

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 7th June 2023
I am pleased to confirm the following.

1) How many fires have been reported at the hospital over the past twelve months?

There have been no fires as such but for openness: -

17 May 2023 – security attended a bin fire outside the Academic Centre, caused by someone putting a lit cigarette in the bin. Security advised that this was not an arson attempt, no fire but smoke, and was extinguished with water. Fire brigade was not called.

4 June 2023 – paraffin candle being used in the Academic Centre to keep chafing dish warm resulted in alarm activation. There is no report of a fire, but a fire blanket was used to extinguish the candle. Users advised to replace solid fuel with electric induction heaters.

2) How many faulty fire alarms have been reported at the hospital over the past twelve months?

The fire alarms are not faulty when they activate in response to a trigger, even though the trigger is not a fire. We have had fire alarms activate in areas which were not linked to a particular zone when fire evacuation drills were carried out, and this has resulted in the cause and effect being tested to ensure the alarms only activate in the zones affected.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator

For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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