

## Search and Rescue Services QSD on 28 February 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Burnett to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the contribution to public safety made by the Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team, and of the work carried out by search and rescue services more generally.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

### Key Information

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency, [Strategic Overview of Search and Rescue in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#), January 2017

*Framework outlining the organisation and communications infrastructure of search and rescue co-ordinators and units in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.*

- Dartmoor Rescue Group, '[About](#)', accessed 21 February 2019

*Webpage providing background to the Dartmoor Rescue Group, including an overview of its history.*

- Department for Transport, [Search and Rescue Helicopter Statistics: Year Ending March 2018](#), 13 June 2018

*Statistics on civilian search and rescue helicopter operations in the United Kingdom for the year ending March 2018. This includes data on the number of people rescued or assisted and the location of each search and rescue tasking.*

- Mountain Rescue England and Wales, [Incident Report 2017](#), 14 May 2018

*Report outlining incident statistics for 2017 recorded by Mountain Rescue England and Wales, a volunteer organisation comprising 48 mountain rescue teams. This includes information on the number of search and rescue operations on mountains and non-mountains.*

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency, [Annual Report and Accounts](#), 25 May 2016, pp 9–11 and 19–22

*Annual report outlining civilian search and rescue helicopter and lifeboat taskings by the Maritime Coastguard Agency.*

- Royal National Lifeboat Institution, [RNLI 2017 Operational Statistics](#), 31 May 2018, pp 1–36

*Statistical bulletin providing a summary of the work undertaken by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, including information on lifeboat rescues.*

- Department for Transport, '[Rescue Heroes Given £1 Million for Life-saving Equipment](#)', 23 December 2018

*Press release detailing the Government's rescue boat grant fund, which will provide volunteer search teams with the funds to purchase new equipment, such as boats, rafts and safety gear.*

### Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [222026](#) (20 February 2019); [222025](#) (20 February 2019); [HL13020](#) (29 January 2019); [176136](#) (11 October 2018); [111050](#) (8 November 2017); and [46719](#) (17 October 2016)
- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: Search and Rescue Helicopter Services](#)', 26 March 2013, col 98WS

### Press Articles and Comment

- Simon Johnson, '[Scotland's Mountain Rescue Teams Complain They are Treated as 'Expendable'](#)', *Telegraph*, 2 November 2018
- Phoebe Braithwaite, '[The RNLI is Trialling Drones in Search and Rescue Missions](#)', *Wired.co.uk*, 27 April 2018
- Steven Morris, '["Huge Gap" in Search and Rescue Along South Coast of England, Warns MP](#)', *Guardian*, 6 July 2017
- Steven Morris, '[Chief Pilot Defends Civilian Search and Rescue Service](#)', *Guardian*, 30 March 2015
- BBC News, '[Rescue Volunteers are Real Life-savers](#)', 24 September 2014

### Further Information

- Department for Transport, '[Search and Rescue Helicopter Statistics: Data Tables \(SARH\)](#)', updated 12 December 2018
- House of Commons Library, '[Military Search and Rescue to End in 2016](#)', 25 April 2013

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