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## Freedom of Information Act Request – ID3366

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your email of 29/09/2019 where you requested information about staff numbers, equipment, cost and incidents on and around Caldey Island focussing on the last 5 years.

The information you requested is enclosed and as follows:

a) The number of staff (permanent or volunteer) at the station;

The closest CRT (Coastguard Rescue Team) is Tenby (TBY). Their Area 13 compliment is 15 CROs (Coastguard Rescue Officers) but current active membership is 12 which includes 1 x CRO who works and sometimes resides on Caldey Island. A further 2 new entry CROs are due to join the CRS (Coastguard Rescue Service) and TBY later this month.

TBY CRE (Coastguard Rescue Equipment holding location) is also co-located with an Area 13 COB (Coastal Operations Base) where 2 x SCOOs (Senior Coastal Operations Officer) and 2 x COACs (Coastal Operations Area Commander) normally work from.

Caldey Island also has a Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service 'Initial Response' team based on the island and the TBY CRO is also the lead fire officer.

TBY CRT is a technical rope team and as per all CRTs also has water, search and first aid capabilities. Any local Area 13 CRT could be tasked to undertake a response to Caldey Island. The current flank teams are Llansteffan (mud rescue team) and St Govans (rope rescue team).

b) List of all equipment at the station;

I have enclosed our equipment record lists, correct as at the last regular assessment, for Tenby CRE. Please note that these lists record only operational equipment and do not cover non-operational items such as stationary, administrative equipment or cleaning materials. In addition to this list Tenby CRE is allocated one Mitsubishi L200 off road vehicle. Please note

that the document listing helmet provision has been redacted to remove the names of individual CROs who have been issued with helmets.

c) Cost for the last five financial years of the station;

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) does not calculate costs on a station by station basis and so we do not have the information you have requested. MCA calculates the costs to provide a national coastal and maritime rescue service.

d) Number and type of incidents responded to on or close to Caldey Island in the last five years.

I have enclosed a spreadsheet containing most of the data you have requested. Please note that data older than that provided is held in an older archived database system which does not allow us to search for a specific location as per your request, so we have provided data from 2016 to the end of September 2019. Older data would require a manual fingertip search which would take much longer than allowed under the freedom of information rules. If you require older data, then it would have to be provided for a much larger region than requested and to provide such in response to your request would be misleading.

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If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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