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Dear Stian Alexander

Freedom of Information Request - RF120181217

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) received on 28 June 2018, seeking the following information:

Can you please provide me with details of injuries suffered by any staff/freelancers/contractors at work in the BBC offices in New Broadcasting House for the most recent 12 month period.

Could you please provide me with details of the injury, including how it is believed to have happened, the date it took place and if medical treatment was required.

Also can you tell me if any compensation claims have been made (and amount paid out if claim has been settled).

The health, safety and wellbeing of everyone the BBC works with is taken very seriously. All accidents are investigated and corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence.

Each day several thousand staff and freelancers work in New Broadcasting House. Since 1st July 2017, 29 accidents have been recorded of which 27 injuries to staff (27) and freelancers (2) have been recorded. The causes of the accidents have been grouped as follows:

Electrical	2
Temperature	1
Chemicals	2
Impact with object	9
Handling, lifting or carrying	3
Slipped tripped or fell on same level	8
Other	4

We have interpreted the request for information about compensation claims to be civil claims for compensation in respect of personal injury sustained by BBC staff/freelancers/contractors whilst at work in the offices of NBH London. This type of claim is insured under the BBC's employer's and public liability insurances. As at 30 June 2018, one such claim has been reported under those insurances and no compensation has been paid.

No further information about claims or accident information is provided. We are withholding more detailed information regarding the claims under section 40(2) (personal information). Under section 40(2) of the Act, personal information about identifiable living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles in the Data Protection Act 2018. The individuals concerned would not expect their personal data to be disclosed to a third party; in this case, details of accidents which could be recognisable to their colleagues, friends or family. In respect to the compensation claim, information cannot be shared about the individual payment amount. To do so would be unfair; therefore, disclosure would breach the First Data Protection Principle (fair and lawful processing).

If you plan to publish or broadcast a story using the information in this response please include the following statement from the BBC.

A BBC spokesperson said:

“The welfare and safety of staff is our priority concern and we have processes in place to investigate accidents and avoid reoccurrence. This is a very small number of people for a building which is used by around 5,000 people on a daily basis.”

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If you are not satisfied that we have complied with the Act in responding to your request, you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. Please contact us at the address above, explaining what you would like us to review and including your reference number. If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 0303 123 1113 or see <https://ico.org.uk/>.

| Yours sincerely

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