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Request:

- **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:

In response, this information is exempt from disclosure to you under [section 21 of the FOIA, Information accessible to applicant by other means](#).

As we routinely get asked for information about the number of bariatric incidents attended by the Brigade, we have published this data on the [London Datastore](#) to assist those who require it.

The data is provided from January 2009 and is updated monthly. A range of information is supplied for each incident including some location information (postcode sector, borough, ward), as well as the year the incident took place.

The data we collect about these incidents does not routinely include any information about the patient or the nature of any illness, or the reason for assistance.

Please note that any cost included is a notional cost calculated based on the length of time rounded up to the nearest hour spent by Pump, Aerial and FRU appliances at the incident and charged at the current Brigade hourly rate.

The information is accessible via the following link:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/bariatric-incidents-attended-by-lfb>

I hope you find this information of use. Should you have any further questions please do let me know.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).