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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear Ms Grant,

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 20 June 2021. I can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

### **You asked:**

1. The number of low, medium and high-rise residential buildings in your area (or your current/best estimate of them) covered by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

### **Our answer:**

Low - **2219**  
Medium - **404**  
High - **294**

### **You asked:**

2. The total number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings relating to means of escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), from 20th October 2019 to the date of this FOI.

**Our answer:**

This information is publicly available online as per section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It can be found here: [Search Enforcement Register - Chief Fire Officers Association \(cfoa.org.uk\)](https://www.cfoa.org.uk).

Please note that information for the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service should be searched for separately for any entries prior to 1 April 2021, at which point the two services combined.

**You asked:**

3.a The number of deficiency and/or enforcement notices served to the owners of these buildings specifically relating to the identification of vulnerable and disabled residents, and planning for their escape (Articles 14(2)(b) & 15 (1)(b)), from 20th October 2019 to the date of this FOI.

3.b Copies of the notices referred to in (3a).

**Our answer:**

Where this information is contained within an enforcement notice it is publicly available and can be found here: [Search Enforcement Register - Chief Fire Officers Association \(cfoa.org.uk\)](https://www.cfoa.org.uk). As such we are refusing to provide this information under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Where such information is not contained within the online enforcement notices it is not held as per section 1 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

As previously noted, information for the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service should be searched for separately for any entries prior to 1 April 2021, at which point the two services combined.

**You asked:**

4. The fire authority's current policy covering the evacuation of disabled people from multi-occupancy buildings during a fire.

**Our answer:**

The Authority does not have a specific policy for the above question and so this information is not held as per section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Our staff are trained in dealing with strategies, tactics and evacuation types and if we did need to assist in the evacuation of a disabled person it would be dealt with on that particular individual basis. HIWFRS are actively engaged in developing and following guidance on safety in high rise buildings published by the NFCC.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting [DP@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:DP@hantsfire.gov.uk) or by writing to the Information Compliance Team at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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