



## Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 129

### Fires involving Hoarding

#### Query and Response:

My request relates to the number of incidents in which 'hoarding' played a part. For avoidance of doubt, we are defining hoarding as the accumulation of possessions in one's home, often to an extreme and impractical degree.

1. In the last 5 years, how many incidents have your Fire and Rescue Service been called out to attend, where hoarding was identified?

*Please break down the data as follows:*

- 1st July 2018 – 30th June 2019
- 1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020
- 1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021
- 1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022
- 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023

**Our recording system does not have a specific category for recording hoarding therefore we have looked for fires in the home where the question: Human factors contributing to the fire, was equal to excessive and dangerous storage. Please see the table below for the figures:**

Excessive and dangerous storage	Incidents	Injuries	Fatalities
1st July 2018 – 30th June 2019	6	0	0
1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020	6	1	0
1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021	7	0	0
1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022	9	1	0
1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023	9	1	0

2. For each year, how many of those incidents led to injury, and how many to deaths? Please state whether the injured/deceased were civilians or firefighters in each instance.  
**Please see the table above for the number of injuries and fatalities. All injuries were civilians.**
3. For each year, in how many of those incidents was access to the fire or emergency obstructed due to hoarding at the property?  
**We do not record this information.**
4. Can you also please provide information regarding the number of incidents you have attended for each level of the Clutter Image Ratings?  
**We do not record this information.**

**Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 22, September 2023**