



## Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

**Please ask for:** Service Information Team Leader  
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**Our Ref:**  
**Your ref:** N/A  
**Date:** 14 March 2019  
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Dear

### **Re: Request for information (our ref: FR151-160)**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 01 February 2019. Our response is provided below:

*Q1 Have you made specific provision for the rescue of bariatric persons?*

A bariatric training mannequin was purchased to provide training exposure to foreseeable risks associated with incidents involving bariatric persons.

*Q2 Do you carry equipment for the rescue of bariatric persons?*

No, we having training equipment but no specialist equipment is carried on appliances to rescue bariatric people.

*Q3 Do you have a policy in relation to the rescue of bariatric persons?*

No, we do not have a policy in relation to recusing bariatric persons but we do have an additional hazard / information sheet on bariatric (heavy) patients.

*Q4 Do you share information with other services regarding location and status of bariatric persons?*

No, assistance of NFRS is usually requested by other agencies already at a location where a bariatric person requires assistance.

*Q5 How many injuries to operational fire fighters have been caused by rescuing bariatric persons?*

In the last 3 years, there have been less than 5 occurrences where an operational firefighter has been injured when rescuing bariatric persons. Due to the low number, under Section 40(2) we are not providing the exact figure or detail as this could potentially identify individuals.

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If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference FR151-160.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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