



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

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Freedom of Information request reference number: 7608.1

Date of response: 14 July 2023

Request:

1. Have LFB received any monthly check report of fireman's lift from Northumberland House (SM2 5FS)? If yes, did LFB receive all the monthly check reports since the regulation was in place?

2. Have LFB received any report that the fireman's lift in Northumberland House has a fault or is out of service?

Information about Regulatory fire safety Inspections and audits.

3. According to the Regulatory fire safety Inspections and audits data, LFB inspected Northumberland House on 14/03/2022 with results "Premises Non Compliant". Can you provide the follow up action conducted for the non compliant item?

4. When will be the next inspection for the Northumberland House?

5. Can the tenant request an audit if they have concern of the fire safety in the building?

Response:

Please see my response to your questions in turn below:

1. Have LFB received any monthly check report of fireman's lift from Northumberland House (SM2 5FS)? If yes, did LFB receive all the monthly check reports since the regulation was in place?

The LFB do not get sent monthly lift check data, that would be for the Responsible Person (RP) to record and produce upon inspection. The legislation only requires faults in firefighting systems to be reported.

2. Have LFB received any report that the fireman's lift in Northumberland House has a fault or is out of service?

I have attached LFB internal correspondence/documents held, including information pulled from the LFB High Rise Buildings Data Portal, that relates to lifts for use by firefighters or evacuation lifts.

Please note, personal data has been removed from these attachments under [Section 40 – Personal information](#) of the FOI act.

3. According to the Regulatory fire safety Inspections and audits data, LFB inspected Northumberland House on 14/03/2022 with results "Premises Non Compliant". Can you provide the follow up action conducted for the non compliant item?

Our Prevention and Protection team have confirmed that this audit was completed last year but no notice of deficiencies was issued.

4. When will be the next inspection for the Northumberland House?

Our Prevention and Protection team have confirmed the next audit will be done according to the audit schedule.

5. Can the tenant request an audit if they have concern of the fire safety in the building

Yes, the LFB offer Home Fire Safety Checks: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-checker-hfsc/>

Members of the public can get in touch with the Fire Safety Admin Helpdesk via the LFB switchboard to ask for an audit for the building.

Our switchboard service is available Monday to Friday 8.30am -5pm. The phone number is: 020 8555 1200

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](#).

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of >BUILDINGSAFETYINFORMATION
To: [REDACTED]; *Sutton; >FSD-CROY-BROM-SUT-MERT
Cc: >BUILDINGSAFETYINFORMATION
Subject: FW: Fault Reporting SNF - NORTHUMBERLAND HOUSE, WELLESLEY ROAD, SUTTON, SM2 5
Date: 06 July 2023 16:51:37
Attachments: SFS_A020_a2a_FS Station Notification Form Fault Reporting Fire safety Regs.docx **Please note: this attachment is included in this response.**

Hello,

Please see Building Fault update:

RP NAME & PHONE: Criterion Hospitality [REDACTED]

FILE NUMBER: 21/010395

ADDRESS: NORTHUMBERLAND HOUSE, WELLESLEY ROAD, SUTTON, SM2 5FS

Call Sign: H38

Relates to: Lifts for use by firefighters or evacuation lifts

Fault: 3 x faulty relays parts ordered as below

Tele Phase, Voltage Monitoring Relay, 3 Phase, SPDT, Maximum of 400 V, DIN Rail ordered scheduled delivery date 10th July 2023

Tele DIN Rail Multi Function Timer Relay ordered scheduled delivery date 10th July 2023

Durakool Relay 8 Pin 2 Pole ordered scheduled delivery date 17/08/23

Area affected: Fire Fighting Lift

Estimated Timescale for rectification: Immediately upon receiving the parts

Has the fault necessitate a temporary change in evac strategy from stay put to simultaneous?: No

Have any additional measures being implemented to mitigate against the fault? Yes

24 hours staff in place to assist when needed. Additional team member can be send from Britannia Point SW19 2FA. Britannia Point also has CCTV coverage for Northumberland House where BP staff are monitoring 24 hours

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

High Risk Premises Team

London Fire Brigade HQ
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From: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of**
>BUILDINGSAFETYINFORMATION
Sent: 05 July 2023 15:06
To: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>; *Sutton <SUTTON@london-fire.gov.uk>;
>FSD-CROY-BROM-SUT-MERT <FSDCroyBromSutMert@london-fire.gov.uk>
Cc: >BUILDINGSAFETYINFORMATION <BuildingSafetyInformation@london-fire.gov.uk>
Subject: Fault Reporting SNF - NORTHUMBERLAND HOUSE, WELLESLEY ROAD, SUTTON, SM2 5

Watch Officers/ Station Commander,

Attached is a station notification form which highlights faults in a building, these need assessing and adding to the ORD **if** required, along with temporary underwrites to support tactical plans and firefighting capability within these buildings. As with any temporary hazard as part of normal business, if life safety matters are highlighted then further support can be given by Fire safety or SFSO's and treated as an alleged fire risk (AFR).

