/2019, 05/02/2019, 06/02/2019, 21/02/2019, 27/02/2019, 02/03/2019, 29/03/2019, 28/05/2019, 07/07/2019, 17/07/2019, 06/08/2019, 14/08/2019, 15/09/2019, 30/09/2019, 21/10/2019, 30/10/2019, 15/11/2019, 19/11/2019, 22/11/2019, 17/12/2019, and 27/12/2019.

BRFS Ref:

386 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 386 Lithium
battery fires on esco

BRFS Ref:

385 23/24

Information Request:

Every year XXX counts all the PV and thermal panels it can observe which are installed on Marlow buildings.

We are delighted to see a large quantity of PV panels on the roof of Marlow Fire Station. However it is difficult to ascertain how many panels have been fitted. Our guess is 102, but we are not certain.

Would you please let me the know the exact figure?

Response:

There are 131 panels on the roof of Marlow Fire Station.

BRFS Ref:

384 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 384 escooter
and ebike fires respo

BRFS Ref:

383 23/24

Information Request:

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Full list (including models) of Mercedes-Benz all-terrain vehicles and trucks you have purchased, hired or leased (including Unimogs).
2. (if leased/hired) Lease/hire start date & end date.
3. Name of service provider for any Mercedes-Benz Vehicles you have purchased, hired or leased.
4. (If owned) year purchased and when are you looking to renew your fleet of Mercedes-Benz models?
5. Contact details for the person(s) responsible for managing the fleet of Mercedes-Benz all terrain and truck vehicles, including name, job title, contact number and email address.

Response:

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service no longer has any Mercedes all-terrain vehicles in its fleet. It used to have Unimog appliances, but these were disposed of at least five years ago.

BRFS Ref:

382 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 382 Escooter
and Ebike fires respo

BRFS Ref:

381 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 381 Lithium
battery and electric v

BRFS Ref:

380 23/24

Information Request:

Please advise:

1. The estimated total number of acres of land that you own – 13 acres.
2. The estimated total number of acres that you own which are not in operational use – zero, all land owned is currently in operational use.
3. The annual spending on managing and maintaining your property estate in the financial year 2022/23. Please provide a breakdown – Please see attached spreadsheet for all revenue property spend for 2022-23. A breakdown of capital expenditure as published can be found here: <https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2023/06/executive-committee-meeting-12-july-2023-item-8-budget-monitoring-report-2022-23.pdf/> (pp.9-10)
4. The number of empty homes you currently own – zero, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service does not own any homes.
5. The number of empty buildings you currently own that are not homes – zero, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service does not own any empty buildings.

Please provide a copy of your asset register - A copy of the asset register (as at 31 March 2023) is attached.

Response:



FOI 380 - Asset
Register 31 March 20



FOI 380 - Property
FOI March 2024.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

379 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 379 reponse.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

378 23/24

Information Request:

Specifically, I am interested in obtaining detailed information regarding the procurement of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (drones) through 2022 – 2024.

Please provide the following information:

The make and model of each drone system purchased.

The quantity of each make and model purchased.

The individual cost paid for each make and model.

The total expenditure on the drone systems.

Details of any training that was included as part of the purchase.

Response:

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has not made any procurement of any remotely piloted aircraft systems within the period requested.

BRFS Ref:

377 23/24

Information Request:

What make, model, trim and year of cars are used by your Chief Fire Officer, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and any Assistant Chief Fire Officers?

Are these cars owned or leased by the Fire Authority and provided at no cost to the officers?

Are these cars provided through a lease scheme where the Authority pays a specified capped amount and the Officer may pay an additional personal contribution above and beyond that paid by the Authority?

Does the Fire Authority set a specification, performance and maximum value criteria for these cars ? if so please provide a copy.

Is the specification, performance and maximum value criteria of these cars the same or different to cars used by Station and Group Managers working the Flexi duty system in the service? If so please provide a copy of the Station/Group manager specification.

Has the the specification, performance and maximum value criteria of cars used by the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officers been approved/reviewed by the Fire Authority? If so when? if not who approved it and when?

Do the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officer work a duty system(often referred to continuous duty) which enables them to avail of the EIM23605 Car benefit: emergency vehicle tax exemption? If so has this duty system been approved/reviewed by the Fire Authority? If so when? If not who approved it and when?

How many times have each of the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officers had to physically respond, using blue lights in the past 3 years? for the last 6 incidents each attended:

- Date of incident, where did they respond from and where was the incident?
- What command function did they perform at the incident?
- How long were they in attendance at the incident?
- What was their response time from mobilized to in attendance?

If a duty system, commonly known as a continuous duty system, is operated by the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Officers was it approved/reviewed by the Fire Authority? If so when? If this type of duty system was approved by the Fire Authority were they explicitly made aware of the significant personal tax benefits for those working it?

If the Fire Authority didn't approve the duty system who did and when?

If a duty system, commonly known as a continuous duty system, is operated by the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Officers please provide a copy of the Health and Safety Risk Assessments which shows how the Fire Authority has assured itself that the

duty system, with such extensive periods of on call, meets their Employer Health and Safety responsibilities?

Response:

What make, model, trim and year of cars are used by your Chief Fire Officer, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and any Assistant Chief Fire Officers?

CFO: Honda CRV 2.0 I-MMD Hybrid SR 2WD ECVT 5-dr

DCFO: Jaguar F-Pace 3.0 D300 S 5dr Auto AWD

ACO: Audi Q5 40 TDI S-Line S-Tronic

Are these cars owned or leased by the Fire Authority and provided at no cost to the officers?

Owned

Leased

Leased

Are these cars provided through a lease scheme where the Authority pays a specified capped amount and the Officer may pay an additional personal contribution above and beyond that paid by the Authority?

Yes, capped amount only.

Does the Fire Authority set a specification, performance and maximum value criteria for these cars ? if so please provide a copy. Diesel, 4WD, max lease cost £10,423 p/a.

Is the specification, performance and maximum value criteria of these cars the same or different to cars used by Station and Group Managers working the Flexi duty system in the service? If so please provide a copy of the Station/Group manager specification.

Different – copy of Officer Car Scheme document attached.

Has the specification, performance and maximum value criteria of cars used by the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officers been approved/reviewed by the Fire Authority? If so when? 10 December 2009 if not who approved it and when? Not applicable

Do the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officer work a duty system (often referred to as continuous duty) which enables them to avail of the EIM23605 Car benefit: emergency vehicle tax exemption?

Chief (in post since 4 December 2023): no

Deputy: yes

Assistant Chief Fire Officer: yes

Tax treatment of the vehicles is in accordance with EIM23605 and Section 248A of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003

If so has this duty system been approved/reviewed by the Fire Authority? Yes.

If so when? 10 December 2009

If not who approved it and when? Not applicable

Tax treatment of the vehicles is in accordance with EIM23605 and Section 248A of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003

How many times have each of the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officers had to physically respond, using blue lights in the past 3 years? According to information held by Thames Valley Fire Control Service (the mobilising centre for the Authority) None.

For the last 6 incidents each attended:

1. Date of incident, where did they respond from and where was the incident?

This information is not held.

2. What command function did they perform at the incident?

This information is not held.

3. How long were they in attendance at the incident?

This information is not held.

4. What was their response time from mobilized to in attendance?

This information is not held.

If a duty system, commonly known as a continuous duty system, is operated by the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Officers was it approved/reviewed by the Fire Authority? Yes. 10 December 2009

If so when? 10 December 2009. If this type of duty system was approved by the Fire Authority were they explicitly made aware of the significant personal tax benefits for those working it? This information is not held.

If the Fire Authority didn't approve the duty system who did and when? Not applicable

If a duty system, commonly known as a continuous duty system, is operated by the Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Officers please provide a copy of the Health and Safety Risk Assessments which shows how the Fire Authority has assured itself that the duty system, with such extensive periods of on call, meets their Employer Health and Safety responsibilities?



FOI 377 Guidance
note - Officer Lease (

BRFS Ref:

376 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Please advise:

1. The total spending by your organisation on unconscious bias training for your staff in the financial year 2022/23 – nil.
2. The number of your staff that undertook unconscious bias training in the financial year 2022/23 – nil.

BRFS Ref:

375 23/24

Information Request:

I am conducting research on behalf of the Institute of Occupational Safety & Health 's (IOSH) Fire Risk Management Group into the number of car fires that your Fire & Rescue Service has attended between the years 01 January 1995 – 31 December 2023 (inclusive). I have particular interest in those fires occurring within multi-storey car parks. I would be grateful if the information could show:

- . The type of fuel in the vehicle of origin (e.g., petrol, diesel, Hybrid or electric)
- . The number of cars affected by such fire in each year
- . The number of fires that resulted in, and the degree of, injury in each year
- . Any reports following investigation into those fires.

Response:



FOI 375 Response -
Car fires.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

374 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Dear Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service,

I am aware you used the Crown Commercial Service National Fuels 2 Framework (RM6177) to award this contract

(<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk%2FNotice%2Fa0f70c8d-5ea6-422d-86cd-3dd368458516&data=05%7C02%7Cknellist%40bucksfire.gov.uk%7Ca968d9f00b40419394a008dc33c105d2%7Cedcc07179b324eae464ad6257536311%7C0%7C0%7C638442151314692176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p4Xww0dPCFrYIP6sYPorF9059WdPc3VnmnMRN%2F5hj0A%3D&reserved=0>) which is running from 01/04/22 – 31/03/24 (Procurement Ref: 000277).

