

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00877

Date of request: 28th July

Request:

I am looking to find out about London Fire Brigade attendances at three King's College London-owned student accommodation sites:

Great Dover Street Apartments, 165 Great Dover Street, Southwark, London, SE1 4XA
Stamford Street Apartments, 127 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NQ
Wolfson House, 49 Weston Street, London, SE1 3RB

Please could you provide the following information for the last five years (1 August 2021 to date), broken down by calendar year and by individual site:

- The total number of incidents/mobilisations attended, broken down by year and by whether the call was to an automatic fire alarm (AFA)/unwanted fire signal, a confirmed fire, or another cause.
- Of these, how many were confirmed as genuine fires and how many were recorded as false alarms.
- Where recorded, the cause or classification code for each incident.
- The date of each recorded incident.
- Whether any charges have been levied against King's College London in connection with attendances at these addresses (for any reason), and if so, the amount and reason for each charge.
- LFB's total gross revenue expenditure on operational response/fire-fighting activities for each of the last five financial years, and the total number of incidents attended by LFB in each of those years.

Response:

Thank you for your request regarding London Fire Brigade attendances at Great Dover Street Apartments, Stamford Street Apartments and Wolfson House between 1 August 2021 and the present date.

Please find attached the London Fire Brigade's response (reference FOI2026/00877) which provides the requested information, including:

- Total incidents attended at each site, broken down by year and incident type.
- Numbers of genuine fires, false alarms and other incident categories.
- Incident dates and classification details, including fire causes where recorded.
- London Fire Brigade operational response costs and incident volumes for the last five financial years.

Please note that the costs provided by the London Fire Brigade are **notional costs** calculated using attendance time, appliance numbers and hourly rates, and do not represent actual expenditure.

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: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us>

Great Dover
Street

Table A: Total incidents by year and call type

Year	False Alarm - AFA	False Alarm - Good intent	Primary Fire	Special Service - Effecting entry/exit - No persons involved	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress	Special Service - Service not required	Grand Total
2021 (From 1st Aug)	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
2022	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
2023	14	0	1	0	1	0	16
2024	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2025	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2026 (to date)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	20	3	1	1	2	1	28

Table B: Genuine fires vs false alarms

Year	Genuine Fire	False Alarm	Other	Total
2021 (From 1st Aug)	0	5	0	5
2022	0	3	1	4
2023	1	14	1	16
2024	0	0	1	1
2025	0	0	1	1
2026 (to date)	0	1	0	1
Total	1	23	4	28

Table C: Incident detail - date,
classification/cause code

Date	PropertyType	RefNo	Incident Description	FireMainCause	FireAction	FireMotive
08/08/2021	Student Hall of Residence	105137-08082021	False Alarm - Good intent			
07/09/2021	Student Hall of Residence	119527-07092021	False Alarm - Good intent			
24/09/2021	Student Hall of Residence	128387-24092021	False Alarm - AFA			
16/10/2021	Student Hall of Residence	139272-16102021	False Alarm - AFA			
14/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	154904-14112021	False Alarm - AFA			
08/01/2022	Student Hall of Residence	003100-08012022	False Alarm - AFA			
14/02/2022	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 4 to 9 storeys	021451-14022022	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress			
27/07/2022	Student Hall of Residence	119056-27072022	False Alarm - AFA			
02/08/2022	Student Hall of Residence	123646-02082022	False Alarm - AFA			
08/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	033359-08032023	Primary Fire	Cooking – other cooking	No firefighting	Accidental
21/04/2023	College/University	055360-21042023	False Alarm - AFA			
08/05/2023	Student Hall of Residence	064485-08052023	False Alarm - AFA			
23/05/2023	Student Hall of Residence	072056-23052023	False Alarm - AFA			
12/06/2023	Student Hall of Residence	085117-12062023	False Alarm - AFA			
08/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	101824-08072023	False Alarm - AFA			
14/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	105381-14072023	False Alarm - AFA			
17/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	106689-17072023	False Alarm - AFA			
18/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	107505-18072023	False Alarm - AFA			
19/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	107833-19072023	False Alarm - AFA			
19/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	107926-19072023	False Alarm - AFA			

