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**Request:**

Please advise whom I should contact in relation to any part played by the LFB Fire Safety Order 2005 regulatory department re the 2019 fire in Norwood in which a minor sustained life changing burns occasioned by a lit candle. The school was prosecuted by the HSE at Southwark Crown Court in June 2023. I would be grateful as to how including under the Freedom of Information legislation, I can be made aware of the LFB policy re incidents such as this, given that schools fall within the FSO 2005. It is my understanding that given a fire authorities enforcement duties etc as set out in SI 1541I, and the responsible persons or other persons duties under the Order, and that fire safety other than in certain cases, rests with the fire authority under Articles 26/2)7, whether the LFB considered prosecution.

**Response:**

Our Fire Safety Regulatory team have confirmed that the HSE prosecuted the school under breaches of the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974. The [Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. They prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise.

The London Fire Brigade are responsible for enforcing fire safety legislation under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO). The RRO puts the emphasis on the responsible person (RP) to comply with the law. With over 800,000 premises covered the LFB operate a risk-based inspection programme. On the 1 October 2023, there were changes to the fire safety legislation which affected the role of the RP for the building, further information can be found on our website [here](#) The LFB did carry out a fire safety audit of the church which also considered a review of the school's risk assessment for the trip out of school. The result was the issue of a notification of deficiencies issued to the Archdiocese of Southwark as the RP for issues mainly relating to the management of fire safety at the premises.

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/>