**Freedom of Information - Humberside Fire and Rescue Service**

**2024/25 053 – Fires Involving Balconies**

**The request is:**

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the answers to the below question.

Please supply me with data relating to fires on balconies on residential buildings in your area, as follows.

* How many fires involving balconies occurred in total between 1st August 2023 and 31st July 2024?
* In the same period, how many fires occurred where balconies were found to have contributed to the spread of the fire across the external walls?
* Please provide data on the causes of any fires that started on balconies in the period (ie; barbecue, discarded cigarette, electrical appliance fault, etc) and please provide the number of occurrences for each cause.

**The response is:**

 Please see below – there is just one incident returned in this period relating to balcony fires. There is no category specific to balconies, so this incident was found using a message search query.

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| **INCIDENT\_TYPE** | **DATE** | **CATEGORY\_OF\_PROPERTY** | **MAIN\_CAUSE** | **SOURCE\_OF\_IGNITION** |
| FIRE PRIMARY | 19/06/2024 | Dwelling | Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately | Rubbish/Waste Material |

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this email. If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply direct to the Information Commissioner. The address is: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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