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Request:

If available, please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1) *Number of fire incidents attended by your service involving people living with dementia in the years 2023, 2022, and 2021*
- 2) *The above broken down into actual fire incidents and false alarms*
- 3) *Number of deaths from fire related incidents for people living with dementia 2023, 2022, and 2021*

I am also interested in any strategies, policies, or initiatives you may have around dementia and would be grateful if you could share anything like this with me.

Response:

Within calendar years 2021 to 2023, there has been only one fire incident recorded with a fatality where dementia was also mentioned. There are currently no records of false alarms relating to dementia.

At present we do not have any strategies or initiatives directly relating to dementia although we do give consideration to dementia in our interactions with the general public, including at HFSVs, incidents and Safeguarding referrals.

After signing the Dementia Pledge and educating LFB staff – including crews – about Dementia for a number of years and working with the strategic organisations in this space, we pulled back on our Dementia delivery so that we could focus on Mental Health in the community as a whole, and on Care in the community. We believe that the Dementia and Alzheimer's organisations are best placed to share information and education and we are happy to continue to support these messages via our Comms channels or campaigns. With our new approach to HFSVs, embedding the Making Every Contact Count (MECC) ethos is our ambition and we plan to continue with our excellent partnership work and to signpost individuals to appropriate organisations.

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/>