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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF 14 DECEMBER 2023

Dear

Please be advised when you write to us asking for information the Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption. NIFRS has considered your request in line with these obligations, and your response is outlined below.

Q1. How many fires in NI are as a result of electrical faults?

Between January 2022 and November 2023, 1,419 fires were caused by an electrical fault.*

Q2. The number of electrical fires and what percentage this is of the total number of fires in NI?

*Of the 12,874 total fires within NI between January 2022 and November 2023, 1,419 fires, or 11% of these were electrical fires**.*

**within our data these are fires that are determined to have an ignition source that is recorded as being electrical in nature or been recorded as having been caused by an electrical appliance / supply.*

*** Due to the nature of the data, a difference cannot be distinguished between fires caused by electrical faults and electrical hazards.*

Additional incidents may have occurred however limited detail within the recorded data would render these incidents unable to be extracted.

Review Process

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to Stuart Crawford the Governance, Information & Business Support Services Manager, 1 Seymour Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SX within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review.

The Information Commissioner contact details are – 3rd Floor 14 Cromac Place Belfast BT7 2JB.

Please visit www.nifrs.org for more information about NIFRS.

Yours sincerely

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