



# Freedom of Information Request

**07 December 2022**

## Question

I would like to know:

1. How many paramedics have left the Scottish Ambulance Service in the last five financial years, broken down by both WTE and headcount.
2. Please provide a breakdown by year and include total number of remaining paramedics, broken down by both WTE and headcount, at the end of each financial year.
3. How many paramedics have joined the Scottish Ambulance Service in the last five financial years, broken down by both WTE and headcount.
4. How many patient deaths have occurred in ambulances on route to hospitals in the last five financial years.

## Answer

1. This information is publicly accessible and can be found at:  
[NHSScotland workforce | Turas Data Intelligence](#)
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In addition to Paramedics that have joined the service, internal Technician staff have been recruited onto the DipHE Programme and been qualifying as Paramedics.

<b>Course Start Date</b>	<b>DipHE Completed</b>
2016/17	<b>136</b>
2017/18	<b>106</b>
2018/19	<b>128</b>
2019/20	<b>134</b>
2020/21	<b>149</b>

4. We do not hold the information to provide for the number of deaths due to missed call times and or waiting times for 999 calls.

The Scottish Ambulance Service records data in two ways first being, against a number of clinical codes generated through our 999-triage systems used by our Ambulance Control Centre. This is dependent on the information provided during the 999 call and is unique to the time of entry. Secondly we are able to provide data sets based on the final outcome clinical code, input by the attending ambulance clinicians based on the presenting clinical symptom(s) needing treatment.

We do not hold a clinical code against the criteria you have asked for. What we would hold for example is the number of cardiac arrests attended.

The Scottish Ambulance service does not hold causation data for death and for this we would ask you to re-direct your request to the National Records of Scotland and Public Health Scotland, Data and Intelligence (previously known as ISD Scotland). This is where you will find the information regarding the number of deaths, under a stated category.