21/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	109112-21072023	False Alarm - AFA			
22/07/2023	Student Hall of Residence	109771-22072023	False Alarm - AFA			
31/07/2023	College/University	114738-31072023	False Alarm - AFA			
25/08/2023	Hotel/motel	129218-25082023	False Alarm - AFA			
15/09/2023	Student Hall of Residence	142878-15092023	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress			
10/10/2024	Student Hall of Residence	171505-10102024	Special Service - Effecting entry/exit - No persons involved			
20/06/2025	Student Hall of Residence	109523-20062025	Special Service - Service not required			
25/02/2026	Student Hall of Residence	035450-25022026	False Alarm - Good intent			

Stamford Street

Table A: Total incidents by year and call type

Row Labels	False Alarm - AFA	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress	Grand Total
2021	16	0	16
2022	15	1	16
2023	4	1	5
2024	0	0	0
2025	2	1	3
2026	1	1	2
Grand Total	38	4	42

Table B: Genuine fires vs false alarms

Year	Genuine Fire	False Alarm	Other	Total
2021 (From 1st Aug)	0	16	0	16
2022	0	15	1	16
2023	0	4	1	5
2024	0	0	0	0
2025	0	2	1	3
2026 (to date)	0	1	1	2
Total	0	38	4	42

Table C: Incident detail - date, classification/cause code

Date	PropertyType	RefNo	Incident Description	FireMainCause	FireAction	FireMotive
03/08/2021	Student Hall of Residence	102402-03082021	False Alarm - AFA			
06/08/2021	College/University	103909-06082021	False Alarm - AFA			
19/08/2021	Student Hall of Residence	110240-19082021	False Alarm - AFA			
06/09/2021	Student Hall of Residence	119037-06092021	False Alarm - AFA			
06/09/2021	Student Hall of Residence	119295-06092021	False Alarm - AFA			
07/09/2021	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 4 to 9 storeys	119656-07092021	False Alarm - AFA			
21/10/2021	Student Hall of Residence	142330-21102021	False Alarm - AFA			
10/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	152891-10112021	False Alarm - AFA			
20/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	157484-20112021	False Alarm - AFA			
24/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	159818-24112021	False Alarm - AFA			
26/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	160477-26112021	False Alarm - AFA			
29/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	162111-29112021	False Alarm - AFA			
14/12/2021	Student Hall of Residence	169692-14122021	False Alarm - AFA			
14/12/2021	Student Hall of Residence	169731-14122021	False Alarm - AFA			
14/12/2021	Student Hall of Residence	169795-14122021	False Alarm - AFA			

19/12/2021	Student Hall of Residence	171856-19122021	False Alarm - AFA			
05/02/2022	Student Hall of Residence	016699-05022022	False Alarm - AFA			
17/02/2022	Student Hall of Residence	022839-17022022	False Alarm - AFA			
17/02/2022	Student Hall of Residence	022857-17022022	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress			
02/03/2022	Purpose built office	030816-02032022	False Alarm - AFA			
26/03/2022	Student Hall of Residence	042912-26032022	False Alarm - AFA			
10/05/2022	Student Hall of Residence	066782-10052022	False Alarm - AFA			
18/07/2022	Student Hall of Residence	110055-18072022	False Alarm - AFA			
03/08/2022	Student Hall of Residence	123719-03082022	False Alarm - AFA			
03/08/2022	Student Hall of Residence	124390-03082022	False Alarm - AFA			
04/08/2022	Student Hall of Residence	124526-04082022	False Alarm - AFA			
27/09/2022	Student Hall of Residence	160101-27092022	False Alarm - AFA			
25/10/2022	Student Hall of Residence	176149-25102022	False Alarm - AFA			
29/11/2022	Student Hall of Residence	194723-29112022	False Alarm - AFA			
05/12/2022	Student Hall of Residence	197848-05122022	False Alarm - AFA			
07/12/2022	Student Hall of Residence	199001-07122022	False Alarm - AFA			
07/12/2022	Student Hall of Residence	199347-07122022	False Alarm - AFA			
21/01/2023	Student Hall of Residence	009839-21012023	False Alarm - AFA			
19/02/2023	Student Hall of Residence	025436-19022023	False Alarm - AFA			
25/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	041658-25032023	False Alarm - AFA			
28/03/2023	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 4 to 9 storeys	043063-28032023	False Alarm - AFA			
28/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	043265-28032023	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress			
26/07/2025	Student Hall of Residence	138999-26072025	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress			
18/08/2025	Student Hall of Residence	154845-18082025	False Alarm - AFA			
15/10/2025	Student Hall of Residence	194105-15102025	False Alarm - AFA			
23/03/2026	Student Hall of Residence	051622-23032026	False Alarm - AFA			
11/07/2026	Student Hall of Residence	135706-11072026	Special Service - Release from lift car - To able bodied person not in distress			

