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UK & Overseas Search And Rescue Summary

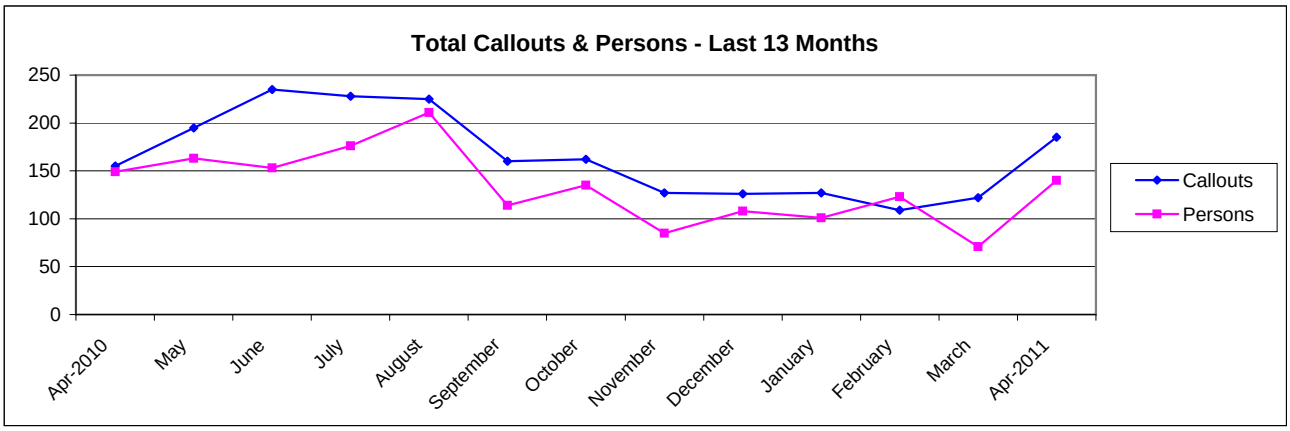
Current Month

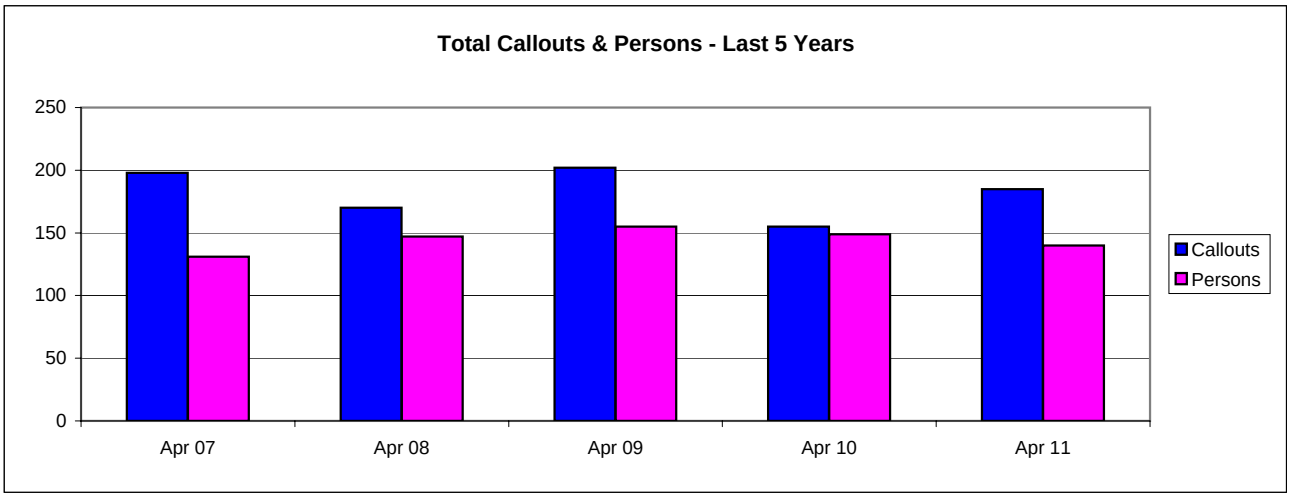
2011	Total Callouts	UK Helicopters	Overseas Helicopters	Mountain Rescue Team	Incidents	Persons Moved
April	185	180	3	2	184	140

Previous 12 Months

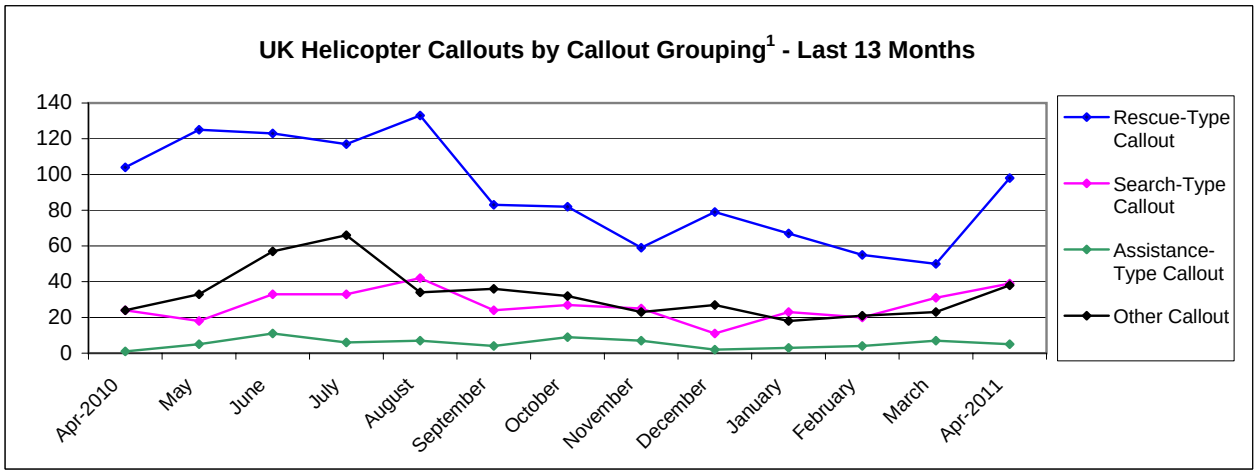
March	122	111	9	2	118	71
February	109	100	3	6	103	123
January	127	111	9	7	118	101
December	126	119	4	3	121	108
November	127	114	9	4	114	85
October	162	150	4	8	152	135
September	160	147	8	5	153	114
August	225	216	6	3	216	211
July	228	222	2	4	218	176
June	235	224	8	3	226	153
May	195	181	6	8	188	163
April	155	153	1	1	151	149

