



13 January 2026

Request:

The purpose of this request is to gather data on the costs of bariatric equipment and bariatric rescues for the previous six calendar years.

Specifically, I am seeking anonymised data on the following from January 2020 to September 2025:

Rescue Incidents Involving Bariatric Assistance:

1. The number of incidents attended by your service where bariatric equipment was required (i.e., incidents involving the movement, evacuation, or rescue of obese individuals).
2. The total cost incurred for each incident and the approximate duration of the rescue (including staff hours, equipment usage, etc).

Bariatric Equipment and Fleet Expenditure:

3. The total amount spent on bariatric rescue equipment (e.g., stretchers, evacuation chairs, lifting/hoisting equipment, cranes, specialist vehicles, or similar | including the cost of improving, maintaining or upgrading existing equipment e.g. vehicle modifications).

Response:

For Q1 and Q2 the data is provided up until 31 October 2025.

1.

Year	Incidents
2020	19
2021	20
2022	37
2023	24
2024	13
2025	10

2. Incident duration is calculated from the time that the 999 call was received by Fire Control up until the end of the incident. No records are held relating to the cost of attending incidents.

Incident 2020		Duration hours:minutes
1	January	00:22
2	February	00:40
3	May	01:32
4	May	00:41
5	June	01:15
6	June	00:24
7	August	00:33
8	September	01:07
9	October	02:08
10	October	00:52
11	October	00:31
12	November	00:35
13	November	00:55
14	December	01:12
15	December	01:41
16	December	00:28
17	December	01:52
18	December	03:13
19	December	01:10

Incident 2021		Duration hours:minutes
1	January	01:21
2	February	00:44
3	March	01:47
4	March	00:24
5	March	00:19
6	March	00:39
7	June	00:13
8	June	00:49
9	June	01:58
10	July	02:04
11	July	01:17
12	July	01:04
13	August	00:32
14	August	00:42
15	September	00:35
16	October	00:34
17	October	00:43
18	November	00:23



19	December	00:31
20	December	00:29

Incident 2022		Duration hours:minutes
1	January	00:20
2	January	01:36
3	January	00:43
4	February	01:29
5	February	01:03
6	February	00:36
7	February	01:30
8	March	00:33
9	March	01:41
10	March	00:36
11	March	01:05
12	March	00:34
13	March	00:41
14	March	00:20
15	March	00:25
16	April	01:12
17	April	00:36
18	April	00:29
19	April	00:54
20	May	00:40
21	May	00:49
22	May	01:00
23	July	02:30
24	July	00:37
25	August	00:51
26	August	00:35
27	August	00:50
28	September	00:27
29	September	00:23
30	October	01:42
31	October	00:29
32	November	00:43
33	November	00:23
34	December	00:31
35	December	01:20
36	December	01:31
37	December	01:41



Incident 2023		Duration hours:minutes
1	January	00:38
2	January	00:40
3	February	00:47
4	February	00:28
5	February	01:29
6	March	00:38
7	March	00:37
8	April	02:08
9	April	00:54
10	May	00:23
11	June	00:15
12	June	01:39
13	June	01:14
14	July	01:36
15	August	01:00
16	September	01:55
17	October	00:45
18	October	00:57
19	October	00:45
20	October	00:44
21	November	00:48
22	November	00:52
23	December	00:34
24	December	00:32

Incident 2024		Duration hours:minutes
1	January	00:26
2	January	01:26
3	February	02:09
4	February	01:08
5	March	00:51
6	April	01:29
7	April	00:49
8	April	00:39
9	July	01:10
10	September	00:47
11	September	00:41
12	October	00:56
13	December	00:45



Incident 2025		Duration hours:minutes
1	January	00:35
2	February	00:50
3	March	02:37
4	April	00:26
5	May	00:28
6	June	00:21
7	June	00:54
8	August	00:35
9	September	00:17
10	October	01:06

3. The cost spent on bariatric equipment for the period from January 2024 to January 2025 is £24,624 excluding VAT. This is the only data available within the records of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Please note that this information was correct at the date of receipt of the request. Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations, and this should be taken into account when the data is used.

The numerical data presented in this response is an unaudited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the production of statistical information for Freedom of Information responses.

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If you decide to write an article/use the enclosed data, we ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision.

Prior to lodging a formal appeal you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that the Service have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge an appeal with the Service to have the decision reviewed.

Appeals should be made in writing within 20 days of receipt of your reply and either emailed to freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk or addressed to:

Freedom of Information Manager

Information Unit

Darby House

Darby Close

Park Farm Industrial Estate

Wellingborough

NN8 6GS

Where possible the Service will aim to respond to your appeal within 20 working days.

However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging an appeal with the Service, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk Alternatively, telephone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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