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Request:

Could you please provide answers to the following questions:

- How many operational fire stations are in your Fire and Rescue Service area?
- How many fire stations have closed in your Fire and Rescue Service area in the last 10 years? Of these closed stations, how many were situated in rural areas?

If you categorise rural areas as either significantly rural or predominantly rural (as defined by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2011 Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities and other geographies) please provide this breakdown.

- How many new fire stations have opened in your Fire and Rescue Service area, in the last 10 years? Of these newly opened fire stations, how many are situated in rural areas?

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- How many fire stations in your Fire and Rescue Service area are partially staffed by Retained Firefighters? What proportion of these stations, partially staffed by Retained Firefighters, are situated in rural areas?

If you categorise rural areas as either significantly rural or predominantly rural (as defined by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2011 Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities and other geographies) please provide this breakdown.

- How many fire stations in your Fire and Rescue Service area are entirely staffed by Retained Firefighters? What proportion of these stations, wholly staffed by Retained Firefighters, are situated in rural areas?

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'Retained Firefighters' refers to employees under the Retained Duty System.

Response:

Could you please provide answers to the following questions:

- How many operational fire stations are in your Fire and Rescue Service area?
Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority are responsible for a total of 33 x Stations within the combined authorities of Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire.

- How many fire stations have closed in your Fire and Rescue Service area in the last 10 years? Of these closed stations, how many were situated in rural areas?

Tamworth Day crewed has now been replaced with 1 x RDS station at Tamworth Mercia plus 1 x



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Wholetime Station at Tamworth Belgrave; Ashley RDS has closed and been replaced with Loggerheads RDS. None of the station were classified as rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

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None of the closed stations were classified as rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

• How many new fire stations have opened in your Fire and Rescue Service area, in the last 10 years? Of these newly opened fire stations, how many are situated in rural areas?

Additional stations include (i) Rising Brook (RDS); (ii) Sandyford (W/Time); (iii) Loggerheads (RDS).

None of the new stations were classified as rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

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None of the new stations were classified as rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

• How many fire stations in your Fire and Rescue Service area are partially staffed by Retained Firefighters? What proportion of these stations, partially staffed by Retained Firefighters, are situated in rural areas?

We have two Day/Crewed/retained stations (Leek & Lichfield); We also have five Wholetime/retained stns, Newcastle, Hanley, Longton, Burton and Cannock. 1 station (Leek) is classified as rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

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1 Significantly rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

• How many fire stations in your Fire and Rescue Service area are **entirely** staffed by Retained Firefighters? What proportion of these stations, wholly staffed by Retained Firefighters, are situated in rural areas?

We have 23 stand alone RDS stations; 4 of these stations are situated in rural areas using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

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4 Significantly rural using the DEFRA Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities.

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