	ARCC Kinloss	RCC Cyprus	RCC Falklands	**Total**
Callouts	182	1	2	**185**
Incidents	181	1	2	**184**
Persons	137	1	2	**140**





UK Search And Rescue Summary



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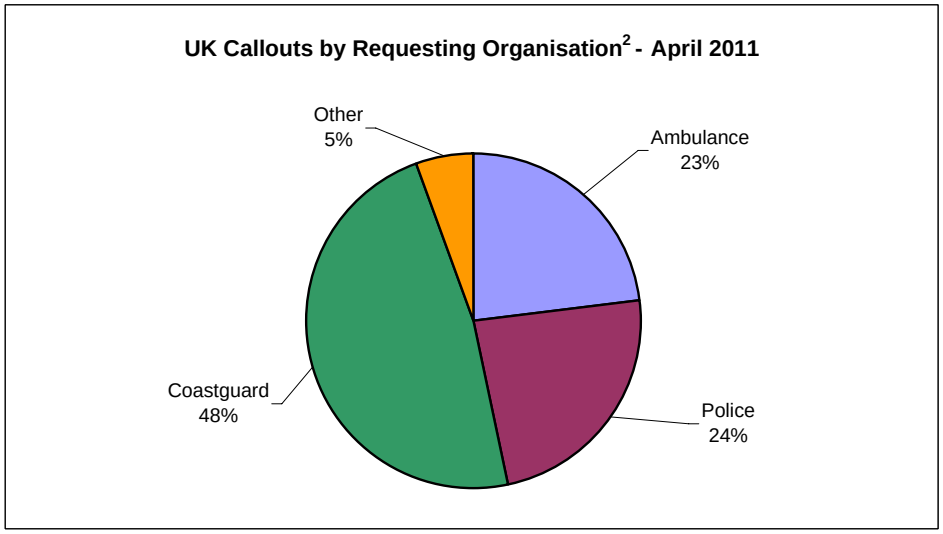
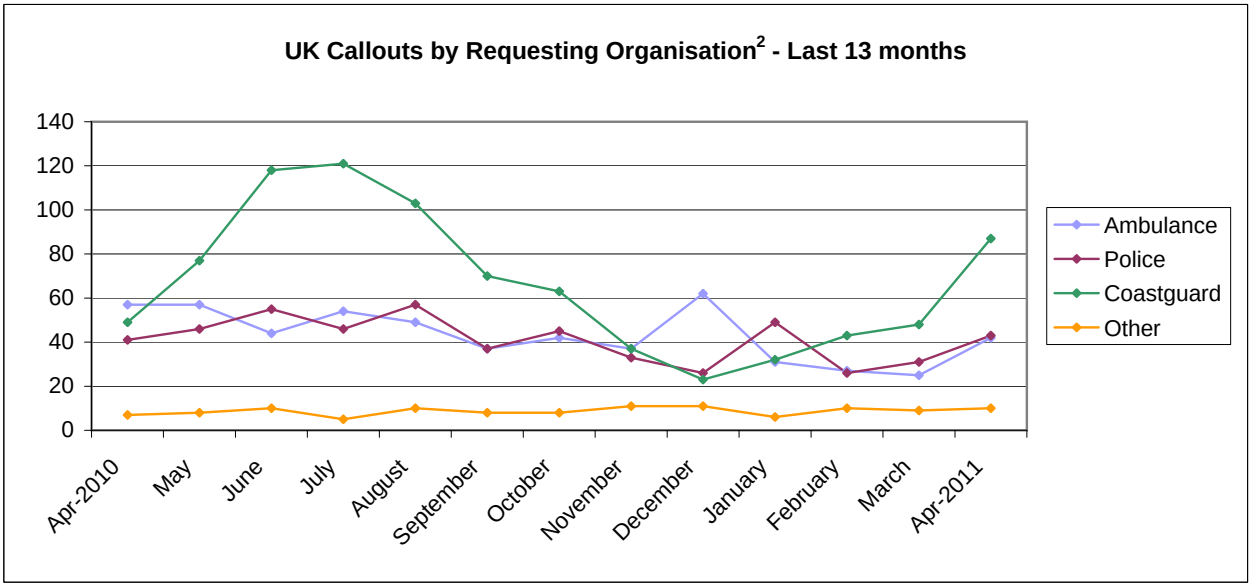
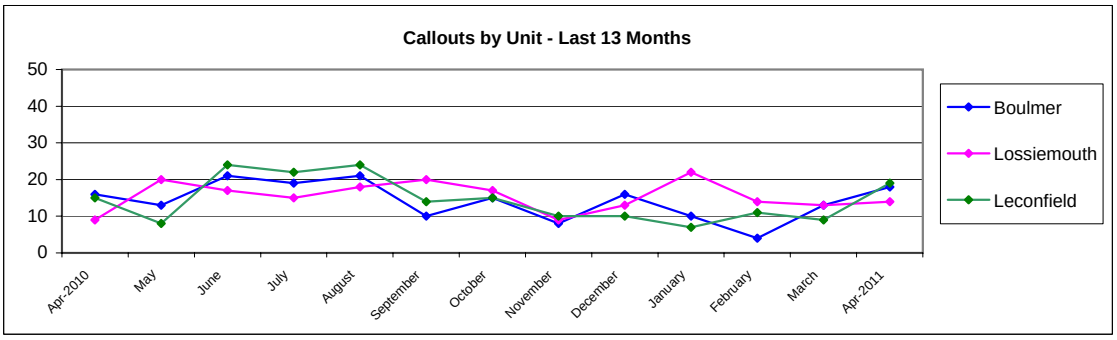


