

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00412

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Request:

*Please provide the total financial cost to London Fire Brigade for callouts to the illegal waste site at Lauanders Lane in Rainham? Please provide an itemised list of costs.
Please could you provide the total financial cost to London Fire Brigade for all call outs to illegal waste sites for the last three years?*

Response:

The London Fire Brigade does not record an actual financial "cost" for attending individual incidents. Instead, we provide a notional cost, which is based on the time spent at an incident by pumping appliances, charged at an hourly rate set annually. Where an appliance attends for less than one hour, the duration is rounded up to the nearest hour.

Please note that notional cost figures are based on an hourly rate which is reviewed and updated periodically. As a result, totals provided in response to similar requests at different times may vary where updated rates have been applied.

We do not hold an itemised breakdown of costs beyond this notional calculation.

Incidents attended at Lauanders Lane, Rainham (1 January 2023 – 31 December 2025)

Calendar Years	Count of Incidents	Sum of Notional Cost(£)
2023	34	£ 79,382.00
2024	40	£ 227,229.00
2025	158	£ 160,005.00
Grand Total	232	£ 466,616.00

In relation to your second question, the Brigade does not categorise incidents specifically as "illegal waste sites." Our records refer more generally to waste site incidents, and as such we do not hold information in the format you have requested.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website:

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