Please see below fault information pulled from the LFB High Rise Buildings Data Portal:

RP NAME & PHONE: Criterion Hospitality - [REDACTED]

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WELLESLEY ROAD

SUTTON

SM2 5FS

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FILE NUMBER: 21/010395

ADDRESS:

NORTHUMBERLAND HOUSE

WELLESLEY ROAD

SUTTON

SM2 5FS

Call Sign: H38

Relates to: Smoke control systems - Mechanical Extraction

Fault: AOV Rack Actuator

Area affected: 3rd and 6th floor and 11th floor

Estimated Timescale for rectification: Smoke vent are coming to repair on 14/07/23

Has the fault necessitate a temporary change in evac strategy from stay put to simultaneous?: No

Have any additional measures being implemented to mitigate against the fault? Yes, 24 hours staff and CCTV coverage at Northumberland House. Additional team member can be send from Britannia Point SW19 2FA. Britannia Point also has CCTV coverage for Northumberland House where BP staff are monitoring 24 hours

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Signature]

High Risk Premises Team

London Fire Brigade HQ
169 Union Street London SE1 0LL



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Notification of fire safety information - to station

To: **Station Commander**
Cc: BuildingSafetyInformation@london-fire.gov.uk

From: **High Risk Premises Team** FS file: 21/010395
Email: BuildingSafetyInformation@london-fire.gov.uk

Date: 05/07/2023

The under-mentioned premises have been identified as having special interest to operational personnel. Brief details are given below and further information can be obtained from the officer dealing.

Address of premises:

NORTHUMBERLAND HOUSE
WELLESLEY ROAD
SUTTON
SM2 5FS

Detail of information or risk:

- Dangerous substances present
- Cylinders present
- Timber frame construction site
- Sprinklers/dry rising main/wet rising main/other fixed installation present
- Complex fire safety systems present (detail below)
- Transmission delay units and/or time-related fire alarm systems are installed
- Complex/unusual evacuation strategy used
- Prohibition notice served (copy attached)
- Enforcement Notice served that contains risks to firefighters (copy attached)
- Inappropriate sleeping accommodation (sleeping in commercial premises/beds in sheds)
- High-risk to firefighters present (detail below)
- Sandwich panels are installed
- Premises information box installed (Gerda or similar – see FSIGN 505)
- External access problems present
- Pollution risks (waste management sites etc.)
- Structural building elements / failures leading to fire spread (give details below)
- Failure of fire-fighting installations contributing to fire spread (give details below)
- Places of public entertainment which may not already be known to stations
- Temporary changes to evacuation strategies and the application of interim measures in residential buildings
- Electric vehicle charging equipment or Battery Energy Storage Systems installed on or near the premises
- The Fire Safety England Regulations 22 – Reported from Responsible Person of notifiable failure to resolve fire safety systems that have been found to be faulty for over 24 hours (eg: wet/dry riser issues, smoke ventilation, fire alarm, etc. Details attached)
- Other (detail below)

Action recommended by fire safety:

- Joint visit with fire safety
- Visit by local station
- Details to be added to ORD
- Add premises to 'Outside duty master schedule'
- Check contents of premises information box installed
- Information only, circulate to local station(s)
- Other (detail below)

We recommend that the premises is reviewed and a PRA is **considered** along with ORD, tactical plan updates and additional underwrites are also considered as per any temporary increased risk. While this is in line with business as usual with a temporary hazard Watch officers/ Station Commander can liaise with fire safety/ SFSO's as per normal protocols for further support.

This form should be emailed to the relevant watch officers, station manager, borough commander, Area support staff (SW/South East/North West/North East Area Support Team) & FSR admin (FSR-AdminSupport@london-fire.gov.uk)

Note to FSR admin: Copy must be placed on e-FSF



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Notification of fire safety information - to fire safety

To: **Team Leader**
Cc: FSR-AdminSupport@london-fire.gov.uk

From: **Station Officer**
Email: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk Tel: [REDACTED]

Date: 12th December 2022.

The under-mentioned premises have been identified as having special interest to fire safety personnel. Brief details are given below and further information can be obtained from the officer dealing.

Watch officer dealing: Stn O [REDACTED] **Tel:** [REDACTED]

Address of premises: Northumberland House. Wellesley Road, Sutton. SM2 5AJ.

Detail of information or risk:

- Dangerous substances present
- Timber frame construction site
- Complex/unusual evacuation strategy used
- Poor fire safety management evident
- Poor management of fire engineered arrangements
- Prohibition notice not being complied with
- Inappropriate sleeping accommodation found (sleeping in commercial premises/beds in sheds)
- Repeated unwanted fire signals received (e.g. 3 or more within a week)
- Premises information box contents missing/inadequate
- Other (detail below)

- 1) Concierge [REDACTED]. No knowledge of evacuation policy or whether there are any fire safety concerns in respect of the cladding.
- 2) Firefighting lift requires a key that is only accessible when concierge is working i.e. Mon – Fri.
- 3) Various fire doors found to be wedged open throughout building.
- 4) Fire door for stairwell on ground floor found to be broken compromising stairwell.
- 5) Residents unaware of evacuation policy.
- 6) Emergency lighting in basement hanging down from ceiling in front of fire exit which was wedged open.
- 7) Alarm panel shows sounders have been removed.
- 8) Evidence of fly tipping in basement car park near to fire exit.

Action recommended by local station/Station Commander:

- Joint visit with local station
- Visit by fire safety
- Take necessary enforcement actions to remedy issues
- Information only, place on record
- Other (detail below)

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