## YEARLY OVERVIEW Y/ <br> TOTAL AMOUNT

## April 2014 to March 2015

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## total amount

£12,675,000

## April to May 2015

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## Explanatory Notes

## Economic Value of Life

There is no standard concept for the value of a specific human life in economics. Previous discussions have raised the issue of appropriateness, when placing a monetary value on life and the difficulties this presents, when the people saved from fire or other incident are of varying ages and abilities. The previously cited figure of $£ 1.2$ million pounds is derived from road safety meta-analysis, and relates to the total average cost to the economy of a road collision, which results in the death of a casualty. It includes data on age, location, dealing with the incident, dealing with injuries, recovery periods and more and would appear too complex for this purpose.

However, in order to determine the financial benefit of carrying out treatment regimens on hospital patients, estimates are applied to the value of life for every additional year of "quality life" that person may enjoy. The official NHS adviser has imposed a threshold of $£ 30,000$ for an added year of life provided by a treatment. This figure could reasonably be adopted by this Service, as its activity can guarantee an extended life beyond our operational intervention.

It is, therefore, proposed that, using available data on age of casualties (persons whose lives we have saved), with an upper threshold of 80 years (average life expectancy in the population), and multiplying by a factor of $£ 30,000$ we will arrive at a value of lives saved.

So, for example, a person aged 60 rescued from a house fire would have a life expectancy of $80-60$ years $=20$ years $\times £ 30,000=£ 600,000$ value of life saved.

For the purposes of providing an estimate of the value of this Service, and in the absence of confirmed age data in relation to the casualties, the following value estimate is based on all casualties surviving for 25 years after our intervention and uses the following multipliers:

| Incident Type | Multiplier |
| :--- | ---: |
| Rescue from fire | $100 \%$ |
| Led to safety | $100 \%$ |
| "Stay put" | $50 \%$ |
| "Leave the property" | $25 \%$ |
| First aid at fire | $10 \%$ |
| RTC cut free | $25 \%$ |
| RTC first aid | $10 \%$ |
| Flood rescue | $100 \%$ |
| Flood led to safety | $25 \%$ |
| Other rescue | $10 \%$ |

