



Northamptonshire County Council

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Our Ref: FR388-440

Your Ref:

Date: 20 September 2011

If you have any difficulty in obtaining the above telephone number please ring (01604) 797000 or email enquiries@northantsfire.org.uk.

Dear Charlotte,

Re: Request for information (our ref: FR388-440)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, received 23 August 2011.

The data you are requesting will take more than two and a half days' work to collate and process. Under the terms of the FOI Act we are therefore not obliged to provide you with the information.

If you narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

We have provided some of the information you have requested, as this information was easily accessible.

Our response is provided below:

Q1 The total monies spent by your brigade/service for providing home fire safety visits to customer's within your brigade/service area, over the last three years, broken down into months as per the following:

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(a) Amount of time taken undertaking home visits, broken down by role/crew, within each of your station ground areas?

The total time allocated to each station or team for delivering Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSCs) and smoke alarm refit visits has been provided in appendix A (attached).



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As staff resources are moved to target areas, the time allocated to each station is not a reflection of work undertaken by that station's personnel but could include the work of others working in that particular station ground.

Because the responsible officer can also be a responsible station it is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of time taken by role.

- (b) *Amount and cost to the brigade/service for overtime/additional duties claimed specifically for home visits broken down by role (i.e. firefighter, crew manager, support staff) within each of your station ground areas?*

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I can advise that the cost for the Community Safety workers is as below:

	2009/10	2010/11
Cost of casual hours claimed by community safety workers	£11,837.88	£16,104.20

- (c) *Cost for travel claims (per role type as above) specifically for home visits within each of your station ground areas?*

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Details of travel claims made by community safety workers on casual hours contracts are provided in the table below.

	2009/10	2010/11
Travel claims for Community Safety workers casual hours workers in miles and related cost	7,608 miles £3,423.60	9,976 miles £4,489.20

- (d) *Total number of smoke alarms provided to customers within each of your station ground areas?*

We do not hold this information by station grounds, as staff members work outside of their own station areas on many occasions. Therefore we can only supply this information for the whole county, as below:

	2009/10	2010/11
Total number of alarms fitted at HFSCs	6,908	1,1922
Cost	£42,138.80	£72,724.20
Additional info: Total number of HFSCs completed in the County	5,432	9,761

(e) *Total number of faulty smoke alarms that have had to be replaced for the customer?*

	2009/10	2010/11
Total number of faulty alarms replaced during HFSC refit visits	1,397	994
Total HFSC refit visits	957	681

This is an average of 1.46 alarms per visit, as some refit visits will require replacement of more than 1 alarm.

Q2 *What grant funding was received to pay towards these costs?*

NFRS have received ring fenced revenue and capital funding from the following Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) grants (NFRS have extended the spending of these grants beyond the initial timeframes with permission from DCLG):

Grant	Year	Amount
Fire Prevention Grant	2007-2008	£41,576
Fire Prevention Grant	2006-2007	£41,500
Home Fire Risk Initiative Capital Grant	N/A	£103,777

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Smith
Service Information Team

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If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Council to review it. To do this, please write to the address below:

*Jo Russell
Council Planning and Policy Manager
Business Intelligence and Performance Improvement
Northamptonshire County Council
Room 226
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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

*Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of guidance.

Time allocation for HFSCs in minutes per station

Station Ground	2009/10	2010/11
Unassigned	10,130	38,777
Mounts	28,591	39,251
Towcester	7,180	10,138
Woodford Halse	1,982	7,381
Daventry	25,293	31,736
Long Buckby	4,696	11,144
Guilsborough	1,670	9,665
Brixworth	2,920	1,360
Brackley	4,950	5,189
Moulton	53,228	68,706
Mereway	28,478	19,383
Kettering	27,267	45,695
Corby	42,105	54,361
Rothwell	5,950	8,900
Oundle	5,935	4,110
Thrapston	1,980	3,470
Raunds	4,600	2,380
Burton Latimer	2,433	4,620
Desborough	4,650	4,290
Earls Barton	3,466	4,200
Wellingborough	14,297	30,737
Irthlingborough	2,710	8,180
Rushden	19,207	20,260
Community safety workers on casual hours contract	69,840	95,010
Total	373,558	528,943