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## **FOI REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

On how many occasions did your fire and rescue service provide an emergency medical response (to which the service was not required to attend otherwise) because (a) its attendance was triggered by means of it being the designated first responder under a co-responder arrangement, broken down by arrangement type (for example out-of-hospital cardiac arrest initiatives), or (b) because there were no ambulances available, or (c) other, broken down by reasons.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE**

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service does not have a current co-responder arrangement to provide an emergency medical response where we would not otherwise attend. However, this is kept under review, following the Fire Medical Response (FMR) pilot which ended last year.

From December 2015 to September 2017 the Service ran the FMR pilot to provide an emergency response to support the 'chain of survival' on behalf and in support of the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST), responding to four main clinical call types (Cardiac Arrest, Unconsciousness, Obstructed Airway and Severe Haemorrhage).

During the 22 months of the pilot, 250 incidents were attended and 149 persons were interacted with, nature of injury as detailed below. Where no action was required by FRS personnel, paramedic and/or ambulance had arrived on scene first or no action had been taken prior to handing over the casualty to WAST.

<b>Nature of injury</b>	<b>Total casualties</b>
Cardiac arrest	73
Obstructed airway (inc breathing difficulties)	49
Unconsciousness	12
Haemorrhage	2
<b>TOTAL MAIN INCIDENT TYPES</b>	<b>136</b>
Other	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149</b>