

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8325.1

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Request:

Please could you provide me with the following information,

1. The top 25 postcodes within the LFB area with the highest number of fires if the following types since 01/01/2015

*Park, playground or recreational area
Wasteland
Other outdoors (including land)
Roadside vegetation
Scrub land
Tree scrub
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood
Woodland/forest - broadleaf/hardwood
Railway trackside vegetation
Straw/stubble burning
Heathland or moorland
Canal/riverbank vegetation
Standing crop*

2. The top 25 postcodes within the LFB area with the highest number of wildfires since 01/01/2015. Please use the NFCC definition of wildfires for this, which is "a wildfire will meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Involves a geographical area of at least one hectare (10,000 square metres)*
- Requires a committed resource of at least four fire and rescue service appliances/resources*
- Requires resources to be committed for at least six hours*
- Presents a serious threat to life, environment, property and infrastructure*

3. The top 25 postcodes within the LFB area with the highest number of calls to floods and flooding since 01/01/2015

4. The top 25 postcodes within the LFB area with the highest number of calls to storm damage, such as damaged roofs, fallen trees, since 01/01/2015

Please do not provide full postcodes, please provide the first alphanumeric code (the Outward code or Outcode) that has between two and four characters.

Response:

In response to **Question 1** this information can be found on the London Data Store. (LFB) London Fire Brigade publish incident data covering dates, categories/type of fire and locations. Please see [Incident Records](#) here. You may also be interested in [Fire Facts](#) which will show long term trends.

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- **Involves a geographical area of at least one hectare (10,000 square metres)**
- **Requires a committed resource of at least four fire and rescue service appliances/resources**
- **Requires resources to be committed for at least six hours**
- **Presents a serious threat to life, environment, property and infrastructure**

LFB do not follow the NFCC definition, this is purely because of the highlighted criteria which, if included, will extract a large amount of small outdoor fires that don't really fit the "wildfire" category.

For previous wildfire requests LFB have provided incidents where ALL criteria of the above are met. This shows us incidents which featured large portions of grassland alight as well as a large demand on LFB in both time spent and pump demand fitting the "wildfire" brand more effectively. The fourth criteria we are unable to extract as all fires can pose this threat if left unchecked.

3. The top 25 postcodes within the LFB area with the highest number of calls to floods and flooding since 01/01/2015

In times of excessive demand on Control due to flooding a batch call process will be implemented. This means one incident can cover a flooded neighbourhood instead of a specific property. In the published report [Incident Records](#) column 'F' and 'H' can be used to identify flooding incidents.

4 . The top 25 postcodes within the LFB area with the highest number of calls to storm damage, such as damaged roofs, fallen trees, since 01/01/2015

LFB do not have a specific recording process for storm damage on our incident database.

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](#)