

Ref: FOI 21 32

Dear Craig,

Further to your request of 01, April 2021, which we have treated as a Freedom of Information request, please find below our response to the information that you requested.

Query and response:

We are collecting information about the number of staff employed by fire and rescue services. Below is the information we would like to obtain from you under the Freedom of Information Act.

Specifically, we would like to know how many (a) wholetime firefighter, (b) retained firefighter, (c) fire control room, (d) support staff and (e) total staff there were employed in your Fire and Rescue Service, measured by headcount, on 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021.

We also request the (f) number of wholetime firefighters employed by your fire and rescue service as of 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021 (headcount) that also work a retained contract, and therefore could be described as “wholetime-retained”. To clarify, we only request the number of wholetime firefighters with an additional retained contract – we are not asking whether it is with your own or another fire and rescue service.

We would appreciate a table for the respective years detailing the data in the following format:

- 1) *How many people were employed by the fire and rescue service (headcount) in the following roles on 31 March 2020:*

	Headcount
Wholetime	424
Retained	581
Control	34
Support	288
Total	1327
Wholetime-retained	41

- 2) *How many people were employed by the fire and rescue service (headcount) in the following roles on 31 March 2021:*

	Headcount
Wholetime	381
Retained	597
Control	32
Support	312
Total	1322
Wholetime-retained	58

I trust this answers your queries, however, if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Information Management Team, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NR within 40 working days of receipt of the original decision. Alternatively, you can email informationmanagement@dwfire.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at the Fire Authority. The ICO can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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