



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 50
Operational staff assisting ambulance service

Query:

Can you tell me how many firefighters are temporary driving for the ambulance service ,since the virus started,and from which stations.

Response:

18 members of operational staff supported the ambulance staff during phase 1 (until July 2020). These staff members were from the following stations;

Bridport, Gillingham, Royal Wootton Bassett, Shaftesbury, Sherborne, Stratton, Swindon, Verwood, Warminster, Weymouth and Wilton

17 members of operational staff supported the ambulance staff during phase 2 (from July 2020). These staff members were from the following stations;

Christchurch, Corsham, Dorchester, Ferndown, HQ, Mere, Redhill, Salisbury, Shaftesbury, Training Centre, Trowbridge, Verwood, Warminster, Westlea and Weymouth

On-call firefighters have a contract of employment that determines their pay and conditions. When we decided to support ambulance driving, we followed guidance within the national tripartite agreement and determined that any member of staff detached to ambulance duties would not return to fire service premises.

We do however expect those on-call firefighters to continue to study and carry out administrative tasks remotely. Recognising that we barred them from responding, we still consider them to be performing their contracts, on the understanding that they will return to fire service duties after working for the ambulance service. They are therefore paid for the duties that they can continue with as on-call firefighters, as well as for the time spent with the ambulance service, which will be claimed back.

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