



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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**TITLE / CATEGORY:** Incident Statistics – Vehicle fires

### REQUEST

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act data held by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service on vehicle fires attended by your emergency crews for the financial years 2017-18 to 2022-23 inclusive.

The information I am seeking relates directly to vehicles which have caught fire either while parked or while in use. An example would be a car which catches fire while parked outside a house or a car which catches fire while driving along the road.

I am not looking for information on vehicles which have been deliberately set alight or that have caught fire after being involved in a road traffic collision.

I would like information held by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service broken down into the following categories:

Type/Class of vehicle (such as Car/SUV/MPV/Van/HGV)

Make: (Such as Ford/Vauxhall/Mercedes/LandRover)

Model: (Such as Mondeo/Corsa/E-Class/Discovery)

Fuel: (Such as Petrol/Diesel/LPG/Hydrogen/Hybrid/Electric)

I would also like information as to whether the vehicle fire caused any casualties / fatalities or caused damage to other vehicles / buildings.

### RESPONSE

1. BWVCs are utilised in several departments across Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) – these include Service Delivery, Fire Safety and Prevention & Education. This is a permanent adoption.
2. TWFRS last purchased BWVCs in 2018 – we are currently running a 2023/24 BWVC Replacement Programme and expect to have new cameras on the run by the end of Dec 2023
3. Head of Operations & Fire Control
4. N/A
5. The Operations Department follow strict procurement rules which are governed by our Procurement Department. A project plan is submitted to our internal project board along with key milestones. These milestones form part of The Operations Department Annual Plan and they are monitored by Procurement to ensure all processes are legitimate and transparent.

Any printed documents are considered uncontrolled.