I appreciate this contract is still ongoing, but if possible, could you please supply me with the following information:

Total spend through this framework for this contract - £668,626.78 as at 27 Feb 2024

Type and amount (in Litres) of Fuel purchased through this framework for this contract - Diesel – 521,945 Litres

The framework fee (As a % of total spent through this framework for this contract)

- Framework Management Fee 0.20 ppl

BRFS Ref:

373 23/24

Information Request:

DEAR SIR MADAM PLEASE CAN YOU SEND ME AN UP TO DATE COPY OF THE VEHICLE FLEET LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE STATIONS REG NO MODEL ALSO ARE THERE NEW BUILDS ON ORDER PLEASE SEND A HARD COPY.

Response:



FOI 373 RED FLEET
LIST 22.02.24 (FOI).pdf

BRFS Ref:

372 23/24

Information Request:

I'm a researcher at the University of Greenwich in London, exploring fire risk for people living with dementia and any initiatives in place to reduce risk for this group.

I wondered if you could share with me the number of fire incidents you attended which involved people living with dementia in the last reporting year?

Do you have any strategies or policies in place regarding people living with dementia? If so, it would be great to see those.

Response:

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service do not record dementia status for people who have experienced a fire so are unable to fully respond to this request. Please accept the following information in partial response.

In the reporting year from 01.04.2023 up to 19.02.2024 we have completed 4,276 preventative Home Fire Safety Visits, of which 311 were to people with dementia status recorded as yes. Of these 311 people, 6 Home Fire Safety Visits were completed as post incidents following a fire event.

The Service records dementia status during these visits as it is an agreed vulnerability factor due to the potential for the person with dementia not being able to respond adequately to or evacuate a building in the event of fire.

The National Fire Chiefs Council advocates the person-centred approach to Home Fire Safety Visits which the Service follows, the guidance for which has references to dementia and fire risk. That guidance also includes background research references: [Person Centred Framework Guidance - NFCC](#).

The Service also aligns to the National Fire Chiefs Council's Equality of Access guidance document [Equality of Access to Services and Employment for people living with dementia - NFCC](#) which is a document that feeds into fire and rescue services Community Risk Management Planning (CRMP) processes.

Additionally, the Service has a dementia friends e learning package which is optional for completion and has run dementia friends sessions on station to raise awareness amongst front facing staff who may interact with the public. The attendance numbers for these are however not recorded.

BRFS Ref:

371 23/24

Information Request:

1. I would like the total number of flooding incidents recorded by the fire and rescue service, broken down by month, for the calendar years 2013 to 16 January 2024 2. In a separate tab I would like details of each flooding incident. Please include:

Date of incident

Time of day incident reported

Incident duration (minutes)

Location (please include longitude and latitude and local authority if available) Total number of buildings affected Total number of dwellings affected Total number of firefighters injured, seriously injured or killed

Response:



FOI 371 Weather
related flooding incic

BRFS Ref:

Information Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Will you please provide me with:

- 1.
- 2.
3. A list of all of the names and addresses of all the listed buildings in your covered
4. area that have had fires in the past five years
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. The number of listed buildings in your covered area that have had fires each year
for
9. the last five years
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
13. The number of fires in any buildings, listed or not listed, that have occurred in
your
14. covered area over the last five years

In part answer to the first question and in answer to the second question, data is provided about fires in listed buildings by parish on the attached spreadsheet. The answer to the final question is 2904 building fires in the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes area in the last five tax years, including this year to date.

Response:



FOI 370 Fires In
Listed Buildings by P.

BRFS Ref:

369 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions:

1. Is your force a current member of the Stonewall Diversity Champions scheme?
- No
2. Is your force a current member of the Stonewall Workplace Equality scheme? If so, please provide a copy of the most recent employer feedback report. An example published under FOI can be found here. - Not applicable, please see above.
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/media/7336/20220803-foi-ref-244-2223-2-of-4.pdf>
3. How much has your force paid to Stonewall for membership of these schemes in the past five years? – Not applicable, we have never been a member.

BRFS Ref:

368 23/24

Information Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue. Please may you provide me with the following data:

- . Number of lithium battery fires attended over the last 5 years (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
 - a)** Of these how many were the result of an e-bike? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
 - b)** Of these how many were the result of an e-scooter? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
- . Number of people who have died in a fire involving a lithium battery over the last 5 years? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
 - a)** Of these how many were the result of an e-bike? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
 - b)** Of these how many were the result of an e-scooter? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
- . Number of people seriously injured in a fire involving a lithium battery over the last 5 years? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
 - a)** Of these how many were the result of an e-bike? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)
 - b)** Of these how many were the result of an e-scooter? (please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, so far in 2024)

Please feel free to provide the information in the body of an email or as an attached Excel/Word document spreadsheet or pdf.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance. I look forward to hearing from you within the next 20 working days.

Response:



FOI 368 Lithium
battery fires respons

BRFS Ref:

367 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 367
response.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

366 23/24

Information Request:

I hope you are well. I am currently in my final year of studying a BSc in Fire and Rescue at the University of Wolverhampton, where I am writing a research project on the newly increasing fire hazards of lithium-ion batteries within our homes.

I am writing this email to request figures on the number of fires which occurred in a domestic premise caused by lithium-ion batteries over the last five years, as well as the data regarding if any members of the public who have sustain any sort of injury as a result of this.

Response:



FOI 366 Lithium
battery fires in dome

BRFS Ref:

365 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Freedom of Information Request – Business Rates Revenue Raising Consultants

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1) Please confirm whether your Fire and Rescue Service have contracted an RICS regulated firm to provide advice in respect of business rates mitigation and appeals on your own properties? If so, we would be grateful for the following information;

- Name of company instructed – Wilks Head & Eve
- Date of contract award – February 2024
- Contract expiry - Until completion of review of all estates.

BRFS Ref:

364 23/24

Information Request:

1. A list of all prohibition notices issued to NHS trusts since 2020. For each, can you please list the site in question, a brief description of the issue, and whether the notice has since been lifted or is ongoing.
2. A list of all enforcement notices issued to NHS trusts since 2020. For each, can you please list the site in question, a brief description of the issue, and whether the notice has since been lifted or is ongoing.

Response:



FOI 364 Copy of
NHS fire notices.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

363 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 363 Bus fires
response.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

362 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Alcatel-Lucent Enterprise is a global networking and communications technology vendor with a European heritage and with a major European and UK presence. As an established supplier of technology equipment and services to the public sector, we are keen to understand the digital transformation needs of UK public sector organisations.

Please do provide all relevant information to the following questions, with both text and relevant links to documents.

1. When was your last networking (LAN, Core & Edge refresh, and when is the next refresh planned?

2022 – 5-year contract with the possibility to extend by 2 years so 2027 / 2029

- 1a. What would you like to improve upon in your next refresh?

Nothing

- 1b. Could you please confirm the supplier for your current contract and the vendor that you are using ?

British Telecom under an umbrella agreement / tender run by Buckinghamshire Council

2. When was your last Wi-Fi refresh, and when is the next refresh planned?

2022 – 5-year contract with the possibility to extend by 2 years so 2027 / 2029

- 2a. What would you like to improve upon in your next refresh?

Nothing

- 2b. Could you please confirm the supplier for your current contract and the vendor that you are using ?

British Telecom under an umbrella agreement / tender run by Buckinghamshire Council

3. When was your last telephony or Unified Communications refresh, and when is the next refresh planned?

2022 – 5-year contract with the possibility to extend by 2 years so 2027 / 2029

- 3a. What would you like to improve upon in your next refresh?

Nothing

- 3b. Could you please confirm the supplier for your current contract and the vendor that you are using ?

British Telecom under an umbrella agreement / tender run by Buckinghamshire Council

4. Do you currently use SD-WAN or SASE, if not it this something that you are planning to do?

Already use SD-WAN

- 4a. If yes, could you please confirm the supplier for your current contract and the vendor that you are using ?

5. How many users do you currently have in your contact centre?

Not applicable as we don't have a contact centre

5a. What would you like to improve upon with your contact centre

Not applicable

5b. Could you please confirm the supplier for your current contract and the vendor that you are using?

Not applicable

BRFS Ref:

361 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding information related to the organisation's gas and electricity contracts, as well as details on the energy management system.

Please acknowledge this request within the legally required timeframe.

****Gas and Electricity Contracts: ****

1. Energy Provider - Bryt Energy for Electric and Corona for Gas.
2. Annual Spend for each provider for the past 3 financial years –

<u>Gas</u>	
Supplier	Total Spend 20/21
Flogas	1,400.73
SEFE Energy Limited	96,681.56

Supplier	Total Spend 21/22
Flogas	1,833.34
SEFE Energy Limited	78,241.58
Supplier	Total Spend 22/23
Flogas	3,158.96
SEFE Energy Limited	137,766.10
Corona Energy	216,103.96
<u>Electric</u>	
Supplier	Total Spend 20/21
Scottish Hydro Electric	3,361.64
Drax Energy Solutions	121,964.16
Bryt Energy	80,609.04
Scottish Power	11,977.28
Supplier	Total Spend 21/22
Drax Energy Solutions	150,691.64
Bryt Energy	89,509.55
Supplier	Total Spend 22/23
Drax Energy Solutions	338,215.54
Bryt Energy	272,405.66

3. Contract Duration (Including any extensions) - 2 years
4. Contract start date - 1 April 2024
5. Contract Expiry Date - 31 March 2026
6. Contract Review Dates– October 2025
7. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title – Property Manager.
8. Total Consumption of Gas, please provide me with the latest figure in cubic metres - 258926 average per year
9. Total Consumption of Electricity (NHH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years - 568922 average per year
10. Total Consumption of Electricity (HH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years - 935602 average per year
11. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title at the very least – The Property Manager.

