Freedom of Information Request Reference No: FOIA 650

Thank you for your email of 19/02/13 requesting supplementary information to FOIA 638 in relation to Fire Risk Assessments, Designated Responsible Person, Approved Inspectors and fire doors.

The information you requested followed by our response is as follows:

Who is the named designated responsible person for the Lansdowne/Hanover scheme? What is their name and who do they work for please?

According to our records, the responsible person is Mr P Morton of Sheffield Homes.

Could you please clarify if SCC have complied since 2006, and every year in which they have complied.

Sheffield City Council has complied with fire risk assessments since 2006.

In regard to the 2 estates in question, SYFR has only inspected the Hanover flats (in 2009, and SCC has complied with the inspection).

Who are the named approved inspectors for the Lansdowne/Hanover retrofit scheme?

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

Are they not professional fire service staff?

As we confirmed in our earlier response, the Fire Risk Assessment is completed by the designated Responsible Person at the premises and not SYFR. There is no requirement for the risk assessment to be completed by professional fire service staff (see the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/1541/contents/made</u>).

Could you clarify that people do not necessarily have to have a front door on a retrofit project that is a fire door?

The requirement for a front door to be a fire resisting door is dependant upon the area in which the door is sited and whether fire resistance is needed in order to allow the means of escape to be used by other occupants of the building. It is not possible to make a generalized statement on this matter without more specific details.

So are fire regulations subject to interpretation with regard to compliance?

The fire regulations in the RR(FS)O 2005 do not prescribe a set method to ensure compliance. Compliance is dependent upon the nature of the building and the assessment of the fire risk therein. Generally there may be a number of different ways and methods of achieving compliance in specific situations with the requirements of an article of the RR(FS)O rather than a set comply/does not comply situation.