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**Request:**

St Mark's Church devastating fire in January 2023. I was a member of St Mark's Church congregation in Hamilton Terrace, St John's Wood, for almost 40 years.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please will you send me the necessary form on which I can lodge a request as to the actual cause of the fire.

**Response:**

In response to your request above, we have some general information on our website in regards to the Fire at St Marks Church. The cause of this fire was recorded as undetermined. You can find more information here <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/incidents/2023/january/church-fire-st-johns-wood/>

Fire reports are not available under the freedom of information act (FOIA) as they are considered a chargeable service and, as such, will incur a fee. As a result they are exempt via [Section 21 of the FOIA - Information accessible to applicant by other means](#). Regrettably this means we cannot provide you with a copy of the fire report (or the information held within it) without payment.

If you do want to go ahead and request a copy of any fire reports, I must also advise that you may not be eligible to receive a copy. However, if any eligible party (such as the owner/a tenant/local borough council/insurance firm or loss adjustor) requests the primary fire report document, and is willing to share it with you, then we would be able to provide consent for them to do this.

Further information about how to obtain a LFB incident report is published on our website and can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/incident-reports/>

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/>