

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 6163.1

**Date of response:** 17 November 2021

**Request:**

*Please could you find out what information is available regarding the fire at the (former) Cane Hill Hospital on Saturday 13th November 2010. In particular details of how many appliances attended, what the procedure was to tackle the blaze and the timings of fire brigade activities as the incident unfolded. Also, what conclusions were made as to the cause of the blaze, the potential origination, plus the state of the former administration building and its surrounding environment afterwards.*

**Response:**

Please see my response to your queries about LFB incident no. 192260101 below:

*Details of how many appliances attended*

A full list of incidents attended by the LFB is published via the [London DataStore](https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records) and can be accessed via this link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>. This dataset is updated monthly and contains details of the number of fire engines that attended the incident. I have extracted the information from this published data for the incident that took place at Cane Hill Hospital on 13 November 2010 and included in the table below (highlighted in **yellow**):

IncidentNumber	192260101
DateOfCall	13-Nov-10
CalYear	2010
TimeOfCall	08:42:10
HourOfCall	8
IncidentGroup	Fire
StopCodeDescription	Primary Fire
SpecialServiceType	
PropertyCategory	Non Residential
PropertyType	Hospital
AddressQualifier	Within same building
Postcode_full	CR5 3YL
Postcode_district	CR5
IncGeo_BoroughCode	E09000008
IncGeo_BoroughName	CROYDON
ProperCase	Croydon
IncGeo_WardCode	E05000151
IncGeo_WardName	Coulsdon West
IncGeo_WardNameNew	Coulsdon West

Easting_m	529126
Northing_m	158584
Easting_rounded	529150
Northing_rounded	158550
FRS	London
IncidentStationGround	Purley
FirstPumpArriving_AttendanceTime	877
FirstPumpArriving_DeployedFromStation	Purley
SecondPumpArriving_AttendanceTime	NULL
SecondPumpArriving_DeployedFromStation	
NumStationsWithPumpsAttending	9
NumPumpsAttending	9

*What the procedure was to tackle the blaze and the timings of fire brigade activities as the incident unfolded.*

This information is recorded on the 'Mobilisation report (end-of-incident report)' for LFB incident no. 192260101. Individuals and organisations affected by an incident can request a 'Mobilisation report (end-of-incident report)' which provides more details about the incident.

Mobilisation 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. Regrettably this means we cannot provide you with a copy of the fire report (or the information held within it) without payment.

*Also, what conclusions were made as to the cause of the blaze, the potential origination*

This information is recorded in the Fire Investigation (FI) summary report for the incident. As above, individuals and organisations affected by an incident can request a fire report.

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If you are connected to the incident then we may be able to provide you with a copy of these reports (mobilisation or FI summary report) by other means. Every request we receive must be assessed to make sure that you are entitled to receive a report, and ensure our actions conform to the requirements of the Data Protection Act (DPA). Details for some incidents will be personal information under the DPA.

Decisions on eligibility to receive documents and information are made on a case by case basis. Requests from owners or tenants of damaged property, people injured during an incident, and any professional or organisation acting on their behalf are generally considered to be reasonable and have a good chance of success. Requests from local councils, police services and other government organisations may also be eligible if there is a need to take action related to the incident.

*The state of the former administration building and its surrounding environment afterwards*

The LFB would not hold this information, the responsible person for the premises would decide if a building is safe to enter, following an incident.

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/>