



NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Your reference:

My reference: CAO/FOI/2572

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23rd September 2021

Dear Mr Cole

Re: Freedom of Information Request – Balcony Fires

With reference to your Freedom of Information request dated 10th September, please see our response below.

You asked:

Please supply me with data relating to fires on balconies on residential buildings in your area, as follows

1. How many fires involving balconies occurred between 1st August 2020 and 31st July 2021?

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service does not record fires with the location “balcony” as a searchable category. We have therefore undertaken a free text search of incident reports that have this phrase in the narrative. Please see the following details:

Between 1st August 2020 and 31st July 2021, NYFRS attended 1 fire where “balcony” was found in a free text search of incidents, this was however a false alarm.

2. In the same period, how many building fires occurred where balconies were found to have contributed to the external spread of the fire?

Please see the answer to Question 1.

3. Please provide data on the causes of any fires that started on balconies (ie; barbecue, discarded cigarette, electrical appliance fault, etc) and please provide the number of occurrences for each cause.

Please see the answer to Question 1.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Central Administration Office on 01609 780150.

If you are in any way unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, please contact The Complaints Officer at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Our complaints procedure is available on our website at www.northyorksfire.gov.uk.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service should be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request.

If you are still not satisfied following this you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner who is the statutory regulator. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Telephone: 01625 545 700, www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Central Admin Office FOI Team