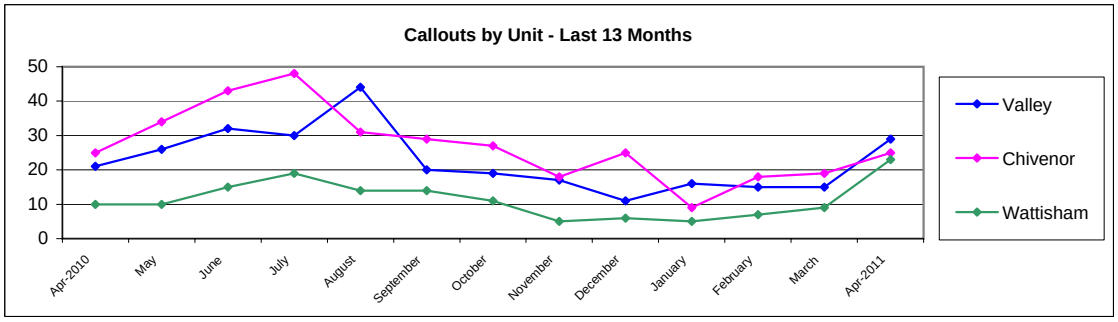


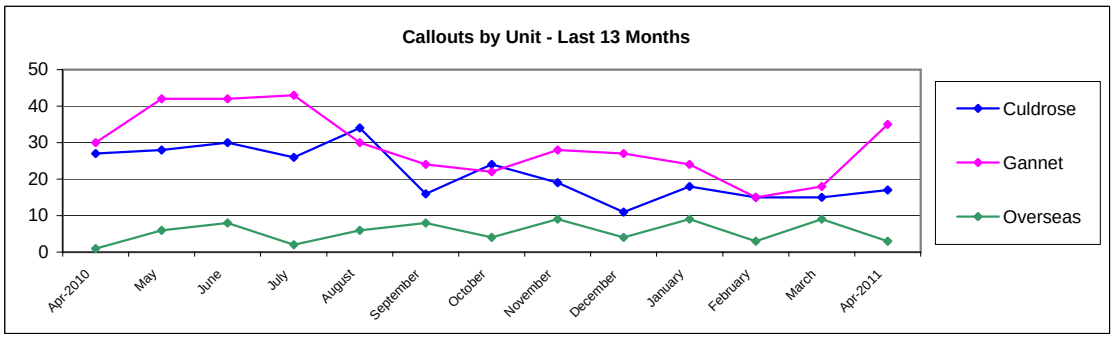
2. The requesting organisation is determined using an automated lookup function which searches for key text within the organisations' names. Within the 'Other' category, there may be a limited number of callouts by either Ambulance, Police or Coastguard due to the automated algorithm used.

Callouts - Helicopters (UK & Overseas)

	RAF Boulmer	RAF Lossiemouth	RAF Leconfield	RAF Valley	RAF Chivenor	RAF Wattisham	**RAF UK Total**	RNAS Culdrose	HMS Gannet	**RN Total**	**UK Other**	**UK Total**	Cyprus	Falklands	**Overseas Total**
Rescue	-	-	4	1	1	2	8	3	2	5	-	13	-	-	-
Search-Rescue	-	1	1	1	-	1	4	1	-	1	-	5	-	-	-
Medrescue	7	7	4	16	8	4	46	6	16	22	-	68	-	1	1
Search-Medrescue	1	1	-	2	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	5	-	-	-
Medtransfer	-	-	1	-	4	1	6	5	5	10	-	16	1	-	1
Recovery	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Search-Recovery	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Civil Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Search	2	2	7	3	3	7	24	-	2	2	-	26	-	-	-
Top Cover	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	4	-	-	-
Assist	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Search-Assist	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
Recalled	8	2	2	3	6	4	25	2	4	6	-	31	-	-	-
Not Required	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	-	1	1	-	5	-	-	-
False Alarm	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hoax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Precaution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aborted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Search-Aborted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Callouts	**18**	**14**	**19**	**29**	**25**	**23**	**128**	**17**	**35**	**52**	**-**	**180**	**1**	**2**	**3**







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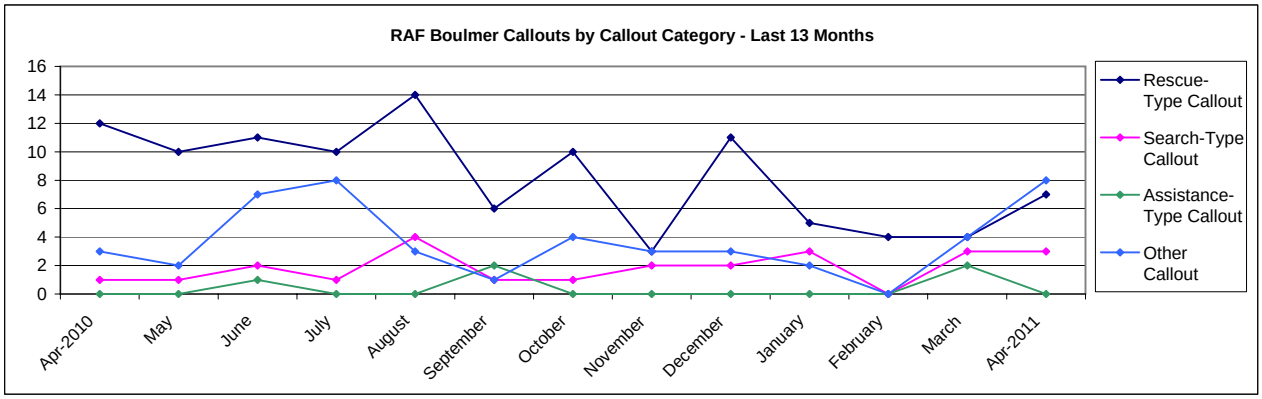

