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Request:

We are trying to analyse dwelling fires caused by cooking. We have seen the published summary data for England and Wales. We are trying to get more granular data so we can see for example that a particular retirement home has had x cooking fires in the last 10 years, so we can understand and target the solution better for the properties where people are most at risk.

Do you have the data for the [LFB incident records](#), but including the CAUSE_OF_FIRE code that we could use to extract this information?

Response:

Our data team have provided the table below, showing the number of cooking fires recorded in retirement homes in the last 10 years:

Number of cooking related fires by Property Type							
Year	Boarding House/B&B for homeless/asylum seekers	Hostel (e.g. for homeless people)	Nursing/Care Home/Hospice	Other Residential Home	Retirement/Old Persons Home	Self contained Sheltered Housing	Grand Total
2012	4	31	24	7	96	248	410
2013	5	34	26	5	111	230	411
2014	3	28	10	1	77	255	374
2015	3	33	18	3	63	194	314
2016	5	16	13	2	55	122	213
2017	2	18	24	2	52	123	221

2018	2	20	16	4	57	120	219
2019	3	11	19	2	42	109	186
2020	1	15	12	2	36	97	163
2021	3	13	3	3	33	65	120
2022	2	13	9	1	23	68	116

We do not include the cause of fire code on the [incident report dataset](#) online. The LFB publish another dataset via the London Datastore, which provides detailed information on the causes of fires in residential properties. This information can be found using the following link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/lfb-fires-in-london-1966-2019---fire-facts>

The cause of a specific fire (with address detail included) is recorded on a LFB incident report. The LFB would not be able to provide you with any incident reports under the Freedom of Information act as these are a chargeable service and exempt from disclosure under [Section 21 of the FOIA](#) – i.e. Information accessible to applicant by other means. Eligible parties are able to request copies of reports from the LFB Incident Reports team and further details around eligibility can be found on our website here: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/incident-reports/>.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).