



West Midlands Ambulance Service



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Dear Mr Panchaud

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Further to your enquiry, which we received on 16 September 2010, you requested the following information:

***Q1. Please provide the number of diesel vehicles currently operated by the ambulance service and the number of occasions any of these vehicles has been misfilled with petrol requiring unscheduled servicing during each of the last two years.***

***Q2. Please provide the total direct cost associated with the mis-fuelling events.***

***Q3. If the motor vehicles are owned/maintained by a leasing company please provide the name of the leasing company.***

On 20 September 2010, we asked if you were able to clarify for what time period you would like this information i.e. would you like the information for the last financial year 2009/10 which you confirmed on 4 October 2010 that you would like the information for the past 2 financial years – 2008/09 and 2009/10.

**Response**

Q1. We currently have 957 diesel fuelled vehicles within the Trust Fleet. We currently have recorded 26 incidents where mis-fuelling these vehicles with petrol have occurred in the past 2 financial years, (April 2008 – March 09 and April 2009 – March 2010).

Q2. The total costs that are directly accountable with these events is £3468.27.

Q3. All of our vehicles have either been purchased by the Trust or are on an operating lease (hire purchase).

The Trust is aware that mis-fuelling incidents is an operational problem. The Trust has issued notices to staff warning them of the costs and problems relation to mis-fuelling and the Trust is currently looking at anti mis-fuelling devices.

We hope that this answers your request. If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

- Mr A C Marsh  
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The Chief Executive Officer will then convene a panel of Directors of the Trust to consider the grounds for your complaint.

If you are unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

- Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
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SK9 5AF  
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Yours sincerely**

**Lynsey Bull**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**

