

## Freedom of Information Request

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### **States of Guernsey agreement with St John Ambulance and Rescue Service**

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**Request:**

I request comprehensive and clear information in connection with the States of Guernsey agreement with and financial support of (ie grant or other payments) St John Ambulance (ie transport and/or emergency service, and/or separate arrangement with the Hospital under relevant Committee).

Summary of financial support over the last 6 years is requested, with clarity if any agreements of service provided or covered have been changed over the same period. Please include clarity of any formula existing for calculation of the grant, or on what alternative basis the grant is made.

**Response provided by The Committee *for* Health & Social Care:**

The agreement between the States of Guernsey and St John Ambulance and Rescue Service (SJARS) is for the provision of Emergency Ambulance Services (EAS), the Non-Emergency Patient Transfer Service (NEPTS), Major Incident Response and the provision of the Marine Ambulance Service for which SJARS provide the clinical personnel whilst the vessel and ship crew are provided by the St John charity.

The provision of the marine ambulance was added to the services provided in the most recent version of the contract, which came into effect in January 2019.

The States of Guernsey provides an annual grant to SJARS, with SJARS funding the balance of their operational costs, e.g. through their subscription scheme and ambulance call-out charges. In the last six years, grant payments were as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grant</b>
2017	£2,485,567
2018	£2,349,664
2019	£2,418,000
2020	£2,466,360
2021	£2,515,236
2022	£2,598,240

The grant payment is subject to annual review taking into account inflation. Any proposals for a new service or service development would be subject to the preparation of a business case and normal States of Guernsey budgetary processes.