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Our Reference: FOI 056 24-25

Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 24 July 2024. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

***You asked:***

*How many bariatric cases have your firefighters attended in the following years? By this I mean when firefighters are called for bariatric assistance by emergency services- coming to the aid of people who are otherwise unable to leave their homes due to serious obesity.*

- 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (as of receive of this email)

**Our answer:**

We can confirm that we hold the information requested. Please find it below.

<b>2021</b>	32
<b>2022</b>	26
<b>2023</b>	28
<b>2024</b>	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	105

**You asked:**

*For how many of these incidents were more than four vehicles required to attend? Please break this down by year.*

**Our answer:**

There was only one incident in 2021 that required more than four vehicles to attend.

**You asked:**

*What was the cost to the fire service of attending these cases? Please break down cost by year 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (so far). If you cannot provide the data by annual year, then please provide it by financial year*

**Our answer:**

Please find the costs in the table below, these costs are per annum.

2021	£11,844.00
2022	£7,687.25
2023	£9,906.25
2024	£19,245.50
Total	£48,683.00

Please be aware that the figures above are not an accurate reflection of the cost of deploying appliances. This is because the per hour costs used to determine the above were create seven years ago and have not been updated due to a lack of business need.

Finally, despite the incorrect reference number provided to you in our automated acknowledgment email, we can confirm that this request has been responded to under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioners Office. This can be done online at [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer  
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service