



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

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Date of response: 11 December 2023

Request:

Incident Number. 172747-04112023: City and Hackney Centre for Mental Health

Please confirm if you told the hospital management that the ward was safe to return to, and; provide me with all data and recommendations made regarding this fire.

I am also wondering why this event isn't listed on your 'Incidents' part of your website.

Response:

Please see my response to each of your queries in turn below:

Please confirm if you told the hospital management that the ward was safe to return to

We do not hold this information as whether a premises is "safe to return to" is not recorded on our Incident Management System (IMS).

Typically, we are unable to comment on whether any building is safe to enter following an incident. You should contact the building owner, or the Responsible Person for fire safety in the building in the first instance as they would be responsible for determining if the building was safe following an incident.

Provide me with all data and recommendations made regarding this fire.

I have attached LFB confirmation of attendance to incident number 172747-04112023 to this response. This is recorded as a deliberate fire that took place at Homerton Hospital on 04 November 2023.

A full list of incidents attended by the LFB is published via the London DataStore and can be accessed via this link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>.

If you download the 'LFB Incident Data from 2018' spreadsheet, you can use the Incident Number '172747-04112023' to find out further details about the incident at City and Hackney Centre for Mental Health in this published information.

Individuals and organisations affected by an incident can also request a 'fire report' which provides more details about the incident and the cause of the fire where known. 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](#).

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.

Please also note that we would also require written permission from the Police to release any information to eligible parties about deliberate fires.

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/>

The LFB Fire Investigation (FI) team and a Prevention and Protection department Senior Fire Safety Officer (SFSO) did attend the incident so no further records would be held about the fire.

I am also wondering why this event isn't listed on your 'Incidents' part of your website.

The Brigade attends hundreds of incidents across London every day and it's not possible for every incident to be written as a statement and uploaded to our [website](#). Typically, the incidents that are posted on our website are either incidents where four fire engines or more were in attendance, incidents which have generated significant media interest, or incidents that contain a public safety message.

As mentioned above, the LFB publish a full list of incidents attended by the LFB is published via the London Datastore and can be accessed via this link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>

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](#).



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Confirmation of attendance of London Fire Brigade to a fire incident

Date of report: 14 December 2023

Reference: 172747-04112023/38253

The data presented below have been derived from a computer database. The principal purpose of the database is statistical analysis and to facilitate this analysis, information has been classified into broad categories.

Incident number:	172747-04112023
Fire station ground where fire occurred:	Homerton
Time and date of call to the Brigade:	22:36 hrs 04 November 2023
Origin of call:	Person (mobile)
Recorded time and date of arrival of Brigade:	22:40 hrs 04 November 2023
Recorded time and date incident under control:	23:16 hrs 04 November 2023
Time and date incident closed:	01:51 hrs 05 November 2023

(The address below may not be shown in full as it could result in the disclosure of personal data under the Data Protection Act)

Address qualifier:	Correct incident location
Building name/Number:	HOMERTON HOSPITAL
Flat/Unit name/Number:	BLOCK 12
Street:	HOMERTON ROW
Locality:	HACKNEY
Town:	LONDON
County:	
Post Code:	E9 6SR
Further description of location (where required):	
Type of property where fire started:	Hospital
Supposed motive for the fire:	Deliberate - own property

(Note that the motive for a fire can rarely be determined with certainty and is not the subject of extensive enquiry by the Brigade at fires of this type. The most likely cause that can be ascertained while at the scene of the fire is recorded for Brigade and government statistical purposes only)

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