

Freedom of Information Team

8th March 2023

REFERENCE: FOI\23\20

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your request for information dated 2nd March 2023 as detailed below.

'I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the The Freedom of Information Act 2002. Please may you provide me with information answering the following:

1. *How many prosecutions for breaches of fire safety legislation, where the premise has been a hotel, have there been over each of the last six financial years, including the current financial year to date?*

2017/18
2018/19
2019/20
2020/21
2021/22
2022/23 to date

2. *How many convictions for breaches of fire safety legislation, have there been at hotels over each of the last six financial years, including the current financial year to date?*

2017/18
2018/19
2019/20
2020/21
2021/22
2022/23 to date



3. *How many fines have been issued for breaches of fire safety legislation to hotels over each of the last six financial years, including the current financial year to date?*

2017/18
2018/19
2019/20
2020/21
2021/22
2022/23 to date

4. *What is the total value (in GBP) of these hotel fines (question 3) for each of the last six financial years, including the current financial year to date?*

2017/18
2018/19
2019/20
2020/21
2021/22
2022/23 to date

5. *What was the largest (by value in GBP) fine issued to hotel for breaches of fire safety legislation over each of the last six financial years, including the current financial year to date. Please state which year this occurred and who received the fine.'*

In relation to the questions you have posed, datasets held by the Department relating to prosecutions and convictions are on a calendar year basis. The most recent year for which data is available is 2022 and figures for that year are provisional. In the years 2017 to 2022 there were 5 prosecutions, resulting in 4 convictions at courts for offences relating to breach of fire safety regulations. The range of fines imposed in relation to these convictions was £250 to £600. However, none of the premises which these cases related to were hotels. There is no relevant information therefore, in relation to breach of fire safety legislation offences where the premises involved was a hotel, to provide in response to your request.

Note:

1. Figures relate to initial disposals at court. Appeals are not included.
2. Figures relate to cases dealt with at Crown Court and magistrates' courts.
3. Figures relate to cases where there was a prosecution or conviction for at least one breach of fire safety legislation.
4. Figures relate to cases prosecuted by Public Prosecution Service on behalf of the Northern Ireland Fires and Rescue Service.



If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

