

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00811

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Request:

In line with the principles of the Pan-London Fire Safety Protocol, which encourages collaboration and information sharing between London Fire Brigade and local authorities to improve resident safety, we would be grateful if you could provide any available anonymised data relating to fire incidents within Croydon.

Specifically, we are interested in the past 2 - 3 years of data (or more) containing:

- * The recorded causes of fire (e.g. smoking materials, cigarette lighters, batteries, cooking-related incidents, electrical faults, candles, etc.).

- * The number of incidents associated with each cause.

- * A breakdown of those incidents between:

- * Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

- * Single-family dwellings/private houses and flats

We are not requesting any personal data, addresses, occupant details, or other identifying information. Aggregated statistical information would be sufficient for our purposes.

The intention is to use this information to identify common fire trends within the borough and help target prevention, engagement, and enforcement activity more effectively within the private residential sector.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure to you under [section 21 of the FOIA, Information accessible to applicant by other means](#).

As we routinely get asked for information about LFB incident data, we have published these details on the [London Datastore](#) to assist those who request it.

The information we publish about incidents that have occurred is accessible via the following link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records-em8xy>. You can also find summary incident reports at the London Datastore here: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incidents-attended-summary-report-24yd8>. Details of the borough are in columns 'Q' and 'R'. you can filter the date range in column 'C'.

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/>

