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*Did the London Fire Brigade experience increased demand during events held by Gunnersbury CIC in Gunnersbury park within Hounslow and Ealing councils from 2019 to 2023?*

*How much additional demand was associated with each event – specifically:*

- *Number of people using your service?*
- *Number of calls taken?*
- *Number of incidents responded to?*
- *Number of violent incidents?*
- *Number of injuries sustained by any means?*

*How much additional resourcing was required in terms of:*

- *Preparation & planning?*
- *Extra staffing?*
- *Capacity measures?*
- *Infrastructure improvements?*

*Did LFB have concerns about the safety of either event for:*

- *Festival attendees?*
- *Local residents?*
- *Other park users?*

*What was and is the estimated cost for the current year to LFB of meeting the additional demands created by:*

*Lovebox 12 -13 Jul 2019*

*Soho house Festival 29 June-14 July 2022*

*Gunnersbury Live! 4-27 August 2022*

*Waterworks 5-23 Sep 2022*

*Soho House Festival 05- 08.07.2023*

*Festival Republic 11 Aug 2023*

*Waterworks 16-17.09.2023*

**Response:**

Please see the response to each of your queries in turn below:

*How much additional demand was associated with each event – specifically:*

- *Number of people using your service?*
- *Number of calls taken?*
- *Number of incidents responded to?*
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- *Number of injuries sustained by any means?*

The LFB publish the details of every incident responded to since January 2009 online. Information is provided for when and where the incident happened, the type of incident dealt with, number of calls received and

notional cost of the incident. This information can be accessed through the London Datastore:  
<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>.

The most recent information (for incidents that have occurred in last three years), can be downloaded via the Excel spreadsheet '[LFB Incident data - last three years](#)':

**Incident location:** For non-residential properties (such as parks), you can sort by full postcode location which is included in column L, '*Postcode\_full*'.

This published information will give you the total number of incidents attended at Gunnersbury Park since 2019 and you can then see if any incidents occurred on the event dates using column B, '*DateOfCall*'.

*How much additional resourcing was required in terms of:*

- *Preparation & planning?*
- *Extra staffing?*
- *Capacity measures?*
- *Infrastructure improvements?*

The Borough Commander for Hounslow has confirmed no additional action was/will be required for these events.

A local Station Commander sits on the Borough Safety Advisory Group (SAG) held quarterly and chaired by the local authority where these events are discussed as a matter of course.

In terms of LFB response, we liaise with all other stakeholders and look to identify that a fire management plan/risk assessment has been conducted within the event plan and this is fit for purpose including suitably trained personnel on site. We also look to identify access and egress including fire appliance access. In terms of risk assessments and safety, the responsibility falls to the local authority.

*Did LFB have concerns about the safety of either event for:*

- *Festival attendees?*
- *Local residents?*
- *Other park users?*

No, the safety of festival attendees/residents and park users sits with the local authority and event organiser. The LFB reviews fire safety including evacuation and appliance access in the event of an incident occurring.

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There were/are no additional costs to the LFB in respect of any of these festivals as we only act as an advisory role at the Hounslow Borough Safety Advisory Group meetings and do not attend site.

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](#).