

**Freedom of Information request:** Reference number FOI2026/00401

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**Request:**

*Hi It has come to my attention that the fire brigade was called to let someone out XX because the council had locked xxx in. They clearly had not undertaken care in ensuring that the park was empty. They used to walk round the park but I don't think that is now happening, there may be a new team now? As a journalist currently looking at issues of Waltham Forest issues and expenditure are you able to tell me please how much it cost to deal with that?  
Chase Lane Park, Chingford, E4*

*Also an FOI please. For - 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 to date, please provide: The number of incidents where London Fire Brigade attended to release persons locked in parks, public spaces, or council-owned premises after closing time Any recorded categories used for these incidents The estimated total cost of these incidents (if recorded) If possible, please also indicate: Whether any of these incidents were attributed to local authority lock-ups or similar circumstances (if recorded) If cost information is not recorded, please confirm this.*

**Response:**

We have identified two incidents which the London Fire Brigade attended at Chase Lane Park, Chingford, E4 8HS to assist with releasing persons:

- 6 January 2026
- 26 February 2026

The London Fire Brigade does not hold recorded notional costs for individual incidents of this type.

The Brigade does not categorise incidents specifically by 'persons locked in parks' and therefore this would require manual review of individual records. While we do not hold a report specifically for incidents in parks involving the release of persons this information is available via the London Datastore. [London Fire Brigade Incident Records](#)

As this information is accessible by other means, we are applying [Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000](#).

The dataset contains details of incidents attended by the Brigade, including date, location and incident type. You may wish to filter the dataset by date range, location, or incident type to identify records relevant to your request.

Where included, the notional cost represents an estimated average cost applied for reporting purposes. It is not the actual cost of responding to a specific incident, but a standardised figure used to allow comparisons across datasets and reporting periods.

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>