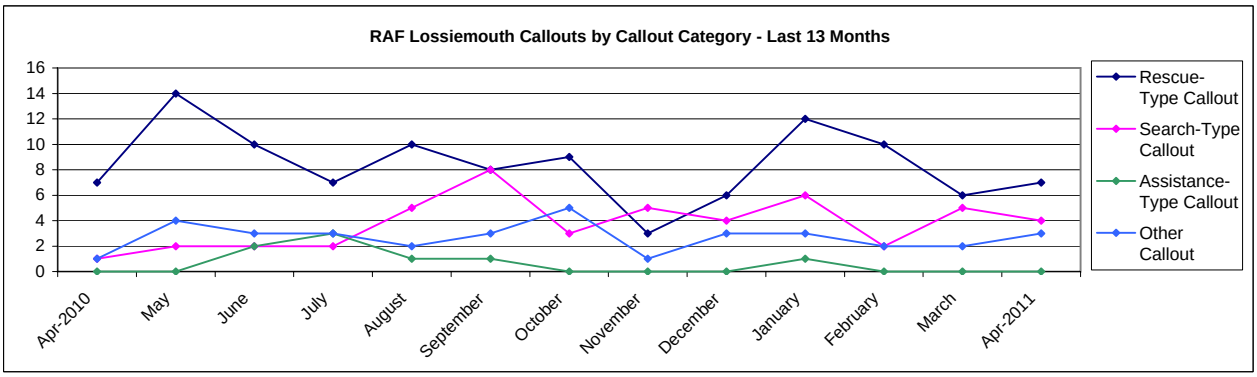

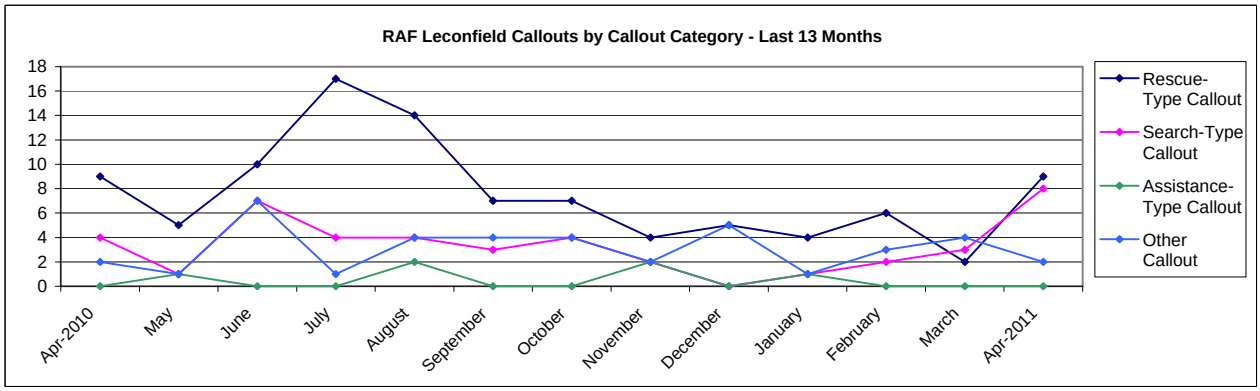

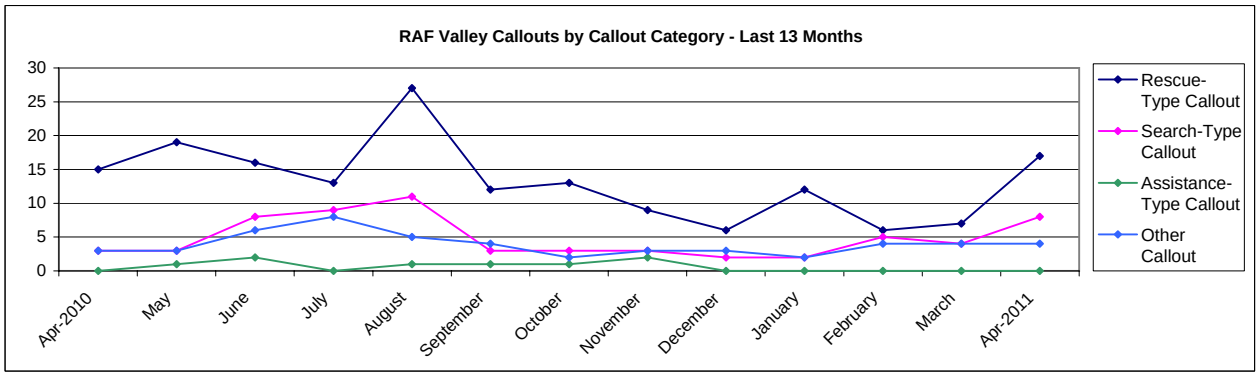

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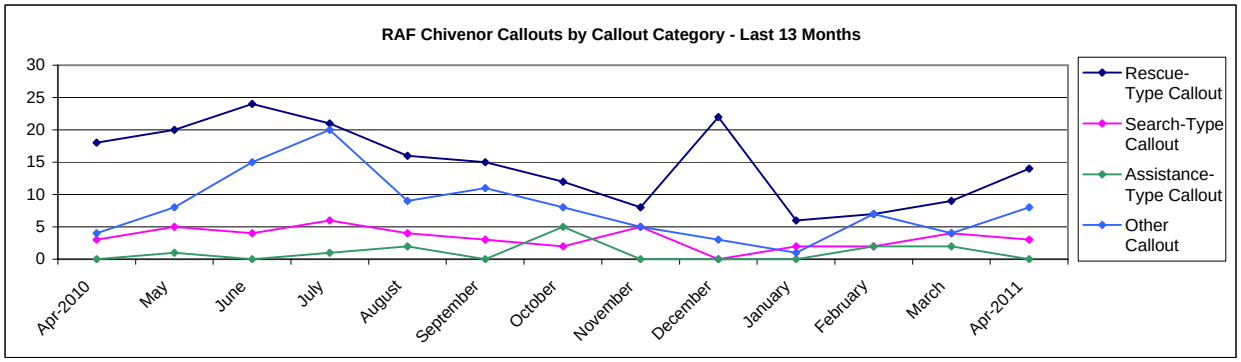