Energy Management System Contract(s) - Contract(s) relating to the organisation's energy management system. An energy management system (EMS) is a system of computer-aided tools used by operators of electric utility grids to monitor, control, and optimise the performance of the generation or transmission system.

Energy Management System Provider

1. Annual Spend
2. Contract Duration (Including any extensions)
3. Contract Expiry Date
4. Contract start date
5. Contract Review Date
6. Contract Description – A description of the services provided.
7. Brand of the software
8. Total number of meter points for electricity:
 - a. Non-Half Hourly (NHH) meter points
 - b. Half Hourly (HH) meter points
9. Total number of Gas meter points
10. Total number of meter points for specialist gases and liquids
11. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title

Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service do not have an Energy Management System (EMS) contract.

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

I am researching the use of Computer Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) and/or Integrated Workplace Management System (IWMS) in the public sector. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) I would welcome a response to the following questions:

- Which CAFM/IWMS systems are used in the organisation? - Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has just awarded a 3-year contract TO Prime I-site for CAFM.
- When did this contract start and when does it end? - January 2024
- What are the organisations plans at the end of contract? - March 2028.
- What are the contract values? - £12k for duration of contract.
- Who is the senior operational contact responsible for this contract and can you provide contact details? – The Property Manager.
- Which of the following functionalities does the organisation use? Can you also indicate if these are incorporated within the software system? If no, please elaborate.
 - o Planned & Reactive Maintenance - Yes
 - o Asset Management - Yes
 - o Property Management - Yes
 - o Lease Agreements - No
 - o Health & Safety No – The Service has separate software system.
 - o Project Management - Yes
 - o Condition Surveys - Yes
- Are there any limitations with the existing software system? Please elaborate. - None as just awarded this contract.
- Are there any upcoming plans for the adoption of new technologies or solutions? This information is not held.

BRFS Ref:

359 23/24

Information Request:

I am Inferring about PDA's For this fire Service. Can I request a full list of all PDA's that you attend?, E.G AFA - 1 Pump.

Response:

Information not held.

BRFS Ref:

358 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 358 Water
safety incidents resp

BRFS Ref:

357 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please provide me the following:

- Information relating to the costs of Equality and Diversity Training within the 2022/3 Financial Year – (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)
 - £0 elearning packages are in place for employees, for example Hidden Disabilities, Banter v Bullying, Equality Impact Assessments, Deaf Awareness – these are built in house, so no budget, Officers time to build them, all employees are expected to undertake them annually.
 - £0 lunch and learn session via National Fire Chiefs Council.
- A list of all official equality, diversity and inclusion events held by Civil Servants in the Department from 1 July 2023-31st December 2023. For these events, please put the date and time scheduled and for how long. These were events we attended:
 - Asian Fire Service Association Conference – 5 attendees – November 2023, 2 day conference, Leeds

- Lunch and learn session via National Fire Chiefs Council, 1 hour sessions monthly, attendance by approx. 2 attendees at a time
- Pride MK – September 2023, 1 day
- White Ribbon events, various days in November 2023 – internal and external
- White Ribbon National Conference - September 2023, 3 people attended
- Violence and Women and Girls, Thames Valley Policy, 1 person attended, October 2023
- Filipino British event, Milton Keynes, August 2023, 1 day, 5 attended

BRFS Ref:

356 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, the information requested below.

The details we require are:

- 1) Do you use a social media management platform? Yes.
- 2) If so, what tools do you use? We use scheduling, creating posts, publishing posts and monitoring. The tool also integrates with Canva a design tool.
- 3) How much do you spend annually on a Social media management tool? £795 a year.
- 4) Which month & year does your contract with your supplier end? Rolling subscription, renews in November.
- 5) Do you use a social listening / media monitoring platform? No, the current provider does cover some monitoring of social platforms that are loaded to the profile.
- 6) If so, what tools do you use? N/A.
- 7) How much do you spend annually on a social listening / media monitoring tool? N/A.
- 8) Which month & year does your contract with your supplier end? N/A.
- 9) Who is the senior officer in charge of these contracts? Communication, Marketing & Engagement Manager.

BRFS Ref:

354 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 354 university
incidents response.xl

BRFS Ref:

353 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 353 incidents
attended by station 2

BRFS Ref:

352 23/24

Information Request:

I wish to make an FOI request. Please provide me with the following information for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

All expenditure made by your organisation, in every facet of its operations and purview, on translation, interpretation, and language services.

Please provide the aggregated total spent by your organisation and then, if possible, please provide this broken down by particular function for which the service was carried out.

Response:

It is a nil response. Having checked suppliers and budget, no spend has taken place for the previous three years.

BRFS Ref:

351 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 351 lift related
incidents response.xl

BRFS Ref:

350 23/24

Information Request:

I am writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to the rescue of a “bariatric person”

I understand that in April 2012 a new category relating to obese people was created for your incident reporting systems.

Could you please tell me how many call outs you received to move Bariatric or obese people from their homes or to rescue them during the following calendar years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019?

Would it be possible to reveal whether you were called to assist the ambulance service or the police, or whether you received a call directly from the person’s home?

Would you be able to list the gender of the people you moved?

Where possible – could you please reveal the age of the youngest and oldest person that you would be called to assist?

Response:



FOI 350 Bariatric
patients response.xls

BRFS Ref:

349 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Would it be possible for you to answer some simple questions in relation to your FireFighter life critical breathing air.

1. Is your breathing air tested to BS EN 12021 (2014) – yes.
2. Do you charge your breathing apparatus cylinders to 300bars pressure – yes.
3. Is your breathing air tested by your Fire Service personnel or a contractor - both, regular testing by Contractor and in house Maintenance Engineer.
4. Is your breathing air tested monthly or every three months - 6 weekly.
5. If every three months does your high pressure compressor/s have a constant air quality monitoring device – no.
6. Do you allow your compressor/s to remain in service is it fails to meet the minimum standard of BS EN 12021 (2104) – no.
7. If a breathing air compressor fails to meet the standards above do you have a lock out procedure – yes.
8. Other than testing the air quality at source do you have a "random cylinder air testing policy" - yes as part of the testing by in-service Maintenance Engineer.
9. Would it be possible to have any fire service policy, procedures or risk assessments in relation to the above under freedom of information - these documents are held by our Contractor.

BRFS Ref:

348 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Are you currently using Body Worn Video Cameras? No
If so, who is your current provider and how many cameras do you have? N/A
When were these purchased? N/A
How long is the contract for? N/A
When would you be looking to change/refresh these cameras? N/A

BRFS Ref:

347 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 347 Electrical
emergency call outs

BRFS Ref:

346 23/24

Information Request:

The original request was as follows:

For our company research, please could you confirm all of your **current outsourced commercial training contracts** that you have in place, **the subject, theme, value and end date of contract**.

I asked for clarification, and they came back as follows:

By commercial training contracts, we mean any training that is outsourced to other organisations to deliver on your behalf and not delivered internally by your own L&D and/or training team.

Response:

All of the training services purchased had a value below threshold (£25k); and were therefore annual purchases which are purchased by the Authority as one off/adhoc requirements and delivered within the financial year.

Therefore, the information requested in respect of 'end dates' is information that is not held by this Authority.

BRFS Ref:

345 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 345 results long
term sickness absenc

BRFS Ref:

344 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Q.1 If you have a managed service provider (MSP) in place for the provision of temporary agency staff, please provide the following: Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) do not have one in place.

1a. How was the contract to manage/provide the supply of agency/temporary staff let?
- N/A

1b Did you use a Framework and if so, which Framework did you use?- N/A

1c Who was the contract to manage/provide the supply of agency/temporary staff let to?' - N/A

1d What is the contract end date? - N/A

Q.2 If you don't have a managed service provider (MSP) in place for the provision of temporary recruitment agency staff which recruitment agencies, do you use, and what basis were they awarded - Adecco is used for temporary staff for Admin roles.

Q.3 Please can you provide details of the names of the decision-makers who ultimately decide which recruitment agencies your organisation uses. – It is very rare that BFRS use agencies, it would be individual managers as the need arises.

Q.4 Please provide the name(s) of the person(s) who the manage the recruitment agency contract on a day-to-day basis.' - Human Resources would support the individual manager, as necessary.

Q5 Please provide the total value of agency spend for 2022 – 2023. - Spend over £500 report is available at [Authority Expenditure Over £500.00 - Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service \(bucksfire.gov.uk\)](https://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/Authority-Expenditure-Over-£500.00-Buckinghamshire-Fire-&-Rescue-Service)

5a Please provide a breakdown of spend per agency used. - As per above, there is a split per supplier [Authority Expenditure Over £500.00 - Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service \(bucksfire.gov.uk\)](https://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/Authority-Expenditure-Over-£500.00-Buckinghamshire-Fire-&-Rescue-Service)

5b Please provide a breakdown of job category for agency spend. - Administration roles, e.g. ,Reception and Public Safety Administration.

