

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8590.1

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Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you.

Please may you provide me with the following data:

1. The appointment dates of previous borough commanders for all 31/32 LFB boroughs (for instance, Barking, Camden, Greenwich, etc.). I would like this data for appointments made from January 2000 to December 2019. I only need information on appointment dates.

I would like the information to be in excel (xlsx) format. For instance, for Barking Borough, commander A was appointed in January 2nd 2001, followed by commander B who was appointed in April 1st 2003. When there is a change in structure of division, I would like the appointment dates for the divisions from 2000 until when they were merged. I then request appointment dates for the newly merged division. Say if divisions A and B were merged in February 2005 I request appointment dates for divisions A and B from 2000 up to Feb 2005, then the appointment dates for the newly merged divisions after Feb 2005 to 2019.

If data protection reasons mean their names cannot be shared, then I only request information on the appointment dates of each different divisional commander.

If requesting this information from 2000 to 2019 exceeds the costs, then I kindly ask for the information from 2007 to 2019.

Response:

Further to your request, records for Borough Commander appointments do not go back to the year 2000 as the EMS system to record this was not in place then. Therefore, LFB does not hold this information.

However, for the information that is held for a different time period, for example 2007 to 2019, collating the data would exceed the cost of providing this information. Therefore, it would be exempt from release under [section 12 of the FOIA – exceeds cost limit](#).

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/>