

Freedom of Information request reference number: FOIA 9229.1.

Date of response: 21st November 2024.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

Whether your firefighters are provided with hearing protection?

- if so, what type, when that was implemented and how often they wear it
- if not, why that is deemed unnecessary

Are you aware of the decibel level of the sirens on your fire engines?

This information should be made available to me in electronic form, if possible, thank you for your assistance

Response:

The Health and Safety team have provided the answers below on Hearing protection in the LFB.

Whether your firefighters are provided with hearing protection? – **Yes.**

- if so, what type, when that was implemented and how often they wear it - **All firefighters are issued with personal hearing protection, the type is 3M E.A.R Ultrafit 20. This was implemented in 2007.**

It is not possible to assess how often they wear hearing protection as it depends on the type of incident they attend.

- if not, why that is deemed unnecessary?

Are you aware of the decibel level of the sirens on your fire engines? – **Yes.**

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](#)