Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Creating the Safest Community

Bariatric Incidents

Data, Intelligence and Safety

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1   Request

Details of Request:

Could you please tell me how many call outs you received to move Bariatric or obese people from their homes or to rescue them during the following calendar years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019?

Would it be possible to reveal whether you were called to assist the ambulance service or the police, or whether you received a call directly from the person's home?

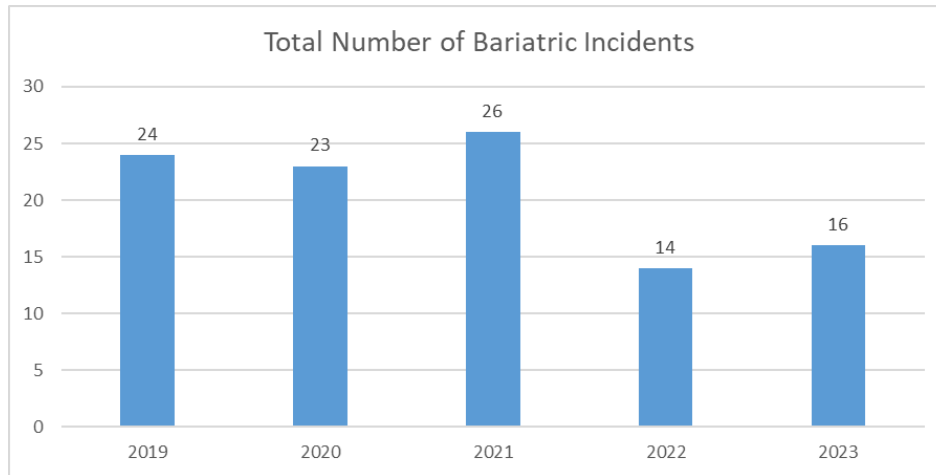Would you be able to list the gender of the people you moved?
Where possible – could you please reveal the age of the youngest and oldest person that you would called to assist?

2   Reply

2.1   The following information is taken from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) Incident Recording System (IRS). An IRS incident record is completed by the Officer in Charge for every incident attended.

2.2   This is the total number of Special Service (bariatric) incidents attended by TWFRS from 2019 till 2023 by calendar years.

2.3   The data is broken down into total number of incidents and then by call type, age, gender. The data is incidents that only occurred within buildings.

3. Data

3.1 From the 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2023 there has been a total of **103** incidents recorded in the IRS for bariatric incidents.

Total Number of Bariatric Incidents

Year	Incidents
2019	24
2020	23
2021	26
2022	14
2023	16

3.2 The table below shows how the call was received by our control to request our attendance:

Call Type	Ambulance	Other FRS	Person (land lin	Person (m	Person (ru	Grand Total
2019	18	0	4	1	1	**24**
2020	19	0	1	2	1	**23**
2021	22	1	2	1	0	**26**
2022	13	0	0	1	0	**14**
2023	16	0	0	0	0	**16**
Grand Total	**88**	**1**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**103**

3.3 The table below displays the gender of the casualties involved:

Gender	Female	Male	Grand Total
2019	13	11	**24**
2020	10	13	**23**
2021	15	11	**26**
2022	7	7	**14**
2023	8	8	**16**
Grand Total	**53**	**50**	**103**

3.4   The table below displays the age of the casualties involved:

Age	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	Unknown	Grand Total
2019	0	1	3	4	5	3	1	7	**24**
2020	2	1	5	4	5	3	1	2	**23**
2021	1	1	5	4	7	3	1	4	**26**
2022	1	0	5	3	3	2	0	0	**14**
2023	0	3	1	5	3	3	0	1	**16**
Grand Total	**4**	**6**	**19**	**20**	**23**	**14**	**3**	**14**	**103**