

Freedom of Information request reference number: 9148.1

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Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the following information:
Please detail the number of staff with 'data' in their job titles (data scientists / analysts), total salary of staff with 'data' in their job title, and total budget for 'data' spending e.g. staff, tech implementation, data management, each year for the past three years from November to October.

E.g.

November 2023 – October 2024

- 12 staff with 'data' in their job title
- £480,000 total salary of staff with 'data' in their job title
- £2,500,000 total budget for 'data' spending

Response:

As requested, please see below for a response for information on the number of staff with 'data' in their job titles over the past three years from November 2021 to October 2024.

For your second question regarding the total salary of 'staff with data in their job title', please refer to the appendix below taken from the *Fire and Rescue staff pay rates and on call allowance policy* (policy number 716) for the latest pay rates (April 2023). This details the published rates of pay for each grade.

Grade	2022/10	2023/10	2024/10	Total
FRS B		1		1
FRS C	4	6	6	16
FRS D	3	2	1	6
FRS E	1	1	1	3
FRS F	2	2	2	6
FRS G	1	1.85	0.85	3.7
Total	11	13.85	10.85	35.7

**Figures are based on incumbent FTE*

For the third part of your request, LFB cannot provide accurate data. For example, in the IT department in LFB, there are six roles with data in the job title, which at a unit cost is £383, 343 for 2024/25 spend. However, LFB's budget is not really broken down, where "data spending" is easily identifiable.

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/>

Appendix 1 – Fire and rescue staff pay rates with effect from 1 April 2023

FRS grade	01.04.2023
B Minimum	29,007
Maximum	34,215
C Minimum	34,215
Maximum	41,075
D Minimum	40,657
Maximum	46,550
E Minimum	43,736
Maximum	52,242
F Minimum	52,242
Maximum	67,836
G Minimum	69,405
Maximum	86,208