

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8312.1

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Request:

Can you please provide information on the number of serving firefighters with a learning disability mainly:
Autism
ADHD
ADD
Dyslexia
Dyspraxia

Response:

In response to your request, our Learning Support department have recently started a project to convert previously held paper records to an electronic system to aid with reporting on these figures.

This project is currently still in progress, but they are able to provide figures currently held for staff with the ranks of 'Firefighter' (FF) or 'Firefighter on Development' (FDD) as recorded on the new system.

A total of 228 FFs or FFDs have declared diagnoses of ADD, ADHD, ASD, Dyslexia or Dyspraxia.

The below table provides a breakdown of the number of times these 228 FFs or FFDs have declared a diagnosis of ADD, ADHD, ASD, Dyslexia or Dyspraxia:

Diagnosis	Number of records where a FF or FFD has declared diagnosis
ADD	1
ADHD	40
ASD	4
Dyslexia	190
Dyspraxia	16
Total	251

The table above shows a larger figure than the 228 total individuals as some individuals may have more than one declared diagnosis, for example an individual may have both ADHD and Dyslexia.

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: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>