Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

The numbers of wholetime and retained fire fighters employed by the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority for 2011-2015 are published on Gov.UK under the fire and rescue authorities operational statistics - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fire-and-rescue-authorities-operational-statistics>

The figures for 2015/16 (which will be published on 27 October 2016 by the Home Office at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/fire-and-rescue-authorities-operational-statistics-bulletin-for-england-2015-to-2016> ) are:

1. The number of wholetime firefighters employed by the fire authority from 2011 to 2016 inclusive, broken down by year – **2015/16 = 170**
2. The number of retained firefighters employed by the fire authority from 2011 to 2016 inclusive, broken down by year – **2015/16 = 319**
3. The number of new starter wholetime firefighters employed by the fire authority from 2011 to 2016 inclusive, broken down by year –      **2011/12 = 0**

**2012/13 = 0**

**2013/14 = 0**

**2014/15 = 1**

**2015/16 = 2**

1. The number of new starter retained firefighters employed by the fire authority from 2011 to 2016 inclusive, broken down by year –          **2011/12 = 21**

**2012/13 = 28**

**2013/14 = 31**

**2014/15 = 30**

**2015/16 = 20**

1. The number of wholetime firefighters who have left the employment of the fire authority from 2011 to 2016, inclusive,  broken down by year – **2015/16 = 2**
2. The number of retained firefighters to who have left the employment of the fire authority from 2011 to 2016 inclusive, broken down by year – **2015/16 = 20**