BRFS Ref:

343 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

I would be very grateful if you would provide me with answers for the following questions regarding your carbon goals and printer agreements through the organisation:

- What is the current average energy charge within the organisation (kW hour)? Gas 9.4p per kWh; electricity 30.3p per kWh.
- What Carbon reduction goals are in place within the organisation? This is covered in our Environment and Climate Action Plan (link to latest update) - <https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2023/06/executive-committee-meeting-12-july-2023-item-10-environment-and-climate-action-plan-update.pdf/#:~:text=The%20Environment%20and%20Climate%20Action,reduce%20its%20own%20carbon%20emissions>.
- What is the contact email for the person who deals with sustainability and ESG matters within the organisation? mhemming@bucksfire.gov.uk
- Do you lease/rent or Purchase your MFD's/Photocopiers? Lease.
- Who is your current supplier? Konica Minolta.
- What is the current number of MFD's/Photocopiers within the organisation 30 MFDs in total.
- What make/model are the MFDs/Photocopiers 10 x Bizhub C300i, 20 x Bizhub C3351.
- What is the total mono print volume for the MFD's/Photocopiers: 149,150 per year (based on current volumes).
- What is the total colour print volume for the MFD's/Photocopiers: 121,060 per year (based on current volumes).
- What is the approximate spend on service over the last 12 months? Service costs included in the quarterly rental charges (£11,581 per year).
- When does the Rental and or service agreement end for the MFDs/photocopiers, and what was the original contract term? 5 year contract expires 24-9-27.
- Do you lease/rent or Purchase your desktop printers? We do not use desktop printers only MFD's
- Who is the current supplier? N/A
- What is the current number of desktop printers within the organisation? N/A
- What make/model are the desktop printers N/A
- What is the total mono print volume for the desktop printers N/A
- What is the total colour print volume for the desktop printers? N/A
- What is the approximate spend on service over the last 12 months? N/A
- When does the rental and or service agreement end for the desktop printers, and what was the original contract term? N/A
- What is the contact email for the person who deals with the printer and MFD contracts? N/A

BRFS Ref:

342 23/24

Information Request:

A5 Southbound exit and entry slip roads for Little Brickhill/Woburn. The Northbound exit and the two Northbound entry slips from Little Brickhill.

- A. Total number of incidents (RTC's) for each year 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date).
- B. Total number of fatalities for each year.
- C. Total number of injuries for each year.

It is worth noting that BFRS do not attend all RTC's, usually only the most serious incidents. You may want to contact the police for information about incidents they have attended. This website may also be of interest (<https://www.crashmap.co.uk/Search>) which maps RTCs (from police data) although it does not contain data for this year.

Response:

BFRS attended:

A: 2021/22 0

2022/23 0

2023/24 2 (1 South Bound, 1 North Bound)

B: 2021/22 0

2022/23 0

2023/24 2 (Both at the same incident)

C: 2021/22 0

2022/23 0

2023/24 1 (At the same incident as the fatalities)

BRFS Ref:

341 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 341 Fleet List
(red fleet - station or

BRFS Ref:

340 23/24

Information Request:

Can I please request, in the form of a spreadsheet such as Excel or CSV file, information on wildfires attended by the fire and rescue service.

1. I would like the total number of wildfires recorded by the fire and rescue service, broken down by month, for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (to date).

2. In a separate tab I would like details of each wildfire incident. Please include:

Date of incident

Time of day incident reported

Incident duration (minutes)

Location (please include longitude and latitude and local authority if available) Cause of wildfire (if available) Size of area damaged by wildfire (square meters if available) Total number of buildings affected Total number of dwellings affected Total number of firefighters injured, seriously injured or killed

Response:

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service does not hold the data in a way that allows us to identify the data requested. The information we collect is based on the Home Office system, which we are required to follow.

The Home Office is currently looking at updating the way it collects data, and we envisage details such as those requested within this FOI to be included going forward.

BRFS Ref:

339 23/24

Information Request:

How many times has the Brill engine been called out to an incident in the last 12 months.

Response:

Between 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023, Brill's appliance was assigned to 8 incidents (Excluding Standbys).

BRFS Ref:

338 23/24

Information Request:

Under Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information:

- The number of household fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021*
- The number of household fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022*
- The number of household fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2023 to 30.10.2023*
- The number of fires in dustcarts and waste-processing centres fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021*
- The number of fires in dustcarts and waste-processing centres fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022*
- The number of fires in dustcarts and waste-processing centres fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2023 to 30.10.2023*

Response:

The information we collect in relation to incidents we attended is prescribed by the Home Office. Unfortunately, this does not currently include details such as lithium-iron batteries.

We are aware that the Home Office is currently reviewing this and looking to capture more extensive information in the near future.

In view of the above, we are unable to provide the figures requested within your request.

BRFS Ref:

337 23/24

Information Request:

Please provide an annual breakdown since 2017, and including so far in 2023, how many dogs owned by your organisation have tested positive for Brucella canis.

Response:

BFRS has one dog and we do not test for Brucella Canis. Our dog has been castrated and this does act as a preventative measure, although not the primary reason. Our dog attends the vet for regular check-ups and his handler is aware of symptoms and monitors the dog's welfare carefully to ensure he is fit and well.

BRFS Ref:

336 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

Planned & Reactive Maintenance Services for Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk%2FNotice%2F40563354-30df-4c48-b8d1-18842dffd22&data=05%7C01%7Cknellist%40bucksfire.gov.uk%7Ce575aed9dd1c4e04b80208dbd6248161%7Cedcc07179b324eaeb464ad6257536311%7C0%7C0%7C638339224499728138%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zJomp3kzDq8HI3eznNM6r%2FvReE81nqj8zdpO9LqyNXo%3D&reserved=0>

The details we require are:

- Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this framework contract? Property Manager, Gordon Wylie
- Is there an extension clause in the framework contract and, if so, what is the duration of the extension? Yes, 24 months.
- Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework contract will be extended? Contract initial term expires 31/03/2025 with an option to extend a further 24 months. This is due to be reviewed January 2025.
- Actual spend on this framework contract, from the start of the contract to the current date? £182k

For Info: This is not a framework call-off contract, this was a contract awarded following an open tender process.

BRFS Ref:

335 23/24

Information Request:

For the purpose of statistical analysis related to electric vehicle fires, I request information on individual cases of electric vehicle fire incidents that have occurred in Buckinghamshire in the last 5 years (2018-2023). The information I am seeking includes:

- 1. Number of EV fires from Jan. 2018 - Current*
- 2. Please include a breakdown of types of vehicle in the data (car, bus/coach, e-bike/e-scooter, etc)*
- 3. Please include details on day, month, year, location cause of fire, fire spread and injuries/fatalities as a result of the fire*
- 4. If possible, can you provide any details on the vehicle or battery Informations, or if the batteries had a battery management system or state of health monitoring?*

Response:

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service does not hold the data in a way that allows us to identify the data requested. The information we collect is based on the Home Office system which we are required to follow. The Home Office is currently looking at updating the way it collects data, and we envisage details such as those requested within this FOI to be included going forward.

To help try and demonstrate this, we have included details of 2022/2023 within this response.



FOI 335 Lithium
battery fires.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

334 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 334 Maternity, FOI 334 Maternity
adoption and parent:Leave Pay Request -

BRFS Ref:

333 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 333 Results.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

332 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

1. Please provide a list of your local authorities commissioned domestic abuse support services for both community and safe accommodation support services for adults and children, to include:

- . Your local authority area: Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) sits within both Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes City Council areas.
- . Contract name: none
- . Contract type e.g. Framework: none
- . Contract term and any extension opportunities: none
- . Contract value: n/a
- . Contract start date: n/a
- . Contract end date: n/a
- . Contracted provider/s (please detail lots if applicable): n/a
- . Details of provision/service including eligibility: none
- . How is the contract funded: n/a

- . Additional commissioned services to meet the Contract variations with start and end dates through the lifetime of the core contract (please also include variations that reflect the DA Act e.g. children and safe accommodation, or any other change in legislation), please include how these variations are funded: n/a

2. Please provide copy of or link to your current DA Needs Assessment and Strategy

BFRS are not required to hold a DA Needs Assessment but work to support the DA Needs assessments of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes City Councils.

With regards to a strategy for public interactions, that is being drafted following the update of our Safeguarding Strategy, noting that whilst the DA Act 2021 does not specify our Service as having statutory requirements, requirements are placed upon us as a statutory Community Safety Partnership member through the amendment to the Crime and Disorder Act, following the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

3. Please provide any themes / commissioning intentions you may have for future commissioned domestic abuse services to respond to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

BFRS does not commission services. With regard to themes, there has been an increase in disclosures from older members of the community for which one of our Councils has commissioned Hourglass to provide support for.

BRFS Ref:

331 23/24

Information Request:

Pleas see attached.

Response:



FOI 331.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

330 23/24

Information Request:

Please provide the number of lithium battery fires between 1 April 2020 and 1 April 2023, broken down per year, where Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service have attended.

Please provide the number of these fires which were linked to an a) e-bike(s) and b) e-scooter(s), again broken down per year.

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please contact me as soon as possible (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary I can modify the request.

If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the material, explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.

Response:

BFRS does not hold the data in a way that allows us to identify the data requested. The information we collect is based on the Home Office system which we are required to follow. The Home Office is currently looking at updating the way it collects data, and we envisage details such as those requested within this FOI to be included going forward. To help try and demonstrate this, we have included details of 2022/2023 within this response.



FOI 330 Lithium
battery fires.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

329 23/24

Information Request:

As a freedom of information request, please provide data regarding the number of lithium battery related fires you have recorded. Specifically, please provide:

- Annual totals for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023*
- Those annual totals split by the type of lithium device involved (such as e-bike, e-cigarette, e-scooter).*
- Those annual totals split by the number of related injuries or fatalities*

Response:

BFRS does not hold the data in a way that allows us to identify the data requested. The information we collect is based on the Home Office system which we are required to follow. The Home Office is currently looking at updating the way it collects data, and we envisage details such as those requested within this FOI to be included going forward. To help try and demonstrate this, we have included details of 2022/2023 within this response.



FOI 329 Lithium
battery fires.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

328 23/24

Information Request:

Please can you supply me with the following information?

Registration number, Make and Model of all vehicles currently on your fleet list and all vehicles sold between 14/11/2022 - 05/09/2023.

Response:

Attached is an up-to-date fleet list.

