



## Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

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### RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF 8 SEPTEMBER 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

Q1 Please provide data regarding the number of lithium battery related fires you have recorded. Specifically, please provide:

- Annual totals for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023
- Those annual totals split by the type of lithium device involved (such as e-bike, e-cigarette, e-scooter).
- Those annual totals split by the number of related injuries or fatalities

#### Response

*Please see attached information*

## 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 14 Cromac Place Belfast BT7 2JB.

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Yours sincerely

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