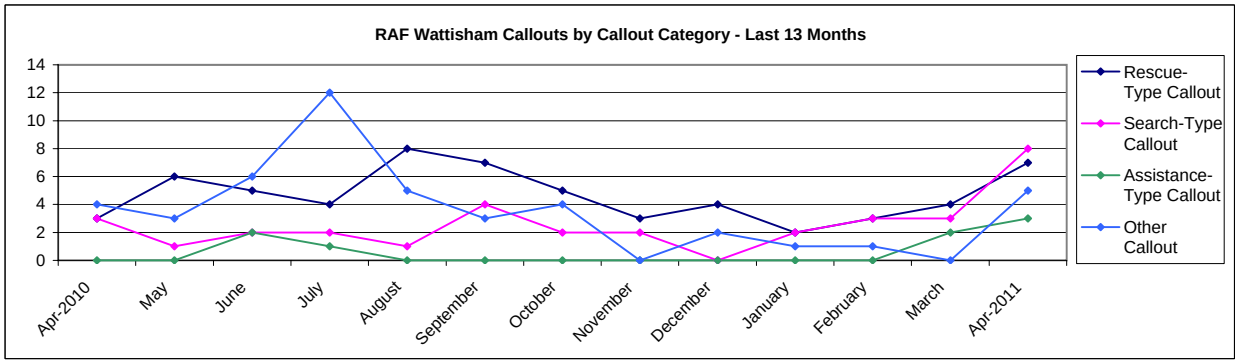

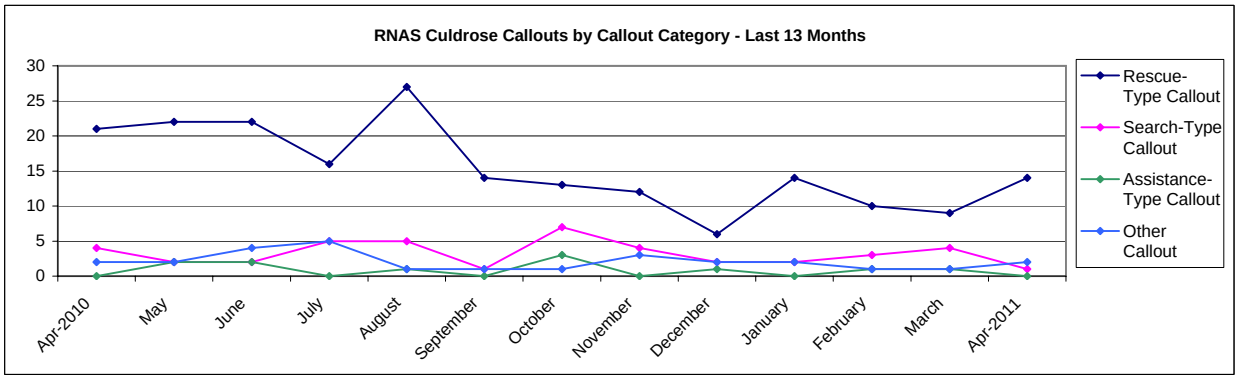

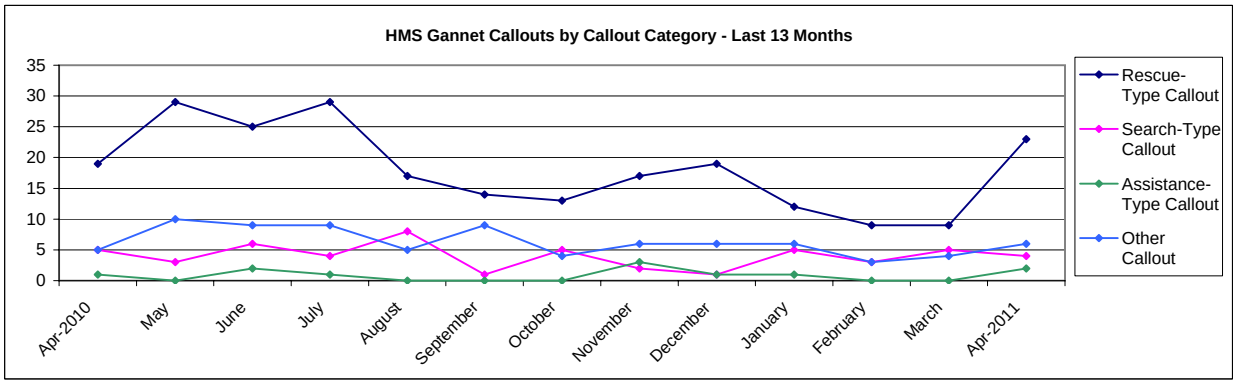

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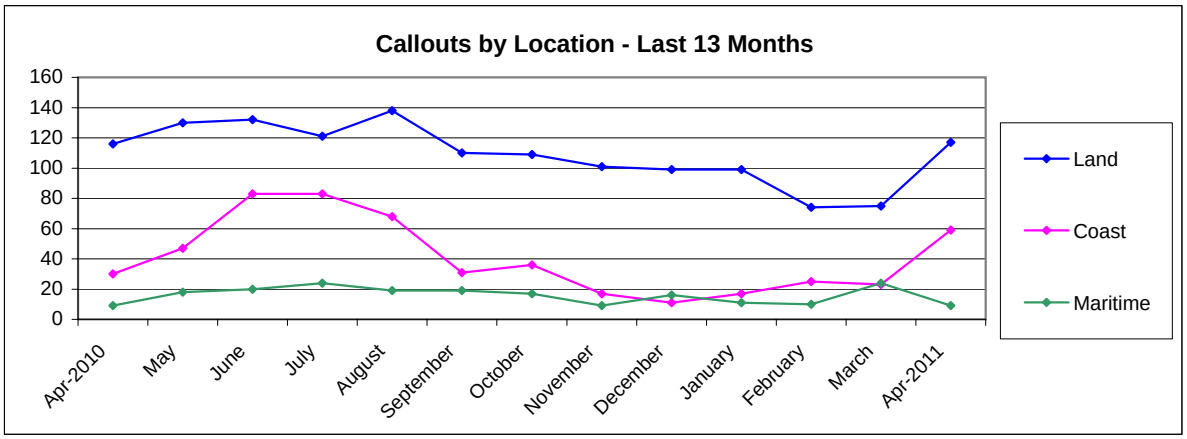
Callouts - Location & Category (UK & Overseas)

