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Thank you for your email of 27 May asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“Do you have a figure for the number of UK residents having medical repatriations back home each year please?”

You then refined the search period to the last 3 years.

Outcome of Search

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search and that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

Firstly I should clarify that our information records British nationals. This includes both UK residents and long term overseas resident British nationals.

I can provide the following figures for cases registered as “Repatriations” on our case management computer system:

2014 – 25 cases; 2015 – 10 cases; 2016 – 34 cases (until 31 May).

However not all cases registered as “Repatriation” are for medical reasons and not all medical repatriations will be registered under the “Repatriation” option. Some cases could be registered against “advice/self help”; “hospitalisation” or other options.

There are also repatriations which are carried out privately, without our assistance, of which we are not aware.

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Yours sincerely,

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