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**Mr Richard Hughes**

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Dear Mr Hughes,

**Subject: Freedom of Information Request ID4070**

Thank you for your letter dated 18/09/2022 where you have asked 'how many times have JRCC refused or not sent a CRT to support in a request for help from another agency for 2022'.

Please find below, our response to your information request.

In the Coastguard VISION logging system, HM Coastguard does not complete a specific field for each incident regarding any request for resources from another UK Government Agency or organisation that we must decline. Whilst there may be mention of such matters in the free text of a specific log, we would not be able to produce an accurate figure from this occasional data as it is not reliably added to each incident record. There is no process or requirement for HM Coastguard to report such information to anyone elsewhere when such a thing happens, so we do not routinely record this information.

It is highly unlikely that we would decline any tasking requests for a CRT (Coastguard Rescue Team) as there aren't many circumstances where this might happen. Examples might be situations which involve the CRTs ability to carry out the specific request due to things like significant risk to rescuers or availability due to other higher priority incidents.

The SMC (SAR (Search And Rescue) Mission Co-ordinator) is responsible for tasking the nearest appropriate asset(s) for any given scenario, so depending on the situation sending a CRT may not be appropriate due to their capabilities or limitations for example.

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are dissatisfied with the response to your request, you can ask for an internal review. If you disagree with the outcome following an internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision notice. Further information is available from <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>.

Please remember to quote your Freedom of Information Act reference number in any communications.

Yours sincerely,

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