Wolfson House

Table A: Total incidents by year and call type

Row Labels	False Alarm - AFA	False Alarm - Good intent	False Alarm - Malicious	Primary Fire	Special Service - Release from lift car - No persons involved	Grand Total
2021	7	0	0	0	0	7
2022	13	0	0	0	0	13
2023	12	2	0	0	0	14
2024	6	0	1	1	0	8
2025	10	0	0	0	0	10
2026	7	0	0	1	2	10
Grand Total	55	2	1	2	2	62

Table B: Genuine fires vs false alarms

Year	Genuine Fire	False Alarm	Other	Total
2021 (From 1st Aug)	0	7	0	7
2022	0	13	0	13
2023	0	14	0	14
2024	1	7	0	8
2025	0	10	0	10
2026 (to date)	1	7	2	10
Total	2	58	2	62

Table C: Incident detail - date, classification/cause code

DDDateTimeOfCall	PropertyType	RefNo	Incident Description	FireMainCause	FireAction	FireMotive
14/08/2021	Student Hall of Residence	107675-14082021	False Alarm - AFA			
04/10/2021	Student Hall of Residence	133016-04102021	False Alarm - AFA			
25/10/2021	Student Hall of Residence	144493-25102021	False Alarm - AFA			
25/10/2021	Student Hall of Residence	144569-25102021	False Alarm - AFA			
08/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	152048-08112021	False Alarm - AFA			
09/11/2021	Student Hall of Residence	152495-09112021	False Alarm - AFA			
21/11/2021	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 10 or more storeys	158494-21112021	False Alarm - AFA			
03/01/2022	Student Hall of Residence	001338-03012022	False Alarm - AFA			
22/02/2022	Student Hall of Residence	026952-22022022	False Alarm - AFA			
24/03/2022	Student Hall of Residence	041437-24032022	False Alarm - AFA			
05/05/2022	Student Hall of Residence	064052-05052022	False Alarm - AFA			
08/05/2022	Student Hall of Residence	065517-08052022	False Alarm - AFA			
15/05/2022	Student Hall of Residence	069710-15052022	False Alarm - AFA			
31/05/2022	Student Hall of Residence	078387-31052022	False Alarm - AFA			

01/06/2022	Student Hall of Residence	078463-01062022	False Alarm - AFA			
28/06/2022	Student Hall of Residence	094965-28062022	False Alarm - AFA			
14/10/2022	Student Hall of Residence	169520-14102022	False Alarm - AFA			
25/10/2022	Student Hall of Residence	175941-25102022	False Alarm - AFA			
31/10/2022	Student Hall of Residence	179445-31102022	False Alarm - AFA			
11/12/2022	Student Hall of Residence	201484-11122022	False Alarm - AFA			
18/01/2023	Student Hall of Residence	008387-18012023	False Alarm - AFA			
13/02/2023	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 10 or more storeys	022077-13022023	False Alarm - AFA			
04/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	031306-04032023	False Alarm - AFA			
05/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	032064-05032023	False Alarm - Good intent			
05/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	032105-05032023	False Alarm - AFA			
09/03/2023	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 4 to 9 storeys	033844-09032023	False Alarm - Good intent			
18/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	038568-18032023	False Alarm - AFA			
28/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	043223-28032023	False Alarm - AFA			

