

**Chief Fire Officer Chris Lowther**

John Bone  
(By e-mail)

**This matter is being dealt with by:**

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**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref: 38-03/02/2020**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Dear John Bone

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000  
YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

I confirm that your request for information has been considered.

The Authority does hold this information, please find the details below.

**Details of request:**

FOI Request - Number of High Rise Residential Buildings (HRRB's) in your Authorities Area. I note that HRRB's were defined by the Hackett Report, as being "multi-storey multi-occupancy buildings" over 18m high (six floors and higher).

1. I would like to know the total number of High Rise Residential Buildings (HRRB's) within your area, known to FRS ?
2. I would like to know the total number of High Rise Residential Buildings (HRRB's) over 30m (ten floors and higher) within your area, known to FRS ?

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3. I would like to know how many HRRB's (of any height) known to the FRA have sprinklers installed?

4. I would like to know how many enforcement/alterations/improvement notices have been served on HRRB's in your authorities area, since 2006, under the RR(FS)O 2005 legislation.

5. I would like to know how many full-time fire safety inspectors are employed by the Fire Authority?

## **Response**

1. See attached report.

2. See attached report.

3. See attached report.

4. Prohibition Notices – 0. Enforcement Notices – 2. Alterations Notices - 1

5. 18 full time fire safety inspectors (2 of these work within a Policies and Standards role but do undertake some audit work), Of the 18, 6 are working towards Level 3 (Fire Safety) Certificate to provide them competency.

I hope this is satisfactory. If, however, you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you can ask for a review under the Authority's Complaints Procedure in reply to this letter, or alternatively you may wish to refer to the Authority's Complaints Manager direct, addressed to Assistant Chief Officer J Baines, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, PO Box 1196, Nissan Way, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR5 3QY.

If this fails to resolve your concerns then you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Adviser