

**Chief Fire Officer Chris Lowther**

Ramzy Alwakeel  
(By e-mail)

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

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**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref: 33-16/01/20**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

Dear Ramzy Alwakeel

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

I confirm that your request for information has been considered.

The Authority does not hold this information, please find the details below.

**Details of request:**

I would like to know how the fire and rescue service has changed since 2015.

As such, I would like to know the number of fire stations operated by the fire and rescue service in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

I would also like a list of the fire stations which closed down each year and a list of the fire stations which opened each year in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Finally, I would like to know the number of full-time and part-time staff employed by the fire and rescue service in each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you would confirm in writing that you have received this request.

## Response

Please see below table showing the number of operating fire stations:

Tenure	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019
PFI	7	7	7	7	7
Non PFI	10	10	10	10	10
Total	17	17	17	17	17

Please see below details of stations opened and closed during the time period requested:

2015*
Closed – August 2015 Fulwell CFS, Station Road, Fulwell, Sunderland SR6 3AE
Opened – August 2015 Marley Park CFS, Marley Crescent, Sunderland SR5 5BL

Please see below table showing staff numbers:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Full Time	906	871	826	809	796
Part Time	43	42	38	44	41

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