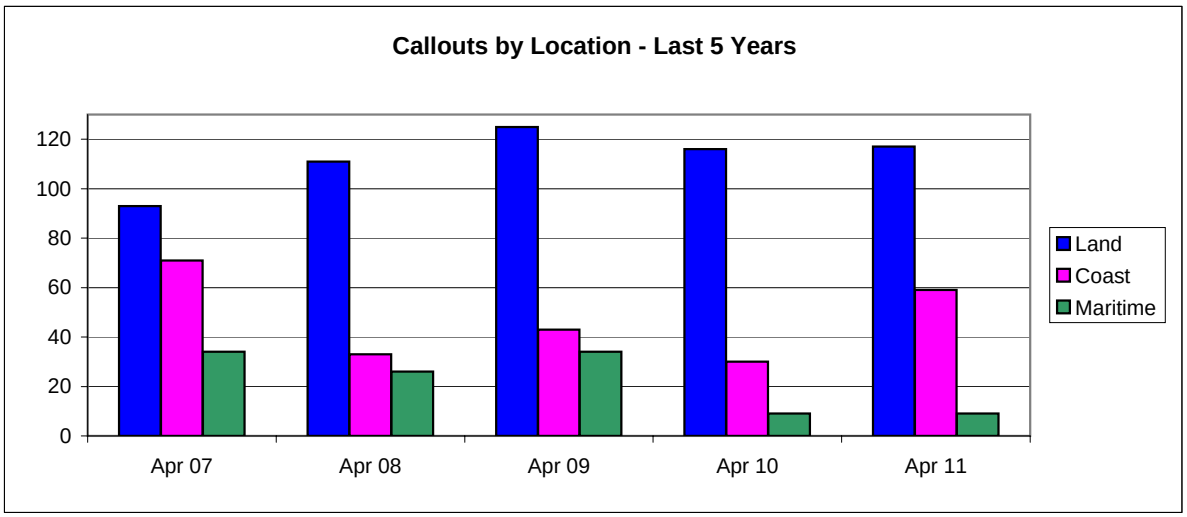
Callouts by Location

	Land	Coast	Maritime	**Total**
Rescue	6	7	-	13
Search-Rescue	4	1	-	5
Medrescue	52	13	4	69
Search-Medrescue	4	1	-	5
Medtransfer	17	-	-	17
Recovery	1	-	-	1
Search-Recovery	1	-	-	1
Transfer	1	-	-	1
Civil Aid	-	-	-	-
Search	11	14	2	27
Top Cover	-	3	1	4
Assist	2	-	-	2
Search-Assist	1	1	-	2
Recalled	13	16	2	31
Not Required	3	2	-	5
False Alarm	-	1	-	1
Hoax	1	-	-	1
Precaution	-	-	-	-
Aborted	-	-	-	-
Search-Aborted	-	-	-	-
Total Callouts	**117**	**59**	**9**	**185**

Callouts by Category

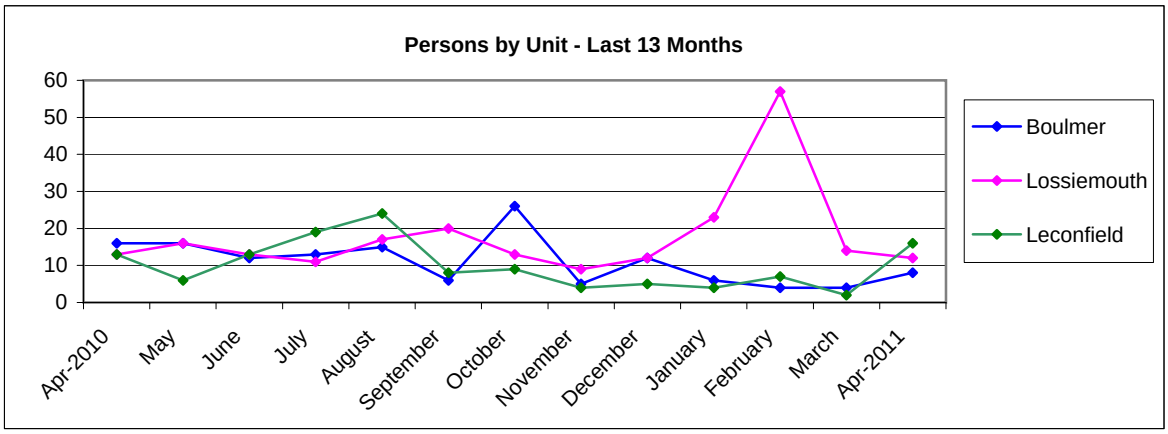
	Aero	Ship	Leisure Craft	Rig	Beacon	Flares	Person	Other	**Total**
Rescue	-	-	1	-	-	-	12	-	13
Search-Rescue	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Medrescue	2	5	1	-	-	-	61	-	69
Search-Medrescue	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Medtransfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	17
Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Search-Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Civil Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Search	-	-	4	-	1	-	22	-	27
Top Cover	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	4
Assist	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Search-Assist	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Recalled	1	2	1	-	-	-	27	-	31
Not Required	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
False Alarm	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hoax	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Precaution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aborted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Search-Aborted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Callouts	**4**	**7**	**10**	**-**	**1**	**-**	**163**	**-**	**185**

