

Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 68

Co-responder Scheme

Query:

For the last three calendar years, please send me advise on how many occasions did your fire and rescue service provide an emergency medical response (to which the service was not required to attend otherwise) because

(a) its attendance was triggered by means of it being the designated first responder under a co-responder arrangement, broken down by arrangement type (for example out-of-hospital cardiac arrest initiatives), or

(b) because there were no ambulances available, or

(c) other, broken down by reasons.

Response:

Please note, from 1 April 2016 Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, therefore our response covers both the Dorset and Wiltshire areas in a single request.

Please see below the number of times that Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have been called out to co-responder incidents, by calendar year:

2018 – 135 (year to date)

2017 – 302

2016 – 339

2015 – 667

The information regarding the reason for the call outs is not held by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service however, this information may be held by South Western Ambulance Service, with whom we operate our co-responder scheme.