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TITLE / CATEGORY: Incident Statistics – Fatalities / Incidents involving Emollients

REQUEST

In 2022 we sent a Freedom of Information Request (FOIR) to the UK Fire and Rescue Services asking for information on records of fire fatalities linked with emollients, but a lot of our respondents didn't include the Fire and Rescue Service they represented on the online form/questionnaire.

Therefore, I wondered if you wouldn't mind letting me know if you did respond and if so on what date, so I can link this with the form. If you didn't respond I have included the questions on the FOIR below if you wish to reconsider our request as we are working closely with the National Fire Chiefs Council on getting more accurate numbers on such a fire risk. An email reply to this in response would be ideal.

1. How many fire deaths or serious incidents have you reported since 2015 that have involved/been linked with emollient products?

i.e. skin care products, lotions, creams, ointments, gels, sprays, non-paraffin (wheatgerm, nut oil or lanolin based) and paraffin based. Please detail the year and number

2. Please give details you can on earlier records from 2000/2001 to 2014/2015 and any further information

3. What was the age range of the victim/s in each year recorded in Q1 (and others included in the response to Q2 if possible) as:

Under 1, 1-5, 6-10, 11-16, 17-24, 25-39, 40-54, 55-64, 65-79, 80 and over or unspecified

i.e. 2017/2018: 2 fatalities - 55-64 and 65-79

4. For each fatality/serious incident recorded in each year describe:

a) the type of dwelling (private home or care home etc.)

b) source of ignition

c) Item first ignited

d) location of start of fire

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6. For each fatality/serious incident recorded in each year how many were entered onto the MHRA Yellow Card Scheme? Please provide a figure for each year

7. Which Fire and Rescue Service do you represent.

RESPONSE

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service do not record this information in our Incident Recording System or Community Fire Risk Management Information System.

This information may be available from the NHS or the Coroners Office as this is something they would look for and document.

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