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Your Reference: Bariatric Rescues

Dear Ms Venables,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

We are writing in respect of your recent application for the release of information held by the Authority.

You asked:

1. I'd like to know how many bariatric rescues the fire service was called out to attend, for each financial year, from 2013 to 2018?

Could you divide all information, by financial year?

Also, if possible, could you provide any details that you can to these rescues - (e.g.) the location type, the rescue required, number of crews called or age of person attended to?

2. Can you also provide the amount spent by the fire service on bariatric-related training and equipment, divided by financial year?

If possible, can you again provide details - so models, hoists, lifting equipment etc.?

Our answer:

For question 1 please see the attached spreadsheet. For the number of crews we have included the number of personnel involved as a crew can vary in size depending on the appliance that is sent to any incident. Further, the type of rescue required is only recorded as assisting other agency, beyond it being a bariatric rescue we do not hold any information regarding the type of rescue required.

For question 2 we spent £320 in 2014/15. This is the only purchase of equipment in the years you have requested and was for four bariatric carry sheets/fabric stretchers. Additionally, we do not hold a figure in relation to the amount spent on bariatric training as this is covered as



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part of general training within the Service and is done by out in house team. Therefore there is no identifiable figure for bariatric training.

Any future correspondence with HFRS in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

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Yours sincerely

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Information Compliance Officer  
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