FOI:	110 06 26
Request Theme:	Fires in Waste Collection Vehicles with a Battery as Suspected Cause
Reporting Period:	01 January 2019 – 31 December 2025

The figures provided are from incident reports submitted to the Fire and Rescue Data Platform (FaRDaP) which is a national data collection system administered by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

For your request:

- A freetext search has been completed on the data held for incidents attended by Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service. Terms such as ‘Battery’ and ‘Lithium’ have been searched across incident reports for accidental Lorry/HGV fires and accidental fires at recycling/waste facilities between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2025.
- Operational hours are given in hh:mm:ss and this has been calculated as the time between the time of the first mobilised asset to the time of the stop message.

I request the following recorded information relating to fire incidents attended by your service at or involving waste collection vehicles (including refuse collection vehicles, bin lorries, and household waste and recycling collection vehicles) or waste and recycling facilities, where the fire was caused by, or suspected to have been caused by, a lithium-ion battery or lithium battery.

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<tr><td>Please provide data covering the period 1 January 2019 to the date this request is processed, or the most recent full calendar years for which data is available.

1. The total number of such incidents attended by your service, broken down by calendar year.

2. The total operational hours spent by your service at such incidents (calculated from mobilisation to stand-down), broken down by calendar year.

3. The total number of injuries recorded at such incidents, broken down by calendar year and, where recorded, by injury severity (e.g. minor, serious, fatal).</td><td>
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<tr><th>Calendar Year</th><th>(1) Count of Relevant Incidents</th><th>(2) Sum of Operational Hours</th><th>(3) Sum of Injuries Recorded</th></tr>
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