



# NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Reference: FRS/FOI/0019.2022-23

When telephoning please ask for:  
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08<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Applicant,

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request – 0019.2022-23**

With reference to your Freedom of Information request dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022, please see our response below.

### **Your Request:**

*Could you please tell me how many calls to outdoor fires were attended each year, for the past five years (between 01/04/2017 and 01/04/2022), for all land owned or managed by Natural England and the National Parks in your area. I would be interested in fires of any size, both Primary and Secondary, deliberate and accidental. Please also include false alarms.*

*I have found the following sites in your area*

- SHAPWICK HEATH National Nature Reserve
- INGLEBOROUGH NNR
- SWARTH MOOR
- SCOSKA WOOD NNR
- LING GILL NNR -
- LOWER DERWENT VALLEY NNR
- North York Moors National Park
- Yorkshire Dales National Park

*Can I also ask for the total number of hours spent at fires (incident time) and the total number of hours spent by appliances at fires (appliance time) for each year of the past five years too please?*

*I would be looking for the total number of hours and minutes spent by all appliances, specials and officers cars at an incident, even if they were cancelled en route. Could you take each incident included in the data, e.g., Incident 1 in Forest X in 2017.*

*Then could you gather what vehicles were alerted of Incident 1 in Forest X in 2017. E.g., 3 vehicles in total.*

*Then find the hours and minutes each vehicle "spent on the incident" worked out from the time that the call the 999 call came into the control room (and if relevant each different vehicle was alerted) to the time it became available again.*

*E.g., - Vehicle 1*

*Alerted: 9:00*

*Became available: 11:50*

*Total time: 2 hours and 50 minutes*

*Vehicle 2*

*Alerted: 9:30*

*Became available: 9:33 (it was cancelled before making it to the scene)*

*Total time: 3 minutes*

*Vehicle 3*

*Alerted: 10:00*

*Became available: 10:20*

*Total time: 20 minutes*

*Then could the total vehicle times be added together to give the total time that was spent by all vehicles on that incident. In the example above this would be:*

*2 hrs and 50 min (Vehicle 1) + 3 min (Vehicle 2) + 20 min (Vehicle 3) = 3 hours and 13 minutes.*

*Once that has been worked out for each incident in a year, please could you add all the total times added together to give the yearly total in hours and minutes.*

*I am aware that sometimes incidents are reported vaguely such as "the woods off of London Road" without the full address. Please could you do your best to capture these incidents too. Could you also include any other sites owned by Natural England that you cover that I may have missed please.*

*I have been trying to find digital maps to assist with my request and capture land that hasn't been listed. I have been told by Natural England that "The information you seek is publicly available. The list of all of the National Nature Reserves can be found on Gov.UK on the link below. You can look by region and then by county to see which are owned and managed by Natural England and which are managed by other organisations. The contact details and addresses are also provided for all National Nature Reserves. Postal addresses are available on the lists for Natural England owned and managed sites. The attached link on Gov.UK is open data portal that provides information on all National Nature Reserves. If you click on a National Nature Reserve (NNR) and zoom in you will see a text box opens that provides data on size, area etc. This data is based on GIS Government Open data policy."*

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/ab7bfd86f5b347df8d47fc9bfab80caf>

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/726484b0-d14e-44a3-9621-29e79fc47bfc/national-nature-reserves-england>

Or the Defra MAGIC map available at <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

The North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks have also provided these link to their land ownership

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/d1d721c1-1c0a-4d13-9225-2e6214949c92/nymnpa-land-and-property-assets>

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/dd991ec1-04a2-470a-b890-e7e620dacbf5/ydnpa-land-and-property-owned>

*I am aware that for similar requests, some services have sent these links on to their GIS or mapping teams who have overlayed them on the services incident map. I hope this will assist you further in fulfilling my request.*

**Refinement of request following excess cost:**

*Please could you use the refinement you have suggested and perform a free text search of your system of the addresses and other way of locating this that maybe relevant.*

**Our Response:**

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

To find the information as stated in the refinement of the original request a free text search was conducted on the above. Please note that this only brings back incidents where the above locations are mentioned in a free text field.

1x Fire – Wildfire.

Vehicle	Time Alerted	Became Available	Total Time
Vehicle 1	12:22:00	20:04:00	07:42:00
Vehicle 2	12:23:00	20:08:00	07:45:00
Vehicle 3	12:53:00	19:54:00	07:01:00
Vehicle 4	13:25:00	17:26:00	04:01:00
Vehicle 5	13:25:00	19:18:00	05:53:00
Vehicle 6	13:25:00	20:11:00	06:46:00
Vehicle 7	13:25:00	17:14:00	03:49:00
Vehicle 8	13:28:00	19:59:00	06:31:00
Vehicle 9	14:07:00	17:51:00	03:44:00
Vehicle 10	14:46:00	20:00:00	05:14:00
Vehicle 11	14:46:00	19:55:00	05:09:00
Vehicle 12	14:46:00	19:57:00	05:11:00
Vehicle 13	14:51:00	17:26:00	02:35:00
Vehicle 14	14:51:00	20:16:00	05:25:00
Vehicle 15	15:09:00	18:24:00	03:15:00
Vehicle 16	17:43:00	19:53:00	02:10:00
Vehicle 17	07:02:00	09:30:00	02:28:00
Vehicle 18	09:19:00	14:45:00	05:26:00
Vehicle 19	09:19:00	12:45:00	03:26:00
Vehicle 20	09:20:00	14:47:00	05:27:00
Vehicle 21	09:22:00	12:52:00	03:30:00
Vehicle 22	16:43:00	18:40:00	01:57:00
Vehicle 23	08:41:00	09:57:00	01:16:00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>105:41:00</b>

Please note that systems used for recording information are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted therefore that this response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other responses you may receive.

#### **Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint. If you have any queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Buckton**  
**Legal Officer (Fire and Rescue)**  
**Civil Disclosure**

## **Complaint Rights**

If you require any further information, or do you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask for the decision to be reviewed. The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to contact the case officer stated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

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](http://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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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)