Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please see below for the information requested:

1) How many people were employed by the fire and rescue service (headcount) in the following roles on 31 March 2016: This data is already published on the Government’s Fire Statistics Data Tables under ‘Workforce and workforce diversity’:   <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fire-statistics-data-tables#workforce-and-workforce-diversity>

The table below also contains the same data:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Headcount |
| Wholetime | 168 |
| Retained | 316 |
| Control | 18 |
| Support | 78 |
| Total | 580 |

2) How many people were employed by the fire and rescue service (headcount) in the following roles on 31 March 2017: This data will be published on the Government’s Fire Statistics Data Tables this year, however please note that these figures have not yet been verified and may be subject to change:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Headcount |
| Wholetime | 179 |
| Retained | 333 |
| Control | 19 |
| Support | 79 |
| Total | 610 |