The vehicles sold between the dates specified were:

KX55PMV – Scania P94D

KX06MUB – Scania P270

KX06MUC – Scania P270



FOI 328 Fleet List.xls

BRFS Ref:

327 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

1. In the last 5 years, how many incidents have your Fire and Rescue Service been called out to attend, where **hoarding** was identified?
2. For each year, how many of those incidents led to **injury**, and how many to **deaths**? Please state whether the injured/deceased were **civilians** or **firefighters** in each instance.

Q1 & Q2 Whilst information regarding hoarding status based upon the clutter ratings is not collected during incidents, we can advise that none of the people whose death was attributed to fire or the products of combustion in any of the years requested had access to the fire or emergency obstructed by hoarding.

3. For each year, in how many of those incidents was access to the fire or emergency **obstructed** due to hoarding at the property?

Whilst access at some incidents has been obstructed by hoarding, this is not recorded in our reporting system to enable this to be answered.

4. Can you also please provide information regarding the number of incidents you have attended for each level of the [Clutter Image Ratings](#)?

As above, we do not record hoarding level at incidents, however we do record the level at Home Fire Safety Visits attended. This is:

	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9	Total
2018-2019	Not recorded in the previous data system					N/A
2019-2020	17	14	6	5	1	43
2020-2021	11	13	8	2	4	38
2012-2022	31	15	6	4	2	58
2022-2023	41	13	14	3	3	74

BRFS Ref:

326 23/24

Information Request:

Please provide a breakdown for e-scooters and e-bikes please.

If also possible within the time constraints, can you provide the number of people injured/killed in such fires.

Eg:

2021; X fires involving e-scooters, X fires involving e-bikes + X killed, X injured in fires involving e-scooters, X killed, X injured in fires involving e-bikes.

2022; X fires involving e-scooters, X fires involving e-bikes + X killed, X injured in fires involving e-scooters, X killed, X injured in fires involving e-bikes.

Response:

At the present time, we do not currently capture this type of information, as we follow guidance from the Home Office, which is currently being reviewed.

BRFS Ref:

325 23/24

Information Request:

Would you be able to provide me with the following information for your fire fleet please.

1. A list of registration, make, model, VIN number, Bodybuilder job number, Bodybuilder manufacturer, role, location and vehicle type such as WrL or TL of every vehicle in your fire fleet.
2. A list of recently disposed of vehicles.
3. A list of vehicles awaiting disposal.
4. A list of vehicle awaiting to enter service, currently in build/on order and vehicles out to tender.

Response:

Please find attached fleet list as requested. In respect of information about vehicle identification numbers, this information is being withheld under section s31(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the basis that (a) that disclosure of this information would be likely to prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and (b) that the public interest in maintaining the exemption in Section 31 (1) (a) of the Act outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information relating to vehicle identification numbers.

On the basis that availability of vehicle identification numbers (VINs) to the public at large would be likely to increase the risk of vehicle cloning, the Authority believes that there is no public interest in disclosing VINs.

We also have two Volvo pumping appliances (RP's) that have just reached build completion, three just gone into build and three on order.



FOI 325 Fleet List
(Red).xls

BRFS Ref:

324 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

Please can you send me the information stated below:

1. Supplier of the contract for CCTV maintenance and support – Oakpark Alarms Security Services Ltd.
2. How much does the Org/s spend annually with the supplier? (if multiple suppliers please list the annual spend for each) - £900 on CCTV PPM
3. What is the renewal date of this contract? – 1 April 2024.
4. What is the duration of the contract? - No formal contract other than quoted work for a 12 month period.

5. What is the review date of this contract? If possible the likely outcome of this review: We build our Zero-Based Budget through 12 monthly quotes from February each year in readiness for placing works in the new financial year which starts each April.
6. The primary brand of the CCTV equipment. I don't require the model just the brand. If there is various brands could you please list? – This information is not held.
7. What is the total number of cameras in use/under this contract? - Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV): NCP104/BS50132-7. This information is not held.
8. The description of the services provided under this contract. Please state if this contract includes more than just CCTV services - The Service provider provides CCTV and Access control planned preventative maintenance.
9. Contact details of the employee responsible for the contract between the supplier and the organisation. Can you please provide me with their full contact details: Mr Gordon Wylie, Property Manager – gwylie@bucksfire.gov.uk

If there is no CCTV maintenance contract in place: N/A

1. What is the brand of CCTV cameras in use? if there is variety could you please send me a list? I do not need the serial number or model just the brand.
2. How much is the average annual spend on the in-house maintenance?
3. How many cameras are in use?
4. Is there a plan to review this at any point, if so what would the date be?
5. Who is in charge of overseeing the in-house maintenance?

If there is no maintenance contract or in-house maintenance in place, is there a ad-hoc agreement? If yes, N/A

1. Who is the supplier? Is this varies could you please list?
2. What is the brand of CCTV cameras in use? if there is variety could you please send me a list? I do not need the serial number or model just the brand.
3. How many cameras are in use?
4. How much is the average annual spend on the ad-hoc agreement?
5. What is the date it is to be reviewed?

BRFS Ref:

323 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

1. From the information held, the flats in question were cordoned off from 09:04 8/9/2022 and access excluded (unless with Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service (BFRS)) until BFRS left the scene at 12:35 on 9/9/2022. BFRS has no information after this time as BFRS was no longer in attendance.
2. The BFRS log states that BFRS accompanied a resident to the resident's flat at approximately 17:00 on 8/9/2022, but BFRS has no record of who from BFRS that was. The BFRS log states that the flats were 50% damaged by water and 20% damaged by fire.

BRFS Ref:

322 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 322 - Bariatric
Incidents.docx

BRFS Ref:

321 23/24

Information Request:

Can I please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) The number of fires that the service responded to in listed buildings (to include Grade I, Grade II*, Grade II) between January 2018 and August 2023 (or the latest available date) – There were 101 recorded fires in the requested time period.
- 2) The names and addresses of the buildings referred to in Q1 – We would not send out people's home addresses, but attached are incidents based on those showing as non-residential addresses.
- 3) If possible, information on whether each fire referred to in Q1 was considered deliberate – Of the 101 recorded fires, 7 fires were considered deliberate by the attending crews.

Response:



FOI 321 Non
Residential Addresses

BRFS Ref:

320 23/24

Information Request:

I am requesting the following information under the freedom of information act:

1. How many wildfires did your fire brigade deal with from 2017 to 2022? Please break down your response by year, size of fire, date, cause and if possible, location.
2. Please let me know any new equipment your service has purchased or plans to purchase in the last 5 years to combat wildfires.
3. If possible, please let me know the annual cost of dealing with wildfires to your brigade 2017 to 2022. Please break the figure down by each year.

Response:

The data we collect at all our incidents is prescribed by the Home Office. The information you have requested is not currently captured and we therefore cannot provide you with the information you are looking for. It is worth noting, the Home Office is currently reviewing all the information fire and rescue services collect. Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service currently has one Iveco wildfire unit which will be supported by two Nissan Navara's with misting systems on the back to act as wildfire units.

If we can provide any other information that would support your request, please do let us know.

BRFS Ref:

319 23/24

Information Request:

Please can you tell me who provides the DBS check service (Basic, Standard and Enhanced) for Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service –

Response:

The DBS check service for Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is provided by Buckinghamshire Council as the umbrella organisation.

BRFS Ref:

318 23/24

Information Request:

The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, came into force on 23 January 2023. Since its implementation, how many up-to-date electronic building plans and information on the design and materials of external walls have you received in relation to high rise buildings in your jurisdiction? How many up-to-date electronic building plans and information on the design and materials of the external wall did you receive in relation to high rise buildings in your jurisdiction in 2022?

Response:

With regard to your questions above, in 2022 – four electronic plans were received and in 2023 – two electronic plans were received, and five external wall systems were received electronically.

Within Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes there are presently 87 defined high rise buildings.

BRFS Ref:

317 23/24

Information Request:

For each of the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 to date:

1. How many complaints have your Fire and Rescue Service received?
 - a. Please can this be broken down by who has made the complaint, including by members of the public and by members of your staff.
 - a. Please can this be broken down by who/what the complaint has been made against, including against members of your staff.
 - a. Please can this be broken down by the type of complaint, including sexual harassment/assault.
 - a. Please can you outline the outcome of the complaint, including whether there was an investigation, whether misconduct by your staff was found, and whether a member of your staff was dismissed.

Response:

In response to your request above, regarding complaints from the public, this information is published on our website and can be viewed by accessing the links below:

[Overview and Audit Committee Meeting 20 July 2020](#) – 2017/18 – 2019/20

[Overview and Audit Committee Meeting 9 November 2022](#) - 2019/20 – 2021/22

Details of internal complaints against members of staff can be found on the attached spreadsheet. Please note that some of the data in the 'outcome' column has been aggregated because to disclose the requested information would cause the Authority to breach its duties to protect personal data under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

This is an absolute exemption under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest.



FOI 317 on
complaints 2017-23.›

BRFS Ref:

316 23/24

Information Request:

Please can you provide me with your wholetime establishment figures for the following ranks/roles.

These numbers should reflect what the establishment should be if all roles are filled.

Response:

Numbers of each (as at 1 August 2023) -

1. Chief Fire officer - 1
 2. Deputy Chief Fire officer - 1
 3. Assistant Chief Fire Officer/Assistant Chief Officer - 0
 4. Area Managers - 3
 5. Group Managers - 6
 6. Station Managers – 22 (includes 1 x non-operational)
 7. Watch Managers - 39
 8. Crew Managers - 35
 9. Firefighters - 185
 10. Area Managers (Control) - 0
 11. Group Managers (Control) - 0
 12. Station Managers (Control) - 0
 13. Watch Managers (Control) - 0
 14. Crew Managers (Control) - 0
 15. Firefighters (Control) - 0
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BRFS Ref:

315 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

The information I'm requesting is regarding the software contracts that the organisation uses, for the following fields.

