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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230929. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

You requested the following information, please see our response below:

How much has your Trust spent each year on specialist bariatric equipment for bariatric patients during the years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19?

Can you please list for each of the financial years above the specialist equipment procured?

For each of the financial years above – how many times were your ambulance staff called out to assist with moving a bariatric patient or transporting them to hospital?

Financial Year	Bariatric Call-Outs	Bariatric Hospital Conveyances
2018/19	366	336
2019/20	265	231
2020/21	160	144
2021/22	177	159
2022/23	171	140

Date Range: 01/04/2018 - 31/03/2023

Bariatric Call-Outs - Cases where the Vehicle Type is "BARI29" (Bariatric) and Time at Scene is Not NULL

Bariatric Hospital Conveyances - A sub-set of Bariatric Call-Outs where Time at Hospital is also NOT NULL

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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