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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/10/09.

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

Please could you provide me with the data on the number of times ambulances have been used to transport obese patients to and from hospital because they were unable to get there themselves by year, since 2016 please.

Please note we do not have specialist equipment for obese patients and have provided data for bariatric patients. Bariatric patients are patients whose weight or build dictates specialist resources and or additional systems of work are required for their safe care.

The data for 2016 & 2017 can be found on a previous FOI (180108) via the following link:
http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/contact_us/freedom_of_information_request/foi_disclosure_log.aspx?cat=417&pageNum=2

Please see data below for 2018, this is up to and inclusive of 30th September

Year	Number of incidents where bariatric vehicle used
2018*	250

Please note that there may be a small number of incidents (less than 10%) where for operational reasons (e.g. vehicle breakdowns) a bariatric vehicle was used for non-bariatric patients.

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, Information Governance Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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