



Freedom of Information Act (FoIA)
Publication Scheme: Compliance Statistics for
Avon Fire & Rescue Service for 2021/22

2021/22	Number of requests	%	Comments
Total number of information requests received	408	100%	Not including Subject Access Requests
Requests processed under FoIA	365	89%	Includes completed requests, cancelled requests and requests refused under cost grounds or an exemption is applied
Other types of requests received (not processed under FoIA)	43	11%	Requests dealt with via another process, such as business as usual, CCTV requests, Police Requests, Other Data Protection requests (excluding SAR), requester contacted wrong FRS
For FoI requests	365	100%	
Requests still in progress or on hold	0	0	On Hold as still waiting on requester to provide further information
Response within 20 working day statutory limit*	355	97%	Includes responses where information is refused and also where we have applied an extension to consider the public interest test
Response NOT within the 20 working day statutory limit	10	3%	Information not internally available or delayed, staff workloads, waiting for advice/action from other departments and external parties, and IT implications (excludes requests on hold)
Reason where we have not provided the data (when held)	Number of times we have applied FoIA exemption to withhold data. We may apply more than one exemption to a request		
Exemption S21 – Information accessible by other means	18	-	Information is available on the AF&RS website or from another source, however, we would provide guidance/weblinks
Exemption S22 – info intended for future publishing	2	-	As above
Exemption S40 – Personal Data	7	-	As per Data Protection legislation
Section 30 – Investigations and proceedings	5	-	
Other or Various Exemptions	5	-	S39 Environmental Regs, S41 Info provided in Confidence, S43 Commercial Interest, S44 Prohibitions on Disclosure



*Statutory time for responding under FoIA is 20 working days and ICO recommend a further 20 working days to consider a Public Interest Test.

NB: The above will apply to requests where we have refused /withheld the information in full, and also where the information has been granted in part; and refused in part due to an exemption.

Top 10 most popular request subject (all requests received)			
Incident Report/Log	68%	IT related	2%
Incident statistics	6%	Contracts & procurement	2%
Other incident data (inc statements)	7%	Fleet and equipment	2%
HR/Recruitment/Staffing	2%	CCTV Requests	4%
Business Fire Safety	2%	Finance and budgets	1%
NB: one request may cover more than one topic		Other	4%

Request for FoI Internal Review processed during 2021/22 (Please note some of the original requests were processing during 2020/21)	4
Decision to withhold data under FOI exemption upheld	3
Decision to withhold data under FOI exemption partially upheld	1
Following ICO cases are all FoI	
ICO Reviews processed during 2021/22	2
ICO Reviews Outcome - upheld exemption	2
ICO Tribunal Review	1
ICO Tribunal Review Outcome	In progress

Please note due to the way we record our data; we do not hold it in a format to separate out the following:

- The number of requests where the information was granted or refused in full
- The number of requests where the information was granted in part and refused in part
- Identify where the information is not held in full or in part

Details of compliance under the Act can be found in the Freedom of information Code of Practice

www.gov.uk/government/publications/freedom-of-information-code-of-practice