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REQUEST

A copy of all reports/investigations conducted by TWFRS or provided to TWFRS by the building's management company regarding fire safety concerns at the Rialto Building on Melbourne Street, Newcastle, which led to the prohibition notice being served on June 27 2023.

RESPONSE

Please note, we do not release the detailed notes/reports we make during inspections as we consider these to be exempt under Section 31 of the FOIA ("law enforcement" – Section 31(1)(g) combined with 31(2) (a) and 31(2) (c)). We are of the view that the correct balance between the public interest in building safety and our ongoing regulatory involvement lies in making information about enforcement action available (formal or informal) to those that request it, but in withholding the supporting information and evidence gathered during regulation activities.

When Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service identifies any safety concerns, we make this information available through the public register any formal enforcement action on our website [Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service \(twfire.gov.uk\)](https://www.twfire.gov.uk) .

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