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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF 24 JULY 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.

Request

- The total number of domestic fires attended in the most recent one-year period you have available.
- The cause or category of each fire, if possible.

Response

From 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023 there were 907 domestic fire incidents.

Of these, the cause of 708 were accidental and 199 were deliberate. See below a further breakdown.

Table: Number of Domestic Fires July 2022 - June 2023 broken-down by Cause & Ignition Source

		No. of Incidents
CAUSE: ACCIDENTIAL		708
Ignition Source	Chimney	14
	Cooking Appliance	235
	Electric Lighting	3
	Electricity Supply	120
	Fuel/Chemical Related	5
	Heating Equipment	22
	Industrial Equipment	1
	Matches and Candles	25
	Naked Flame	25
	Natural Occurrence	2
	Not Known	46
	Not Recorded	51
	Other	51
	Other Appliance or Equipment	40
	Other Domestic Style Appliance	17
	Smoking Related	41
	Spread from Secondary Fire	8
	Vehicles Only	2
CAUSE: DELIBERATE		199
Ignition Source	Bombs and Explosives	4
	Cooking Appliance	2
	Electricity Supply	2
	Fireworks	5
	Fuel/Chemical Related	19
	Heating Equipment	1
	Matches and Candles	22
	Naked Flame	65
	Not Known	54
	Not Recorded	13
	Other	8
	Other Appliance or Equipment	1
	Other Domestic Style Appliance	1
	Spread from Secondary Fire	1
	Vehicles Only	1
Grand Total		907

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

Information Unit