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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Elspeth Grant

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 12 March 2023. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

Dear Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service,

- 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*
- 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)), since July 2021 to the date of this FOI*
- 3. 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)), since July 2021 to the date of this FOI*
- 4. Copies of the notices referred to in (3)*
- 5. The fire authority's current policy covering the evacuation of disabled people from multi-occupancy buildings during a fire*

Our answer:

We can confirm we hold the information requested apart from the answer to question five. The Service does not have a policy specifically covering the evacuation of disabled people from multi-occupancy buildings, as such this is not held per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we do have guidance for the evacuation of buildings. This guidance covers the evacuation of everyone, including disabled people. Please find it attached. We have redacted the personal data on the document as per Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it would be unfair to provide this within the meaning of the UK General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

The information for questions one and two can be found on the attached spreadsheet. Our system does not categorise buildings as low, medium and high rise in most instances. Please find attached a spreadsheet showing the types of buildings and the number of each category we have in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Where we do not record the height of the building, the number of these buildings has been included in the 'unknown' column. We have also included information about buildings which may be a high, medium or low rise premises but, we do not record the height of these. They have been listed below the title 'maybe'.

Please note our system only records the Article number of a deficiency, not the specific sub-section number for the Article. There may be multiple deficiencies under the same article for a single visit.

All enforcement notices are publicly available online and can be found [here](#). As such we are refusing to provide this information as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For questions three and four we are refusing to provide the deficiency notice information as it would take over 18 hours to collect. To locate this information, we would have to manually go into each building's folder to locate the information requested. Given the number of premises involved, collecting this information, let alone determine if it involved vulnerable and/or disabled residents, would take significantly longer than 18 hours. Consequently, we are refusing to provide this information to you as per Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 or by writing to the Data Protection Officer 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

Information Compliance Officer
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

