



East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

REFERENCE NUMBER	111-24
CATEGORY	Incidents and Emergency Response
TITLE	Bariatric Incidents
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act request which was received by East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service on 24 July 2024

Request:

Please can I be provided with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

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

Response:

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.

Year	Incidents
2021	59
2022	85
2023	65
2024 to 31/7	35
Total	244

For how many of these incidents were more than four vehicles required to attend?

There were no incidents where more than 4 appliances attended.

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

Year	Cost*
2021	£22,780.26
2022	£28,181.44
2023	£23,367.02
2024 to 31/7	£13,532.14
Total	£87,860.86

* This is based on our 2023/24 prices for a major pumping appliance with crew at £337 per hour.