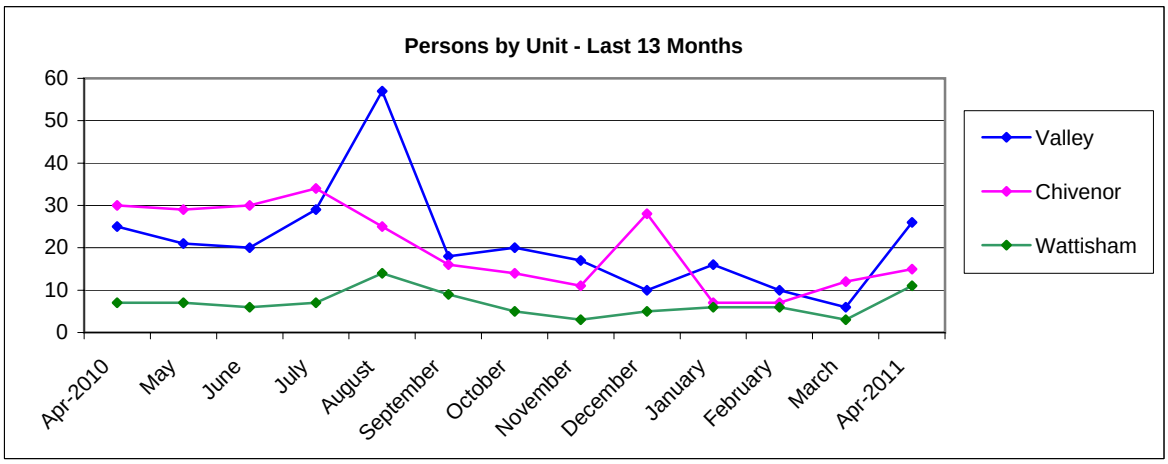


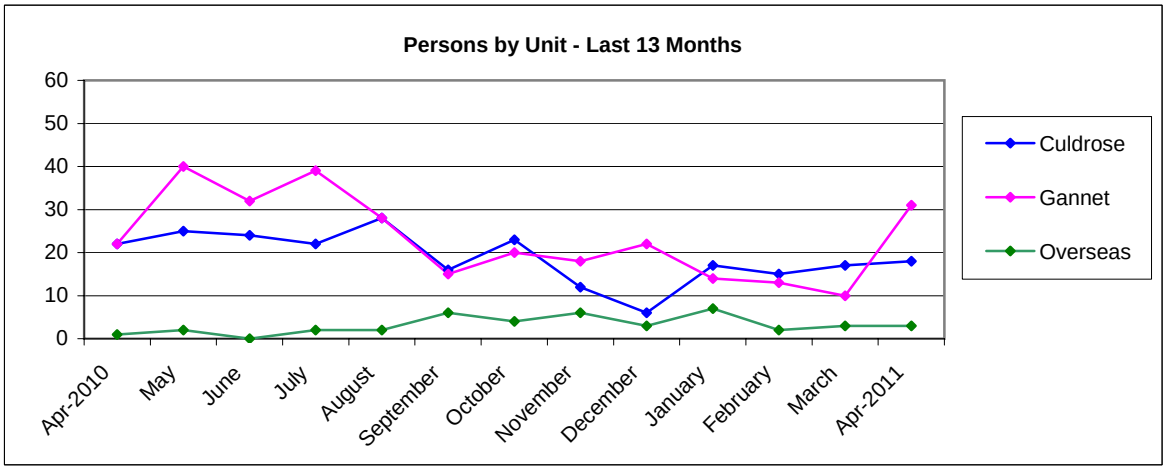


Persons - Helicopters (UK & Overseas)

	RAF Boulmer	RAF Lossiemouth	RAF Leconfield	RAF Valley	RAF Chivenor	RAF Wattisham	**RAF UK Total**	RNAS Culdrose	HMS Gannet	**RN Total**	**UK Other**	**UK Total**	Cyprus	Falklands	**Overseas Total**
Rescue	-	-	10	1	2	4	17	4	5	9	-	**26**	-	-	-
Search-Rescue	-	2	1	3	-	1	7	2	-	2	-	**9**	-	-	-
Medrescue	7	9	4	19	8	5	52	7	20	27	-	**79**	-	1	1
Search-Medrescue	1	1	-	2	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	**5**	-	-	-
Medtransfer	-	-	1	-	4	1	6	5	5	10	-	**16**	1	-	1
Recovery	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	**1**	-	-	-
Search-Recovery	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	**1**	-	-	-
Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	-	1	1
Total Persons	**8**	**12**	**16**	**26**	**15**	**11**	**88**	**18**	**31**	**49**	**-**	**137**	**1**	**2**	**3**







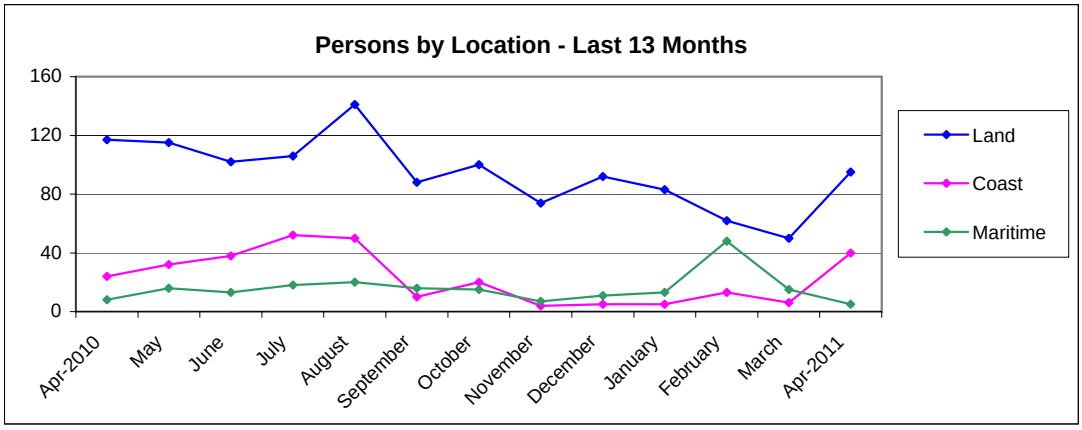
Persons - Location & Category (UK & Overseas)

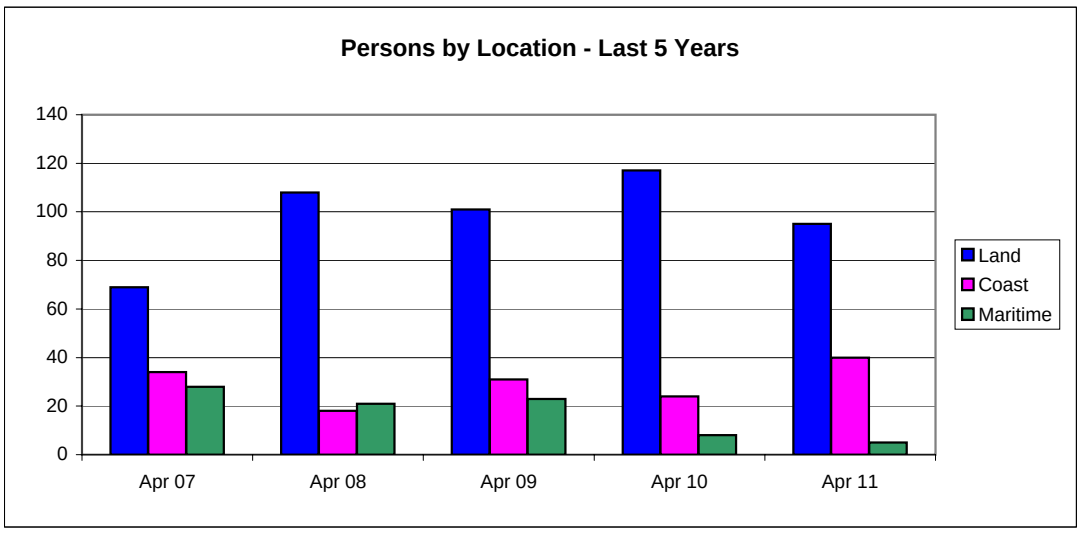
Persons by Callout Location

	Land	Coast	Maritime	**Total**
Rescue	9	16	1	26
Search-Rescue	8	1	-	9
Medrescue	54	22	4	80
Search-Medrescue	4	1	-	5
Medtransfer	17	-	-	17
Recovery	1	-	-	1
Search-Recovery	1	-	-	1
Transfer	1	-	-	1
Total Persons	**95**	**40**	**5**	**140**

Persons by Callout Category

	Aero	Ship	Leisure Craft	Rig	Person	Other	**Total**
Rescue	-	1	4	-	21	-	26
Search-Rescue	-	-	-	-	9	-	9
Medrescue	2	7	5	-	66	-	80
Search-Medrescue	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Medtransfer	-	-	-	-	17	-	17
Recovery	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Search-Recovery	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Transfer	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total Persons	**2**	**8**	**9**	**-**	**121**	**-**	**140**