Primary Customer Relationship Management Solution (CRM):

For example, Salesforce, Lagan CRM, Microsoft Dynamics; software of this nature.

1. **Name of Supplier:** Can you please provide me with the software provider for each contract?

1a. Active Infomatics.

2. **The brand of the software:** Can you please provide me with the actual name of the software. Please do not provide me with the supplier name again please provide me with the actual software name.

2a. Microsoft Dynamics.

3. **Description of the contract:** Can you please provide me with detailed information about this contract and please state if upgrade, maintenance and support is included.

Please also list the software modules included in these contracts.

3a. A fully hosted and managed Premises Risk Management System.

4. **Number of Users/Licenses:** What is the total number of user/licenses for this contract?

4a. 336 concurrent users, made up of 38 Professional Licenses & 300 Basic Licenses. Microsoft Dynamic 2016 & Active Connect 2016 licenses are perpetual.

5. **Annual Spend:** What is the annual average spend for each contract?

5a. £8,770.00 (year six of the current contract).

6. **Contract Duration:** What is the duration of the contract please include any available extensions within the contract.

6a. Total duration 7 years.

7. **Contract Start Date:** What is the start date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.

7a. Contract started 01/04/2018.

8. **Contract Expiry:** What is the expiry date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.

8a. Contract Ends 31/03/2025.

9. **Contract Review Date:** What is the review date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. If this cannot be provide please provide me estimates of when the contract is likely to be reviewed. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.

9a. 01/04/2024.

10. **Contact Details:** I require the full contact details of the person within the

organisation responsible for this particular software contract (name, job title, email, contact number).

10a. It is not our policy to give email addresses / contact details for our employees. All enquiries relating to these contracts should be directed to Procurement@bucksfire.gov.uk

BRFS Ref:

314 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:

All or some of the information provided previously has expired, I require an update on the questions below.

See my request below:

Contract 1 - Telephony/Voice Services (Analogue, ISDN VOIP, SIP etc)

1.Telephony/Voice Services Provider- Please can you provide me with the name of the supplier for each contract – The contract is with Buckinghamshire Council, the service provider under the contract is: 1a, SIP Trunks / VOIP - 8x8,

Analogue – BT / Daisy.

2.Telephony/Voice Services - Contract Renewal Date- please provide day, month and year (month and year are also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract, please provide me with the rolling date of the contract. If there is more than one supplier, please split the renewal dates up into however many suppliers – The contract is with Buckinghamshire Council to September 2026, Service Providers are: 8x8, BT / Daisy Rolling agreement no dates and all remaining lines will be ceased shortly (end of pstn service)

3.Telephony/Voice Services - Contract Duration- the number of years the contract is for each provider, please also include any contract extensions - The contract is with Buckinghamshire Council, Service Provider is 8x8 – Duration 5 Years, Agreement with BT / Daisy – due to cease shortly (end of pstn services)

4.Telephony/Voice Services - Type of Lines - Please can you split the type of lines per each supplier? PSTN, Analogue, SIP, ISDN, VOIP

8x8 - Sip and VOIP

BT - Data only

Daisy – Line rental piece only

5.Telephony/Voice Services Number of Lines / Channels / SIP Trunks- Please can you split the number of lines per each supplier? SIP trunks/connections, PSTN, Analogue, ISDN

8x8 30 / 30

BT – 40

Daisy - 40

Contract 2 - Incoming and Outgoing of call services.

6.Minutes/Landline Provider- Supplier's name (NOT Mobiles) if there is no information available, please can you provide further insight into why? – The Service Provider is 8x8, under Contract with Buckinghamshire Council.

7.Minutes/Landline Contract Renewal Date- please provide day, month and year (month and year is also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract, please provide me with the rolling date of the contract - September 2026.

8.Minutes Landline Monthly Spend- Monthly average spend on calls for each provider. An estimate or average is acceptable. If SIP services, please provide me with the cost of services per month – The Service Provider 8x8, NIL Cost as all included in Contract with Buckinghamshire Council.

9.Minute's Landlines Contract Duration- the number of years the contract is for each provider, please also include any contract extensions – The contract is with Buckinghamshire Council, the service provider is 8x8, the duration is 5 Years.

BT / Daisy N/A is due to end shortly with end of pstn services.

10.Number of Extensions- Please state the number of telephone extensions the organisation currently has. An estimate or average is acceptable – 418.

Contract 3 - The organisation's broadband provider.

11.Broadband Provider- Supplier's name if there is not information available, please can you provide further insight into why? The Service Provider is BT via Buckinghamshire Council contract.

12. Broadband expiry Date- please provide day, month, and year (month and year is also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract, please provide me with the rolling date of the contract. If there is more than one supplier, please split the expiry dates up into however many suppliers – The Service Provider is BT via Buckinghamshire Council contract – September 2026.

13. Broadband Annual Average Spend- Annual average spend for each broadband provider. An estimate or average is acceptable – We are unable to calculate as the cost is for the whole service provision WAN / LAN / Internet connection Telephony Wireless Network and support.

Contract 4 - Contracts relating to Wide Area Network [WAN] services, this could also include HSCN network services.

14. WAN Provider- please provide me with the main supplier(s) if there is no information available, please can you provide further insight into why? Buckinghamshire Council.

15. WAN Contract expiry Date- please provide day, month, and year (month and year are also acceptable). If this is a rolling contract, please provide me with the rolling date of the contract. If there is more than one supplier, please split the expiry dates up into however many suppliers - September 2026.

16. Contract Description: Please can you provide me with a brief description for each contract - Provision WAN / LAN / Internet connection Telephony Wireless Network and support.

17. The number of sites: Please state the number of sites the WAN covers. Approx - 19 sites.

18. WAN Annual Average Spend- Annual average spend for each WAN provider. An estimate or average is acceptable – We are unable to calculate as the cost is for the whole service provision WAN / LAN / Internet connection Telephony Wireless Network and support.

19. For each WAN contract can you please provide me with information on how this was procured, especially around those procurement that used frameworks, please provide me with the framework reference - Procured by Buckinghamshire Council, contract agreement with British Telecom. Joint Venture Agreement between Buckinghamshire Council, Buckinghamshire Health Trust and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

20. Internal Contact: please can you send me their full contact details including contact number and email and job title for all the contracts above - It is not our policy to give

email addresses / contact details for our employees. All enquiries relating to these contracts should be directed to Procurement@bucksfire.gov.uk.

BRFS Ref:

313 23/24

Information Request:

Please see below.

Response:



FOI 313 Solar and
photovoltaic panels r

BRFS Ref:

312 23/24

Information Request:

I'd like to request the following information:

- Number of EV battery fires that have been tackled by this fire brigade from June 2019 - June 2023
- Please include a break down of types of vehicle in the data (car, bus/coach, e-bike/e-scooter, etc)
- Please include details on month, year, cause of fire, fire spread and injuries/fatalities as a result of the fire
- If possible, can you provide any details on how many of the batteries were certified by the vehicle OEM, or if the batteries had a battery management system or state of health monitoring?

Response:

The data we collect at all our incidents is prescribed by the Home Office. The information you have requested is not currently captured and we therefore cannot provide you with the information you are looking for. It is worth noting, the Home Office is currently reviewing all the information fire and rescue services collect, and EV battery fires is one of the major changes being applied.

If we can provide any other information that would support your request, please do let us know.

BRFS Ref:

311 23/24

Information Request:

I am doing some research for an item. I was wondering under the Freedom Of Information Act if you could tell me how many house fires or incidents have been caused by knock off phone chargers.

Not only that, but I am asking this because of a story I read that a 12-year-old in Brazil lost her life after plugging in a mobile phone into one of these Chinese knock off chargers, and she ended up being electrocuted and died with 3rd degree burns. Furthermore, I know that Brazil is going to make it law that when mobile phone manufacturers release new phones it will have to include a brand-new charger. I think it should be law in this country as well as the rest of the UK. As heaven forbid if anything like that happens to any of our children because of a knock off charger.

Response:

The data we collect at all our incidents is prescribed by the Home Office. Unfortunately, this data collection method does not identify "knock off phone chargers" or anything similar. It is worth noting that in certain circumstances a fire investigator is assigned to an incident and carries out a more in-depth investigation. However, these investigations are limited in numbers and are often in paper form, so not searchable without manually reading. Even then, the officer may not have detailed if any chargers involved (if any) were official.

In view of the above, we are unable to provide you with any figures on this occasion. However, If there is anything we can support you with, please do come back to us.

BRFS Ref:

310 23/24

Information Request:

See questions below:

Response:

How many DBS checks do you complete on average a year

Approximately 75 per year. This will increase this year following the legislation changes.

We add people to the Update Service, so we have approximately 450 per year who will be on the Update Service after their DBS check is complete. These are renewed each year.

What system do you use to complete your DBS checks

We use the Buckinghamshire Council website; an umbrella company that process them for us.

How long do your DBS checks take, on average, to complete from point of submitting to be countersigned

For Buckinghamshire Council to process it takes 2 or 3 days once the ID is submitted. If there are any queries, it can take a few more days if we need to talk to the candidate.

It takes the DBS 1 to 2 weeks to process once Buckinghamshire Council have submitted the DBS.

How much is spent on average per year for DBS checks broken down by admin costs and DBS fee's

Enhanced Checks £2,280.00

Standard Checks £ 270.00

Admin Fees for both £1,232.25

Total £3,782.25

Update Service £ 975.00

BRFS Ref:

309 23/24

Information Request:

As per my records, **Nova Lifts** contract has expired. I would like to know whether this contract is still valid or replaced by any other supplier. If all the information besides the contract dates are the same, I am happy to just receive an update on the contract dates.

