



## Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

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Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can confirm that Essex County Fire & Rescue Service (ECFRS) does hold the information you have requested.

Please see below the answer to your request.

### **Questions and final response:**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please provide any information that you hold answering to any of the following descriptions:

1. Any application you made in 2019 or 2020 to be a "Stonewall Diversity Champion" or to be included on Stonewall's "Workplace Equality Index," including any attachments or appendices to those applications. Please redact personal details if necessary.

### **ECFRS have not been members of Stonewall since 2018**

2. Any feedback you received in 2019 or 2020 from Stonewall in relation to either application or programme.

### **Not applicable**

3. Any other communication you have received from Stonewall in 2019 or 2020 unless privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure (but if you claim privilege or exemption in relation to any material, please say in broad terms what the material is and the basis on which you claim to be entitled to withhold it).

### **We have no record of any communication received from Stonewall in 2019 or 2020.**

4. Full details of any equality impact assessment you carried out connected with any of these applications (including any equality impact assessment carried out prior to an earlier application of the same kind if no further assessment was done).

### **Not applicable**

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5. Details of the total amount of money you paid to Stonewall (i) in 2019; (ii) in 2020, whether or not as payment for goods or services.

**ECFRS have not paid Stonewall any money in 2019 or 2020**

6. Whether you intend to continue your membership of any Stonewall scheme in the future, and if so which.

**No, we have no intention of membership.**

Thank you for your interest in Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, we hope this satisfies your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to apply for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of your original email and should be addressed to: Internal Review, Performance & Data Team, Kelvedon Park, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex CM8 3HB.

Please ensure you quote the above reference number in all future communications.

Please note that the response and data released to you as part of this request will be published on the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service website. The website address is <http://transparency.essex-fire.gov.uk/>. All requests will be anonymised and no personal information including contact details will be disclosed as part of this process.

Yours faithfully

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