31/03/2023	Student Hall of Residence	044662-31032023	False Alarm - AFA			
19/04/2023	Student Hall of Residence	054391-19042023	False Alarm - AFA			
16/08/2023	Student Hall of Residence	124062-16082023	False Alarm - AFA			
22/09/2023	Student Hall of Residence	147021-22092023	False Alarm - AFA			
02/10/2023	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 10 or more storeys	153105-02102023	False Alarm - AFA			
15/10/2023	Student Hall of Residence	160959-15102023	False Alarm - AFA			
11/01/2024	Nurses'/Doctors' accommodation	006439-11012024	False Alarm - AFA			
05/03/2024	Student Hall of Residence	037239-05032024	False Alarm - Malicious			
25/03/2024	Student Hall of Residence	048321-25032024	False Alarm - AFA			
12/05/2024	Student Hall of Residence	075491-12052024	False Alarm - AFA			
15/05/2024	Student Hall of Residence	076770-15052024	False Alarm - AFA			
09/07/2024	Student Hall of Residence	111081-09072024	False Alarm - AFA			
11/07/2024	Student Hall of Residence	112385-11072024	False Alarm - AFA			
14/10/2024	Student Hall of Residence	174442-14102024	Primary Fire	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	Removal from/of heat source	Accidental
22/01/2025	Student Hall of Residence	013958-22012025	False Alarm - AFA			

04/02/2025	Student Hall of Residence	020938-04022025	False Alarm - AFA			
18/02/2025	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 4 to 9 storeys	028442-18022025	False Alarm - AFA			
07/03/2025	Student Hall of Residence	038915-07032025	False Alarm - AFA			
28/03/2025	Student Hall of Residence	052117-28032025	False Alarm - AFA			
22/05/2025	Student Hall of Residence	089976-22052025	False Alarm - AFA			
23/05/2025	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 10 or more storeys	090368-23052025	False Alarm - AFA			
13/09/2025	Student Hall of Residence	172602-13092025	False Alarm - AFA			
24/09/2025	Purpose built office	180124-24092025	False Alarm - AFA			
13/10/2025	Student Hall of Residence	192734-13102025	False Alarm - AFA			
26/01/2026	Student Hall of Residence	017004-26012026	False Alarm - AFA			
02/02/2026	Student Hall of Residence	021308-02022026	Primary Fire	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	No firefighting	Accidental
05/02/2026	Student Hall of Residence	022917-05022026	False Alarm - AFA			
05/02/2026	Student Hall of Residence	023275-05022026	False Alarm - AFA			
06/02/2026	Student Hall of Residence	023753-06022026	False Alarm - AFA			

30/04/2026	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - Up to 3 storeys	078382-30042026	Special Service - Release from lift car - No persons involved			
09/05/2026	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 10 or more storeys	084717-09052026	False Alarm - AFA			
25/06/2026	Purpose Built Flats/Maisonettes - 4 to 9 storeys	120948-25062026	Special Service - Release from lift car - No persons involved			
28/06/2026	Nurses'/Doctors' accommodation	123437-28062026	False Alarm - AFA			
14/07/2026	Student Hall of Residence	138795-14072026	False Alarm - AFA			

Table : Notional Costs for all incidents in the last five financial years

Financial Year	Incidents	NotionalCost
2021/22	113516	£49,773,741
2022/23	125736	£58,850,350
2023/24	130135	£62,547,007
2024/25	133221	£72,187,395
2025/26	139800	£82,383,923
Total	642408	£325,742,416

Notional Cost : *Calculated as pump count x attendance time x hourly rate not actual spend*

Notional Cost methodology changed changed on incidents from 1st april 2026 onwards, call durations are now rounded up to the next whole hour for costing. The five yerars shown here all predate this change and use consistent methodology throughout