Response:

Nova Lifts – we have renewed our service provision from 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024, the spend is £3k covering two sites.

BRFS Ref:

308 23/24

Information Request:

See questions below:

Response:



FOI 308 Animal
rescue incidents RESI

BRFS Ref:

307 23/24

Information Request:

See questions below:

Response:



FOI 307 Lithium
battery fires in ebike:

BRFS Ref:

306 23/24

Information Request:

Please could you tell me how many electric vehicle fires your fire and rescue service has dealt with in each of the past three financial years. If you do not distinguish between electric vehicles and internal combustion engine vehicles then please let me know at

your earliest convenience as I have the overall figures already for the time period concerned.

Response:

Unfortunately, this is something that we do not currently capture. However, the Home Office is currently looking at updating this (along with many other categories).

BRFS Ref:

305 23/24

Information Request:

See below:

Response:



BFRS FOI 305
Questionnaire.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

304 23/24

Information Request:

Please may you provide me, in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent electronic format, with a list of invoices that were not paid within 30 days for the last 6 financial years which would feed into the Regulation 113 Notice you are required to publish each year as part of your obligations under The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, with the following information for each invoice (where available):

- . The name of the Supplier
- . Supplier email address
- . Supplier company registration number
- . Supplier postal address
- . Supplier telephone number
- . Supplier website
- . The date of the invoice
- . The invoice reference

- . The gross value of the Invoice
- . The date the invoice should have been paid by
- . The actual payment date of the invoice
- . The total amount of interest liability due to late payment of the invoice
- . The total amount of interest paid to the supplier due to late payment of the invoice.

For the avoidance of doubt we request the data behind payment performance summaries for Regulation 113 Notices, not the summaries themselves.

We expect that this information to be readily available and easily accessible in the electronic format requested given the necessity of source data which must have been required to prepare and produce the Regulation 113 Notice.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, or for another reason, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Response:



FOI Request 304.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

303 23/24

Information Request:

See questions below:

Response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please state the name and email address of;

1- Your CEO (or similar position if you do not have a role with this exact title) - Jason Thelwell, Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive

2 - Your HR Director (or similar position if you do not have a role with this exact title - this could be Director of People, Head of HR etc. I am looking for the person primarily responsible for HR/People/Workforce) - Anne Stunell, Head of Human Resources

3 - The person and role responsible for workforce productivity and/or performance This sits across the Service - Anne Marie Carter, Head of Technology, Transformation and PMO, Simon Tuffley, Head of Prevention, Protection and Resilience and Calum Bell, Head of Protection, Assurance and Development

4 - The person and role responsible for people/workforce analytics and data - Anne Stunell, Head of Human Resources and Craig Newman, Data Intelligence Team Manager.

BRFS Ref:

302 23/24

Information Request:

See Questions below:

Response:

My request relates to how many reports of wrongdoing have been made as Whistle blowing (or termed protected disclosure under legislation)

1. For the year 2020, how many reports of whistle blowing did you receive ? Zero
2. For the year 2021, how many reports of whistle blowing did you receive ? Zero
3. For the year 2022, how many reports of whistle blowing did you receive ? Zero
4. How many serving officers do you currently have ?

Row Labels	Count of Personal ref
1 Firefighter	246
2 Crew Commander	42
3 Watch Commander	37
4 Station Commander	22
5 Group Commander	6
6 Area Commander	3
DCFO	1
CFO	1

BRFS Ref:

301 23/24

Information Request:

See questions below:

Response:

This is an information request relating to Pride Month.

Please include the following information:

- Whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event

No events have been organised by Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service for Pride month, but the Service plans to attend two local pride events in August/September.

- Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2023/24 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost

No LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased in 2023/24.

- Whether the organisation has sponsored any Pride events. If so which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value)

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has not sponsored any Pride events, but has attended with a crew and appliance to support events.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for.

BRFS Ref:

300 23/24

Information Request:

Response:

BRFS Ref:

299 23/24

Information Request:

I am writing to you because I am currently completing my university dissertation on fires in heritage buildings. Would you kindly be able to answer these questions for my research?

1. How many heritage building fires have you attended in the past year (2022 or 2021)?
If a statistic is unavailable, then could you tell me if heritage building fires are a common incident that your service responds to?
2. What is likely the most common cause of fires in heritage buildings?
3. Do you provide particular fire safety advice for heritage buildings?

Response:

The level of incident data we collect is prescribed by the Home Office, and there is no option within our systems to search for information on fires in heritage buildings. We do identify site-specific risk information, which will include some heritage buildings, however, this is based on individual properties, and any advice provided will be according to the individual needs of each property. In terms of fire safety advice, we align with guidance provided by the National Fire Chiefs Council, available at the following address - <https://www.ukfrs.com/guidance/search/fires-heritage-buildings>

We also have a designated member of staff who is trained in supporting those responsible for heritage buildings in relation to fire safety.

BRFS Ref:

298 23/24

Information Request:

If possible, please can you share information on how many fires have been recorded where one of the below items were involved:

- A heated hair or beauty tool (for example, hair straighteners, curling wands, hair dryers)
- candles

If possible, please can you provide the above data split by month, and for the calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023 to date. If this request exceeds the allocated time limit for requests, please prioritise data for 2022 as a whole, followed by 2023 to date.

Response:



FOI 298 - Beauty
tool and candle fires.

BRFS Ref:

297 23/24

Information Request:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide me with information (emailed to me) with regard to how your organization addressed above, dealt with certain matters during the Covid 19-Pandemic.

*Personnel refers to organizational employed personnel.

**Non-operational vehicles refers to non-blue light response vehicles owned or leased by the organization.

***Level of PPE - respiratory and/or eye protection and **IMPORTANTLY** the grade of PPE specified e.g. in the case of respiratory protection 'Workwear or FFP1 or FFP2 or FFP3 grade masks.

**** Operational vehicles refers to blue-light response vehicles owned or leased by the organization

In relation to personnel*, traveling within NON-operation vehicles:**

1. Were personnel prohibited from traveling together in a vehicle at **any period** during the Covid pandemic?
2. If so, during what date period had this prohibition taken effect?
3. Were personnel permitted to travel together in a vehicle at **any period** during the Covid pandemic?
4. If so, were personnel required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while traveling together in a vehicle?
5. If answer to Q4 is YES, during which date period had the PPE been required?
6. What level of PPE*** was specified for occupants traveling together in a vehicle?
7. Was the requirement to wear PPE, mandatory or advisory?

In relation to personnel*, traveling within OPERATIONAL vehicles**:**

8. Were employees permitted to travel together in operational-vehicles****, (in **particular Fire Engines**) at any period during the Covid pandemic?
9. If so, were personnel required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while traveling together in a vehicle during any period within the Covid pandemic?
10. If answer to Q9 is YES - what level of PPE*** was specified for occupants within a vehicle?
11. Was the requirement to wear PPE mandatory or advisory?
12. In relation to Q9 above - during what date period had the PPE requirements been in place?

Response:

In relation to personnel*, traveling within NON-operation vehicles:**

1. Were personnel prohibited from traveling together in a vehicle at **any period** during the Covid pandemic? – No.
2. If so, during what date period had this prohibition taken effect? - N/A.
3. Were personnel permitted to travel together in a vehicle at **any period** during the Covid pandemic? – Yes.
4. If so, were personnel required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while traveling together in a vehicle? – Yes.
5. If answer to Q4 is YES, during which date period had the PPE been required? - From October 2020 – January 2022 Masks were advised to be worn although no longer mandatory.
6. What level of PPE*** was specified for occupants traveling together in a vehicle? - Fluid resistant surgical face mask or IIR.

7. Was the requirement to wear PPE, mandatory or advisory? - Mandatory (except for medical reasons and dispensation for drivers if distracting).

In relation to personnel*, traveling within OPERATIONAL vehicles**:**

8. Were employees permitted to travel together in operational-vehicles****, (in **particular Fire Engines**) at any period during the Covid pandemic? – Yes.
9. If so, were personnel required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while traveling together in a vehicle during any period within the Covid pandemic? – Yes.
10. If answer to Q9 is YES - what level of PPE*** was specified for occupants within a vehicle? - IIR mask.
11. Was the requirement to wear PPE mandatory or advisory? - Mandatory (except for medical reasons and dispensation for drivers if distracting).
12. In relation to Q9 above - during what date period had the PPE requirements been in place? - From 8 April 2020, crew members were instructed to wear FFP 3 mask and nitrile gloves should they become symptomatic during a shift. From October 2020 IIR masks became routine.

BRFS Ref:

296 23/24

Information Request:

To ask the fire service how many alterations notices have been issued in the past five years? Please break down per year.

Response:

Alterations:

2019 – 1

2020 – 5

2021 – 0

2022 – 1

2023 – 0

To ask the fire service how many enforcement notices have been issued in the past five years? Please break down per year.

Enforcement:

2019 – 8

2020 – 9

2021 – 9

2022 – 17

2023 – 4

To ask the fire service how many prohibition notices have been issued in the past five years? Please break down per year.

Prohibition:

2019 – 13

2020 – 12

2021 – 5

2022 – 9

2023 – 1

BRFS Ref:

295 23/24

Information Request:

Please provide statistics on the following, by completing the attached excel spreadsheet.

How many fires in your area were caused by electric heaters in each of the months listed (see attached spreadsheet)?

How many deaths were caused by fires caused by electric heaters in each of the months listed?

What was the age of the deceased in each case?

