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<p><b>I am writing to you because I need to know the following information for my research purpose:</b></p> <p><b>1. What is the fire brigade overall training budget in the last three years?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2017/18: £573,720</li><li>• 2016/17: £505,550</li><li>• 2015/16: £462,650</li></ul> <p><b>2. What is the annual budget for purchasing equipment for training for fire and rescue service on average?</b></p> <p>The annual budget for purchasing equipment is £66.7k.</p> <p><b>3. What immersive training tool does the fire brigade use currently? (For example, Hydra System)</b></p> <p>As part of the training department, the service utilises the Hydra – Decision Making Software, that allows us to build exercises and carry out syndicate decision making exercises and provides a platform to review the decisions in a plenary environment.</p> <p>We also utilise XVR Simulation Software that allows us to build virtual reality incident command exercises and scenarios based on real-life occurrences and incident types. This software is utilised as part of our incident command assessment programme for all our incident commanders.</p>			