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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF

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

Please can you provide me with your wholetime establishment figures for the following ranks/roles.

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Response

In the absence of an agreed establishment for Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, we are providing the position at 31 July 2023.

Numbers of each -

1. Chief Fire officer -1
2. Deputy Chief Fire officer -1
3. Assistant Chief Fire Officer/Assistant Chief Officer -1
4. Area Managers - 7
5. Group Managers – 20 plus 16 Group Managers (A)
6. Station Managers - 66
7. Watch Managers - 153
8. Crew Managers - 128
9. Firefighters - 475
10. Area Managers (Control) - 0
11. Group Managers (Control) - 3
12. Station Managers (Control) - 3
13. Watch Managers (Control) - 7
14. Crew Managers (Control) - 13
15. Firefighters (Control) - 30

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