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Request and Response:

Please can you provide me with the number of times you have been called out to old people's care homes to attend to fires or suspected fires in the boroughs of Lewisham and Southwark for the whole of last year, 2018, up to the ending of January.

Also, what were the causes of the fire? Where there any safety issues at care homes? What percentage was due to safety issues? What recommendations did provide to them to improve fire safety? Have they been met?

Thank you for your request, dated 7 February 2019 regarding fires in care homes in the Lewisham and Southwark areas.

Addressing the points you have raised, please see the data set out in the table below:

| Care Home Fires | Calendar Year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | 2018 Total | 2019 Jan | 2019 Total | Grand Total |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jul | Aug | Nov | Dec | | | | | |
| LEWISHAM | | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| Cigarette lighter | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Cooker incl. oven | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Electrical supply - Fuse board/Consumer unit | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |

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| Ring/hot plate (not part of cooker) | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Wiring, cabling, plugs | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| SOUTHWARK | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Cigarette | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Cooker incl. oven | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Fan heater | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Grill/Toaster | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Matches | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Microwave oven | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Ring/hot plate (not part of cooker) | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| (blank) | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 1 |

With regards to any fire safety issues in care homes. When the LFB identify fire safety issues that require formal enforcement action (Alterations notices, Enforcement notices, Prohibition/Restriction notices) under the Regulatory Reform (fire safety) Order (RRO) they are made publicly available on our public register. You can access the register here: <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/Notices.asp> (you can search for properties on the register by Borough or post code if known).

Should you have interest or concerns in a specific care home, if you are able to provide further details I will be happy to conduct additional targeted searches.