



## Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

**Please ask for:** Service Information Team Leader  
**Tel:** 01604 797000  
**Our ref:**  
**Your ref:** N/A  
**Date:** 17 December 2019  
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### **Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2019-127-139)**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 02 December 2019. Our response is provided below:

*Q1 Can you tell me how many times over the last three years (separated by 2017, 2018, 2019 to date) the fire and rescue service has helped the local ambulance trust transport overweight/obese patients?*

Please refer to the table below for the number of times when Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) have been to assist with bariatric\* persons following a call from the Ambulance Service.

\*Overweight and obese are not a clearly defined criteria. A large proportion of people in the UK are overweight using medical definitions. The table below is where we have identified the instances where terms like bariatric have been used or if weight has been a factor in the request for assistance from the Ambulance Service.

Year	Number of incidents attended
2017	15
2018	22
2019	13

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2019-127-139.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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Service Information Manager  
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Moulton Logistics Centre  
Moulton Way  
Northampton  
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Information Commissioner  
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