



The Information Role in Modernising the UK Fire and Rescue Services Pt. 2

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- Training and development for role through IPDS
- Types of training broadened
- Fire Service College as a developing Centre of Excellence
- Quality assurance
- E-learning
- Franchising and Licensing



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- “offer the prospect of a more professional and better managed service”
- Need for regional training strategies
- But also provision of training at national and local levels.



The role of information management

- Delivery of information retrieval skills
- Licensing and franchising materials
 - Copyright compliance
 - Protection of IPR



- Role of compliance officer
 - Obtaining and monitoring licences for re-use of information
 - Raising awareness amongst design and delivery teams
 - Providing information and guidance



- Integrated Personal Development System has a framework, the National Occupational Standards.
<http://www.fireservicecollege.ac.uk/rolemaps/rolemaps.htm>
- FSC instrumental in developing the standards and the courses to support development of fire officers to the standards
- NWDS consultation paper envisages a wider role as a course developer, franchiser and licensor



EU Directive 2003/98/EC on the re-use of public sector information. General principle:

“Member States shall ensure that, where the re-use of documents held by public sector bodies is allowed, these documents shall be re-usable for commercial or non-commercial purposes... Where possible, documents shall be made available through electronic means.”



Information Fair Trader Scheme principles:

- Openness
- Transparency
- Fairness
- Compliance
- Challenge



- Librarians and information professionals bring their skills & knowledge of information management, organisation, copyright and training
- Fire Officers/Trainers provide expertise to develop the documents and materials for courses to be licensed and franchised
- Sales & Marketing bring public relations and costing skills
- Legal team bring knowledge of drawing up contracts, etc.



Freedom of Information Act, 2000

- Comes into force 1st January 2005
- Applies to all public authorities
- Enquiries can come from anywhere in the world
- Emphasis on providing information
- Exemptions apply
- <http://www.hms0.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000036.htm>



Enquirers have 2 routes for accessing information:

- An approved publication scheme
These are available on the authority's website, providing a guide to the types of information an authority publishes
- Direct enquiry in writing to the public authority
Includes email



Public authorities:

- Have 20 working days in which to respond to the request
- Are required to help applicants to understand their rights under the Act and to identify the information they want



Information Sources:

- Publication Scheme
- Business Records
 - Records Management principles
- Information Asset Register
 - Central government only
 - http://www.inforoute.hms0.gov.uk/inforoute/about_iar.htm



Information Asset Register (IAR)

TITLE: [Fire Service College Library Catalogue](#)

Description: Database of all the holdings of the Fire Service College Library and Information Resource Centre

Subject: Fire, Fire Service College, Fire Technology, Fire Prevention, Fire Safety, Incident Command, Emergency Planning, Arson, Road Traffic Accidents, Hazardous Materials, Building Regulations, Management

Updated: 16/02/2004 **matching:** fire

TITLE: [UK Fire Brigade Addresses](#)

Description: Database of the UK Fire Brigades with addresses, telephone and fax numbers, email address and details of the Chief Fire Officer

Subject: UK Fire Service

Updated: 16/02/2004 **matching:** fire

TITLE: [Fire Service College Contracts](#)

Description: Contains details of all the Procurement and Sales contracts held in the Document Unit of the Fire Service College

Subject: Fire Service College, Contracts

Updated: 26/02/2004 **matching:** fire

TITLE: [Fire Service College Procurement Contracts](#)

Description: Contains details of the tenders received by the Procurement Unit of the Fire Service College for contracts at the College

Subject: Fire Service College, Procurement, Tenders, Contracts

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The role of information management

- Acquisition
- Organisation - Classification
- Search & Retrieval
- Exploitation & Guidance
- Disposal
- Quality Assurance - Monitoring



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