



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 11

Number of stations and members of staff

Query:

I would like to know the number of fire stations operated by the fire and rescue service in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

I would also like a list of the fire stations which closed down each year and a list of the fire stations which opened each year in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Finally, I would like to know the number of full-time and part-time staff employed by the fire and rescue service in each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Response:

In 2015, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service had 26 fire stations and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service had 24 fire stations.

Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2016, and the new combined service had 50 fire stations.

No fire stations in Dorset or Wiltshire were opened or closed between 2015 and 2019 inclusive.

The information relating to the number of staff employed by our service is publicly available. Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemptions to the information that you have requested:

“Information accessible by other means” in Section 21 of the Act. The information requested can be found [here](#).

Specifically, please see the fire statistics table entitled “FIRE1101: Staff in post employed by fire and rescue authorities by headcount and full time equivalent by role and fire and rescue authority”.