



Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 96

Co-responder scheme

Query:

I should like to request the following information on the cost and payments of callouts made by local NHS Trusts to your authority between the dates of January 2017 and January 2018. In particular I want to find out:

- How many callouts your fire service had in the last year (January 2017 – January 2018) to assist hospitals/ ambulances/ paramedics to move obese people
- The amount the fire service was paid by hospital trusts to move obese people (broken down into individual callouts)

Response:

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue were called to 34 incidents to assist hospitals/ambulances or paramedics to move bariatric patients/casualties between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017. The figure for January 2018 was 3.

We have never had and currently do not have any arrangements for charging ambulance for assistance with bariatric patients/casualties.