Please provide the information by inputting to the attached spreadsheet and returning via attachment to this email address within 20 working days, as specified in the Act.

Response:

The way in which Fire and Rescue Services record incident data is dictated by the Home Office. As a result, we are limited to the level of detail we can provide in support of your

request. It is not possible to search on the exact term 'electric heater'; rather we have filtered the data to include all incidents where the source of the ignition has been recorded as one of the following:

- Heating equipment - Heating/Fire
- Heating equipment - Other heating equipment

The data has been further filtered to show only those incidents where 'electric' powered the ignition. The term electric heater could conceivably cover a broad spectrum of electrical devices, so it is important to consider this when interpreting the results. Please note, we are unable to provide ages of the deceased, as this is sensitive data, and could result in the disclosure of a person's identity.



FOI 295 - Electric
Heaters.xlsx

BRFS Ref:

294 23/24

Information Request:

I would like the service to provide me with details of the Retained/On-Call fire appliances availability over the most recent 12-month period, stipulating the amount of time these appliances were 'off the run' (unavailable) to respond to an emergency.

I would like these details to be broken down into the number of hours per month that an appliance has been unavailable on a station-by-station basis and expressed as a percentage figure.

In addition, and if possible, could the reason why the appliances were unavailable be included: i.e., lack of crew; lack of Officer in Charge; lack of driver etc?

Response:



FOI 294 - On Call
Appliances Availabi

BRFS Ref:

293 23/24

Information Request:

*As per my records, **Ever Brite Cleaning Services Ltd cleaning** contract has expired. I would like to know whether this contract is still valid or replaced by any other supplier.*

If all the information besides the contract dates are the same, I am happy to just receive an update on the contract dates.

Response:

Further to your enquiry above, the status of the contract with Everbrite Cleaning Services Ltd is as follows:

Contract Ref: 000197 Building Cleaning Services & Consumables was extended to 31 March 2025, in accordance with the contract terms and conditions. This information is available on our website via the link below:

[Contracts Register - Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service \(bucksfire.gov.uk\)](https://bucksfire.gov.uk/contracts-register)

BRFS Ref:

292 23/24

Information Request:

1. How many firefighters have died as a result of lithium-ion battery fires between April 2022 - April 2023?
2. How many times have your firefighters come into contact with a vapour cloud?
3. How many fires specifically in recycling centres or scrapyards they you encountered between April 2022 - April 2023 (excluding other waste fires)?

Response:

BRFS Ref:

291 23/24

Information Request:

Response:

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the The Freedom of Information Act 2002. Please may you provide me with the following:
following:

- 1.
- 2.
3. How many dogs were part of the fire service for each of the last ten calendar years (2012-2022) – 1.
4. broken down by job type. (eg. Fire investigation search dog) – Search dog.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Please list the main breeds used in the totals in question 1. Please list the most commonly used
9. breeds first – Spaniel cross.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
13. How many full time members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) were working in the service's
14. dog unit for each of the years in the same period? – 1.
- 15.
- 16.
- 17.
18. What was the service's total budget for each of these years and how much was allocated to the dog
19. unit? - No specific dog unit budget.
- 20.
- 21.
- 22.
23. Does the service have its own dog breeding unit? – No.
- 24.

BRFS Ref:

290 23/24

Information Request:

This is a data request both under the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations.

In consideration of the climate crisis, I would like to request the following information about how the organisation is enabling staff to reduce their emissions through sustainable transport, and more specifically, cycling.

1) over the past five years, broken down by year -

- a) how many staff members used the Cycle to Work scheme?
- b) what percentage of staff was this?
- c) what was the average value of the vouchers claimed on the scheme?
- d) what was the number of those who took up the scheme, who then failed to complete, leaving the organisation with costs?

2) what tools does the organisation use to encourage cycling for their staff -

- a) on a work basis
- b) on a leisure/health basis

3) with regards to staff, does the organisation -

- a) have any monitoring for what modes of transport staff use -
 - i) for their journey to work
 - ii) for journeys during work time
- b) and if this data is recorded, I request a copy of such data as detailed as it can be reasonably given, while still protecting personal data rights

4) how many of the following does the organisation have available for staff use

- a) pedal cycles
- b) electric bikes
- c) motorbikes
- d) internal combustion cars
- e) electric or hybrid cars
- f) internal combustion vans
- g) electric or hybrid vans
- h) heavy trucks

5) does the organisation mileage scheme clearly state the claim rate for cycling

6) how many cycling miles have been claimed by the organisation's staff in the past five years

7) Regarding your current cycle to work scheme -

a) what scheme is currently in place

b) what is the maximum limit on the cost of a bike, if a limit is currently in place

Response:

BRFS Ref:

289 23/24

Information Request:

Please could you answer the following questions?

1. Which departments in your Fire Brigade/Service use Body Worn Cameras/Videos (BWC/BWV) and is this part of a pilot programme or has this been adopted on a permanent basis?

2. How many BWC/BWV has your Fire Service/Brigade purchased over the last 3 years?

3. Who is the portfolio lead for the purchase, deployment and maintenance of BWC/BWV in your Fire Brigade/Service?

4. If you do not currently have BWC/BWV, does your Fire Brigade/Service propose to introduce BWC/BWV, and if so who would be responsible for this?

5. What is the process for procuring your BWC/BWV?

Response:

Further to your questions above, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service do not currently use Body Worn Cameras/Videos (BWC/BWV).

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Response:



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287 23/24

Information Request:

In searching the records, the information held provides in answer to “How many microwaves did you purchase in the last 12 months. How much did these cost in total”

Response:

- Item – Microwave
 - Make – KENWOOD
 - Model – K20MS21
 - Cost - £99.99
- Location – Marlow Fire Station
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Information Request:

Request:

I am submitting this request to enquire what your current pay scale is for any CAD Technicians/Plan Drawers you may employ, these may be involved in providing drawings for either fire safety or mobile data terminals. I am currently undergoing a review of my current scale in a similar role in the Operations Department of another Fire & Rescue Service, so any information you can provide would be appreciated as I gather evidence for a business case.

Response:

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service does not employ any CAD Technicians/Plan Drawers, so we do not have any current pay scales for these positions.

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285 23/24

Information Request:

Under Freedom of Information, I would be very grateful if you could provide figures relating to fires caused by disposable e-cigarettes and vapes. I appreciate this may not be a category you record. It would be great if you could perform a free text search on "vape" and "e-cigarette" together with any other terms you think relevant. Please could you provide the information, split by the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Response:

We have run multiple wildcard searches on words relating to e-cigarettes and vapes, and while we did find numerous false alarms that involved these devices, we could not find evidence of any fires.

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Information Request:

Response:



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psychological disorder

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283 23/24

Information Request:

Could you please send me the below details or your current Blue light fleet (inc Motorbikes) for market research -

- Model Year
- The Vehicle Make & Model
- Type of Vehicle (Example-Saloon, Wagon etc)
- The Role of the Vehicle (Including Armed Response Unit)
- The Year the Vehicle was Commissioned

Response:



BRFS Ref:

282 23/24

Information Request:

I am writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to the rescue of a “bariatric person”

I understand that in April 2012 a new category relating to obese people was created for your incident reporting systems.

Could you please tell me how many call outs you received to move Bariatric or obese people from their homes or to rescue them during the following calendar years: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013?

Would it be possible to reveal whether you were called to assist the ambulance service or the police, or whether you received a call directly from the person’s home?

Would you be able to list the gender of the people you moved?

Where possible – could you please reveal the age of the youngest and oldest person that you would be called to assist?

Response:

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281 23/24

Information Request:

1. The number of low, medium and high-rise residential buildings in your area (or your current/best estimate of them) covered by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

2. The total number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings relating to means of escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), since the July 2021 to the date of this FOI

3. The number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings specifically relating to the identification of vulnerable and disabled residents, and planning for their escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), since July 2021 to the date of this FOI

4. Copies of the notices referred to in (3)

5. The fire authority's current policy covering the evacuation of disabled people from multi-occupancy buildings during a fire

Response:

1. The number of low, medium and high-rise residential buildings in your area (or your current/best estimate of them) covered by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

High rise - 23 (including multiple buildings within single blocks)

Medium rise - 96

Low Rise - 271

2. The total number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings relating to means of escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), since the July 2021 to the date of this FOI

Total notices on means of escape for these buildings within timeframe is SEVEN.

3. The number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings specifically relating to the identification of vulnerable and disabled residents, and planning for their escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), since July 2021 to the date of this FOI

No notices specifically relating to vulnerable or disabled residents.

4. Copies of the notices referred to in (3)

None

5. The fire authority's current policy covering the evacuation of disabled people from multi-occupancy buildings during a fire

Attached OIN-TV-625 Evacuation and Rescue of Persons

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Information Request:

Under Freedom of Information, I would be grateful if you could assist with the following enquiry. We are interested in the number of fires in refuse vehicles and at waste and recycling centres. I appreciate you may not have a specific code for this, and if not, it would be great if you could use a free text search for any terms you might think would capture this (e.g. waste centre, recycling centre, rubbish truck, refuse vehicle). It would be great to have the data split by waste facilities and refuse vehicles, and broken down by the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Response:

Please see below a table detailing the number of fires in refuse vehicles and at waste and recycling centres:

Year	Waste Facility	Refuse Vehicle
2020	5	11
2021	6	15
2022	1	10

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Information Request:

I am writing to request an up to date Fleetlist for Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service. I have been made aware that you procured some new appliances and would like to have a full allocation list of these. This must include the following information: Vehicle Registration, Make, Model, Builder, Type and Location.

Response:



Final response -
Email 279.xls
