



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 08

Information concerning plus size patients

Query and Response:

- How many callouts has the service attended for a plus size patient either in an evacuation process or to assist them with movement in their home or hospital between 1st January to 31st December in 2022 and January 1st to 31st December 2023? - **Please see attached spreadsheet for information.**
- For callouts involving plus-size patients, how many vehicles attend the scene? – **Please see attached spreadsheet for information.**
- In instances of callouts to plus-size patients, how many staff members are typically present on a vehicle? – **5 staff members are present on each vehicle**
- If a callout to a plus-size patient occurs, who covers the watch during that time? – **During an emergency we will mobilise assets to support life threatening incidents and rescue.**
- In the period of Jan to Dec 2022 and Jan to Dec 2023, did any members of staff go off from work injured due to moving a plus-size patient, if so, how many? **During the period Jan – Dec 2022 there were no days recorded sick due to moving plus-sized patients. During the period Jan – Dec 2023 6 members of staff were recorded sick due to moving plus-sized patients.**
- If a callout to assist in moving a plus-size patient happens, who is responsible for covering the associated service costs? **It is part of our statutory duty and therefore no cost is charged to any service.**
- Does your service have equipment to facilitate and support moving a plus-size patient? – **Yes.**
- Has your service seen an increase in activity for supporting Plus-size patients? – **Please see attached spreadsheet for information.**
- Does your service believe there is a growing need for a service to facilitate moving plus-size patients - **No**

Please note that we don't record the weight of a patient and have used the following service type to gather the information you require this will more than likely include patients under 30 stone.

Assist other agencies/ Other assistance to police/ambulance /Bariatric person (overweight).

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 31, January 2024