

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00321

Date of request: 19th March

Request:

The number of Station officers needed, how many were on duty and how many were off duty due to leave specifically for blue watch day shift 18th march 2026, and:

The number of LFB appliances that were on the run for blue watch day shift 18th march 2026.

Response:

The London Fire Brigade has made enquiries with relevant teams, including CORE, StARS and the Establishment and Performance Team.

The Brigade does not hold a centrally recorded dataset that provides:

- the number of Station Officers on duty, or
- the number of Station Officers on leave

for a specific watch and date in a reportable format. This information would require manual extraction and reconciliation across multiple systems.

However, the following information is held for Blue Watch, day shift on 18 March 2026:

- **The Station Officer establishment was 57.**
- **6 appliances were recorded as being off the run on that shift due to staffing levels.**

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>