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REQUEST

- 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?
- For callouts involving plus-size patients, how many vehicles attend the scene?
- In instances of callouts to plus-size patients, how many staff members are typically present on a vehicle?
- If a callout to a plus-size patient occurs, who covers the watch during that time?
- 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?
- If a callout to assist in moving a plus-size patient happens, who is responsible for covering the associated service costs?
- Does your service have equipment to facilitate and support moving a plus-size patient?
- Has your service seen an increase in activity for supporting Plus-size patients?
- Does your service believe there is a growing need for a service to facilitate moving plus-size patients

RESPONSE

1. Please see attached report.
2. Please see attached report.
3. Please see attached report.
4. Appliances work across the whole of the Tyne and Wear area and can be mobilised whilst away from their home station.
5. 0
6. These are included within the everyday running costs of providing an emergency service to the public and assisting blue light partners such as NEAS.

The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 sets out the responsibilities of Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs). There are four key functions which FRAs must ensure that they make provision for, they are:

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RESPONSE CONT.

- Extinguishing fires in their area
- Protecting life and property in the event of fires in their area
- Rescuing and protecting people in the event of a road traffic collision
- Rescuing and protecting people in the event of other emergencies

Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) has a power to charge for the provisions of services other than fire-fighting under section 19 Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. The 2004 Act generally provides that the Secretary of State may by an order, authorise a FRA to charge a person for any action taken by the authority.

A FRA is however prohibited from imposing a charge for extinguishing fires, protecting life and property in the event of a fire or providing emergency medical assistance. The Order enacted by the Secretary of State under Section 19 of the 2004 Act forms part of the Fire and Rescue Services (England) Order 2004, SI 2004/2305 which came into force on 1st October 2004.

7. Yes
8. Please see attached report.
9. Not applicable. This requests an opinion as opposed to provided "recorded information".

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