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Mr Campbell

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Date: 19 May 2023

Dear Mr Campbell

### Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information.

Your request has been processed in accordance with Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Analyst has provided the following response -

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service currently utilise the Home Office Incident Recording Systems (IRS) to record attendance at incidents. This system uses a series of predetermined categories to record data and is used by UK Fire and Rescue Services to provide consistent statistical returns to the Home Office.

I ran a query for Primary and Secondary School UFAS incidents and then ran a query for anything that has 'School' in the address that wasn't recorded as the previously mentioned property types and that is the data I've used for this response.

This isn't a straightforward request due to both issues with the address of schools and property type selected by ops in IRS –

- Some School names aren't in the addresses, so I had to do a manual google search to locate the school's name.
- Addresses are 'xxxx School' but property type has been selected as nursery and some addresses are 'xxxx School Nursery' and property type has been selected as ' Infant/Primary school'.
- Some of the incidents pulling back are for other education type premises - like pupil services etc
- Some Incidents are in school premises have community centres attached so we won't know which part of the building was affected.

Please find attached a spreadsheet as per explanation shown above.

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In line with the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has in place a procedure by which a review of the way in which we handle requests for information can be carried out. If you are dissatisfied by the way Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have dealt with your request or about any decision made by them in connection with your request, and wish a review to be carried out, please inform me of this by 18 July 2023. In doing so, it would be helpful if you could state the matter, which has given rise to your dissatisfaction.

Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

Should you not be satisfied with the outcome of our review, you will then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months. The Commissioner will decide whether your request has been dealt with properly, in accordance with the Act.

To make an online appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner -

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

To make a written appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner -

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews, Fife  
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Telephone: 01334 464610

E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

For further details, please see the Commissioner's website - [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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