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Request:

I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following for incidents attended by your service from 1 January 2023 to 6 November 2026.

1. The number of fires where the property type was recorded as "Boarding House/B&B for homeless/asylum seekers", broken down by month, local authority district, and whether the fire was recorded as accidental or deliberate.
2. The number of fires at any property type where the incident record, or any associated fire investigation record, contains the words "asylum", "refugee", "migrant" or "Home Office". Please break these down by month, local authority district, property type, and accidental or deliberate.
3. The number of fires at premises that your service held information (for example, site-specific risk information) indicating were in use, or proposed for use, as accommodation for asylum seekers. Please break these down by month, local authority district, whether the premises were occupied at the time, and accidental or deliberate.
4. For the fires counted in questions 1 to 3: how many were referred to, or jointly investigated with, the police; and how many resulted in at least one casualty or fatality.

Response:

LFB does not hold this information as we do not categorise the number of fires by the types listed in your request. We do publish some details on the number of fires by property that is available on the London Datastore.

The data available is for cause of ignition by white goods and you can also find data for LFB incident records. As this information is in the public domain it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA – Information accessible to applicants by other means.

As we routinely get asked for information about LFB incidents, we have published this data on the London Datastore to assist those who require it. A range of information is supplied for each incident including some location information including borough and ward as well as the dates and times.

The information is accessible via the following link: https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/fires-in-london-cause-of-ignition-is-white-goods-2r4x4. You can also find details of incident records here .

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/