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### Hoax calls

#### Query:

1. How many call outs has the fire service attended for the years 2020 and 2021?

2020/2021	Total
Total	13,209
False Alarm	6,419
Fire	3,354
Special Service	3,436
Malicious False Alarms	142

2. What were the reasons for the callouts for the years 2020 and 2021?

**As above**

3. How many call outs were hoaxes?

**A “hoax call” results in a malicious false alarm incident classification, or would have done had we not challenged the call and subsequently made an attendance. By definition, we do not attend “hoax calls”.**

**We attended 142 malicious false alarms.**

4. How many fines were issued for these hoax calls?

**We do not issue fines for hoax calls.**

**All hoax and malicious calls are passed to the Police as crimes. Tapes of the call, details of the incident and any witness statements will be provided as part of that criminal investigation. Any perpetrator can be prosecuted by the Police for making such calls, and can face a hefty fine and/or up to six months in prison if convicted.**

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