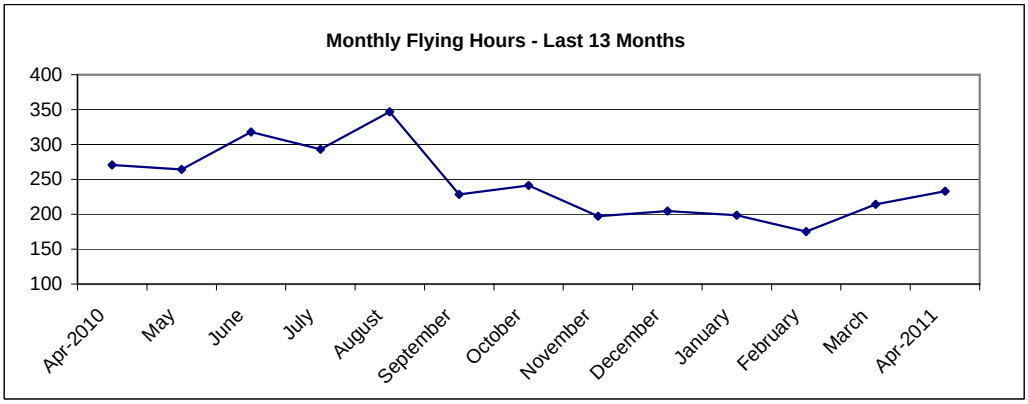
SAR Flying Hours & Mountain Rescue Teams

SAR Flying Hours[3]

	Total Flying Hours	Average Flying Hours	Average Time to Casualty[4]
RAF Boulmer	26.25	1.28	0.26
RAF Lossiemouth	24.50	1.46	0.33
RAF Leconfield	20.50	1.06	0.16
RAF Valley	33.30	1.09	0.13
RAF Chivenor	26.16	1.03	0.13
RAF Wattisham	22.15	0.58	0.20
RNAS Culrose	20.45	1.13	0.20
HMS Gannet	52.22	1.30	0.27
UK Other Helicopters	-	-	-
Cyprus	1.15	1.15	0.30
Falklands	4.30	2.15	0.55
Overseas Other Helicopters	-	-	-
	232.58	**1.16**	**0.21**

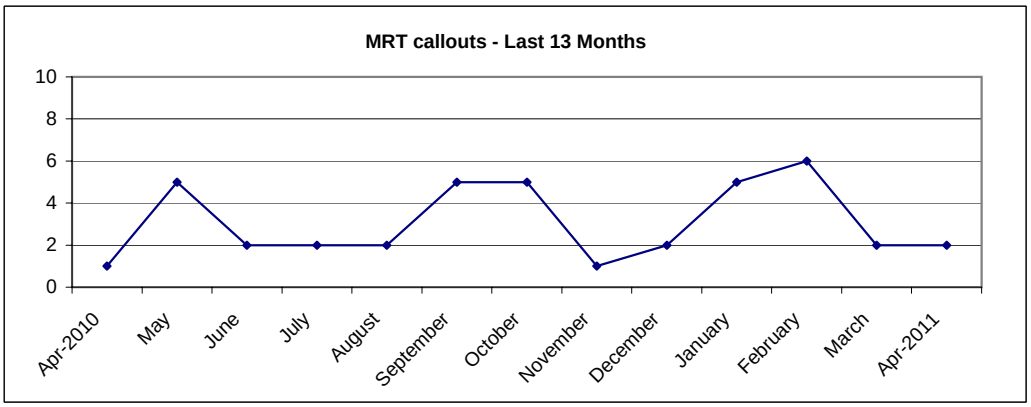
3. Times are expressed in Hours and Minutes.

4. Time to casualty is the time from departure from base to arrival at incident.



Mountain Rescue Teams

	Callouts	Persons	Man Hours
Kinloss	2	-	12
Leeming	-	-	-
Leuchars	-	-	-
Valley	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total	**2**	**-**	**12**



SEARCH AND RESCUE DEFINITIONS

		GROUPING
RESCUE	Transfer of distressed uninjured person(s) from a hostile to a benign environment.	Rescue-Type
MEDRESCUE	Transfer of sick or injured persons(s) from a hostile environment to a recognised medical facility (eg, hospital or chamber).	Rescue-Type
TRANSFER	Transfer of military personnel, or their families, on compassionate grounds.	Rescue-Type
MEDTRANSFER	Transfer of patients or organs between medical establishments at the request of a recognised Medical Authority, i.e. NHS Trust, Hospital or Ambulance Authority.	Rescue-Type
RECOVERY	Recovery of person(s) apparently dead.	Rescue-Type
SEARCH	Search for craft, person(s), etc which does not result in moving a person.	Search-Type
SEARCH – RESCUE	Search for craft, person(s), etc resulting in the rescue of an uninjured person.	Search-Type
SEARCH – MEDRESCUE	Search for craft, person(s), etc resulting in the rescue of a sick/injured casualty.	Search-Type
SEARCH – ASSIST	Search for craft, person(s), etc involving assistance to other SAR assets.	Search-Type
SEARCH – RECOVERY	Search for craft, person(s), etc resulting in the recovery of person(s) apparently dead.	Search-Type
SEARCH – ABORT	Search for craft, person(s), etc during which callout terminated due to eg malfunction or adverse weather.	Search-Type
TOP-COVER	On-scene assistance, e.g. communications relay, target identification, vectoring to target etc. for another rescue asset, or as cover for person(s) or vessel(s) in distress that does not result in further intervention.	Assistance-Type
PRECAUTION	Pre-positioning of a SAR helicopter to provide faster response to an anticipated or potential incident, eg, in response to an aircraft declaring a “MAYDAY” or a potential incident on a offshore installation.	Assistance-Type
ASSIST	Assistance to other SAR assets etc, such as moving SAR personnel or equipment (eg, mountain rescue teams, divers, pumps), shepherding of aircraft etc.	Assistance-Type
CIVIL AID	Military Aid to the Civil Community (eg fire control).	Assistance-Type
RECALLED	Asset recalled from incident whilst en route.	Other
NOT REQUIRED	Asset arrived on scene but no action required.	Other
ABORT	Callout terminated due to eg malfunction or adverse weather.	Other
FALSE ALARM	Unnecessary callout with good intent.	Other
HOAX	Unnecessary callout with malicious intent	Other