

Freedom of Information request reference number: 7614.1

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Request:

1. *How many fire service employees have been diagnosed by your occupational health service, or other such body, as suffering from PTSD as a result of their work connected with the fire at Grenfell Tower? How many of these were (a) firefighters and (b) control/telephone/999 staff.*
2. *How many days off work have (i) firefighters, and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff, taken as a result of mental health issues which have been attributed to their work in and around the fire at Grenfell?*
3. *How many (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff have been retired on ill-health grounds as a result of mental health issues associated with their work in and around Grenfell?*
4. *How much compensation has been paid by you to (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff who suffered trauma, be it physical or mental, as a result of their work in and around Grenfell?*

Response:

Please see the response to your questions in turn below:

How many fire service employees have been diagnosed by your occupational health service, or other such body, as suffering from PTSD as a result of their work connected with the fire at Grenfell Tower? How many of these were (a) firefighters and (b) control/telephone/999 staff.

- (a) 20
(b) 3

This is based on number of staff who:

- Since 14 June 2017, have had (i) at least one sickness case categorised "Stress, Anxiety or Depression", with the subcategory recorded as either as "PTSD" or "Adverse Trauma Response", or (ii) have had a Due to Service sickness absence that has been acknowledged by panel as PTSD.
- Excludes any sickness cases for which the cause of sickness is recorded as "non-work related".
- There is either (i) specific mention of Grenfell in the Individual Contact Record notes; or (ii) have a due to service case been acknowledged as having a mental health condition caused by Grenfell.

How many days off work have (i) firefighters, and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff, taken as a result of mental health issues which have been attributed to their work in and around the fire at Grenfell?

- (i) 5750 lost working days
(ii) 446 lost working days

This based on sickness cases where:

- Sickness has commenced since 14 June 2017, and has been categorised as "Stress, Anxiety or Depression".
- Excludes any sickness cases for which the cause of sickness is recorded as "non-work related".
- There is either (i) specific mention of Grenfell in the Individual Contact Record notes; or (ii) have a due to service case been acknowledged as having a mental health condition caused by Grenfell.
- The figures above represent the total lost working days for each occupational group.

How many (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff have been retired on ill-health grounds as a result of mental health issues associated with their work in and around Grenfell?

- (i) 9
- (ii) 1

This is based on Ill Health retirements since 14th June 2017 which have been attributed to Grenfell.

How much compensation has been paid by you to (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff who suffered trauma, be it physical or mental, as a result of their work in and around Grenfell?

Since our response provided to you 15 July 2022 (FOIA 6632.1), our People Services department have confirmed that compensation has now been paid to some staff.

At the time this current request was received (19 June 2023), the LFB did not hold the data you had requested.

Our Finance team have confirmed we are waiting for a report to be provided to us by the LFB Pension Administrators which will provide us with the data you have requested.

I spoke to our Finance team this morning and they confirmed they have still not received the report from our Pension Administrators. Therefore, we still do not hold the information you have requested in question four.

However, the report is expected shortly so, I have opened a new FOI case for you (our reference FOIA 7614.2) and hope to be able to provide a response to you in 20 working days (assuming we received the pensions report before then).

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](#).