

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27748

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service incident ref 028022

I would like to make a FOI request concerning the above incident

In particular I would like any information you might have regarding actual or likely causes of the fire.

The information requested relates to a specific fire incident at a privately owned residential property. Any information held concerning the actual or likely causes of the fire would comprise, or be capable of revealing, personal information relating to identifiable individuals, including the occupants and/or owners of the property.

We consider that disclosure of this information into the public domain under the EIR would amount to the processing of personal data. Disclosure under the EIR is effectively disclosure to the world at large. The Council has no lawful basis under Article 6 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) to disclose this personal data and considers that disclosure would be unlawful and unfair to the individuals concerned. Accordingly, the requested information is excepted from disclosure under Regulation 13(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Information Commissioner's Office states that Regulation 13 applies where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles and that this exception is absolute, meaning there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test.